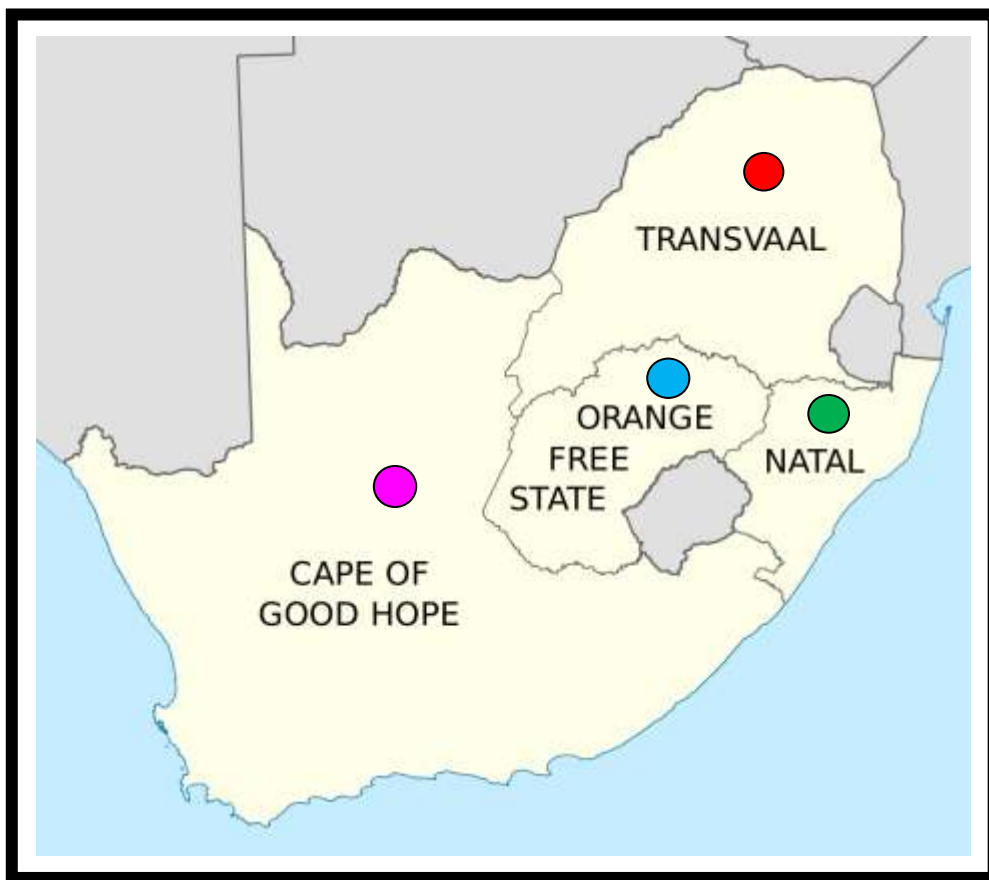


THE PERFINIS OF THE FOUR SOUTH AFRICAN PROVINCES PRE 1910



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WARNING NOTE

Over the last few years since this catalogue was produced there are other websites in the Perfin world which have sprung up on the internet, they have copied a lot of this information.

Not only have these new websites copied their information from the Perfin Society website, but they state that it is their own work.

I would not recommend using them as their Information in lots of cases is incorrect and out of date, also the images that they portray are not true to scale.

One thing that you can rest assured about is the fact that the Perfin Society website is updated every few months to cover any new information that has been reported.

It is a great pity that there are such unscrupulous people in the stamp world, copying other peoples work and claiming it to be their own, but unfortunately this is a fact of life and the scourge of modern times.

INTRODUCTION

It is now many years since the first listing of the Perfins of South Africa & Provinces was produced by the Perfins Club of America (In their World Perfin Catalogue).

And it must be noted that 60% of the information in this update is their original work.

During these intervening years there has been new information which has come to light, and although I have used the original perfin catalogue for some years my feelings are that it could be simplified and improved upon.

So with the blessings of the Perfins Club of America.


I have decided to make up my own version of the catalogue and produce it with an alphabetical numbering system for the different dies, This **Section One**, deals with the **Four Different Provinces Pre 1910** as in the map above. A coloured dot system is used to indicate the different Provinces stamps that are found with particular perfin dies. You will see from the map what colours represent which Provinces. The Union & Republic of South Africa post 1910 are dealt with in Section two of the catalogue. There is also user information alongside the Perfin image. A single letter "M" after the die number indicates a multi headed die. A small case "m" indicates a monogram die.

Updated 2026 by Jeff Turnbull

EXAMPLE

● NATAL, ● TRANSVAAL, ● COGH, ● ORANGE FREE STATE,

A typical example
is shown here.

<p><u>J 12</u> ●●●●</p> <p>In use: c1909-1923. Dates: 21-12-1910, 1-10-1914. Issues: EDVII, & EDVII Revenue use. Ident: John Garlick, Cape Town.</p> <p>Cancel: Cape Town.</p>	
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A typical entry will be as follows: -

- In use:** Date range based on known dates.
- Dates:** Earliest and latest known dates from Documents or Cancellations.
- Issues:** Different Reigns & Issues are used
QVic, EDVII, Arms, Seated Hope, Standing Hope,
- Ident:** Company Name & address identified by Document or Cachet Cancellation.

Suspected Ident: Ø This symbol indicates a suspected identity.

NOTE:- Sixteen South Africa perfin dies are also recorded on the perfin stamps of Great Britain

**Any and all new information will be gratefully received,
and will be given due acknowledgement in the catalogue**

Recent additions by: -

Philippe Antheaume France
Bob Szymanski U.S.A
Bas Payne U.K.
William Hall U.K.
The late Brian Dennis of South Africa
Atlasauctioneers
Diederik Viljoento
Roger Porter RDPSA

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "A"

A 1 ●

In use: c1890.

Dates:

Issues: Seated Hope,

Ident: Ø Alfred Adderly & Co,



Cancel:

Also recorded on GB stamps. A 0180.01

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

A 2 ● ●

In use:

Dates:

Issues: EDVII,

Ident:



Cancel: Johannesburg.

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

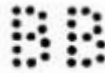
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NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● **DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE**

Letter "B"

B 1 ● ● ● ●

In use: c1909-1913.
 Dates: 15-5-1911, 8-1-1913.
 Issues: Standing Hope, EDVII,
 EDVII Revenue use.
 Ident: Ø Baker, Baker & Co,

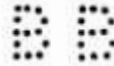


Cancel: Cape Town.

B 2 ●

In use: c1912-1940s.
 Dates:
 Issues: EDVII,

 Ident: Baker, Baker & Co,
 King Williams Town.



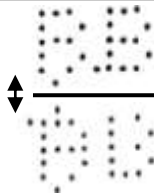
Cancel: King Williams Town.

Thought to have been created from the die B 5.

B 3 ● *Variations.*

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

 Ident:



Cancel: Durban.

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

B 5 ● ● ● ●

In use: c1899-1911.
 Dates:
 Issues: EDVII,

 Ident: Baker, Baker & Co,
 King Williams Town.



Cancel: King Williams Town.

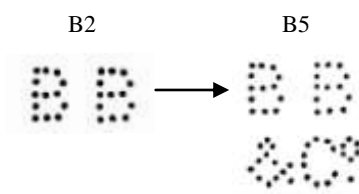
Baker, King & Co: "BB" & "BK" Type perfins

According to information supplied by the Kaffrarian Museum King Williamstown, Thomas Burnham King in partnership with Mr. E Coles Baker, founded the company, Baker King & Co in 1861 in King Williamstown. However it is suspected it was actually founded in 1861 as "Baker Brothers" and Mr. King later became a partner and eventually the sole proprietor. Their business was as "General Merchants and Importers" but they were more "Wholesale Merchants" as they imported goods which they sold to the inhabitants of King Williamstown or sold and traded with the small traders in Kaffraria and Transkei. The business must have flourished as a head office was established in East London, and other premises were sourced in Cape Town and Port Elizabeth. Several premises are recorded in King Williamstown all specializing in general goods, haberdashery, furniture, grain etc.

During the period from the 1890s to the early 1940s, several perforators were in use at different centers, based on a "BB/&Co" format and later "BK/&Co". Of the eight perfins of this type recorded in South Africa, six have been plausibly identified and two others could well be of the same family. the following seven dies are all recorded on the stamps of the Provinces.

<u>B1</u>	"BB"	1909-1913	King Williamstown	Suspected user.
<u>B2</u>*	"BB"	1912-1940s	King Williamstown	Confirmed user.
<u>B5</u>*	"BB/&Co"	1889-1911	King Williamstown	Confirmed user.
<u>B6</u>	"BB/&Co"	1893-1920	King Williamstown	Confirmed user.
<u>B7</u>	"BB/PE"	1901-1905	Port Elizabeth	Suspected user.
<u>B15</u>	"BK"	1923-1943	East London	Confirmed user.
<u>B17</u>	"BK/&Co"	1896-1921	East London	Confirmed user.

* Measurements on these two perfin dies suggest that die **B2** was created from the die **B5** by the removal of the "&Co" pins.



Information supplied from the collection of the Late Brian Dennis.

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● **DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE**

Letter "B"

B 6 ●

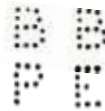
In use: 1893-1920.
 Dates: 18-9-1893, 18-5-1906.
 Issues: Seated Hope, Standing Hope,
 (Surcharges), Arms, EDVII,
 Ident: Baker, Baker & Co,
 King Williams Town.



Cancel: King Williams Town, East London.

B 7 ●

In use: 1901-1905.
 Dates: 12-4-1900, 3-9-1904.
 Issues: Standing Hope, EDVII,
 EDVII 2/- Revenue,
 Ident: Ø Baker, Baker & Co,
 Port Elizabeth.



Cancel:

B 8 ●●

In use: c1915-1928.
 Dates: 14-12-1925, 20-1-1928.
 Issues:



Ident: W G Brown & Co Ltd,
 303-307 Pine Street, Durban.

Cancel:

B 9 ●

In use: c1909.
 Dates: 13-10-1909,
 Issues: EDVII,



Ident: W G Brown & Co Ltd,
 303-307 Pine Street, Durban.

Cancel: Durban.

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:
 Ident:
 Cancel:

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● **DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE**

Letter "B"

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

B 12 ●

BOL

In use:
 Dates: 8-4-1884,
 Issues: QVic Revenues, Seated Hope,

Ident: Bagshaw Gibaud & Co Ltd,
 Port Elizabeth.

Cancel: Manuscript.



B 13 ●

BOL

In use: c1890-c1900.
 Dates: 4-8-1894, 21-3-1895.
 Issues: Seated Hope, Standing Hope,

Ident: Ø B G Lennon & Co,

Cancel: Cape Colony,

Also recorded on GB stamps. B 3080.01



B 14 ●●

B&H

In use:
 Dates: ---10-1904,
 Issues: EDVII, EDVII Revenue use,

Ident: ----- & Herbert,

Cancel: Johannesburg.



