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**United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)  
Office Action (Official Letter) About Applicant's Trademark Application**

**U.S. Application Serial No.** 97118784

**Mark:** BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING

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**NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**The USPTO must receive applicant's response to this letter within six months of the issue date below or the application will be abandoned.** Respond using the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS). A link to the appropriate TEAS response form appears at the end of this Office action.

**Issue date:** August 22, 2022

The referenced application has been reviewed by the assigned trademark examining attorney. Applicant must respond timely and completely to the issue(s) below. 15 U.S.C. §1062(b); 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(a), 2.65(a); TMEP §§711, 718.03.

**SUMMARY OF ISSUES:**

- Prior Pending Application Filed - Application Not Entitled to Register
- Trademark Act Section 1 and 45 Refusal - Specimen does not show use in commerce as to class 9
- Trademark Act Section 1 and 45 Refusal - Specimen does not show use in commerce as to class 35
- Trademark Act Section 1 and 45 Refusal - Specimen does not show use in commerce as to class 38
- Trademark Act Section 1 and 45 Refusal - Specimen does not show use in commerce as to class 42
- Trademark Act Section 2(e)(4) Refusal - Primarily Merely a Surname
- Disclaimer Required
- Amendment to Identification of Goods and/or Services Required

**Prior Pending Application Filed - Application Not Entitled to Register**

The filing date of pending U.S. Application Serial No. 97021389 precedes applicant's filing date. See attached referenced application. If the mark in the referenced application registers, applicant's mark may be refused registration under Trademark Act Section 2(d) because of a likelihood of confusion between the two marks. *See* 15 U.S.C. §1052(d); 37 C.F.R. §2.83; TMEP §§1208 *et seq.* Therefore, upon receipt of applicant's response to this Office action, action on this application may be suspended pending final disposition of the earlier-filed referenced application.

In response to this Office action, applicant may present arguments in support of registration by addressing the issue of the potential conflict between applicant's mark and the mark in the referenced application. Applicant's election not to submit arguments at this time in no way limits applicant's right to address this issue later if a refusal under Section 2(d) issues.

**Trademark Act Section 1 and 45 Refusal - Specimen does not show use in commerce as to Class 9**

**Specimen does not show use of the mark in commerce.** Registration is refused because the specimen does not show the applied-for mark as actually used in commerce in International Class(es) 9. Trademark Act Sections 1 and 45, 15 U.S.C. §§1051, 1127; 37 C.F.R. §§2.34(a)(1)(iv), 2.56(a); TMEP §§904, 904.07(a). An application based on Trademark Act Section 1(a) must include a specimen showing the applied-for mark as actually used in commerce for each international class of goods identified in the application or amendment to allege use. 15 U.S.C. §1051(a)(1); 37 C.F.R. §§2.34(a)(1)(iv), 2.56(a); TMEP §§904, 904.07(a).

Specifically, the specimen of use appears to be a Facebook page connected to applicant. However it does not make an explicit connection to any of the goods identified by applicant nor provide the means of which to purchase the goods. Rather, the only reference to a good is a photo at the top which shows a

picture of what appears to be a printed book. However it is unclear if this is an advertisement or a book presumptively provided by applicant. Even if it was a book, which appears to be in print, published by applicant, this would not show the goods identified in class 9 as there is no indication that it is an e-book or in anyway downloadable. As such, the specimen of use does not show use in commerce.

**Examples of specimens.** Specimens for goods include a photograph of (1) the actual goods bearing the mark; (2) an actual container, packaging, tag or label for the goods bearing the mark; or (3) a point-of-sale display showing the mark directly associated with the goods. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.56(b)(1), (c); TMEP §904.03(a)-(m). A webpage specimen submitted as a display associated with the goods must show the mark in association with a picture or textual description of the goods and include information necessary for ordering the goods. TMEP §904.03(i); *see* 37 C.F.R. §2.56(b)(1), (c). Any webpage printout or screenshot submitted as a specimen must include the webpage’s URL and the date it was accessed or printed on the specimen itself, within the TEAS form that submits the specimen, or in a verified statement under 37 C.F.R. §2.20 or 28 U.S.C. §1746 in a later-filed response. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.56(c); TMEP §§904.03(i), 1301.04(a).

**Response options.** Applicant may respond to this refusal by satisfying one of the following for each applicable international class:

(1) Submit a different specimen (a verified “[substitute](#)” specimen) that (a) was in actual use in commerce at least as early as the filing date of the application or prior to the filing of an amendment to allege use and (b) shows the mark in actual use in commerce for the goods identified in the application or amendment to allege use. A “verified substitute specimen” is a specimen that is accompanied by the following statement made in a signed affidavit or supported by a declaration under 37 C.F.R. §2.20: “The substitute (or new, or originally submitted, if appropriate) specimen(s) was/were in use in commerce at least as early as the filing date of the application or prior to the filing of the amendment to allege use.” The substitute specimen cannot be accepted without this statement.

