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NEW MEMBERS

We have two new members to welcome into the Society,
Mr K.C. Pike
Mr R.D. Wylie

ADDRESS CHANGE

Member L.A. Gosling

SUBSCRIPTIONS

It is now three months since subscriptions became due xxxxxxxxxx
and many members have not renewed yet (See the Treasurer's x x
Report). As a final reminder we are placing a cross in x x
the box alongside for those of you who were still unpaid x x
at the time of mailing. This will be the last copy you x x
receive unless we hear to the contrary from the Treasurer. xxxxxxxxxx

Figures in sterling in the box indicate that you started the
year with a credit balance and this is the amount due to make up
the full year's subscription of £2.50 (£4.50 air mail).

NORTHEX 1980

Peter Stockton is arranging accomodation at Northex for members
to meet. The Exhibition takes place in Stockport on 6th December
and we hope to have this notice to you in good time, concentrating
on those members in the Midlands and upwards. Further information
can be obtained from Peter

KILOWARE The Auctioneer has a large quantity of Machins on paper,
all perfinned, for disposal. Can sell in any quantity
at £1.00 per 1,000, plus postage. Please send orders to :
P.G. Day

No reply means "sold out".

TREASURER'S REPORT

You will see from the Accounts that we had a satisfactory surplus last year. Nevertheless we have raised the subscription this year in an attempt to cope with inflation. The bulletin absorbs more than the total of subscriptions and we only keep our head above water by the sale of publications (catalogue pages etc.) and the efforts of the Sales Packet Superintendent and the Auctioneer. At the meeting last November it was agreed that membership should be limited to 175 and this was reached a few months ago, so that there was a net increase of 15. There is now a (small) waiting list so that if your subscription is not paid by the end of December your membership will be deemed to have lapsed and you may not get in again, at least for a time. On the subject of subscriptions it is worrying that at 30th October some sixty members had not paid. This is easily the worst figure since I became Treasurer. In the past I have written to each non-payer, unfortunately with virtually no response so I have given up this approach as it took up a lot of my time and, of course, cost the Society quite a bit in stationery and postage. So please do let me have your subscriptions - if you cannot remember whether you have paid or not, send it just the same - you will be credited with it. And if you have lost interest in perfins please resign.

When you pay please remember,

- (a) remittances are not normally acknowledged (for reasons of economy) except by enclosure of membership cards with the next bulletin,
- (b) postage stamps cannot be accepted.
- (c) subscriptions should be sent to the TREASURER - if sent else where it means more work for the other official and more expense for the Society.
- (d) cheques and postal orders may be made payable to "S.E.P.S."
- (e) overseas members are reminded that bank notes (sterling or other), international money orders or sterling cheques are preferable to cheques in lolac currency : the latter bear a substantial collection charge and only the net receipt is credited.

J.M. Rucklidge
Hon. Treasurer.

IMPORTANT AUCTION NEWS

It is regretted that certain members of the Society are not paying their auction dues promptly. In one instance it took the Treasurer 6 months to recover the debt. The September auction was badly affected and vendors were kept waiting for their money long after a reasonable time had elapsed. It is unfortunate that this selfishness on the part of some members is spoiling it for those who do "play by the rules". The whole situation is to be reviewed at the November meeting to see whether a "blacklist" should be enforced. If we are to have more frequent auctions as seems to be the demand, then the accounts need to be finalised quickly to avoid confusion. Please help the Auctioneer and Treasurer to help you. Also, will vendors please note that all the auction accounts are handled by Michael Rucklidge, and all queries regarding payments should therefore be addressed to him to avoid delay.

P.G. Day Hon. Auctioneer

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Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st August 1980

(1979)	<u>Income</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>£</u>	(1979)
(342)	Subscriptions	336	Bulletin	396	(250)
(32)	Publications	107	Officer's expenses	38	(20)
(34)	Auction	48	B.P.F, subscription	10	(10)
(14)	Sales Packet	9	Hire of room	8	(10)
--	B.S. Interest	13	Excess income over		(18)
(2)	Misc.	7	expenditure		(116)
(424)		520		520	(424)

Balance Sheet at 31st August 1980

(1979)	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>£</u>
(304)	Balance at 1st September 1980	420
<u>(116)</u>	Excess income over expenditure	<u>68</u>
<u>(420)</u>		<u>488</u>

Assets

(1)	Office machinery at cost	
	less depreciation	1
-	Abbey National Building Society	263
(362)	Cash and Bank	<u>239</u>
		653

Liabilities

(93)	Members' current accounts	<u>165</u> <u>488</u>
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J.M. Rucklidge.
Hon. Treasurer.