B 15 ●

B.K.

In use: c1923-1943.
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident: Baker King & Co,
 P O Box 249 East London.

Cancel:



NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "B"

B 17 ●●●●

In use: c1896-1921.
 Dates: 11-3-1899, 4-10-1911.
 Issues: Standing Hope, EDVII,



Ident: Baker King & Co,
 East London.

Cancel: East London.

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

B 22 ●



In use: c1927.
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel: Johannesburg.

B 31 ●



In use:
 Dates: 21-12-1907,
 Issues: EDVII,

Ident:

Cancel: ---ee Stre---



B 32 ●●●●



In use: c1910-1937.
 Dates: 5-12-1911.
 Issues: EDVII,

Ident: Burroughs Wellcome & Co,
 5 Loop Street, Cape Town.

Cancel: Cape Town.



Also recorded on GB stamps. B 7700.01A

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

B 32● Burroughs Wellcome & Co, c1912.
Parcel Tag.



NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "C"

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

C 3 ● ● ●

In use: 1910.
Dates: 22---1910,
Issues: EDVII,

Ident: Curzon Brothers,
34-35 Sack's Buildings, Johannesburg.



Cancel: Johannesburg, Cape Town.

Also recorded on GB stamps. C 0460.06

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

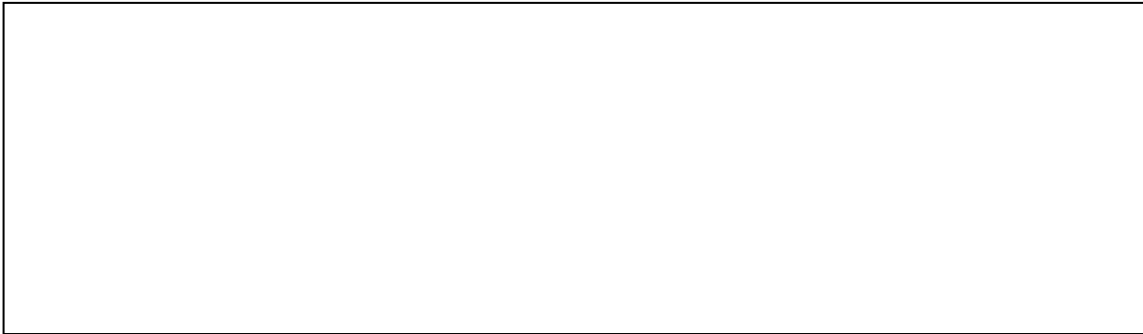
In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "C"



C7 ●●

In use: c1900-1921.
 Dates: 21-10-1903, 29-1-1909.
 Issues: EDVII,

C.E.G.
 & Co
 LTD



Ident: C E Gardener & Co Ltd,
 Port Elizabeth.

Cancel: Port Elizabeth.

C8 ●●●

In use:
 Dates: 26-7-1905,
 Issues: EDVII,

C H



Ident: The Carlton Hotels (South Africa) Ltd,

Cancel: Johannesburg.

C9 ●●

In use: c1883-1910.
 Dates: 27-6-1889, 15-9-1903.
 Issues: Seated Hope, Standing Hope,
 Arms, EDVII, EDVII 1d & Standing Hope 1d Revenue,
 Ident: Cleghorn & Harris,
 Cape Town,

C & H



Cancel: Cape Town.

C10 ●

In use:
 Dates: --10-1899,
 Issues: Seated Hope, Standing Hope,

C & H



Ident: Cleghorn & Harris,
 Cape Town.

Cancel:

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFIN

● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

C 10 ● Cleghorn & Harris. Cape Town. 28-6-1900.

Boar War censured cover :- Green Point P.O.W. Camp.



Green Point P.O.W. Camp c1900.



NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "C"

C 11 ●

CHA



In use:
Dates: 10-6-1910,
Issues: EDVII,

Ident:

Cancel: Grahamstown.

C 12 ●●●

CHT



In use:
Dates: 28-3-1904,
Issues: EDVII,

Ident:

Cancel: Johannesburg.

C 13 ●

CH
&W



In use: c1900.
Dates:
Issues: Arms,

Ident:

Cancel: Cape Town.

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● **DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE**

Letter "C"

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

C 18 ●

In use: 1905.
 Dates:
 Issues: EDVII,

Ident: Central South African Railways,

NOTE: - **C 18** Stencil pattern was only in use for a short period of time, approx 27 days
 Jan - Feb 1905. It was abandoned due to the stamps often being torn on removal from the sheet.

Cancel: Johannesburg.

C S
 A R



C 19 ● ●

In use:
 Dates: 13-7-1908, 5-9-1910.
 Issues: EDVII,

Ident: Central South African Railways,

Cancel: Johannesburg.

● ●
 ● ●
 ● ●



A "C.S.A.R." Overprint is also noted on EDVII stamps. (● ●)

C 20 ●

In use:
 Dates: 9-4-1912,
 Issues: EDVII,

Ident: C Searle & Co Ltd,
 Mossel Bay,

Cancel: Johannesburg, Mossel Bay.

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 ● ● ●



NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "C"

C 21 ●●●●

CS



In use: c1912.
Dates: 19-1-1912,
Issues: EDVII,

Ident: Cunard Steamship Company,

Cancel: Cape Town.

C 22M ●●●●

CT



In use: c1907-1917.
Dates: 27-1-1908, 2-9-1912.
Issues: Seated Hope, Standing Hope, EDVII,

Ident: Cape Times Ltd,
Cape Town.

Cancel: Cape Town.

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

C 25 ●●●●

CWC



In use:
Dates: --2-1911, 10-3-1913.
Issues: EDVII,

Ident: C W Champion Ltd,
Bloemfontein.

Cancel: Bloemfontein.

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINS
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "C"


C 26 ●●●●

C.W.C

In use: c1912-1920s.
 Dates: 12-2-1912, 25-8-1913.
 Issues: EDVII,

Ident: C W Champion Ltd,
 Bloemfontein.

Cancel: Bloemfontein.




C 27 ●●●●

CWC
B

In use:
 Dates: 11-9-1908, 4-7-1911.
 Issues: Orange Tree Surcharged V.R.I.
 EDVII,
 Ident: C W Champion Ltd,
 Bloemfontein.

Cancel: Bloemfontein.



In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

Pin Holes ?? ●

CH/J

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● **DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE**

Letter "D"

D1 ● ● ● ●



In use: c1902-c1909.
 Dates: 28-4-1902, ---1909.
 Issues: QVic, EDVII,

Ident: P Davis & Sons, (The Natal Witness Newspaper).
 Pietermaritzburg.

Cancel: Pietermaritzburg. (More user information towards the end of the catalogue)

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

D4 ● ●



In use: c1899-1930s.
 Dates: 5-4-1899, 3-2-1903,
 Issues: Seated Hope,
 Standing Hope 1d Revenue stamp.

Ident: Donald Currie & Co,

Cancel: Cape Town.

D5 ● ● ● ●



In use: c1905-1936+
 Dates: 27-1-1905, --5-1912.
 Issues: Seated Hope, Standing Hope,
 EDVII,
 Ident: Dunn & Co,
 East London.

Cancel: East London.

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "D"

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

D 10 ●

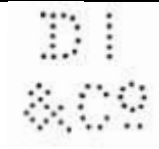
In use: c1890- 1906.

Dates: 26-11-1891, ---1906.

Issues: Seated Hope, EDVII,

Ident: D Isaacs & Co,
Cape Town.

Cancel: Cape Colony.



In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINS
● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "D"

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

D 16 ● ● ● ●

In use: 1907-c1913.
Dates: 16-5-1908, 10-9-1913.
Issues: EDVII,

Ident: Deutsche Oost Afrika Line,
Durban.

Cancel: Durban.

D.O.
A.L.



In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINS
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "D"

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

D 24 ●●●●

In use: c1907-1921+
Dates: ----1907, 14-6-1911.
Issues: EDVII,
EDVII Revenue use,

Ident: W Dawson & Sons S.A. Ltd,

Cancel: Cape Town.

D.S.



Also recorded on GB stamps. D 4370.01M

D 25 ●

In use:
Dates: ---1885, 21-12-1896.
Issues: QVic,

Ident: Davis & Son, (The Natal Witness Newspaper)
(More user information towards the end of the catalogue)

Cancel: Pietermaritzburg, G.P.O. Natal.

D&S



Also recorded on GB stamps. D 4390.17 & 17a

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "E"

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

E 20●

In use:
Dates: 20-12-1894, 3-2-1900.
Issues: QVic,

Ident: Edward Sharpe & Co,
Durban.

Cancel: Durban.

E S
& O



In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

E 26●

In use:
Dates: 6-1903, 26-8-1903.
Issues: QVic, EDVII,

Ident: Excise Department,
Only found on stamps with Revenue use.

Cancel: Excise Department Cachet.

E 26



NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINS
● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "F"

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

F 4 ●

In use: 1907-1910.

Dates:

Issues: EDVII,

With **CUSTOMS DUTY** overprint. (N/K if genuine).

Ident:

Cancel:

FB
AB

Also recorded on GB stamps. F 0267.01

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

F 19 ●

In use: c1905

Dates: ----1905,

Issues: EDVII,

Ident: Fletcher's Retail,
Cape Town.

Cancel:

FR
CT



NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINS
● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "G"

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

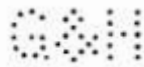
Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

G 7 ● ● ● ●



In use:
Dates: 8-6-1909, --9-1913.
Issues: EDVII,

Ident: Ø Garlick & Hand,

Cancel: Durban, Harrismith.



NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE


Letter "G"

G 8 ●●●

G&H

In use: c1900-1912.
 Dates: 10-9-1900, 20-7-1912.
 Issues: EDVII,

Ident: Garlick & Hand,




Cancel: Durban.

G 9 ●●●

G&H

In use:
 Dates: ---1908,
 Issues: EDVII,

Ident: Garlick & Hand,
 Durban.



Cancel: Durban, Pietermaritzburg,

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

G 21 ●●●●

G&H

In use:
 Dates: 1-4-1909,
 Issues: EDVII,

Ident:



Cancel: Durban.

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "H"

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

H4 ●

H&C

In use: 1870-1905.

Dates: 12-10-1904.

Issues: Seated Hope, Standing Hope, EDVII,

Ident: Hermann Cannard & Co,
Cape Town.

Cancel: Cape Town.



H5 ●

H&C

In use: c1907.

Dates: 1-12-1907,

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel: Port Elizabeth.

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINS
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "H"

H 6 ●

H&C^o



In use:
Dates: 17-12-1905, ---12-1907.
Issues: EDVII,

Ident: Halsted & Co,
P O Box 474 Port Elizabeth.

Cancel: Port Elizabeth, Queenstown.

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

H 10m ●

HJ



In use: c1890-1910.
Dates: 16-9-1901, --1-1910.
Issues: QVic, QVic (Postage Overprint), EDVII,

Ident: H J Brereton,

Cancel: Durban.