(2) Amend the filing basis to [intent to use under Section 1\(b\)](#) (which includes withdrawing an amendment to allege use, if one was filed), as no specimen is required before publication. This option will later necessitate additional fee(s) and filing requirements, including a specimen.

For an overview of the response options referenced above and instructions on how to satisfy these options using the online Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS) form, see the [Specimen webpage](#).

Although applicant’s mark has been refused registration, applicant may respond to the refusal(s) by submitting evidence and arguments in support of registration. Applicant should note the following additional ground for refusal.

### **Trademark Act Section 1 and 45 Refusal - Specimen does not show use in commerce as to class 35**

**Specimen does not show use in specific class(es).** Registration is refused because the specimen does not show the applied-for mark as actually used in commerce in connection with any of the goods and/or services specified in International Class(es) 35. Trademark Act Sections 1 and 45, 15 U.S.C. §§1051, 1127; 37 C.F.R. §§2.34(a)(1)(iv), 2.56(a); *In re Keep A Breast Found.*, 123 USPQ2d 1869, 1876-79

(TTAB 2017); TMEP §§904, 904.07(a), 1301.04(d), (g)(i). An application based on Trademark Act Section 1(a) must include a specimen showing the applied-for mark as actually used in commerce for each international class of goods and/or services identified in the application or amendment to allege use. 15 U.S.C. §1051(a)(1); 37 C.F.R. §§2.34(a)(1)(iv), 2.56(a); TMEP §§904, 904.07(a); *see In re Gulf Coast Nutritionals, Inc.*, 106 USPQ2d 1243, 1247 (TTAB 2013).

Specifically, the specimen of use appears to be missing a significant portion of what appears to be applicant's website. The only iteration of the applied for mark appears at the top of the page in the same line of the date and time of access and appears to have been added after the fact. As such, the specimen of use does not show use in commerce.

**Examples of specimens.** Specimens for goods include a photograph of (1) the actual goods bearing the mark; (2) an actual container, packaging, tag or label for the goods bearing the mark; or (3) a point-of-sale display showing the mark directly associated with the goods. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.56(b)(1), (c); TMEP §904.03(a)-(m). A webpage specimen submitted as a display associated with the goods must show the mark in association with a picture or textual description of the goods and include information necessary for ordering the goods. TMEP §904.03(i); *see* 37 C.F.R. §2.56(b)(1), (c).

Specimens for services must show a direct association between the mark and the services and include: (1) copies of advertising and marketing material, (2) a photograph of business signage or billboards, or (3) materials showing the mark in the sale, rendering, or advertising of the services. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.56(b)(2), (c); TMEP §1301.04(a), (h)(iv)(C).

Any webpage printout or screenshot submitted as a specimen must include the webpage's URL and the date it was accessed or printed on the specimen itself, within the TEAS form that submits the specimen, or in a verified statement under 37 C.F.R. §2.20 or 28 U.S.C. §1746 in a later-filed response. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.56(c); TMEP §§904.03(i), 1301.04(a).

**Response options.** Applicant may respond to this refusal by satisfying one of the following for each applicable international class:

(1) Submit a different specimen (a verified “[substitute](#)” [specimen](#)) that (a) was in actual use in commerce at least as early as the filing date of the application or prior to the filing of an amendment to allege use and (b) shows the mark in actual use in commerce for the goods and/or services identified in the application or amendment to allege use. A “verified substitute specimen” is a specimen that is accompanied by the following statement made in a signed affidavit or supported by a declaration under 37 C.F.R. §2.20: “The substitute (or new, or originally submitted, if appropriate) specimen(s) was/were in use in commerce at least as early as the filing date of the application or prior to the filing of the amendment to allege use.” The substitute specimen cannot be accepted without this statement.

(2) Amend the filing basis to [intent to use under Section 1\(b\)](#) (which includes withdrawing an amendment to allege use, if one was filed), as no specimen is required before publication. This option will later necessitate additional fee(s) and filing requirements, including a specimen.

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Although applicant's mark has been refused registration, applicant may respond to the refusal(s) by submitting evidence and arguments in support of registration. Applicant should note the following additional ground for refusal.

**Trademark Act Section 1 and 45 Refusal - Specimen of use does not show use in commerce as to Class 38**

**Specimen does not show use of the mark in commerce.** Registration is refused because the specimen does not show the applied-for mark as actually used in commerce in International Class(es) 38. Trademark Act Sections 1 and 45, 15 U.S.C. §§1051, 1127; 37 C.F.R. §§2.34(a)(1)(iv), 2.56(a); TMEP §§904, 904.07(a), 1301.04(g)(i). An application based on Trademark Act Section 1(a) must include a specimen showing the applied-for mark as actually used in commerce for each international class of services identified in the application or amendment to allege use. 15 U.S.C. §1051(a)(1); 37 C.F.R. §§2.34(a)(1)(iv), 2.56(a); TMEP §§904, 904.07(a).

