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PERFIN ARTICLES

Included in this issue is a list of all known articles on the subject of G.B. perfins. There are probably many more which we have not recorded and we shall be glad to receive details of any not listed.

Mr Tomkins sent a copy of the following article which he found written up as the introduction to a collection of 1d red perfins he purchased. Unfortunately the list referred to was not included. The collection was made up in 1921.

"STAMPS PERFORATED WITH NAMES AND INITIALS OF  
PRIVATE FIRMS BY MESSRS SLOPER'S PATENT".

By- Walter Morley

"About the year 1867 Mr Sloper received Letters Patent for his invention of perforating stamps with initials, names or designs of private firms, initials being most usually adopted. A collection of these perforated stamps forms a very interesting study, and it need hardly be said that some specimens are exceedingly scarce while there are errors etc. to look for.

I believe I am correct in stating that this firm enjoyed the exclusive monopoly of this perforation business until the expiration of the time of the letters patent, so that the stamps done by them during that period, (which would include all the 1d reds), have a semi-official character attached to them.

Previous to perforations through the stamps, overprinting on the face and back, and in the case of envelope stamps a circular band containing the firm's name round the die, were resorted to, both these being printed by the Government. The Oxford Union Society apparently were the first to adopt the overprinting, its' initials O.U.S. in red on the face of the stamps being found as early as the 1d reds with stars in upper corners, the other usually found being Messrs Copestake Moore Crampton & Co in red, and Boyd & Co in black, both of them on the back of the stamp, and varieties exist of the 3d rose, 6d violet, 6d grey, 1/- green, 1d red brown of 1880, with names on back in the colours of the stamps.

Below I give a list of the initials etc of the firm's names that I have met with, several plate numbers are found to some firms, whilst the earliest number found is plate 102 and the latest 225. I have confined my list to the varieties found on the 1d reds only. I have only been able to give a very few of the names of the firms the initials belong to."

DOES ANYONE KNOW OF THIS ARTICLE?

" A HISTORY OF J. SLOPER & CO'S STAMP SECURITY SERVICE THROUGH FIVE REIGNS GIVEN IN DOCUMENTS"

A brochure consisting of reproductions of original documents and letters to and from the Post Office begging and granting recognition of the process. With illustrations of original Patents and containing a list of many users of these stamps. Printed and Published by Sloper & Co.

BRITISH STAMPS PERFORATED WITH FIRMS INITIALS

A Handbook by F.H.Vallancey dealing with the early history of these stamps, the invention of the perforating machine by J.S.Sloper, and the correspondance leading up to the official recognition of this form of protection.

STAMP COLLECTORS ANNUAL 1907

Contains an article entitled "The Board of Trade Officials". A 4 page article with illustration and checklist.

STAMP COLLECTORS ANNUAL 1944

Contains a fairly comprehensive catalogue of perforated official stamps of the whole world compiled by A.H.Harris. The stamps are well illustrated and priced.

PHILATELIC ADVISER

June 1950  
to  
November 1950

"The Perforated Official Stamps of Great Britain" by H.T.Jackson. A comprehensive article covering the subject in detail and including information on forgeries.

WEST END PHILATELIST

July 1944  
Oct. 1944  
Jan. - May. 1945  
Oct. - Dec. 1946  
Jan. - Feb. 1947

A very useful series of articles by Charles Bein entitled "SPIFS" in which he outlines their history, gives details of some "Officials", and suggests methods of Collecting and mounting.

GIBBONS STAMP MONTHLY

Nov. 1942

Article explaining why perforated officials are not catalogued.

STAMP MAGAZINE

Jan. 1954

General article on perfins brj R.J.Sutton entitled "HOLES". Nicely illustrated.

STAMP COLLECTING

7th May. 1949 :

Short note on Stationary Office Officials.

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Listed below are a number of unidentified full names which are to be found on the stamps of G.B. The issue or issues on which they are known are given together with the postmark. It is hoped that by this means some members may be able to recognise certain of the companies and will advise us accordingly.