("m" = "HJB" Monogram.)

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

H 21 ●●

H&S



In use:
Dates: 10-7-1890, 2-11-1902.
Issues: Seated Hope,

Ident: Hansen & Schrader,
Durban.

Cancel: Port Elizabeth.

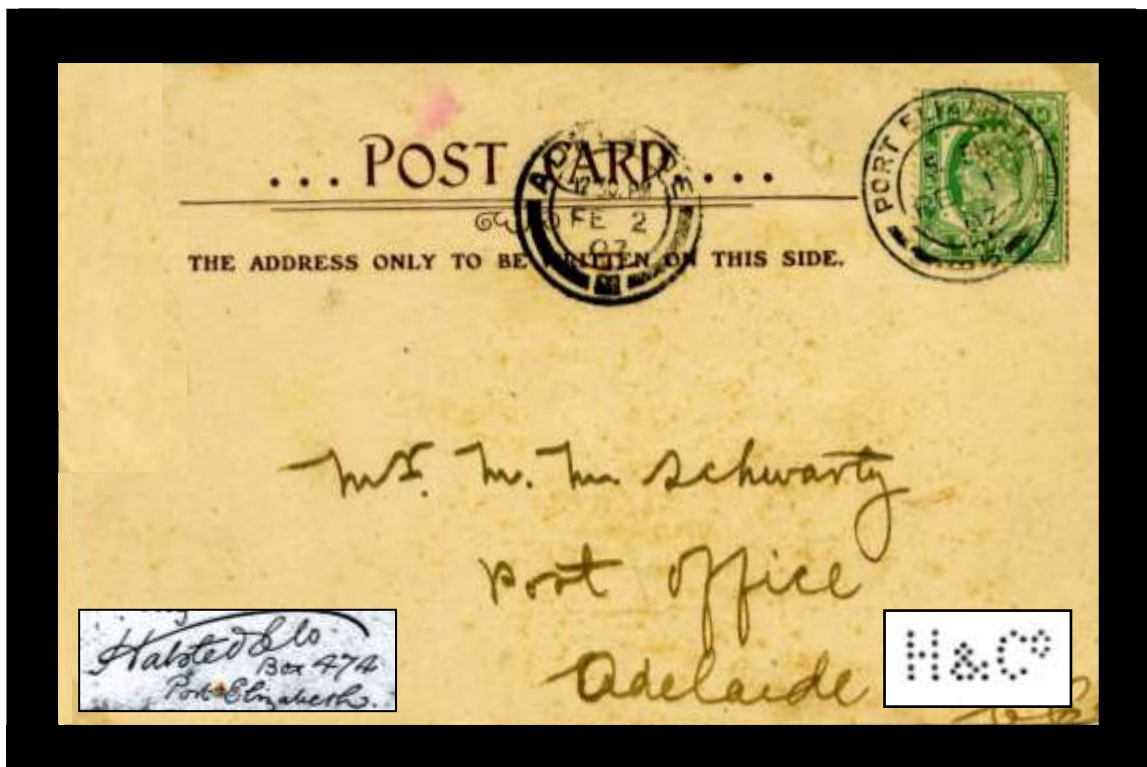
NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

H 10m●

H J Brereton, Durban 29-7-1901.



H 6● Halsted & Co, Port Elizabeth, 1-2-1907.



NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINS
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Letter "I"

In use: Dates: Issues: Ident: Cancel:

In use: Dates: Issues: Ident: Cancel:

In use: Dates: Issues: Ident: Cancel:

In use: Dates: Issues: Ident: Cancel:

In use: Dates: Issues: Ident: Cancel:

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● **DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE**

Letter "J"

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

J 4 ●

In use: c1880s.
 Dates:
 Issues: Qvic Revenue 1878-1884 Issues.

JL

Ident:

Cancel:



J 5 ●●●●

In use: c1904-1923.
 Dates: --6-1904, 19-1-1923.
 Issues: EDVII,

JDC

Ident:

Cancel: Johannesburg.



J 6 ●●●●

In use: c1910-1936+.
 Dates: 4-5-1901, 25-9-1926.
 Issues: Standing Hope, Arms, EDVII,

JD&C

Ident: John Dickinson & Co,
 Cape Town.

Cancel: Cape Town.



J 7 ●●

In use: c1908-1912.
 Dates: 20-5-1908, 24-10-1912.
 Issues: EDVII,

JD&C

Ident: John Daverin & Co Ltd,

Cancel: Durban, Cape Town.



NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● **DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE**

Letter "J"

J 8 ● ●

In use:
 Dates: 8-5-1901, 18-7 1902.
 Issues: Seated Hope, Standing Hope, EDVII,

Ident: John Daverin & Co Ltd,
 Port Elizabeth.

Cancel: Cape Town.

JDC
 18



J 9 ●

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

J&F



J 10 ●

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues: Seated Hope,

Ident:

Cancel: Cape Colony.

J.F.
 & S.



J 11 ● ● ● ●

In use:
 Dates: 26-5-1909, 18-4-1912.
 Issues: EDVII,
 EDVII Revenue use,
 Ident: John Garlick,
 Cape Town.

Cancel: Cape Town.

JG



J 12 ● ● ● ●

In use: c1909-1923.
 Dates: 21-12-1910, 1-10-1914.
 Issues: EDVII,
 EDVII Revenue use,
 Ident: John Garlick,
 Cape Town.

Cancel: Cape Town.

JG



NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINS
● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "J"

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

J 27M ● ● ● ●

In use: c1903-1940s.

Dates: 29-4-1902, 20-10-1913.

Issues: Seated Hope, Standing Hope, Arms,
Arms, EDVII,

Ident: J W Jagger & Co,
St George's Street, Cape Town.

Cancel: Cape Town, Johannesburg,

JWJ
& Co



Also recorded on GB stamps. J 8510.01M

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

J 27M●●●● J W Jagger & Co, Cape Town.

Date of 15-3-1911.



NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINS
● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "K"

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:


K 18 ●

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

K&R
LTD



In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "L"

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

L 2 ●

In use:

Dates: 8-10-1903, 27-4-1907.

Issues: Seated Hope, Standing Hope,
EDVII,

Ident: Liebermann, Beilstedt & Co,

L 2
80



Cancel: Port Elizabeth.

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "M"

M 1 ●●

In use: c1908.
 Dates: 30-5-1908, 16-12-1908.
 Issues: EDVII,

Ident:

Cancel: Pietermaritzburg.



M 2 ●●●●

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:



M 3 ●●●●●

In use:
 Dates: 24-5-1902, 12-12-1913.
 Issues: QVic, EDVII, EDVII Revenue use.

Ident: Münder & Auerswald,
 Durban.

Cancel: Durban.



M 4 ●●

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel: Johannesburg.



M 5 ●●

In use: c1912-1932.
 Dates: 9-3-1912, 31-7-1912.
 Issues: EDVII,

Ident: Malcolmess Ltd,
 Durban.

Cancel: Durban.



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ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINS
● ● ● ● **DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE**

Letter "M"

M 6 ●●●

In use: c1897-1914.
 Dates: 19-11-1903, 9-4-1913.
 Issues: Seated Hope, Standing Hope, EDVII,

Ident: Mitchell Cotts & Co,

Cancel: Cape Town.



M 7 ●

In use:
 Dates: 18-11-1903, 5-5-1904.
 Issues: Standing Hope, EDVII,

Ident:

Cancel: Cape Town.



M 8 ●

In use: c1900.
 Dates: 7-3-1900,
 Issues: Seated Hope, Standing Hope,

Ident:

Cancel: Port Elizabeth.



In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

M 10 ●

In use: c1905-1920.
 Dates: ---7-1913, 21-1-1920.
 Issues: EDVII,

Ident: Mosenthal & Co,
 East London.

Cancel: East London.



NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINS
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

M 3 ●●●● Múnder & Auerswald

Durban. 5-12-1903.



**NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
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● ● ● ● **DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE**

Letter "N"

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

N 8M ● ● ● ●

NOR

In use: 1906-1912.
 Dates: 24-3-1906, 4-1-1912.
 Issues: EDVII, EDVII **OFFICIAL** Ovpt stamps,

Ident: Natal Government Railways,



Cancel: Many:- Ladysmith, Point, Pietermaritzburg, Durban, Schroeders,

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

N 18 ●

NP

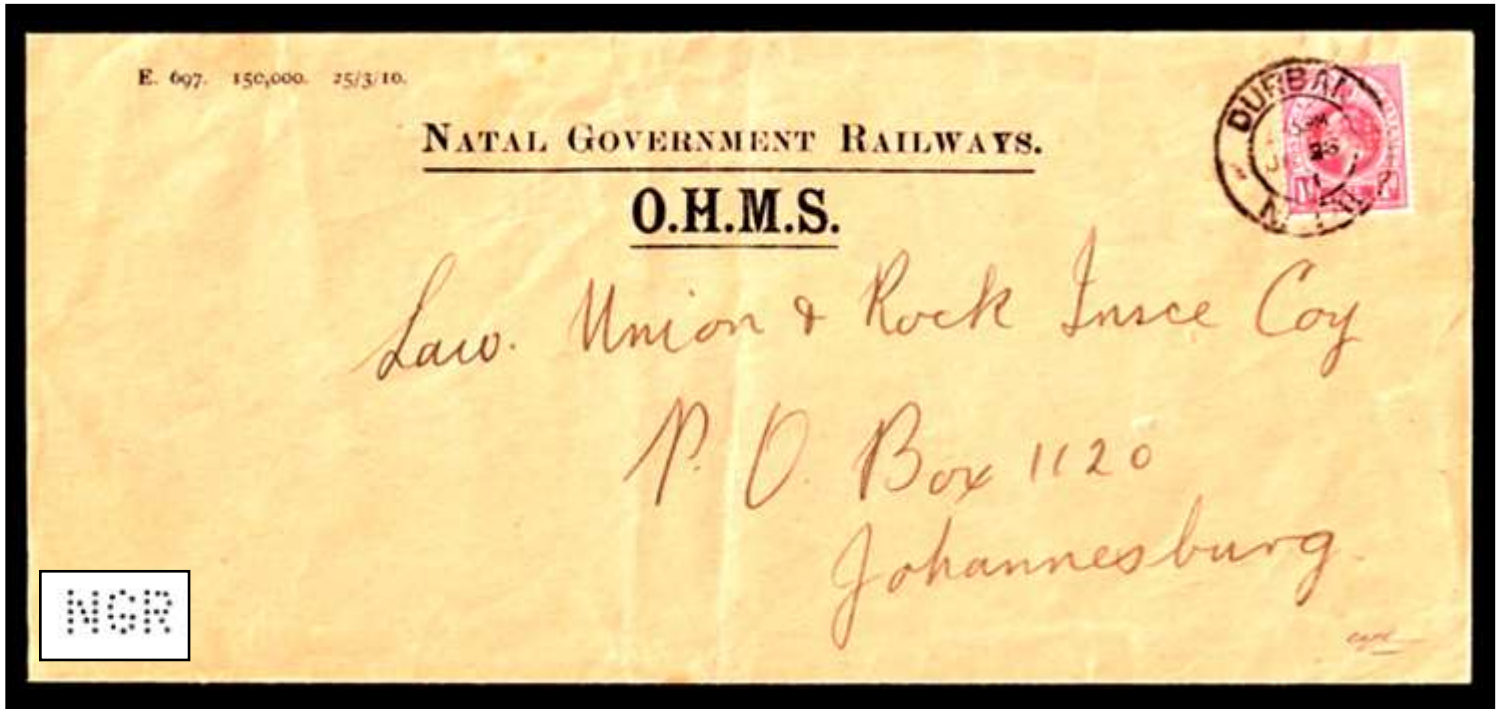
In use: 1902 Issues & 1908 Issues.
 Dates: 1---1908, 19-1-1909.
 Issues: EDVII Revenue use,
 Only noted on Revenue stamps,
 perfin through the document.
 Ident:



Cancel: Revenue use.

