

THE PERFIN SOCIETY

Schedule of items acquired by the Society on the closing down of the business of J.Sloper & Co.Ltd. in August 1991

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Letters, documents and papers

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- 13th Mar 1868 Framed letter from the Chief Clerk to the General Post Office to Joseph Sloper authorising the introduction of his system of perforation of postage stamps
- Aug 1868 Copy printed notice from the Secretary to the Post Office to newsagents inter alia recommending Slopers' system of stamp protection. (Perforated 3).
- 20th Jan 1869 Post Office referral of C.Townsend Hook & Co. of Rochester to Mr Sloper regarding the perforation of stamps. (Perforated 4).
- 27th Jan 1869 Similar referral of Dicksons Boardman & Co. and Dawbarn & Co. both of Liverpool. (Perforated 5).
- 1st Mar 1869 Extract from General Instructions to Postmasters by the Postmaster General notifying them of Post Office approval for the perforation of postage stamps. (Perforated 6).
- 30th Mar 1869 Letter to Mr Sloper from Peard & Jackson of 159 High Holborn, requesting particulars of his system. (Perforated 7).
- 29th Mar 1869 Letter from the Postmaster General to Joseph Travers & Sons recommending Mr Sloper's system. (Perforated 8).
- 30th May 1870 Letter to Mr Sloper from the Post Office confirming that his system was approved and recommended. (Perforated 9).
- 27th Jun 1870 Letter to Mr Sloper from the Board of Inland Revenue authorising the perforation of Foreign Bill and 1d Inland Revenue stamps. (Perforated 10).

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- 17th Apl 1871 Further letter from the Post Office confirming their approval of Sloper's system. (Perforated 12).
- 27th Jun 1871 Letter from the Office of Sloper's Patents to the Fore Street Warehouse Company with accompanying publicity leaflet.
- 27th Oct 1876 Letter to Mr Sloper from the Board of Inland Revenue confirming their approval of his system and of their intention to introduce it wherever practicable
- 1st Apl 1880 Letter from the Board of Inland Revenue to Dyne, Steel & Co. of Newport, Mon. referring them to Mr Sloper regarding the perforation of stamps.
- 5th Jul 1894 Unsigned letter to the Postmaster General from the signatories to a recent Memorial withdrawing proposals for the introduction of a special non-negotiable stamp.
- 18th Jul 1894 Letter to J.Sloper & Co. signed on behalf of fifty-six of their existing customers expressing their perfect satisfaction with Sloper's stamp perforating system. There is also an unsigned copy of the letter and a typed list of the names and addresses of the signatories.

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Account Books and Company and Staff Records of J.Sloper & Co.Limited.

NOTE: Much of the information contained in these books is of a confidential nature. The Society must take care to ensure that all information remains confidential and that the books are not disposed of to persons who might not respect such confidentiality.

Three leather bound Private Ledgers with brass locks containing details of the Company's business for the following periods :

1. 1st Oct 1941 to 30th Sep 1947
2. 1st Oct 1947 to 30th Sep 1953
3. 1st Oct 1953 to 30th Sep 1958

Green analysis book detailing Petty Cash expenses between 1st Oct 1964 and 1st Aug 1969.

Red analysis book detailing Petty Cash expenses between 7th Aug 1969 and 30th Sep 1974.

Steve

Blue analysis book recording staff contributions to National Savings through the Company's National Savings Group between 26th Sep 1956 and 29th May 1970.

Staff employment record book for the years 1962 to 1970 giving names and addresses, rates of pay, dates of joining and dates and reasons for leaving.

White parchment bound ledger containing details of the Company's expenditure on tools and machinery, plant and equipment between 6th Jun 1902 and 12th Oct 1970.

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Perforating Press Order and Impression Books.

NOTE: The eleven earliest books have been given provisional letters for identification purposes. There are many gaps and there is some overlapping and duplication of entries. The press numbers are incomplete and numbers 207-1206 and 1451-2450 were omitted. In April 1905 a figure 5 was inserted to precede the number then reached so that 9286 was followed by 59287.

Book A - Order book measuring 9½"x22". About 1862 to Oct 1874. Some early press numbers, intermittent to 4306.

Book B - Impression book (part). Loose pages without cover. 1865 to Jan 1869. Press nos. 1333 to 2644, not complete.

Book C - Order and impression book. Cover title " July 21st 1871. No 1". 21st Jul 1869 to 1st Oct 1874. Press nos. 2681 to 4290, not complete.

Book D - Impression book. Cover title " January 26th 72 No 2". Random impressions then Mar 1872 to Jul 1874. Press nos. 2828 to 4282, not complete.

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Book E - Order and impression book. Cover title "1876 No 3". Sep 1875 to Mar 1878. Press nos. 5001 to 5299.

Book F - Order and impression book. Cover title "1878 No 4". 1st Jun 1878 to 20th Sep 1879. Press nos 5300 to 5420.

Book G - Order and impression book. Cover title "1879 No 5". 30th Sep 1879 to Jun 1880. Press nos. 5421 to 5488.

