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K-12 history

To the best of my recollection, I got "K-12" from Ed Tatum when I came to Yale in March 1946, and kept my own stock of it. I have no record of re-cloning; but from a very early time I followed the possibility of minimizing reclonings of a stock culture. If and identifiable variant (clony morphology, etc.) were noticed it would be given a distinctive stock number.

I have no recollection that K-12 was ever lost or contaminated so as to call for a recall or resolution. But without an exhaustive search through my correspondence (a 10 year task) I can't be sure. You might do well to ask Larry Moore (Denver) if he remembers anything in that line.

Do also keep in mind the first step mutants from K12:

58, 679 (Ed's auxotrophs)

W1244 Az^R

W1485, 1872 λ-sensitive

that are fairly ancient.

Fritz + Ida Orstrov dropped by the other day. I asked them about Levin's "isolation" of K-12. He permitted not they were merely "zymotyped" and have not been sew-typed.

Yours
Ken

Thank you!
about the linkage chart.

PS Can you spare another reprint of 1980. Mich Rev ?