

05-09-2002



IN THE

102083502

DEMARK OFFICE

J1036 U.S. PTO
10/136130
05/01/02

In re patent application of)

Kenneth G. Miller, et al.) Attorney Docket No.: F-456

Serial No.: 05/01/02) Date: May 1, 2002

Filed: Concurrently herewith)

Title: METHOD FOR TAGGING MAIL

RECORDATION OF ASSIGNMENT - NEW PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please record the attached original document(s) or copy(ies) in the records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

1. Name of conveying party: Kenneth G. Miller Thomas J. Foth Richard W. Heiden Brian M. Romansky Kwan Cheung Wong	2. Name of receiving party: Pitney Bowes Inc. 1 Elmcroft Road Stamford, CT 06926-0700
3. Nature of Conveyance: Assignment Execution Date: As to Kenneth G. Miller and Kwan Cheung Wong: April 30, 2002; as to Thomas J. Foth and Richard W. Heiden: April 29, 2002; as to Brian M. Romansky: April 25, 2002.	
4. Property Conveyed: This document is being filed together with a new patent application. The execution date of the application is April 25, 2002.	
5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning this document should be mailed: Ronald Reichman Pitney Bowes Inc. 35 Waterview Drive P.O. Box 3000 Shelton, CT 06484-8000	6. Total Number of Applications: 1 7. Total Recordal Fee: \$40.00 8. Charge the \$40.00 Fee to Deposit Account No. 16-1885.

9. Statement and Signature

05/08/2002 DBYRNE 00000118 161885 10136130
01 FC:581 40.00 CH

(10001211.1)

PATENT
REEL: 012863 FRAME: 0015

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.


Ronald Reichman

May 1, 2002

Total number of pages including this cover sheet: six

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, THOMAS J. FOTH, RICHARD W. HEIDEN, KENNETH G. MILLER BRIAN M. ROMANSKY, and KWAN CHEUNG WONG, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a **METHOD FOR TAGGING MAIL** identified as File Number **F-456** in the Intellectual Property and Technology Law Department files of the hereinafter-mentioned assignee, said THOMAS J. FOTH has executed an application for United States Patent based thereon on the 29th day of APRIL, 2002; and said RICHARD W. HEIDEN has executed an application for United States Patent based thereon on the 29th day of APRIL, 2002; and said KENNETH G. MILLER has executed an application for United States Patent based thereon on the 30th day of APRIL, 2002; and said BRIAN M. ROMANSKY has executed an application for United States Patent based thereon on the 25th day of APRIL, 2002; and said KWAN CHEUNG WONG has executed an application for United States Patent based thereon on the 30th day of APRIL, 2002;

AND WHEREAS, we acknowledge that at the time of the invention, we were under an obligation to convey the entire rights in the invention to the hereinafter-mentioned assignee;

AND WHEREAS, Pitney Bowes Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and having its place of business at 1 Elmcroft Road, Stamford, Connecticut, U.S.A., is desirous of acquiring certain rights thereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, for one dollar and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, we have agreed to and hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said corporation the entire right, title and interest, in and throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) and all countries foreign thereto, in and to said invention, said application and any and all patents (including extensions thereof, and all the rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property including the right to claim for any foreign patent application the priority date of the corresponding U.S. patent application) of any country, which have been or may be granted on said invention or any part thereof, or on said application or any divisional, continuing, renewal, substitute, reissue or other patent application based in whole or in part thereon, or based upon said invention;

TO BE HELD AND ENJOYED by said corporation, its successors and assigns, to the full ends of the respective terms of which said patents or any of them have been or may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had no sale and assignment of said interest been made;

AND we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States of America to issue any and all United States patents which may be granted upon said United States application or any of them, or upon said invention or any part thereof, to said corporation;

AND we hereby agree for ourselves and for our heirs, executors and administrators, to execute without further consideration any further lawful documents and any further assurances, and any divisional, continuing, renewal, substitute, reissue, or other applications for patents of any country, that may be deemed necessary by said corporation fully to secure to said corporation, its interest as aforesaid in and to said invention or any part thereof, and in and to said several patents or any of them;

AND we do hereby covenant for ourselves and our legal representatives and agree with said corporation, its successors and assigns, that we have granted no right or license to make, use or sell said invention to anyone except said corporation, that, prior to the execution of this deed, our right, title and interest in said invention had not been otherwise encumbered, and that we have not executed and will not execute any instrument in conflict herewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals:

Thomas J. Foth
THOMAS J. FOTH

4-29-2002
Date

Richard W. Heiden
RICHARD W. HEIDEN

4-29-2002
Date

Kenneth G. Miller
KENNETH G. MILLER

4-30-2002
Date

Brian M. Romansky
BRIAN M. ROMANSKY

4/25/2002
Date

Kwan Cheung Wong
KWAN CHEUNG WONG

4/30/2002
Date

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

State of Connecticut)
County of Fairfield) ss. Shelton

On this 29th day of APRIL, 2002, personally appeared before me the above-named THOMAS J. FOTH to me known and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and subscribed the same in my presence, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

Edward A. Kaprielian
NOTARY PUBLIC

State of Connecticut)
) ss. Shelton
County of Fairfield)

ESTHER A. LAPIN
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JAN. 31, 2007

On this 29th day of APRIL, 2002, personally appeared before me the above-named RICHARD W. HEIDEN to me known and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and subscribed the same in my presence, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

Richard A. Quinn
NOTARY PUBLIC

State of Connecticut)
) ss. Shelton
County of Fairfield)

ESTHER A. LAPIN
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JAN. 31, 2007

