

Members are asked to help establish the identity of the following users listed in Slopers' first ledger. This has few factual illustrations of the perfins, just a manuscript entry showing the arrangement of the letters.

Where the perfin or its arrangement is unusual and the address of the user is known then confirmation that perfins are known with the relevant town postmark will give a provisional identity.

10. WHB (W3470) is shown for W.H. Bailey & Sons Ltd. They had two works in Manchester - Worsley and Patricroft - and another in Dagenham, Essex. Do members have copies of the perfin with any of these postmarks?

11. BK/OF/T (B4030) is shown for the Bank of Taiwan, yet Tomkins lists B4030.01 as a provisional identity for the Bank of Toronto. Did Taiwan exist in 1939 when we think the ledger was written; where did the provisional identity come from?

12. Still on the subject of Banks - B/BK (B740) and BBK (B730) are both listed for Barclays but the B730 is for Barclays Bank (Foreign). Is this perfin known more on the higher values that would have paid postage overseas?

13. There are cases where the initials of a perfin do not match the apparent user. One such is Beck & Inchbold against the perfins LF/CoLd (L2230), WEY/Ld (W2390) and WP/L (W5980). The first is known used by Leeds Fireclay Ltd., of Farmley, Leeds, makers of sanitary ware, and the second by W.E. Yates Ltd., of Bramley, Leeds, worsted manufacturers. Presumably Beck & Inchbold acted as local agents for Slopers and it is fair to assume that the unknown user of the third perfin will turn out to be from Leeds too.

14. H.W. Brake is listed as the user of HWB (H7650). There is only the one candidate H7650.01 but I am reluctant to claim a new identity without supporting evidence. What was their address and are perfins known with this postmark?

15. The perfin N/IB (N1770) is listed against the British Chamber of Commerce. Can anyone tell me why N/IB?

16. British Industrial Plastics are listed as the user of BI/P (B3680). Again there is only one candidate,(B3680.01) Is it known with the postmarks of Oldbury, Worsley, Manchester, where this firm was located?

17. Is Geo Bell & Sons (the user of GB (G0360.01)), the same firm as the user of Design 0020.01?

18. CB/B (C0520) is listed as used by Blackpool Corporation. Is this supported by postmark evidence?

19 The user of B/LD (B4320) is listed as Boland Ltd. I believe these were another firm of biscuit makers in Deansgrove, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. Again is this confirmed by postmark evidence and which particular B4320 was it?

20. H. Bushill & Sons is shown as the user of the distinctive perfin HB&S/Y (H0920). The 'Y' was presumably the town but which one and do postmarked copies confirm it?

A similar name, T. Bushill & Son, is shown as the user of TB/&S (T0640). A firm of this name was in Canley, Coventry. Do post-marked copies support this?

21. The user Bonds (Somerton) has part of the address in their name. The perfin BS/Ld (B6720) is shown against them. Any stamp perfined with a B6720 and postmarked Somerton will tell us which B6720.

22. The perfin for E.H. Booth & Co., EHB/Ld (E1910) is shown vertically. Are any E1910 perfins known thus to prove this i'd?

23. A bit different, and I can't believe we haven't identified it before. Nuneaton Corporation is given as the user of a coat of arms which can only be design 0200.01 Can members confirm that this is the shape of their coat of arms?

Please send any information about these queries to Dave Hill.

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D.SCHEPER (address under New Members) would like to exchange his GB perfins for Dutch or Swiss perfins.