ATLAS/BILSTON	K.G.V.	HARE	Q.V.
BATTY/&Co	K.E.VII	HETH	G.V.
BICLAM	Q.V.	HILL/&/SONS	1d lilac.London.
BIGGS	1d lilac.London	HURLL	G.V. Glasgow
BIRD	1d lilac.London	HUTTON	Q.V. London
BLA/KEY	Q.V.	HYAM	EVII,GV.
BLISS	EVII,G.V.	I/BOX/Co	Q.V. Ipswich
BROIL	E.VII Hull	IDE	Q.V. London
BROOK	E.VII London	IDRIS	E.VII,
BRYCE	Q.V.	JAFFE	Q.V.
BUTT	1d lilac.Brighton	J/BOX	Q.V.
CARTER	G.V, G.VI	KENT	EVII-GV London
CENTURY	E.VII	KESSLER	G.V. Bradford
CHUBB	G.V.	KUHNER	1d red London
CITY/BK	Q.V.		
COAL	G.V.	LAF/AYE/TTE	G.V.
COWAN	1d red.	LEE	EVII
CRAMER/&Co		LIGHT	1d lilac.London
CRISP	E.VII.	LINE	QV-GV. London
CROS	G.V.	LYON/&/HALL	QV,EVII. Brighton
CURRIE	Q.V.London	LYONS	E.VII.
CZAR	E.VII London	MAZA	QV-GV.
DALE Co	1d lilac.Coalbrook	MAIN	E.VII.
DOCK/RELL	G.V.	MERCY	G.V.
DOWN	1d lilac	MINTON	Q.V.-GV. Stoke
DRAY	G.V. G.VI.	MOY	Q.V.,EVII Ipswich
DRUCE	1d lilac. London.	MYERS	EVII,GV. London
DUNCAN	1d lilac. London	NAIRN	EVII,GV.
DUFF	Q.V.,E.VII.	NICHOLSON	Q.V.
DUNLOPS	G.V.		
DUNN	E.VII.	ORR	G.V. Cambridge
ECHO	G.V,G.VI.	PALE/THORPE	E.VII.
EDI/SWAN	1d lilac. London	PANTIN	G.V. London
E&T/PINK	QV,EVII London	PAUL	EVII-EVIII Ipswich
EVANS/&Co	1d red	PAX	1d lilac Ramsgate
FLOUR	E.VII	PLAYER	E.VII. Luton
FORCE/FOOD	E.VII.	POCHIN	1d red
		POLY	EVII-EVIII London
GIDDY	1d lilac.		
GLYN	QV-G.V.	RIGBY	E.VII
GRAND	E.VII.	ROPNER	E.VII
GRAPHIC	Q.V.,E.VII London	ROSE/&Co	G.V.

To be continued.

SALT	K.G.V.	TRAVERS	1d Red.
SAND	K.E.VII.	TUTILL/LONDON.	EYII.
SELL	E.VII.,G.V.		
SINGER	G.V.-G.VI.	WADE	EVII Hull.
SLIM	EVII,G.V. Colchester.	WATTS	1d Lilac.
SPENCER	Q.V.-G.V. Wednesbury.	WHEEN	EVII. Deptford.
SPERO	E.VII-G.VI.	WILD	Q.V. Bury.
SPIERS	E.VII.	WILLING	1d Lilac London.,
SUGG	G.V.	WIL/LING	Q.V.
SUTTON/READING	QV-EV11 Reading.		
SUTTON/&/SONS	EVII-GV Reading.	YOST	EVII-G.V. London.

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6th Aug. 1949 : "BRITISH OFFICIALS" by A.M.Beaton has 1/3 of a page on perforated officials.

14th Aug. 1953 : Note on perforated officials.

28th Aug. 1953 : Letter about "H M S O" type.

16th Oct. 1953 : Check-List of "S Crown O" type.

30th Oct. 1953 : "PERFORATED OFFICIALS" ty J.H.Chandler.

13th Nov. 1953 : Note on perforated officials.

20th Nov. 1953 : Interesting letter by C.Bein on some unofficial "Crown" punctures.

8th Jan. 1954 : Article on the perfins used by the London H.Q. of the Commonwealth of Australia.

3-5th Jan. 1954 : Article by W.G.Stitt-Dibden, "HOW TO DISPLAY PUNCTURED STAMPS".

24th Feb. 1956 : Short article by D.Clayton on the perfin used by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

23rd Nov. 1956 : "SECURITY ENDORSEMENTS OF G.B." by Chas. Jennings. A very useful illustrated article containing notes on Railway perfins

30th Nov. 1956 : Letter from C. Kidd and reply from Charles Jennings arising from the above article.

PHILATELIC MAGAZINE

31st Dec. 1954 : "SPIFS ARE PESPECTABLE", a short general article by Walt Taylor. Illustrated.

14th Jan. 1955 : Letter under the heading, "MORE ABOUT SPIFS".

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