

THE REASON FOR BEING UNABLE TO PROGRESS UNITED STATES PATENTS BEYOND THE YEAR AD1953

The United States INDEX of PATENTS is arranged by year ie: 1896 or 1897 etc. Up until the year 1953, the contents list included sections in the following format ;

List of Patentees (including Re-issues).

List of Design Patentees.

List of Plant Patentees.

List of Abstract Applications.

List of Disclaimers.

List of Patents Extended.

List of Inventions (including Re-issues).

List of Design Inventions.

List of Plant Inventions.

List of Abstracts of Applications arranged by Inventions.

List of Disclaimers arranged by Inventions.

List of Patents Extended arranged by Invention.

All the above sections were given in written annotated form, stating the Invention, Patent Number, Name of Patentee and Date of Application.

From 1954 onwards, the United States INDEX of PATENTS is still arranged by year, but the contents list has been amended. Only the following are given in written annotated form as before:

List of Patentees (including Re-issues).

List of Design Patentees.

List of Plant Patentees.

However the contents list for Inventions has now been assigned as Classification of Patent Designs etc and is in the format of Patent Numbering only, with the Relevant Class and Subclass again only given. This means the Patent Number has to be known before you can progress any further. Unlike previously where one looked under the annotated Patents of Invention list and discerned the Patent Number from this.