On this 30th day of APRIL, 2002, personally appeared before me the above-named KENNETH G. MILLER to me known and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and subscribed the same in my presence, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

Arthur A. Xapin
NOTARY PUBLIC

ESTHER A. LAPIN
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JAN. 31, 2007

State of Connecticut)
) ss. Shelton
County of Fairfield)

On this 25th day of APRIL, 2002, personally appeared before me the above-named BRIAN M. ROMANSKY to me known and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and subscribed the same in my presence, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

Esther A. Lapin
NOTARY PUBLIC

ESTHER A. LAPIN
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JAN. 31, 2007

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
) ss. Shelton
County of Fairfield)

On this 30th day of APRIL, 2002, personally appeared before me the above-named KWAN CHEUNG WONG to me known and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and subscribed the same in my presence, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

Esther A. Lapin
NOTARY PUBLIC
ESTHER A. LAPIN
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JAN. 31, 2007

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, THOMAS J. FOTH, RICHARD W. HEIDEN, KENNETH G. MILLER BRIAN M. ROMANSKY, and KWAN CHEUNG WONG, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a **METHOD FOR TAGGING MAIL** identified as File Number **F-456** in the Intellectual Property and Technology Law Department files of the hereinafter-mentioned assignee, said THOMAS J. FOTH has executed an application for United States Patent based thereon on the 29th day of APRIL, 2002; and said RICHARD W. HEIDEN has executed an application for United States Patent based thereon on the 29th day of APRIL, 2002; and said KENNETH G. MILLER has executed an application for United States Patent based thereon on the 30th day of APRIL, 2002; and said BRIAN M. ROMANSKY has executed an application for United States Patent based thereon on the 25th day of APRIL, 2002; and said KWAN CHEUNG WONG has executed an application for United States Patent based thereon on the 30th day of APRIL, 2002;

AND WHEREAS, we acknowledge that at the time of the invention, we were under an obligation to convey the entire rights in the invention to the hereinafter-mentioned assignee;

AND WHEREAS, Pitney Bowes Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and having its place of business at 1 Elmcroft Road, Stamford, Connecticut, U.S.A., is desirous of acquiring certain rights thereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, for one dollar and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, we have agreed to and hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said corporation the entire right, title and interest, in and throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) and all countries foreign thereto, in and to said invention, said application and any and all patents (including extensions thereof, and all the rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property including the right to claim for any foreign patent application the priority date of the corresponding U.S. patent application) of any country, which have been or may be granted on said invention or any part thereof, or on said application or any divisional, continuing, renewal, substitute, reissue or other patent application based in whole or in part thereon, or based upon said invention;

TO BE HELD AND ENJOYED by said corporation, its successors and assigns, to the full ends of the respective terms of which said patents or any of them have been or may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had no sale and assignment of said interest been made;

AND we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States of America to issue any and all United States patents which may be granted upon said United States application or any of them, or upon said invention or any part thereof, to said corporation;

AND we hereby agree for ourselves and for our heirs, executors and administrators, to execute without further consideration any further lawful documents and any further assurances, and any divisional, continuing, renewal, substitute, reissue, or other applications for patents of any country, that may be deemed necessary by said corporation fully to secure to said corporation, its interest as aforesaid in and to said invention or any part thereof, and in and to said several patents or any of them;

AND we do hereby covenant for ourselves and our legal representatives and agree with said corporation, its successors and assigns, that we have granted no right or license to make, use or sell said invention to anyone except said corporation, that, prior to the execution of this deed, our right, title and interest in said invention had not been otherwise encumbered, and that we have not executed and will not execute any instrument in conflict herewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals

Thomas J. Foth
THOMAS J. FOTH

4-29-2002
Date

Richard W. Heiden
RICHARD W. HEIDEN

4-29-2002
Date

Kenneth G. Miller
KENNETH G. MILLER

4-30-2002
Date

Brian M. Romansky
BRIAN M. ROMANSKY

4/25/2002
Date

Kwan Cheung Wong
KWAN CHEUNG WONG

4/30/2002
Date

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

State of Connecticut)
County of Fairfield) ss. Shelton

On this 29th day of APRIL, 2002, personally appeared before me the above-named THOMAS J. FOTH to me known and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and subscribed the same in my presence, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

Arthur A. Lapina
NOTARY PUBLIC

State of Connecticut)
County of Fairfield) ss. Shelton

ESTHER A. LAPIN
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JAN. 31, 2007

On this 29th day of APRIL, 2002, personally appeared before me the above-named RICHARD W. HEIDEN to me known and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and subscribed the same in my presence, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

Lithia A. Garcia
NOTARY PUBLIC

State of Connecticut)
) ss. Shelton
County of Fairfield)

ESTHER A. LAPIN
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JAN. 31, 2007

On this 30th day of APRIL, 2002, personally appeared before me the above-named KENNETH G. MILLER to me known and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and subscribed the same in my presence, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

Debra A. Harper
NOTARY PUBLIC

ESTHER A. LAPIN
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JAN. 31, 2007

State of Connecticut)
) ss. Shelton
County of Fairfield)

On this 25th day of APRIL, 2002, personally appeared before me the above-named BRIAN M. ROMANSKY to me known and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and subscribed the same in my presence, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

Esther A. Lapin
NOTARY PUBLIC

ESTHER A. LAPIN
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JAN. 31, 2007

~~STATE OF CONNECTICUT~~
) ss. Shelton
County of Fairfield)

On this 30th day of APRIL, 2002, personally appeared before me the above-named KWAN CHEUNG WONG to me known and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and subscribed the same in my presence, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

Esther A. Lapin
NOTARY PUBLIC

ESTHER A. LAPIN
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JAN. 31, 2007