Specifically, the specimen of use appears to be a screen shot of applicant's Instagram account. The specimen use does not make a connection between the applied for mark and the provision of streaming services. Rather it merely indicates that applicant is a publisher, who publishes best-selling books and audiobooks. It does not indicate that applicant is providing streaming services of any type. As such, the specimen of use does not show use in commerce.

**Examples of specimens.** Specimens for services must show a direct association between the mark and the services and include: (1) copies of advertising and marketing material, (2) a photograph of business signage or billboards, or (3) materials showing the mark in the sale, rendering, or advertising of the services. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.56(b)(2), (c); TMEP §1301.04(a), (h)(iv)(C). Any webpage printout or screenshot submitted as a specimen must include the webpage's URL and the date it was accessed or printed on the specimen itself, within the TEAS form that submits the specimen, or in a verified statement under 37 C.F.R. §2.20 or 28 U.S.C. §1746 in a later-filed response. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.56(c); TMEP §§904.03(i), 1301.04(a).

**Response options.** Applicant may respond to this refusal by satisfying one of the following for each applicable international class:

(1) Submit a different specimen (a verified [“substitute” specimen](#)) that (a) was in actual use in commerce at least as early as the filing date of the application or prior to the filing of an amendment to allege use and (b) shows the mark in actual use in commerce for the services identified in the application or amendment to allege use. A “verified substitute specimen” is a specimen that is accompanied by the following statement made in a signed affidavit or supported by a declaration under 37 C.F.R. §2.20: “The substitute (or new, or originally submitted, if appropriate) specimen(s) was/were in use in commerce at least as early as the filing date of the application or prior to the filing of the amendment to allege use.” The substitute specimen cannot be accepted without this statement.

(2) Amend the filing basis to [intent to use under Section 1\(b\)](#) (which includes withdrawing an amendment to allege use, if one was filed), as no specimen is required before publication. This option will later necessitate additional fee(s) and filing requirements, including a specimen.

For an overview of the response options referenced above and instructions on how to satisfy these options using the online Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS) form, see the [Specimen webpage](#).

Although applicant's mark has been refused registration, applicant may respond to the refusal(s) by submitting evidence and arguments in support of registration. Applicant should note the following additional ground for refusal.

#### **Trademark Act Section 1 and 45 Refusal - Specimen does not show use in commerce as to Class 42**

**Specimen does not show use in specific class(es).** Registration is refused because the specimen does not show the applied-for mark as actually used in commerce in connection with any of the goods and/or services specified in International Class(es) 42. Trademark Act Sections 1 and 45, 15 U.S.C. §§1051, 1127; 37 C.F.R. §§2.34(a)(1)(iv), 2.56(a); *In re Keep A Breast Found.*, 123 USPQ2d 1869, 1876-79 (TTAB 2017); TMEP §§904, 904.07(a), 1301.04(d), (g)(i). An application based on Trademark Act Section 1(a) must include a specimen showing the applied-for mark as actually used in commerce for each international class of goods and/or services identified in the application or amendment to allege use. 15 U.S.C. §1051(a)(1); 37 C.F.R. §§2.34(a)(1)(iv), 2.56(a); TMEP §§904, 904.07(a); *see In re Gulf Coast Nutritionals, Inc.*, 106 USPQ2d 1243, 1247 (TTAB 2013).

Specifically, the specimen of use appears to be missing a significant portion of what appears to be applicant's website. The only iteration of the applied for mark appears at the top of the page in the same line of the date and time of access and is merely the product of the printing of the webpage. This does not create a connection between the applied for mark and the identified goods as consumers do not come across the printed iteration of a website when accessing it and therefore would not see such wording when accessing the webpage. As such, the specimen of use does not show use in commerce.

Additionally, the specimen of use does not appear to make a connection to the identified platform services. Specifically, the specimen makes no reference or connection to the provision of a platform.

**Examples of specimens.** Specimens for goods include a photograph of (1) the actual goods bearing the mark; (2) an actual container, packaging, tag or label for the goods bearing the mark; or (3) a point-of-sale display showing the mark directly associated with the goods. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.56(b)(1), (c); TMEP §904.03(a)-(m). A webpage specimen submitted as a display associated with the goods must show the mark in association with a picture or textual description of the goods and include information necessary for ordering the goods. TMEP §904.03(i); *see* 37 C.F.R. §2.56(b)(1), (c).

Specimens for services must show a direct association between the mark and the services and include: (1) copies of advertising and marketing material, (2) a photograph of business signage or billboards, or (3) materials showing the mark in the sale, rendering, or advertising of the services. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.56(b)(2), (c); TMEP §1301.04(a), (h)(iv)(C).

