



# Dollar Knives, Robeson, and Tuna Valley

## Supplement for Queen Tang and Etch Guide

This supplement tang stamp identification guide contains three brand names that have been widely associated with Schatt & Morgan and Queen Cutlery over the past 115 years. Of course, there have been MANY private label special factory orders for different brands over the years, but these three have been either owned or licensed by Queen, show tang stamps that can be used to identify Queen-made knives, and are widely known to have been made in the Titusville factory.

### Dollar Knives: Four Generations

1. 1922 - 1926: In 1922 The Dollar Knife Corporation was established and a trademark was registered. The company letter head showed the trademark with main office in Atlanta and the factory in Titusville, PA. It named Paul W. Jones of Canton, Ga as president, C.B. Morgan and Vice-president and Jay Rudasill as Secy. & Treas. Letter head had a picture of the Schatt & Morgan Cutlery factory. These knives were tang stamped "DOLLAR KNIFE CORP. ATLANTA."
2. 1926: The Dollar Knife Corp. was operating under a lease as a sales organization of the Schatt & Morgan Cutlery Co. with the main office and factory in Titusville, PA. A new trademark for the familiar pyralin handled with federal red shield knives was registered. These, and the others handled in bone, were tang stamped with the SXM tang stamp.
3. Circa 1933: D. K. CORP. Titusville: This is a rare tang stamp thought to have been used by Queen City Cutlery very near the time Queen City bought the Schatt & Morgan Cutlery with its equipment and inventory. It may have been an attempt to use the Dollar Knife brand in some way that never went very far.
4. 2003: A blade etch used by the Queen Cutlery Co. in a revival of the Dollar Knife name.



Dollar Knife - Atlanta mark side stamp used from approximately 1922 to 1926.



Dollar Knife - Titusville mark side stamp used from approximately 1924 to 1933.



Dollar Knife blade etch used in 2003.



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**Robeson:** Robeson Cutlery, located in Western and Central New York, was a major cutlery company from 1892 until 1965. Servotronics purchased the Ontario Knife Company (OKC) in 1967, and Queen Cutlery in 1969. The Robeson trademark was bought by OKC in 1971, and since OKC and Queen were both under the Servotronics ownership, it allowed the Robeson brand knives to be made at the Queen factory. They began producing versions of Robeson knives in 1993, using the “ShurEdge”, “Mastercraft”, and “Pocketeze” trade names. Twenty patterns were cataloged prior to 1998, and after that many special projects were made in editions of 100 or 200 pieces, through Queen’s closing in 2017.



Robeson MasterCraft stamp used from approximately 2000-2018



Robeson ShurEdge stamp used from 1993-2018



Robeson ShurEdge blade etch used from 1993-2017



Robeson Tool Steel blade etch used from 2002-2018



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**Tuna Valley:** The Tuna Valley knives have been famously produced by three prominent Pennsylvania cutlery companies; WR Case & Sons, Great Eastern Cutlery, and Queen Cutlery. During the Daniels Family Cutlery ownership of Queen from 2012-2017, the Tuna Valley knives were made in Titusville at the Queen factory. The stamp used is identical to the Tuna Valley knives made at Great Eastern from 2009-2012, so one cannot determine where the knives were manufactured based on the tang stamp alone. Rights to the Tuna Valley name still remain with the Daniels Family, and knives are still being produced today, however all Tuna Valley knives made after 2017 utilize a newer tang stamp which helps differentiate modern made knives from ones made during the Queen era. A link to the complete listing of all Tuna Valley knives made is included in the reference section below. Photos of all Tuna knives produced can be found on the Daniels Family Knife Brands website [www.danielsfamilyknifebrands.com](http://www.danielsfamilyknifebrands.com)



Tuna Valley mark side stamp used from 2012-2018. There are 2 different sizes, identical in design, used depending on the blade size.



Tuna Valley pile side stamp used from 2012-2018. There are 2 different sizes, identical in design, used depending on the blade size.

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