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

N 8M●●●● Natal Government Railways, O.H.M.S. Cover,
Durban. 23-6-1911.



NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINS
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "O"

O 1 ●

O. A.



In use:
Dates: 12-1-1892,
Issues: QVic,

Ident:

Cancel: Durban.

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

O 18 ●●

O S



In use: c1903-1930s.
Dates: 6-2-1903,
Issues: EDVII,

Ident:

NOTE: - Also found on Union stamps & Kenya Uganda & Tanganyika,

Cancel: Kimberley ?

NOTE: -

The die **O 18** "OS" is a recently discovered die, and was provided by Bas Payne U.K. There is doubt amongst some collectors as to it being genuine, as there is no history to sustain such a die. ? So it is left to the collector to decide.

Looks good to me!!

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
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Letter "P"

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

P 5 ●

P D & S



In use:
Dates: 26-4-1887, 20-11-1904.
Issues: QVic,

Ident: P Davis & Sons,
244 Longmarket Street, Pietermaritzberg. (The Natal Witness Newspaper).

Cancel: Durban. (More user information towards the end of the catalogue)

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

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ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "P"

P 14 ●

In use:
Dates: 12-2-1931,
Issues:

Ident: Pegram Ltd,
Rondebosch.

Cancel:

P
LD



In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

P 25 ● ●

In use: c1913-1958.
Dates: 2-7-1913, 9-9-1913.
Issues: EDVII,

Ident: Prince, Vintcent & Co,
Oudtshoorn.

Cancel: Oudtshoorn.

PV
& Co



In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

P 28 ●

In use: c1900-1906.
Dates: --9-1906,
Issues: Standing Hope, Arms,

Ident: Purcell, Yallop & Everett,
Durban.

Cancel: Cape Town.

PY.E.



NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "Q"

In use: Dates: Issues: Ident: Cancel:

In use: Dates: Issues: Ident: Cancel:

In use: Dates: Issues: Ident: Cancel:

In use: Dates: Issues: Ident: Cancel:

In use: Dates: Issues: Ident: Cancel:

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● **DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE**

Letter "R"

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

R 3 ●

R A
 T



In use:
 Dates: 24-8-1906,
 Issues: Seated Hope, (Surcharges) EDVII,

Ident:

Cancel: Cape Town.

R 4 ●

R&Co

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident: Ø Rogally & Co,

Cancel:

R 5 ● ● ● ●

R O



In use: 1900-c1917.
 Dates: 23-11-1900, 28-10-1913.
 Issues: QVic, EDVII,
 Only seen on Revenue use stamps, cancelled through the document. Different Provinces stamps are often found on the same document.
 High value postage stamps also with revenue use
 Ident: Registry of Deeds.
 Cancel: Registry Cachet.



(Die was withdrawn from service c1917).

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● **DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE**

Letter "R"

R 6 ●

In use: c1900-c1902.
 Dates: 22-10-1900,
 Issues: QVic, (Revenue & Postage stamps).
 Only noted on Natal stamps used for
 Revenue purposes.
 Cancelled through the document.
 Ident: : Registry of Deeds.
 Pietermaritzburg.



Seperate stamps.



Full die.

NOTE: - R 6 ●

These two letters are often found on separate stamps, giving the impression of separate dies , but they were one die with very large pins, used in the years prior to **R 5**.

R 7 ●

In use: 1902-1907.
 Dates: 5-8-1903,
 Issues: EDVII Revenue use,
 Only recorded on a Transvaal 2/6 Revenue stamp.



Ident:

Cancel: Manuscript.

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "R"

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

R 15 ●●●

RM



In use: 1888-1910.

Dates: 31-5-1895, 18-12-1908.

Issues: Seated Hope, Standing Hope, EDVII,

Ident: R Muller & Co,
77 Strand Street, Cape Town.

Cancel: Cape Town.

R 16 ●●

RM

In use: c1925.

Dates:

Issues:

Ident: R Muller & Co,
77 Strand Street, Cape Town.

Cancel: Cape Town.

R 17 ●

RN
& Co



In use: c1896-1903.

Dates: 10-11-1896, 25-9-1899.

Issues: Seated Hope, Standing Hope,

Ident: Rolfes, Nebel & Co,
Kimberley.

Cancel: Kimberley, Port Elizabeth.

In use:

Dates:

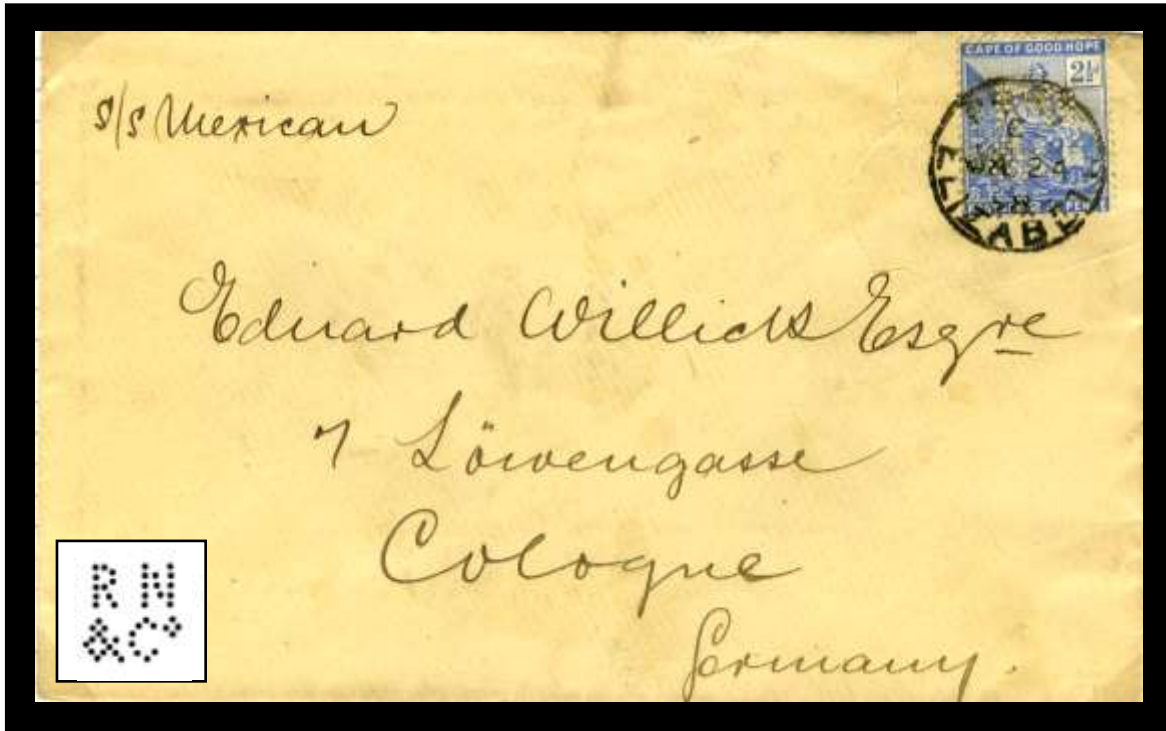
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

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●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

R 17 ● Rolfes, Nebel & Co, Kimberley. Dated 24-1-1898.



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ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● **DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE**

Letter "R"

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

R 22 ●

In use: c1890-1896.
 Dates: ---2-1895,
 Issues: QVic,

R V
 & CO



Ident: Robinson Vause & Co,
 Durban.

Cancel: Durban.

R 23 ●

In use: c1888-1896.
 Dates: 17-12-1888, 28-4-1896.
 Issues: QVic, (QVic Surcharges).

R V
 & CO



Ident: Robinson Vause & Co,
 Durban.

Cancel: Durban.

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

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ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● **DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE**

Letter "R"

R 26M ●●●

In use: 1900-1917.
 Dates: 27-3-1909, 19-9-1917.
 Issues: Standing Hope, EDVII,
 EDVII 1d Revenue,
 Ident: R Wilson Sons & Co,
 Cape Town.



Cancel: Cape Town. Company Cachet.

R 27 ●

In use: 1891-1905.
 Dates: 11-5-1891, ---4-1898,
 Issues: Qvic 1d Revenue stamp,
 EDVII, Seated Hope, Standing Hope,
 Ident: R Wilson Sons & Co,
 Cape Town.



Cancel: Cape Town, Manuscript.