Any webpage printout or screenshot submitted as a specimen must include the webpage's URL and the date it was accessed or printed on the specimen itself, within the TEAS form that submits the specimen, or in a verified statement under 37 C.F.R. §2.20 or 28 U.S.C. §1746 in a later-filed response. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.56(c); TMEP §§904.03(i), 1301.04(a).



**Response options.** Applicant may respond to this refusal by satisfying one of the following for each applicable international class:

(1) Submit a different specimen (a verified “[substitute](#)” [specimen](#)) that (a) was in actual use in commerce at least as early as the filing date of the application or prior to the filing of an amendment to allege use and (b) shows the mark in actual use in commerce for the goods and/or services identified in the application or amendment to allege use. A “verified substitute specimen” is a specimen that is accompanied by the following statement made in a signed affidavit or supported by a declaration under 37 C.F.R. §2.20: “The substitute (or new, or originally submitted, if appropriate) specimen(s) was/were in use in commerce at least as early as the filing date of the application or prior to the filing of the amendment to allege use.” The substitute specimen cannot be accepted without this statement.

(2) Amend the filing basis to [intent to use under Section 1\(b\)](#) (which includes withdrawing an amendment to allege use, if one was filed), as no specimen is required before publication. This option will later necessitate additional fee(s) and filing requirements, including a specimen.

For an overview of the response options referenced above and instructions on how to satisfy these options using the online Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS) form, see the [Specimen webpage](#).

Although applicant’s mark has been refused registration, applicant may respond to the refusal(s) by submitting evidence and arguments in support of registration. Applicant should note the following additional ground for refusal.

#### **Trademark Act Section 2(e)(4) Refusal- Primarily Merely A Surname**

Registration is refused because the applied-for mark is primarily merely a surname. Trademark Act Section 2(e)(4), 15 U.S.C. §1052(e)(4); *see* TMEP §1211.

An applicant’s mark is primarily merely a surname if the surname, when viewed in connection with the applicant’s recited goods and/or services, “‘is the primary significance of the mark as a whole to the purchasing public.’” *Earnhardt v. Kerry Earnhardt, Inc.*, 864 F.3d 1374, 1377, 123 USPQ2d 1411, 1413 (Fed. Cir. 2017) (quoting *In re Hutchinson Tech. Inc.*, 852 F.2d 552, 554, 7 USPQ2d 1490, 1492 (Fed. Cir. 1988)); TMEP §1211.01.

The following five inquiries are often used to determine the public’s perception of a term’s primary significance:

- (1) Whether the surname is rare;
- (2) Whether anyone connected with applicant uses the term as a surname;
- (3) Whether the term has any recognized meaning other than as a surname;
- (4) Whether the term has the structure and pronunciation of a surname; and
- (5) Whether the term is sufficiently stylized to remove its primary



significance from that of a surname.

*In re Colors in Optics, Ltd.*, 2020 USPQ2d 53784, at \*1-2 (TTAB 2020) (citing *In re Benthin Mgmt. GmbH*, 37 USPQ2d 1332, 1333-34 (TTAB 1995) for the *Benthin* inquiries/factors); TMEP §1211.01; *see also In re Etablissements Darty et Fils*, 759 F.2d 15, 16-18, 225 USPQ 652, 653 (Fed. Cir. 1985).

These inquiries or factors are not exclusive, and any of these circumstances – singly or in combination – and any other relevant circumstances may be considered when making this determination. *In re tapio GmbH*, 2020 USPQ2d 11387, at \*9 (TTAB 2020) (citing *In re Eximius Coffee, LLC*, 120 USPQ2d 1276, 1277-78 (TTAB 2016)); TMEP §1211.01. For example, when the applied-for mark is not stylized, it is unnecessary to consider the fifth inquiry. *In re Yeley*, 85 USPQ2d 1150, 1151 (TTAB 2007); TMEP §1211.01.

#### *The Surname BLACKSTONE is not Rare*

See the attached evidence from [www.advance.lexis.com](http://www.advance.lexis.com), establishing the surname significance of BLACKSTONE. This evidence shows the applied-for mark appearing 10,374 times as a surname in the LEXISNEXIS® surname database, which is a weekly updated directory of cell phone and other phone numbers (such as voice over IP) from various data providers.

#### *Neutral Factor- Whether Anyone Connected with Applicant Uses the Term as a Surname*

It is unclear whether anyone associated with the applicant uses the term BLACKSTONE as a surname. In a surname analysis, the absence of a person connected with applicant that has this term as a surname is a neutral factor. *In re Thermo LabSystems Inc.*, 85 USPQ2d at 1287. *In re Thermo LabSystems Inc.*, 85 USPQ2d 1285, 1287 (TTAB 2007) (quoting *In re Gregory*, 70 USPQ2d 1792, 1795 (TTAB 2004)); *see In re Adlon Brand GmbH & Co. KG*, 120 USPQ2d 1717, 1724 (TTAB 2016).