BRIAN BIRCH CORNER

Library Note As I have found some difficulty in using Mary Thornton's "Catalogue of Official Perfins" due to the lack of an index, I have made the effort and produced an index myself. It is type on the same size paper as the original to facilitate inclusion. Copies of the 5 page index are available at 20p post free anywhere in the world. (I accept mint stamps of any country as a remittance).

Packet Report Most of the problems associated with the packet circulation have now been solved and more packets

BRIAN BIRCH CORNER Continued

have been circulated in the past 12 months than ever before. The main problem now is members holding on to them for too long. A reasonable time to view a packet is 3-4 days but I would not object to a week. If everyone kept to this week maximum the circulation period would be 3 months. In fact, packets take 6 - 9 months before returning to me. Please send on packets promptly.

Packet R -	broken up after sales of	£50.19½	(57%)
Packet S -	" " " " "	£50.73½	(69%)
Packet T -	" " " " "	£102.78½	(70%)
April Packet	" " " " "	£59.65	(56%)
June Packet	- circulating at value of	£102.65	
Sept Packet	" " " " "	£55.64	
Oct Packet	" " " " "	£115.87½	

Overprint Prices Half a page in Gibbons Stamp Monthly of September 1980 was devoted to a priced list of protective overprints and underprints available from Stanley Gibbons Limited. The list is too long to reproduce here. Anyone who would like a copy can obtain one from me - just send a note and a sae.

Would members also note that I am reverting to my old address in Liverpool (See front page) for postal business,

B. Birch

Hon. Librarian & Packet Sup.

MEMBERS WANTS

Member E.D. Pilkington

would like to hear from anyone who can help him obtain the following :-

- (a) I.R. Ingersoll - Rand Co., Ltd. perfin on cover.
- (b) Any material, philatelic or otherwise concerning manufacturers of air compressors, pneumatic tools and allied equipment.
- (c) The identity of CPB on ld lilac used Greenock 26 Feb 1896.

Member Bob Schwerdt

would like to hear from anyone who can help him in making up a 'worksheet' of G.B. Regional & Channel Island perfins for the American Perfins Club library.

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ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER

By Mike J. Burrows

About ten years ago, whilst chatting to members of a local philatelic society after a meeting, the subject was turned around to perfins. During the course of the conversation someone said, that they had heard from someone else, that many years ago it was possible to buy perfinned postage stamps from an Ipswich post office.

At the time this was regarded as just a piece of gossip without any foundation whatsoever. But in the belief that all bits of perfin information should be recorded, even if somewhat dubious, a note was made of the conversation. Then promptly forgotten, at least until now.

To have an interest in more than one branch of philately can sometimes be an advantage. A recent piece of research that involved the identifying of subpostmasters of Ipswich in the late Victorian era, brought to light a possible clue to help substantiate the rumour first heard all those years ago.

As both the port and town of the Capital of Suffolk grew it became necessary to open more sub-post offices or branch receiving offices. In the early 1850's there was only one sub-post office. This was situated near the docks and had its own circular date stamp - WET DOCK/IPSWICH. A very popular postmark with local collectors. In addition to this Ipswich also boasted two branch receiving offices.

By the 1880's several more offices had been opened. One of which was at 46, St. Nicholas Street. This office was located in the premises of William Day, a grocer and provision dealer.

On page 12 of John Nelson's book "The Handbook of British Perfins" can be found an illustration of a Frank Braham Stamp Requisition Form. Attached to the form is a perfin D&F/G on the centre margin of either a ½d vermilion or a 1d lilac.

Also in existence is a small collection of a hundred or so of these so-called 'Braham Proofs', several of which have had a reference number added in ink. Some of these proofs are of perfins known to have been used on postage stamps by companies in the Suffolk area. Whilst some are not, as yet, recorded in the catalogue at all.