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

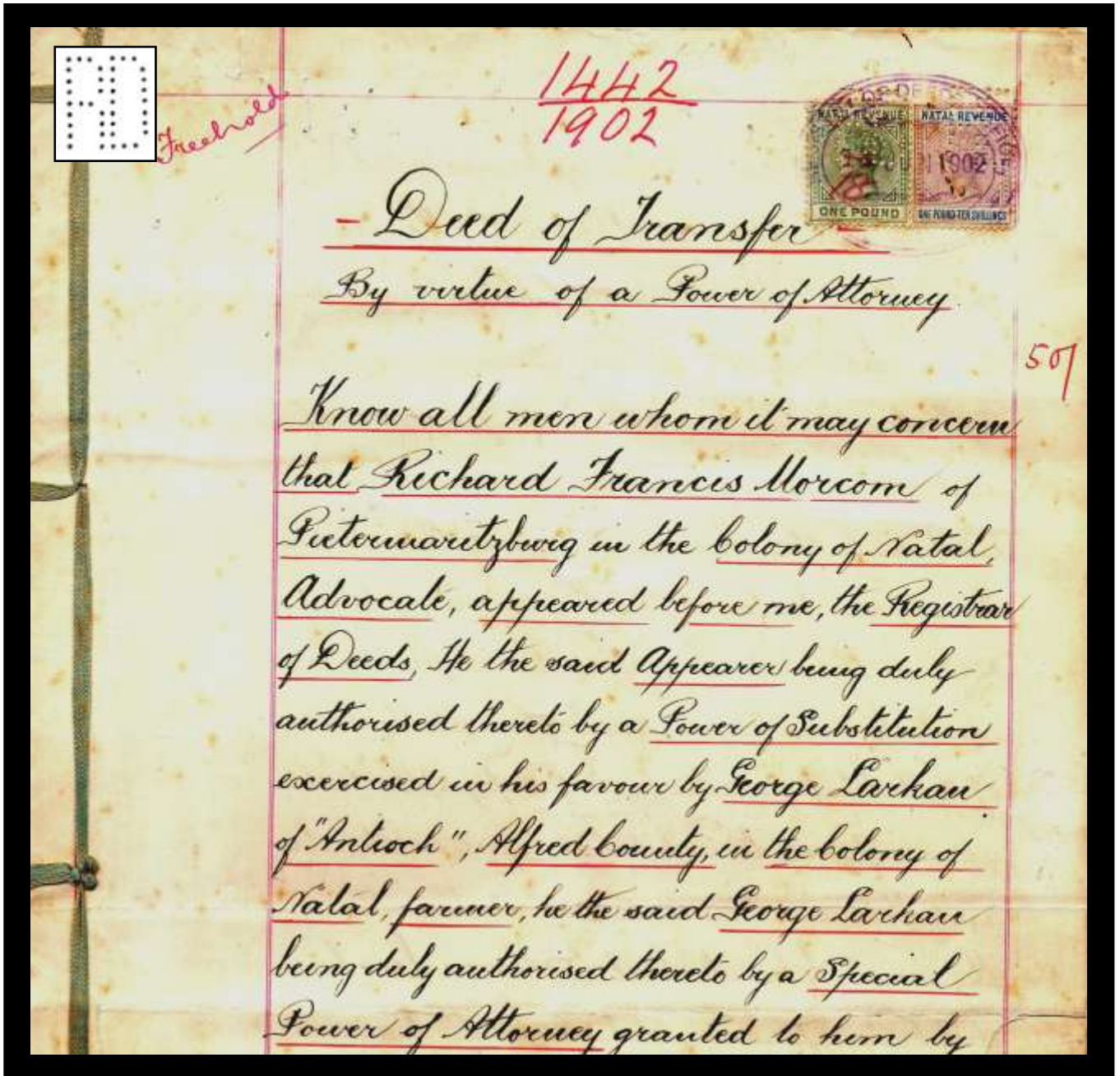
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 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

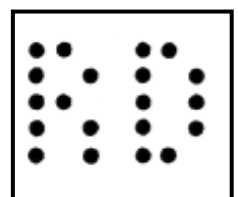
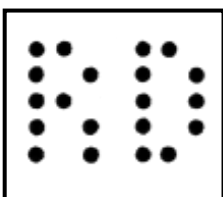
Cancel:

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● **DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE**

R 5 ● A Deed of Transfer Document, Dated 18-6-1902. (size reduced)



R 6 ● Strip on piece showing two Identical full strikes of the "RD" die



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ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "S"

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

S 2 ●●●●

In use:

Dates: 29-10-1901, 29-9-1910.

Issues: EDVII,

Ident: South Africa Railways.

Cancel: Johannesburg.



NOTE: - Letter "C" removed from die **C 19**

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

S 4 ●●●●

In use: 1906-1927.

Dates: 26-9-1907, 27-8-1927.

Issues: EDVII,

Ident: S Butcher & Sons,
Maydon Warf, Durban.

Cancel: Durban.



In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINS
● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "S"

S 6 ●

In use:
Dates:
Issues: EDVII,

Ident: Ø Stuttafords & Co Ltd,

Cancel: Johannesburg.

S&C
LTD



In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

S 13 ●

SE/G

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

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ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● **DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE**

Letter "S"

S 15 ●

In use: c1893-1910.
 Dates: 17-11-1891, 4-3-1910.
 Issues: Seated Hope, (Surcharges).
 Standing Hope, Arms, EDVII,
 Ident: Stephen Fraser & Co Ltd,

S F
& C



Cancel: Port Elizabeth.

S 16 ●●●

In use:
 Dates: 9-9-1893, 9-8-1911.
 Issues: Seated Hope, Standing Hope,
 Arms, EDVII,
 Ident: Stephen Fraser & Co Ltd,

S F
& C



Cancel: Port Elizabeth.

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:
 Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

S 19 ●

In use:
 Dates: 14-2-1907,
 Issues: EDVII Revenue use,
 Only noted on stamps used for Revenue purposes.
 Cancelled through the Document.
 Ident: Surveyor Generals Office,
 Pietermaritzburg.
 Cancel: Revenue Cachet.

S O



(Die inverted reversed)

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ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "S"

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

S 25 ●

In use:
Dates: 13-8-1895,
Issues: Seated Hope,

Ident: Ø Stafford Mayer & Co,
Durban.

Cancel: Port Elizabeth.

S M
S O



In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

S 32 ●

In use:
Dates:
Issues: EDVII,

Ident: Ø Sunday School Union,

Cancel:

S S U



Also recorded on GB stamps. S 6840.01M

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINS
● ● ● ● **DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE**

Letter "T"

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

T 2 ●



In use: c1900-1910.
 Dates: ----1904, 17-1-1907.
 Issues: £5, £10, EDVII, Postage & Revenue stamp,
 Revenue use,



Ident: Treasury Department,

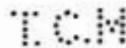
Cancel: Manuscript Date, Ø Usage at Pietermaritzburg.

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

T 4 ●



In use: c1900.
 Dates:
 Issues: V.R.I. 4d Ovpt British Occupation.



Ident:

Cancel:

T 5 ●●●●



In use: c1910-c1940s.
 Dates: 1-11-1911, ---3-1912.
 Issues: Standing Hope, EDVII,



Ident: Thomas Cook & Sons,
 Cape Town.

Cancel: Cape Town, Durban.

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ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINS
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "T"

T 6 ●●

T&C



In use: c1891-1911.
Dates: 25-11-1891, 14-12-1908.
Issues: QVic, QVic (Postage Overprint), EDVII,

Ident: Turner & Co,

Cancel: Pietermaritzburg. G.P.O. Natal Parcels.

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:

Dates:

Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

T 14 ●

T&B



In use: c1905.
Dates: 11-5-1905, 16-8-1905.
Issues: EDVII,

Ident:

Cancel: Pretoria.

T 15 ●●●●

T.L.



In use:
Dates: ---6-1909, 4-5-1911.
Issues: EDVII,

Ident:

Cancel: Johannesburg.

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "T"

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

T 24 ●


In use: 1885 Issue.
 Dates:
 Issues: QVic 1d Revenue stamp,

TS&C
PAID

Ident:

Cancel:

NOTE: (Also listed under **PAID** Cancellers, as it is thought to be a receipt canceller)




T 25 ●

In use: 1885 Issue.
 Dates:
 Issues: QVic 1d Revenue stamp,

TSY

Ident:

Cancel:



In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

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ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINS
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

T 15● Johannesburg, Dated 3-5-1911. User still unknown.



NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "U"

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

U 3 ●●●●

In use: c1911-1919.
Dates: 30-10-1911,
Issues: EDVII,

Ident: Union Castle Mail Steamship Co,

Cancel: Cape Town, East London, Johannesburg.

U-O
O-O



U 4M ●●●●

In use: c1906-1937.
Dates: 2-11-1903, ---6-1912.
Issues: QVic, Seated Hope, Standing Hope,
Arms, EDVII,
Ident: Union Castle Mail Steamship Co Ltd,

Cancel: Port Elizabeth, East London,
Durban, Johannesburg.

Also recorded on GB stamps. U 0420.02M

U-O
O-O



In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

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ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINS
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "U"

U7 ●

In use: c1900-c1930.
Dates: 19-11-1904, 22-10-1910,
Issues: Standing Hope 2/6 Revenue use,
EDVII 10/- Revenue use,
Ident: Union Discount Co Ltd,
(Clearing & Investment Bank) 39 Cornhill, London EC 3.
Cancelled through the Document.

UDC ● LP



Cancel: Manuscript.

Also recorded on GB Foreign/Bill stamps. U 07.01

NOTE : - This perfin cancellation die has also been noted on the Revenues of : -
U.S.A., Peru, Cuba, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Uruguay, Mexico, India Special Adhesives,
South Africa, New Zealand, & Straits Settlements, Saint Vincent.

NOTE: - Cancellation Perfin, applied after fixing to document.

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

U 22 ●●●

In use: c1911-1924.
Dates: 11-4-1911, 29-5-1924.
Issues: EDVII,
NOTE: - Narrow Setting.
Ident: United Tobacco Companies (South) Ltd,
32 Kloof Street, Cape Town.

UTC
LP



Cancel: Cape Town, Durban.

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINS
● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "V"

In use:
Dates:
Issues:



Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

V 3m ● 

In use: c1908-1915.
Dates:
Issues: EDVII,

Ident: Ø Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co, (International Agricultural Seed Growers).

Cancel: Also recorded on GB stamps. V 0085.01m

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

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ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "W"

W 1 ●●●



In use:
 Dates: 18-7-1902, 12-3-1905.
 Issues: QVic, EDVII,
 With **CUSTOMS DUTY** Overprint in **Red**.
 Ident: The Natal Witness Newspaper,

Cancel: Pietermaritzburg. (More user information towards the end of the catalogue)

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

W 5 ●



In use:
 Dates:
 Issues: Standing Hope, Arms,

Ident:

Cancel: Cape Town.

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "W"

W 8 ● ● ●

In use: c1912-1947.
Dates: --10-1912,
Issues: EDVII,

Ident: William Dawson & Sons, (South Africa) Ltd.

Cancel: Johannesburg.

WD
S



In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

W 23 ●

In use: C1900-1912.
Dates:
Issues: EDVII,

With **CUSTOMS DUTY** Overprint in **Black**.

Ident: Ø W T Glover & Co Ltd, (Electric Wire & Cable Manufacturers).

Cancel:

WTS
M



Also recorded on GB stamps. W 7480.01

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "X"

In use: Dates: Issues: Ident: Cancel:

In use: Dates: Issues: Ident: Cancel:

In use: Dates: Issues: Ident: Cancel:

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NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "Y"

In use: Dates: Issues: Ident: Cancel:

In use: Dates: Issues: Ident: Cancel:

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In use: Dates: Issues: Ident: Cancel:

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
 DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "Z"

In use: Dates: Issues: Ident: Cancel:

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In use: Dates: Issues: Ident: Cancel:

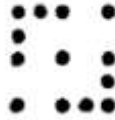
In use: Dates: Issues: Ident: Cancel:

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINS
● ● ● ● **DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE**

Letter "Designs"

Des 1 ● ●

In use: c1913.
 Dates:
 Issues: EDVII Revenue use,
 Stamps used for Passport fees & Naturalization certificates.



Ident: Department of the Interior.

Cancel: Cachet.



In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

Des 11 ●

In use:
 Dates: 24-11-1905, 7-7-1906.
 Issues: EDVII,



Ident: The Natal Witness Newspaper,
NOTE: - 13 Parallel holes.