#### *The term Blackstone has a recognized meaning as a surname and minimal significance other than a surname*

Evidence that a word has no meaning or significance other than as a surname is relevant to determining whether the word would be perceived as primarily merely a surname. *See In re Petrin Corp.*, 231 USPQ 902, 903 (TTAB 1986); TMEP §1211.02(b)(vi).

The evidence attached from <https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/Blackstone> indicates that Blackstone is understood to be a surname.

Similarly, the attached screenshot from the [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blackstone,\\_Massachusetts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blackstone,_Massachusetts) shows that BLACKSTONE is the name of a small town in Massachusetts with a population of approximately 9,000 but has no other geographic significance. The fact that a term is shown to have some minor significance as a geographical term will not dissipate its primary significance as a surname. *See In re Hamilton Pharm. Ltd.*, 27 USPQ2d 1939, 1943 (TTAB 1993); *In re Picone*, 221 USPQ 93, 95 (TTAB 1984); TMEP §1211.01(a)(iii).

Combining a surname with a term that is merely descriptive, primarily geographically descriptive or deceptively misdescriptive, or generic of an applicant's goods and/or services typically does not "detract from the primary surname significance" of the mark. *Azeka Bldg. Corp. v. Azeka*, 122 USPQ2d

1477, 1481-82, 1481 n.9 (TTAB 2017) (construing *In re Hutchinson Tech. Inc.*, 852 F.2d 552, 554, 7 USPQ2d 1490, 1492-93 (Fed. Cir. 1988)); *see* TMEP §1211.01(b)(vi).

Specifically, applicant identifies publishing services. As such, the wording is merely descriptive.

*Blackstone has the Structure and Pronunciation of a Surname*

Blackstone has the structure and pronunciation of a surname. Specifically, it is similar to the structure and/or pronunciation of other common surnames, such as BLACKWELL and Stone. Please see the evidence attached from [www.advance.lexis.com](http://www.advance.lexis.com).

*The applied-for Mark is in Standard Character Form*

Applicant has applied-for the mark Blackstone in standard character form. As such, the mark is lacking any stylization which could remove its primary significance from that of a surname.

For the reasons stated above, registration is refused under Trademark Act Section 2(e)(4) because the applied-for mark is primarily merely a surname. 15 U.S.C. §1052(e)(4).

The applied-for mark has been refused registration on the Principal Register. Applicant may respond to the refusal by submitting evidence and arguments in support of registration and/or by amending the application to seek registration on the Supplemental Register. *See* 15 U.S.C. §1091; 37 C.F.R. §§2.47, 2.75(a); TMEP §§801.02(b), 816. Amending to the Supplemental Register does not preclude applicant from submitting evidence and arguments against the refusal(s). TMEP §816.04.

**Disclaimer Required**

Applicant must disclaim the wording “PUBLISHING” because it is merely descriptive of an ingredient, quality, characteristic, function, feature, purpose, or use of applicant’s goods and/or services. *See* 15 U.S.C. §1052(e)(1); *DuoProSS Meditech Corp. v. Inviro Med. Devices, Ltd.*, 695 F.3d 1247, 1251, 103 USPQ2d 1753, 1755 (Fed. Cir. 2012); TMEP §§1213, 1213.03(a).

Applicant identifies publishing services. Thus, the wording merely describes applicant’s goods and/or services.

Applicant may respond to this issue by submitting a disclaimer in the following format:

**No claim is made to the exclusive right to use “PUBLISHING” apart from the mark as shown.**

For an overview of disclaimers and instructions on how to provide one using the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS), see the [Disclaimer webpage](#).

**Amendment to Identification of Goods and/or Services Required**

Applicant must clarify the following indicated language for reasons stated below. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.32(a)(6); TMEP §§1402.01, 1402.03.

Class 9	Issue	Suggestion
Audio books in the nature of novels	Acceptable	
Audio books in the nature of fiction and nonfiction literary works	Indefinite and must be clarified because the specific nature of the good is unclear. Audio books is indefinite in Class 9. Descriptions of audio books must indicate either the subject matter of the audio books, e.g., sports, art history, etc., or the type of audio books, e.g., novels, short stories, etc. However, Audio books in the nature of non-fiction books on a variety of topics is only acceptable in connection with a publishing house mark.	Audio books in the nature of fiction and nonfiction literary works specifically short stories
Digital media, namely, pre-recorded video cassettes, digital video discs, digital versatile discs, downloadable audio and video recordings, DVDs, and high definition digital discs featuring books, audiobooks, ebooks	Indefinite and must be clarified because the identification as written does not make sense. Specifically, it is unclear how a video cassette or video recording could feature an ebook.	Digital media, namely, pre-recorded video cassettes, digital video discs, digital versatile discs, downloadable audio and video recordings, DVDs, and high definition digital discs featuring the reading of books; Digital media namely Non-fiction audio books on a variety of topics; Digital media, namely, downloadable non-fiction and fiction e-books on a variety of topics
Digital media, namely, book, audiobooks, ebooks featuring fiction and nonfiction literary works	Indefinite and overly broad and must be clarified because the specific nature of the good is unclear and could identify goods in multiple classes.	Digital media, namely, downloadable non-fiction books in the field of {specify topics}; Digital media, namely, Downloadable fiction e-books on a variety of topics;
Downloadable fiction e-books on a variety of topics	Acceptable	Downloadable fiction e-books on a variety of topics