Reference was made in another article "Ipswich Firm's Philatelic Links" (published in the September/October 1980 issue of S.E.P.S. Bulletin) to the perfin,

341.1 SHC 10,12,8 4½mm.

Known with Ipswich postmarks of 1896-98, this perfin is number 2042 in the 'Braham. Proof' series. No. 2040 in the same series is,

143 RD/F/JB 11,11/13/7,13 4½/7½/4½mm.

and is identified as belonging to RD & JD Fraser of Ipswich and Felixstowe.

In the middle of those, two perfins is 'Braham Proof' No. 2041. Not listed in the catalogue, the configuration of this perfin is,

W.DAY

13,11,10,8

4½mm

The stop is not level between the W and D but is equidistant between the bottom two pins of each of the two letters.

The obvious conjecture to all this is that the subpostmaster William Day, acted as agent for Frank Braham and, therefore, the rumour was partially true. The possible correct explanation being that companies in Ipswich requiring perfined postage stamps could order them from William Day. The 'Braham Proof' No. 2041 being in the nature of a sample of the kind of work Braham could produce, rather than a required security perfin for William Day's grocery and provision business.

If the perfin SHC does prove to belong to S.H. Cowell this would add weight to the theory. Especially as both S.H. Cowell and RD & JB Fraser were located within a few hundred yards of William Day's sub-post office and grocery business.

Admittedly it is all theory, but can we be sure that we have heard the last from subpostmaster William Day?

NEW IDENTITIES RECEIVED.From. Mr P.G. Day.

611.2	B.R.	18,16	6½	Brasch & Rothenstein, London EC
258.9	ELA	9,7,10	6	Essex County Asylum, Brentwood.
414A	PS (Monogram.)	26 in all	15	Peter Stannard, Bognor Regis. W. Sussex.
110.3	TCS	7,8/14,10	4½ III	Thomas Cook & Son Ltd, London.

From Dr R.W. Powell.

63.5	SB/Co	10,13/8,4	5	Siemens Brothers & Co Ltd Woolwich
25	GAW/&Co	9,8,12/14,7,6	4 I	G.A. Witt & Co.Liverpool.
79.2	KF/&R	10,8/12,13	6 IIIa	Knight, Frank & Rutley London W.
706.6	ST	10,7	5½	Stroeger & Co, Manchester.
479.1	S&M	9,14,11	4½	Sweet & Maxwell Ltd, London W2
261.2	FM	7,11	5	Fey Morgan & Co Ltd, London EC 3.
261.4	FM	8,15	6½	do. do. do.
1.19	B	14	6½	The Brush Electrical Engineering Co Ltd, London EC.
421.1a	CL	7,6	4½	Cooling, Lawrence & Wells London W1.
158.4	B&Co/Ld	12,12,8,6/7,7	4½	Broad & Co, Paddington, London W 2.
503.4	T&WF	7,14/14,8	4 I	T & W Farmiloe Ltd, London.
1.3	K	10	5	Henry S. King & Co, London
38.1	V/Co.Ld.	9/8,6,7,7	4½/5	Vinolia Co Ltd. London.
441.1	TT	7,7	5	The Times Office (Pub lishing Dept) London.
306.38	SG	11,10	5½	Societe Generale, London EC2.
310.1	S&G	10,12,10	4½ IIIa	Scheydt & Gallatly, London EC.
7.1a	L.S	7,10	5	The Law Society.
559	SO (Monogram)	25	11	The Salvation Army, London EC.
599.2	SP/L	10,10/7	5	Spratts. London.
543.1	G.W.B	10,17,13	5½	The Co-operative Coal Assoc: Worthing.

NEW IDENTITIES RECEIVED.

From Dr R. Powell.

636.2	BS	13,11	4½	British & Foreign Bible Society.
128.2	A&Co	10,16,8,4	5 II	Armour & Co Ltd, London EC.
448.2,	TT/&Co	7,7/14,8,4	4½ III	Thomas Toplin & Co, London.
1.16B	B	16	6	The Brush Electrical Engineering Co Ltd.
376.2	NZ	13,9	5	High Commissioner for New Zealand.
6.2	R/A	10/10(Prov)	4½/5½	Phillips Lamps Ltd, Mitcham Junction Surrey
624.1	S&R	9,12,10	4½ Ia	Russells of Leicester Sq. London WC 2.
251A	F&/LS	8,13/7,11	5½ III	F & L Sitzler. Eastcheap London
40.1	DR/C	11,12/8	5½/5	Dunlop Rubber Co Ltd, Birmingham.
21.4	DB	11,14	5	Dennis Brothers Ltd, Guildford, Surrey.
488.1	H&M	12,14,15	5 III	Hollingsworth & Matthews London EC
360.1	TP/Ld	6,8/6,7	3½/4	Temple Press Ltd, London EC1.
769A	BW/&Co.	13,15/8,6	5½	The British Westinghouse & Electric ManF Co Ltd Manchester.