Cancel: Pietermaritzburg. (More user information towards the end of the catalogue)

Des 12 ●

In use: c1904-1913.
 Dates: 4-2-1904, 25-7-1906.
 Issues: Seated Hope Standing Hope, EDVII,



Ident: Cape Government Printers, COGH Colonial Secretaries Dept,
 Cape Town.

Cancel: Commonly known to collectors as the "Butterfly"

Des 13 ●

In use: c1886-1905.
 Dates:
 Issues: 1886 5/- Revenue Issue,



Ident:

Cancel: Oval Cachet.

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ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● **DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE**

Letter "Designs"

Des 14 ●

In use: 1886 Issues.
 Dates:
 Issues: QVic £1 & £5 Revenue stamp.

Ident: ----- Department.

Cancel: Oval Cachet.



Des 23 ●

In use: c1886-1905.
 Dates: ----1895, ---1905.
 Issues: V.R.I. Revenues, EDVII, Revenues.
 1886-1894 Revenues, Transvaal Overprints.
 1894 Customs Frank Fees 6d, 1/-, 5/-,

Ident:
 (1) Commissioners Office, Pretoria.
 (2) Surveyor Generals Office, Pietermaritzburg.
 (3) Customs Offices,

Cancel: Cachet, & Manuscript.



Des 24 ●

In use: c1895-1913.
 Dates: 14-9-1896, 30-12-1913.
 Issues: EDVII Postage stamps.

Ident:

Cancel: Pietermaritzburg, Pretoria, Oudtshoorn, East London.




NOTE: -

Designs 23 & 24 above are not considered to be true perfin, more a type of cancelling obliterator.
 Often found cancelling cables.

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● **DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE**

Des 23 ● Commissioners Office, Pretoria. 4-4-1901.
 Considered to be a cancelling device (Obliterator)

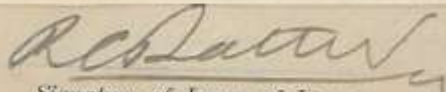


Commissioner's Office, Pretoria.

4 April 1901.

Licence is hereby granted to (a) Deelfoo Buis Co.
per J.A. Meyneken Secy.
 residing at 596. Church Street. Pretoria.
 to carry on the business or profession of General Dealer
 at 193. St-Andrews St. for a period of Three months
 ending 30th June 1901, having paid the sum of
Two Pounds one Shilling for this Licence.

£ 2 : 1 : 3


 Signature of Issuer of Licence.

(a) Full name of Licensee, as well as of each Partner, to be inserted.




Image Courtesy of Bas Payne.

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ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINS
●●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "Numbers"

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

No 9 ●

In use: c1900.
Dates: 28-5-1900,
Issues: V.R.I. 3d Ovpt British Occupation.

Ident: "Oranje Vrijstaat Staats Spoorwegen"
Orange Free State Railways.

Cancel: Springfontein.

9
OVSS



In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

No 16 ●

In use: c1900.
Dates:
Issues: QVic,

Ident: Sixteenth Queens Lancers,

NOTE: Also Recorded used on the QVic stamps of India. Umballa c1890s.

Cancel:

NOTE: The Regiment left India Dec 1899, arriving in South Africa in Jan 1900 (Relief of Kimberley)

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ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

Letter "Numbers"

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:


No 29 ●

In use: c1878 Issue.
Dates:
Issues: QVic 1/- Revenue stamp.

Ident:

Cancel: Manuscript. (Date canceller)

2 9



In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

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● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

CARPET DIES (Receipts, & Paid Cancelling Devices).

Paid P 1 ● ●

In use: c1882-1899 Issues.
Dates: 7-6-1899,
Issues: 1d, 2/-, & 3/-,
Revenues & Cheques.
Ident: The National Bank of
the Orange Free State Ltd.
Bloemfontein.
Cancel: Large PAID Date canceller.

PAID
9 JUN 1899

(Cancelling Device).



CANCELLED C 30 ●

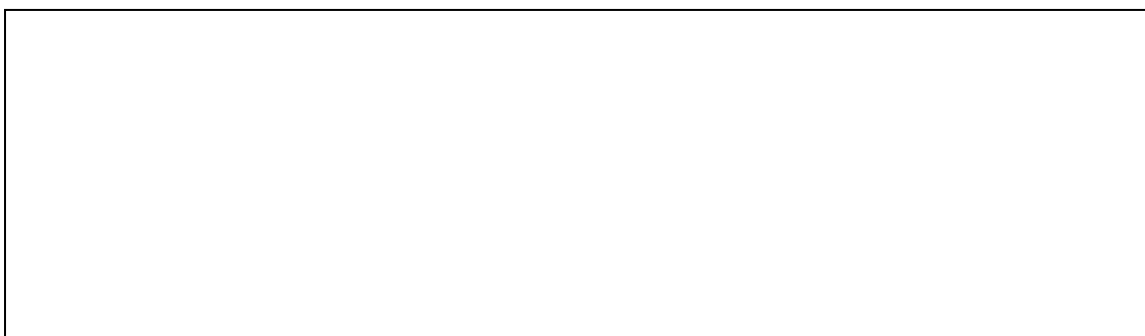
In use: c1908-1911.
Dates: ---5-1911,
Issues: EDVII,

Ident: Ø Thomas Cook & Sons,

Cancel: Receipt & Date canceller.

5 COOK

(Cancelling Device).



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ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

CARPET DIES (Receipts, & Paid Cancelling Devices).

CANCELLED V 1●

In use: c1871 issues -c1903.
Dates: 10-7-1897, 2-6-1903.

Issues: Fiscal stamps
Dutch for Invalid. (Cancelled).

VERBODEN
20 JUL 1899

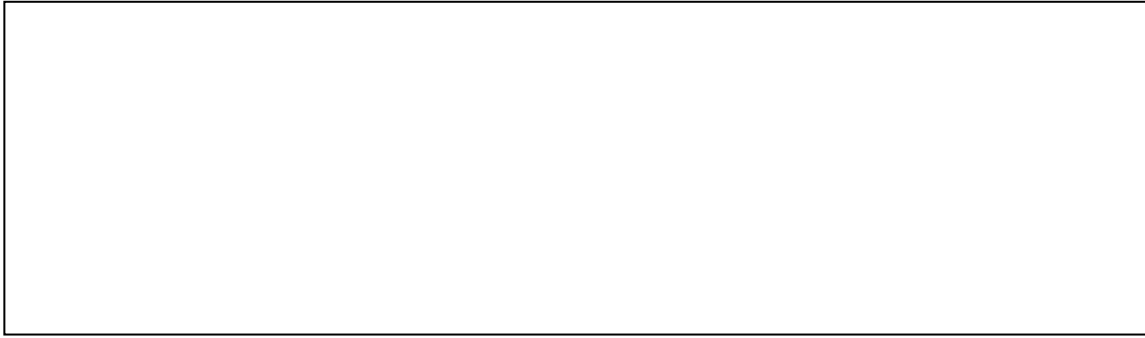


Ident:

Fiscal use only, Un-overprinted & V.R.I. & Value.
Also found on the early embossed issues of 1871.

Cancel: Cachet, Manuscript,

(Cancelling Device).



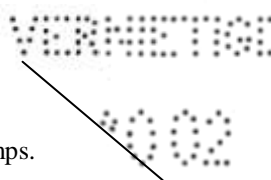

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ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
●●● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

CARPET DIES (Receipts, & Paid Cancelling Devices).

CANCELLED V 1 ●●

In use: c1900-1911.
 Dates: 5-1-1905, ---9-1911.
 Issues: EDVII, Fiscally used stamps.
 Dutch for Invalid. (Cancelled).

Ident: Fiscal use only,
 Cancel: O F S Cachet, Manuscript,

(Cancelling Device).

CANCELLED W 21 ●

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident: W Merrick & Co,
 Pietermaritzberg.

Cancel: Receipt



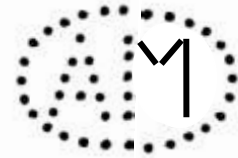

(Cancelling Device).

CANCELLED AM ●

In use: c1912.
 Dates: 24-1-1912,
 Issues: EDVII, Fiscally used 2/6 stamp.

Ident: Andrew Moir & Co,

Cancel: Revenue use.






CANCELLED 2 ●

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues: QVic (Postage Overprint),

Ident:



Cancel: Revenue use.

CANCELLED 3 ●●

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues: QVic (Company Cachet),
 1886 Revenues,
 Ident:

Cancel: Revenue use.

NATAL TRANSVAAL COGH &
ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● **DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE**

CARPET DIES (Receipts, & Paid Cancelling Devices).

Paid P 1 ●●

In use: 1885 Issue.
 Dates: 21-11-1894,
 Issues: QVic 1d Revenue stamp.

PAID



Ident: The National Bank of the Orange Free State Ltd,

Cancel: Port Elizabeth (Full die is 3 pages above)

Paid P 2 ●

In use: 1885 Issue.
 Dates:
 Issues: QVic 1d Revenue stamp.

PAID



Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
 Dates:
 Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

Paid P 4 ●

In use: 1885 Issue.
 Dates:
 Issues: QVic 1d Revenue stamp.

PAID
 FRD & BRY



Ident: Gibberd Bryant & Co,
 East London.

Cancel: (Thought to be a Paid receipt canceller)

T 24 ●

In use: 1885 Issue.
 Dates:
 Issues: QVic 1d Revenue stamp.

T S & O
 PAID



Ident:

Cancel: (Thought to be a Paid receipt canceller)

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ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINs
● ● ● ● DOTS INDICATE PROVINCE

CARPET DIES (Receipts, & Paid Cancelling Devices).

Paid P 5●

In use:
Dates:
Issues: EDVII,

Ident: Mc DON----

McDON
PAID



Cancel: (Thought to be a Paid receipt canceller)

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

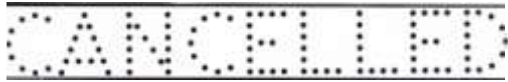
In use:
Dates:
Issues:

Ident:

Cancel:

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ORANGE FREE STATE (O R C) PERFINS
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This item is by courtesy of Bas Payne.



CANCELLED 1●●

Large “CANCELLED” perfin, covers several stamps:



Found with 1913-14 cancellations, on V R I Orange Tree surcharges, EDVII provincial postage stamps, Union commemoratives, and GV kings head postage stamps. Hundreds known.

(No mint examples known.) All denominations from 1d to £1 (no ½d stamps yet seen!) larger denominations just as common as low denominations (apart from £1, which is scarce). Narrow date range: most between 13 November 1913 and 28 February 1914, but two outliers in September 1914.

Wide range of smaller and larger post offices; parcel office cancellations fairly common. Clear from microscope examination that they were cancelled before they were perfined; probably all by same machine, probably perfined on forms in bundles – a few with retained discs, and would explain placement not really in relation to stamps. ? Audit followed by destruction; one leakage

suggested explanations includes use on Telegram forms.

Used to pay customs duty on foreign parcels seems more likely.

Any information or suggestions welcomed! Especially on piece!!