Book H - Order and impression book. Cover title "1880 No 6". Jun 1880 to 1881. Press nos. 5489 to 5608.

Book I - Impression book. Cover title " Specimens. Offices for Sloper's Patent, London E.C.". Undated. Press nos. 5610 to 6481.

Book J - Same as Book I. Press nos. 6482 to 7147.

Book K - Impression book. No cover title. Feb 1897 (8228) to 20th Aug 1900. Press nos. 7148 to 8756.

Order and impression books consecutively numbered from 1900.

<u>Book No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>		<u>Press nos.</u>	
	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
1	22. 8.1900	11.4.1907	8757	60431
2	12. 6.1907	31.10.1923	60432	63281
3	23.11.1923	30.12.1924	63282	63480
4	22.12.1924	27. 5.1926	63481	63674
5	27. 5.1926	18.10.1927*	63675	63896
6	24.10.1927	27.10.1928	63897	64147
7	9.10.1928	14. 8.1929	64148	64389
8	1. 5.1929	12. 6.1930	64390	64653
9	18. 6.1930	28. 8.1931	64654	64961
10	24. 8.1931	10.11.1932	64962	65279
11	6.10.1932	28. 8.1933	65280	65464
12	23. 8.1933	4. 6.1934	65465	65711
13	4. 6.1934	23. 4.1935	65712	65950
16	8. 1.1937	20. 1.1938	66472	66813
	(Cards in loose leaf binder)			

* Names of some customers given from 20.8.1926.

Year Die Book.

Book covering the years 1926 to 1944 containing details of the supply of dies to customers possessing machines which required the year die to be updated annually.

In the back of the book is an envelope of Year Die Impressions for 1942.

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Post-war Stamp Perforating Records.

Harp

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Two large loose leaf, leather bound ledgers with closing straps and front covers embossed Account Ledgers A-K and L-Z. These contain details of customers to whom Slopers supplied perforated and overprinted receipt stamps with examples of dies and overprints. No dates are given but the books would appear to refer to the post-war period. Weight of books approximately 14lbs each.

A red analysis book which may be a later extension of the above records. Again no dates are given.

Harp

A small buff book with roughly cut thumb index containing examples of dies mainly of firms in the construction industry such dies probably being for use on National Insurance and Holiday Scheme stamps.

At the back of the book are details of customers supplied through Waterlows. These customers also appear under Waterlows' entry in the L-Z book mentioned above.

Metal items.

NOTE: All these items are in a dirty condition and the perforators are exceptionally heavy. None would appear to have any application to the perforation of postage stamps.

Cheque crossing perforator with die reading BK of England / a/c / PAYMASTER GENERAL. Made March 1878, Sloper press No 5366. Weight 9lbs.

Mrs. French

A similar die to the previous item removed from a perforator with broken casting

Cheque crossing perforator with die reading & Co / NOT NEGOTIABLE between two lines. Made about January 1894, Sloper press No 7494. Weight 16lbs.

Dating perforator with sliding die tray and die reading FEB 5 90. Made May 1925, Sloper press No 63534. Poor condition. Weight 17lbs.

Pull-over ticket perforator with sliding die tray and die reading 6253. Made October 1932, Sloper press No 65227. Weight 21lbs.

Model 49 heavy duty perpetual date perforator. Sloper press No 70728. Very dirty appearance and moulded plastic surface of handle broken away. Weight 40lbs.

Rocking type railway ticket dating perforator. Die reads 25.10.51. but pins require attention. Return spring missing. Weight 22lbs.

Merry Weather

Sell/give to members - destroy if not wanted

Hand ticket clipper with die reading 132A. Made circa 1879.

A quantity of individual letter, number and month perforating dies of various types and sizes.

Steele

A quantity of 12-over modern brass and steel perforating dies.

The three original engraved steel blocks used in the printing of the front cover of the booklet entitled A History of J.Sloper & Co's Stamp Security Service Through Five Reigns.

9 Miscellaneous other items.

A bundle of various papers relating to:

Keep or
destroy if
of no
relevance

The premises at Tower Royal Works, Hampstead.
Minor patents and registered designs.
Sketches and short specifications of perforating machines made for named customers.

Roy
Gault

destroy

Employers' Liability Insurance.

destroy

Import Duties Act enquiries.

Sell

Two hundred and sixteen copies of the booklet entitled A History of J.Sloper & Co's Stamp Security Service Through Five Reigns.

Donnel

Keep

A framed photograph 11"x9½" by London Stereoscopic & Photographic Co. of a royal procession passing the offices of J.Sloper & Co., King William Street, London EC, in the late Victorian period.

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A Framed page 5½"x8½" taken from publicity material showing the exterior and interior of the offices of J.Sloper & Co. 22, Budge Row, London, E.C.4.

destroy

Framed certificate of the election to the Fellowship of the Institute of Directors of Mr W.O.Hawkins, former Secretary and Director of J.Sloper & Co., Limited.

Sell

A quantity of white plastic carrier bags printed in blue Airline Ticket Validators / J.SLOPER & CO.LTD. / Perforators.

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