From Mr A.E. Smith.

19.2	AA/CoLd	10,10/8,4,7,7	5	Alliance Assurance Company Ltd.
48.1	B/B	11/11	4½	Baring Brothers & Co Ltd London EC.
617B	B.R/C	13,12/8	5½	Benj'n Cant & Sons, Colchester.
54	Diamond	20	10½/14	Lunt Brothers Ltd, Stourbridge.
169.4	K&T	13,14,10	6½ III	Kinneir & Tombs. Swindon.
593	JOSLIN	6,8,9,6,4,10	3½	H&J Joslin, Cclchester.
376.7	PR	7,8	6½	Dairy Supply Co Ltd, Park Royal, London NW10
47.1	R.B/&Co	12,13/12,8,6	4 IIIa	Richard Bulman & Co Liverpool.

M Additions.

1.6	M	15	5	J.M & S Ltd London EC4
36.1	MB	11,11	4½	Meux's Brewery Co Ltd, London SW8
45	M/BC	11/11,7	4½	Maidstone Boro Council
76.2	MBS	11,10,9	5½	Metropolitan Boro' of Stepney.
81.3	MBW	15,14,14	5	Metropolitan Boro' of Wandsworth.
101.1	MC	11,7	4½	Markinch & District Co-op Society
101.3	MC	11,7	5	Magdalen College, Oxford
101.7a	MC	15,8	5½	Molassina Co Ltd.
104.4A	M&C	15,13,8	5½ III	Messenger & Co Ltd, Loughborough.
151. 5	M&Co.	17,13,8,6	5½ III	A.R. Mowbray & Co Ltd, Oxford.
157.2A	M/&Co	15/13,8,4	4½ I	Motsui & Co Ltd, London EC 3
157.6	M/&Co	15/14,8,4	6½/4½ I	Maple & Co Ltd. London
205A	M.D/Co.	17,11/8,6	4½	Maypole Dairy Co, Manchester .
254.2	MF/&Co	15,8/12,8,6	5½ III	Milligan Forbes & Co, Bradford.
313	MILLER	15,5,7,7,10,11	4½	The Miiller, 24 Mark Lane London EC
352.4	M&K	17,12,10	6,4½,6	Morgan & Kide Ltd, London SW
354A	McK./&B	15,12/14,15	5	Meade King & Bigg, Bristol.
388.3	M&M	17,13,17	5½ III	Mackay & Moss. Dundee.
398	MM/Co.Ld.	17,17/8,6,7,7	5½	Magee Marshall & Co Ltd Bolton.
412	M.N	17,13	8	Stockwell & Co, Ltd, London EC. (<u>M</u> essageries <u>N</u> ationales <u>E</u> xpress)
452A	MPG/L	15,10,10/7	4/4½	M.P. Galloway. Leith.
454	M&P/M	15,14,10/15	5 III	Mather & Platt. Manchester
520.1	MS/&J	11,9/12,6	5½ Ia	J. L. Morrison Son & Jones
522B	MSL	17,10,8	5	McEwen, Stevenson & Leask. Glasgow.
574.1	M.U	15,10	5½	Manchester Unity Offices, Manchester.
583	M&V	15,13,9	5½ III	Metcallfe Valkering & Stephenson. Hull.