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Do not confuse with earlier different CANCELLED perfin on Natal legal documents – letters have a different number of holes, e.g. E is 7 x 5 against 6 x 4.



1889 Three Pence on part Share Certificate

THE "NATAL WITNESS" NEWSPAPER AND ITS PERFINS

By Roger Porter. RDPSA.

There are four types of perfins used by the firm of P. Davis & Sons, Pietermaritzburg publishers of "*The Natal Witness*" newspaper for about 30 years at least. These are a 'PD&S' / 'D&S' that have been seen only on QV Natal stamps, a 'D' and 'W' seen on both QV and KE VII stamps, and a pair of vertical parallel holes found on KE VII stamps of Natal. *The Natal Witness* is South Africa's oldest newspaper. These perfins may be found on stamps used on letters, postcards, or parcels. The 1d, 2d QV, ½d, 1d, 3d, 6d, and 1s KE VII stamps are recorded with the 'Witness' type perfins. Businesses would perforate stamps with letters or other symbols to prevent them being pilfered.

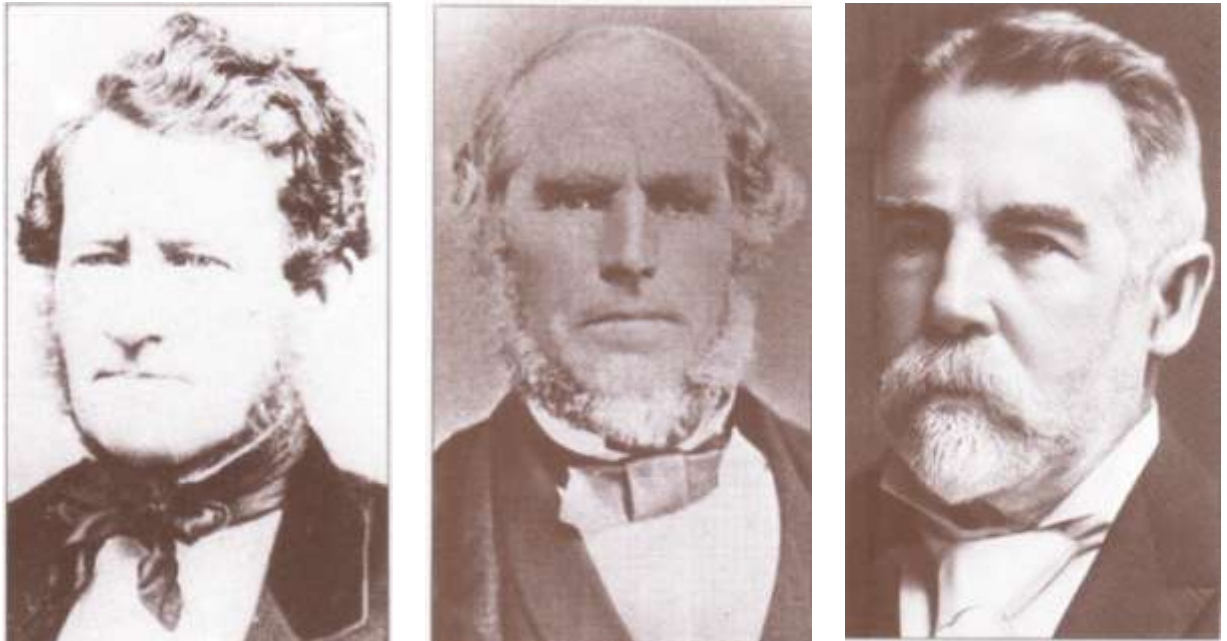
David Dale Buchanan (Fig.1 below) the founder of the *Natal Witness* newspaper, wrote to Donald Moodie, Secretary to the Governor of Natal on 23 Feb 1846 informing him that he was about to publish a newspaper in Pietermaritzburg. Three days later the first issue of the newspaper appeared on 27 February 1846 (Anon. 1981). Buchanan came from Scotland and together with his brother arrived in Cape Town where David worked for the *Cape Town Mail*, but became dissatisfied and ventured to Natal with his wife and children arriving in January 1846. He brought printers type and a hand-operated press that produced 200 copies per hour which were handed out free.

The paper was carried to Durban together with mail (charged 6d / sheet) by runners. Initially the 'Witness Private Mail Service' left at noon on Saturdays returning on Thursday. Later the arrangement was for a runner from Pietermaritzburg and one from Durban to meet halfway and exchanged mail bags. They were each paid 6d per trip.

In 1852 Buchanan handed over control of the *Natal Witness* to the firm of John May and Peter Davis but he remained as editor. May retired in 1860 and Davis remained in charge. He established the firm P. Davis & Sons. In 1868 Buchanan left for England and when he returned he found that his law practice had diminished. He contracted malaria and later died in September 1874.

Peter Davis (Senior) was mayor of Pietermaritzburg on three occasions and retired in 1873. In 1876 a steam press was acquired which allowed for a larger production of the newspaper. Peter Davis Junior took over control when his father retired and is credited with being a pioneer of journalism in South Africa. The business expanded its commercial activities and advertised that they were also lithographers, illuminators, booksellers and stationers. Davis retired in 1916 but died in 1919. at the age of 82.

THE COMPANY.



From left to right. David Dale Buchanan (1819-74) founded the *Natal Witness*. Peter Davis Senior (1814-85) established the firm of P. Davis & Sons. Peter Davis Junior (1837-1919) ran the business for 42 years (ex Anon 1981).

THE PERFINS.

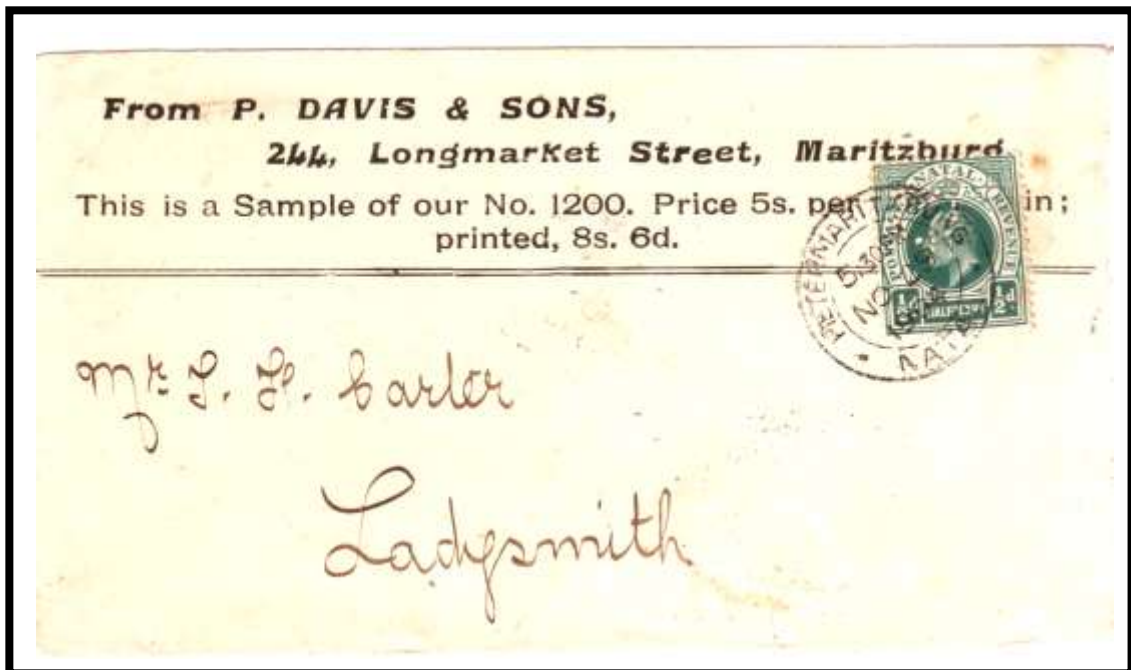
It was during the time when Peter Davis Junior was in control of *The Natal Witness* that the first perfins were used reading either 'PD&S' or 'D&S' They were used by P. Davis & Sons of Pietermaritzburg.



THE 'D' PERFIN.



The 'D' perfin is composed of 13 holes, the earliest date recorded is 28 AP 1902 and the latest date is 1909. This perfin is found facing either left, right, up, or down, double, and with missing perfin holes.



1904 'P. Davis & Sons, and address of the Natal Witness' cover with 1/2d perfin stamp cancelled Pietermaritzburg NO 20 1904 to Ladysmith 29 NO 1904.

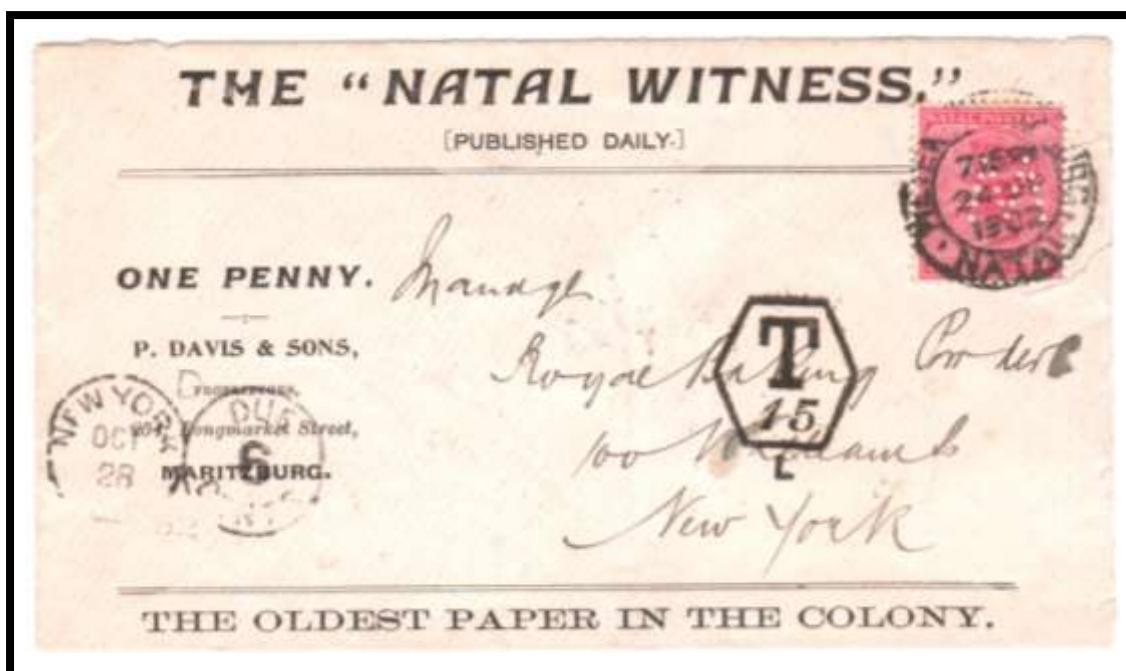
Varieties of the 'D' perfin.



THE 'W' PERFIN.