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Downloadable books, audiobooks, ebooks via the internet and wireless devices	Indefinite and must be clarified because the specific nature of the good is unclear	Downloadable non-fiction books in the field of {indicate topic or field}; Downloadable audio books in the field of {indicate subject matter}; Downloadable e-books in the field of {indicate subject matter}
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Providing a website used to place on-line commercial orders in the field of fiction and nonfiction literary works	Acceptable	Providing a website used to place on-line commercial orders in the field of fiction and nonfiction literary works
Class 38		
Streaming of audio, visual and audiovisual material via a global computer network	Acceptable	Streaming of audio, visual and audiovisual material via a global computer network
Streaming of fiction and nonfiction literary material on the Internet	Indefinite and must be clarified because the specific nature of the service is unclear. Specifically it is unclear exactly what is being streamed	Streaming of audio material on the internet specifically fiction and nonfiction literary material
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Book publishing	Acceptable	Book publishing
Digital video, audio, and	Acceptable	Digital video, audio, and

multimedia publishing services		multimedia publishing services
Entertainment services in the nature of production of television shows and movies	Acceptable	Entertainment services in the nature of production of television shows and movies
Online electronic publishing of books and periodicals	Acceptable	Online electronic publishing of books and periodicals
Publication of texts, books, magazines and other printed matter	Acceptable	Publication of texts, books, magazines and other printed matter
Publishing audio books in the field of fiction and nonfiction	Acceptable	Publishing audio books in the field of fiction and nonfiction
Publishing e-books in the field of fiction and nonfiction	Acceptable	Publishing e-books in the field of fiction and nonfiction
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Class 35:

Providing a website used to place on-line commercial orders in the field of fiction and nonfiction literary works

Class 38:

Streaming of audio, visual and audiovisual material via a global computer network; Streaming of audio material on the internet specifically fiction and nonfiction literary material

Class 41:

Book publishing; Digital video, audio, and multimedia publishing services; Entertainment services in the nature of production of television shows and movies; Online electronic publishing of books and periodicals; Publication of texts, books, magazines and other printed matter; Publishing audio books in the field of fiction and nonfiction; Publishing e-books in the field of fiction and nonfiction; Publishing of books, e-books, audio books, music and illustrations

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**(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK**

BLACKSTONE PRODUCTIONS

**Mark Punctuated**

BLACKSTONE PRODUCTIONS

**Translation**

**Goods/Services**

- IC 035. US 100 101 102.G & S: Arranging and conducting marketing promotional events for others; Conducting, arranging and organizing trade shows and trade fairs for commercial and advertising purposes; Conference event management services; Corporate event management services; Event planning and management for marketing, branding, promoting or advertising the goods and services of others; Providing marketing and promotion of special events; Special event planning for business purposes; Trade show management services. FIRST USE: 20051031. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20051031
- IC 041. US 100 101 107.G & S: Audio engineering services for events; Entertainment services in the nature of organizing social entertainment events; Film and video production consulting services; Lighting technician services for events; Media production services, namely, video and film production; Sound engineering services for events; Video editing services for events; Video production services. FIRST USE: 20051031. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20051031
- IC 042. US 100 101.G & S: Design for others in the field of graphic arts; Designing theme graphics and multimedia shows for conventions, product launches, trade shows, key note addresses and award ceremonies for others; Graphic design services; Industrial and graphic art design. FIRST USE: 20051031. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20051031

**Mark Drawing Code**

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

**Design Code**

**Serial Number**

97021389

**Filing Date**

20210910

**Current Filing Basis**

1A

**Original Filing Basis**

1A

**Publication for Opposition Date**

**Registration Number**

**Date Registered**

**Owner**

(APPLICANT) Blackstone Productions Inc. CORPORATION MASSACHUSETTS 45 Glen St. Uxbridge

MASSACHUSETTS 01569

**Priority Date**

**Disclaimer Statement**

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**Description of Mark**

**Type of Mark**

SERVICE MARK

**Register**

PRINCIPAL

**Live Dead Indicator**

LIVE

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**Proper noun** [[edit](#)]

1. A surname.

**Derived terms**  [ [edit](#) ]

- Blackstonian

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# Blackstone, Massachusetts

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Coordinates: 42°01′04″N 71°32′30″W