The 'W' perfin comprises 17 punched holes. The earliest use is on a cover dated 18 AU 1902 and the latest use is 3 DE 1905. It is found normal, inverted, facing left or right, with missing perfin holes, or some blind, and rarely as a double perfin.



1902 taxed 'NATAL WITNESS' cover cancelled Pietermaritzburg 24 SP 1902, stamp with inverted 'W', to New York underpaid by 1½d. On arrival on 10 OCT 1902 taxed 6 cents (15 centimes).

THE 'W' PERFIN.

W



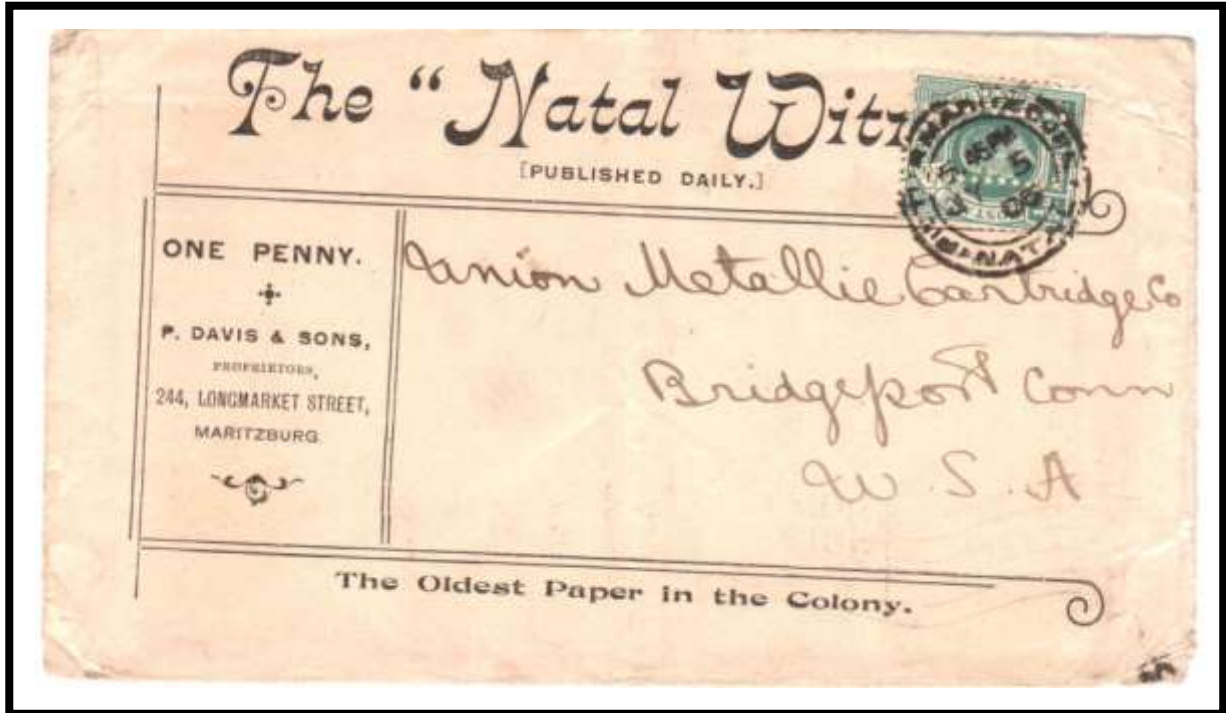
1904 Half Penny postcard having a printed 'Witness' subscriptions message from P. Davis & Sons (confirming company ownership of the Natal Witness). Additional ½d stamp with 'W' perfin cancelled Pietermaritzburg MR 2 1904 to Hamburg, Germany 28 3 04.



Perfin varieties; double and missing pins.

PAIR OF PARALLEL PERFIN HOLES.

The earliest use of the pair of parallel perfins is NO 24 05 and the latest use is JL 7 06 Each row is composed of 13 punched holes. It may be found as a single vertical row of holes. Importantly it should not be confused with the stamps being miss-perforated.



1906 'The "Natal Witness" commercial cover at ½d postage rate. The stamp having a pair of parallel rows of perfin holes cancelled Pietermaritzburg JY 5 06 to U S A. Back stamped Bridgeport on AUG 7 1906.



A Perfin double row, and a single vertical row of holes.

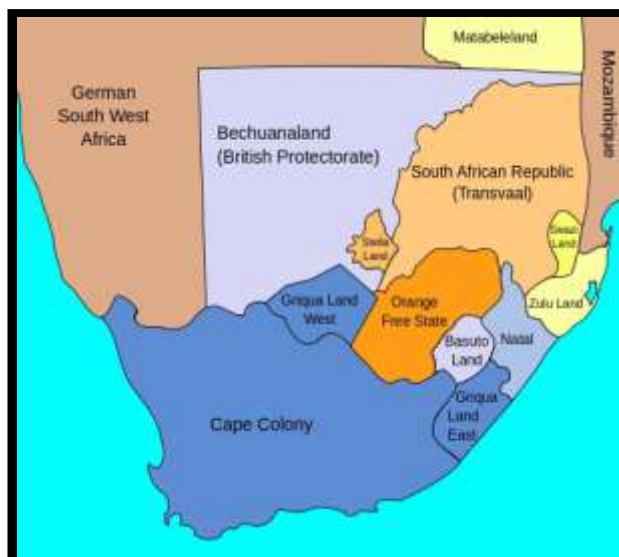
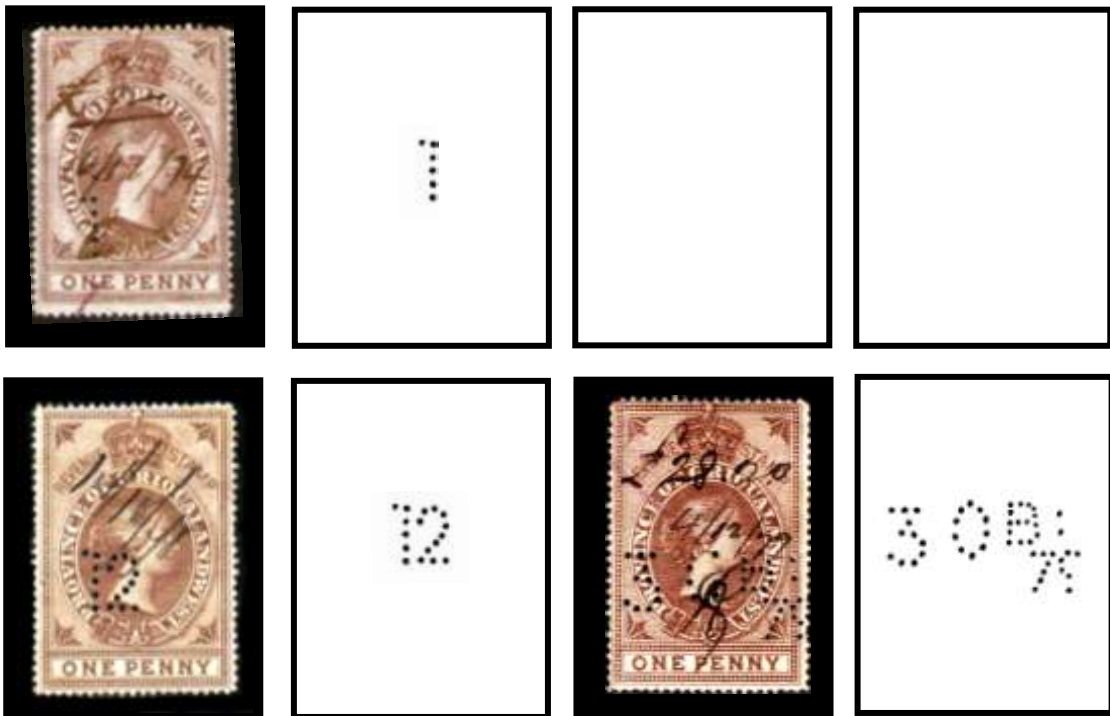
REFERENCE.

Anon. 1981. Open Testimony: The Story of *The Natal Witness*. Natal Witness PTY Ltd, Pietermaritzburg.

THE PERFIN'S OF GRIQUALAND WEST

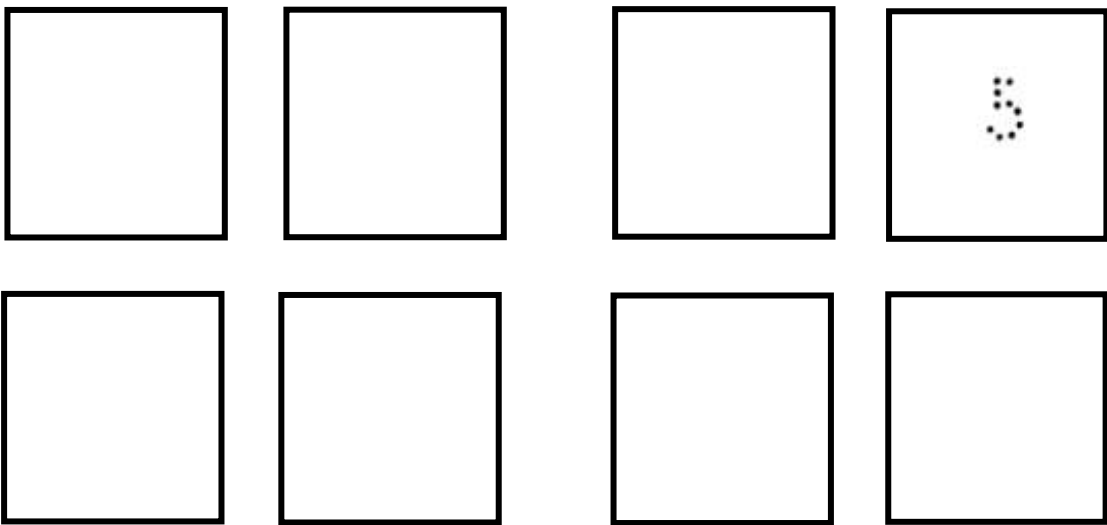
Queen Victoria Revenue stamps c 1870s.
Province of Griqualand West,
Dates of: - 16-12-1874, 14-10-1878, 4-12-1879.

NOTE : - Other blank pins are noted to the left of "12"
Probable Date cancels.



THE PERFIN'S OF GRIQUALAND WEST

Cape of Good Hope stamp with "G" overprint.
Province of Griqualand West,



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From an interest point of view I am including this page of **Fake Overprints**. Over the last few years there have been quite a number of these fake overprints found. Most of them are easily recognized as fakes with the overprint being on top of the cancel, the wrong font, or of the wrong dimensions.

Below are some examples to give the collector an image of what to look out for. British cancels are most prevalent, and wrong dimensions, fonts etc. **Fake** overprints can also be found on British perfin stamps overprinted "British Oil Rivers" & "British Protectorate Oil Rivers"

No genuine overprinted stamps with perfins have so far been recorded.

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BRITISH PROTECTORATE OIL RIVERS



BRITISH OIL RIVERS