**Blackstone** is a town in Worcester County, Massachusetts, United States. The population was 9,208 at the 2020 census.<sup>[1]</sup> It is a part of the Providence metropolitan area.<sup>[2]</sup>

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## History [ edit ]

This region was first inhabited by the Nipmuc. Blackstone was settled by European immigrants in 1662 and was incorporated in 1845. The town was part of Mendon, Massachusetts, before becoming a separate municipality. Blackstone is within the area of the John H. Chaffee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

## Geography [ edit ]

According to the United States Census Bureau, the town has a total area of 11.2 square miles (29 km<sup>2</sup>), of which 10.9 square miles (28 km<sup>2</sup>) is land and 0.3 square miles (0.78 km<sup>2</sup>), or 2.94%, is water. The **Blackstone River**, birthplace of the Industrial Revolution in the United States,<sup>[3]</sup> meanders west to southeast, on the south border of town.

The town is bordered by North Smithfield, Rhode Island and Woonsocket, Rhode Island to the south; Millville, Massachusetts to the west; Mendon, Massachusetts to the north, and Bellingham, Massachusetts (Norfolk County) to the east.

Named places in the town include:<sup>[4]</sup>

- Blackstone Village
- Central Village
- East Blackstone
- Farnum's Gate
- Five Corners
- High Rocks
- Millerville
- New City
- Privilege
- Rural District
- Waterford
- Wheelockville

**Blackstone, Massachusetts**

Town



Rolling Dam on the Blackstone River



Seal

Motto(s): "Do well and doubt not."



Location in Worcester County and the state of Massachusetts.

Coordinates: 42°01′04″N 71°32′30″W

Country	United States
State	Massachusetts
County	Worcester
Settled	1662
Incorporated	1845
Government <div><div><div>•<span> </span>Type</div><div>•<span> </span>Action Town</div></div></div>	Open town meeting <div>Gran Balukonle</div>



- An East Blackstone railroad station used to be located in Bellingham.

Historical population [\[show\]](#)

There were 3,235 households, out of which 38.2% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 58.9% were **married couples** living together, 9.9% had a female householder with no husband present, and 27.2% were non-families. 22.4% of all households were made up of individuals, and 8.5% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.71 and the average family size was 3.20.

The median income for a household in the town was \$55,163, and the median income for a family was \$61,633. Males had a median income of \$42,100 versus \$27,448 for females. The **per capita income** for the town was \$20,936. About 1.8% of families and 3.7% of the population were below the **poverty line**, including 2.2% of those under age 18 and 12.0% of those age 65 or over.

Blackstone, being part of the broader [Blackstone-Millville Regional School District](#), is home to the [Blackstone-Millville Regional High School](#), serving both the town of Blackstone and its western neighbor, [Millville](#).

Adjacent city and towns [\[ edit \]](#)

- Woonsocket, Rhode Island
- Millville, Massachusetts
- North Smithfield, Rhode Island
- Mendon, Massachusetts
- Bellingham, Massachusetts

**County-level state agency heads**

**Clerk of Courts:** Dennis P. McManus (D)

**District Attorney:** Joe Early Jr. (D)

**Register of Deeds:** Katie Toomey (D)

**Register of Probate:** Stephanie Fattman (R)

**County Sheriff:** Lew Evangelidis (R)

**State government**

**State Representative(s):** Michael Soter (R)

**State Senator(s):** Ryan Fattman (R)

**Governor's Councilor(s):** Jen Caissie (R)

**Federal government**

**U.S. Representative(s):** James P. McGovern (D-2nd District),

<b>Administrator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board of Selectmen</li></ul>	Robert J Dubois, Chairman Robert Kluchevitz, Vice-Chairman Mary Bulso, Clerk Daniel P Keefe, Selectman Taylor Greene, Selectman
<b>Area</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Total</li><li>• Land</li><li>• Water</li></ul>	11.2 sq mi (29.1 km <sup>2</sup> ) 10.9 sq mi (28.2 km <sup>2</sup> ) 0.3 sq mi (0.9 km <sup>2</sup> )
<b>Elevation</b>	186 ft (57 m)
<b>Population (2020)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Total</li><li>• Density</li></ul>	9,208 820/sq mi (320/km <sup>2</sup> )
<b>Time zone</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summer (DST)</li></ul>	UTC-5 (Eastern) UTC-4 (Eastern)
<b>ZIP code</b>	01504
<b>Area code(s)</b>	508 / 774
<b>FIPS code</b>	25-06015
<b>GNIS feature ID</b>	0619477
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.townofblackstone.org">www.townofblackstone.org</a>

Notable people [ edit ]

- Con Daily, baseball player
- Bob Stewart, baseball umpire
- Fernand St. Germain, politician

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 Wikivoyage has a travel guide for *Blackstone*.

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3	*publish*[bi,ti] not dead [ld]	1356	0	0	0	0:02
4	1 and (2 3)	405	0	400	400	0:03
5	1 and 2	392	0	0	0	0:02
6	*black*[bi,ti] not dead [ld]	11908	0	0	0	0:01
7	6 and "009"[cc]	5603	0	0	0	0:01
8	6 and ("042" "035" "009" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	2925	0	0	0	0:01
9	6 and ("042" "009" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	1546	0	0	0	0:01
10	6 and ("009" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	1138	0	0	0	0:01
11	6 and ("035" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	1586	0	0	0	0:01
12	6 and ("038" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	174	0	0	0	0:02
13	6 and ("042" "035" "038" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]("03" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	13659	0	0	0	0:02
14	6 and ("042" "038" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]("03" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	12232	0	0	0	0:02
15	6 and ("038" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]("03" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	11738	0	0	0	0:02
16	6 and ("042" "035" "038" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	2095	0	0	0	0:01
17	6 and ("042" "038" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	668	0	0	0	0:01
18	6 and ("042" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	556	0	0	0	0:01
19	black[bi,ti] not dead [ld]	10612	0	0	0	0:01
20	10 and ("042" "035" "009" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	1138	0	0	0	0:01
21	10 and ("042" "009" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	1138	0	0	0	0:01
22	10 and ("042" "009" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	1138	0	0	0	0:01
23	10 and ("009" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	1138	0	0	0	0:01
24	10 and ("035" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	131	0	0	0	0:02
25	10 and ("042" "035" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	216	0	216	216	0:02
26	10 and "035"[cc]	394	0	394	394	0:01
27	10 and "038"[cc]	394	0	394	394	0:01
28	10 and ("042" "035" "038" a b "200") [ic] not d	234	0	234	234	0:01

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	ead[ld]					
29	10 and "042"[cc]	394	0	0	0	0:01
30	*stone*[bi,ti] not dead [ld]	7227	0	0	0	0:01
31	19 and "041"[cc]	4437	0	0	0	0:01
32	19 and ("042" "035" "041" a b "200") [ic] not d ead[ld]	3465	0	0	0	0:01
33	19 and ("042" "041" a b "200") [ic] not dead[l d]	2352	0	0	0	0:01
34	19 and ("041" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	1986	0	0	0	0:01
35	black[fm] and live[ld]	17	0	17	17	0:01
36	30 and "009"[cc]	2733	0	0	0	0:01
37	30 and ("042" "035" "009" a b "200") [ic] not d ead[ld]	1689	0	0	0	0:01
38	30 and ("042" "009" a b "200") [ic] not dead[l d]	920	0	0	0	0:02
39	30 and ("009" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	602	0	0	0	0:01
40	30 and ("042" "035" "035" a b "200") [ic] not d ead[ld]	1189	0	0	0	0:01
41	30 and ("035" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	901	0	0	0	0:01
42	30 and ("042" "035" "038" a b "200") [ic] not d ead[ld]	1208	0	0	0	0:01
43	30 and ("042" "038" a b "200") [ic] not dead[l d]	413	0	0	0	0:02
44	30 and ("038" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	48	0	48	48	0:01
45	30 and ("042" "035" "041" a b "200") [ic] not d ead[ld]	1717	0	0	0	0:01
46	30 and ("042" "041" a b "200") [ic] not dead[l d]	989	0	0	0	0:01
47	30 and ("041" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	650	0	0	0	0:01
48	30 and ("042" "035" a b "200") [ic] not dead[l d]	1189	0	0	0	0:01
49	stone[bi,ti] not dead [ld]	3960	0	0	0	0:01
50	49 and "009"[cc]	1337	0	0	0	0:01
51	49 and ("042" "035" "009" a b "200") [ic] not d ead[ld]	851	0	0	0	0:01
52	49 and ("042" "009" a b "200") [ic] not dead[l d]	458	0	0	0	0:01
53	49 and ("009" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	309	0	62	62	0:01



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<b>54</b>	49 and ("042" "035" "08" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	590	0	0	0	0:01
<b>55</b>	49 and ("042" "035" "038" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	602	0	0	0	0:01
<b>56</b>	49 and ("042" "035" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	590	0	0	0	0:01
<b>57</b>	49 and ("042" "038" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	195	0	195	195	0:02
<b>58</b>	49 and "038"[cc]	1502	0	0	0	0:01
<b>59</b>	49 and ("042" "035" "041" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	830	0	0	0	0:01
<b>60</b>	49 and ("042" "041" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	446	0	193	193	0:01
<b>61</b>	49 and "042"[cc]	1502	0	0	0	0:00
<b>62</b>	49 and ("042" "035" a b "200") [ic] not dead[ld]	590	0	0	0	0:01
<b>63</b>	stone[fm] and live[ld]	23	0	23	23	0:01

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