- 0569 Firms perforations
Jorgensen, A. & Van Lint, V.J.
Dan. Filat. Tidsskr., Feb. 1954, 20, (2), 4-5
Translation: S.E.P.S. TRANS. 44, pp-5
A brief introduction to perfins and their collection.
- 0570 Sudan
Stamp Collect., 2nd May, 1914, 2, (33), 81
A 2 piastre value has been added to the series punctured "S.G." for official use. The full details are: 1914. March. Camel design. Punctured S.G. (Sudan Government) for use on official correspondence. Surface printed by De La Rue & Co. in London. Wmk. Multiple stars and crescents. Perf. 14. 2 piastres blue and grey black. (Complete)
- 057 Sudan
Stamp Collect., 9th May, 1914, 2, (34), 93
A 3 milliemes stamp has been added to the series punctured "SG" (Information supplied by Mr. Davis). Full details are: 1914. April. Camel postman design. Punctured "S.G." (Sudan Government) Surface printed. Wmk. Multiple stars and crescents. perf. 14. 3 milliemes grey and purple. (Complete)
- 0572 Perfins on the U.S. offset printing issue - 2nd instalment
Bennett, D.
Perf. Bull., July/Aug. 1975, 28, (7), 3
All known perfin patterns on the 1918-20 U.S. offset printed definitives are listed and an indication of the particular stamps on which each pattern has been found is given. This instalment covers perfins beginning with the letter A.
- 0573 The editor's corner - French artist's proof perfined ATP*
Tilles, H.
Perf. Bull., July/Aug. 1975, 28, (7), 3
Information is requested about a French artist's proof bearing the perfin AT1 at the bottom. (Complete)
- 0574 Official stamps for the State of Western Australia
Mitchell, S.
Aust. Stamp Mon., Aug. 1936, 7, (8), 243-244
From November 2nd, 1933, the State of Western Australia has used the perfin W/A on stamps for the use of government departments. The perforating machine was manufactured by T.C. Thompson and is a 12 head, electrically operated machine.

- 0575 The specialized phases of perfin collecting
Jung Jr., J.R.
Linn's 'wkly. Stamp News, 29th Feb. 1955, 28
A comprehensive series of introductions to various
specialised and thematic fields of perfin collecting is
given.
- 0576 East Anglian perfins
Day, P.G.
East Anglia Post. Hist. Study Circ.; Bull., Oct. 1978,
(61), 2-11
A list is given of all known perfins whose users have
been identified as being based in East Anglia.
- 0577 Puzzling perforations
Mazur, P.
Filat. SSSR, May 1976, (5), 29
Translation: S.E.P.S. TRANS. 29, pp.3
Four cut-outs from parcel cards, dated November 1917,
have been found bearing stamps perforated (SMELA).
Although there is a town named (SMELA) in Russia, there is
no evidence that any of these items would have passed
through it as they bear the cancellations of Petrograd,
Moscow, Khorkov and Odessa.
- 0578 Bavaria: Official stamps
Deutschland Netto - Katalog 1975/76. 45th Ldn.,
Hans Grabe Verlag, Hanover, 1975, 383
Translation: S.E.P.S. TRANS. 40, pp.2
A priced list is given of all stamps known perfined
E by the Bavarian State Railway Board.
- 0579 Belgian stamps with perforated initials
Van Lint, V.J.
Postzegel, Mar./Apr. 1956, 19, (2), 19-20
Translation: S.E.P.S. TRANS. 42, pp.4
A general introduction to collecting perfins, with
only a passing mention of Belgian perfins.
- 0580 How to make copies of perfins on cover
Maxa, V.
Perf. Bull., June 1975, 28, (6), 1
To copy a perfin pattern from a stamp on cover, the
stamp is covered by a sheet of Glassine paper and the holes
are traced using an indian ink or fibre tip pen. When the
ink has dried, the tracing is placed on a light box,
covered with the album page and re-traced using a sharp
pencil. If the drawing is required on opaque material such
as card, carbon paper can be used.
- 0581 Murrin offers perfin "FDC"
Murrin, R.J.
Perf. Bull., June 1975, 28, (6), 2

00581 continued

J.R. Murrin of Florida, U.S.A., used his personal perfin J.R. for the first time on 30th June, 1975, and prepared 100 first day covers.

0582 Punched control markings on Schermack Type III coils
Lougee, K.F.

Perf. Bull., June 1975, 28, (6), 3-10

Reprinted with additions (see abstract) from: Perf. Bull., Apr. 1969

Text reprinted in: Balough, J.J. & Balough, D.,
Catalogue of United States perfins, The Perfins Club
1979, p.523

A comprehensive, fully illustrated listing of all known perfins on Schermack coil stamps. Originally published in Perfins Bulletin in 1969, the only additions are the three cent coil has been reported with the number 37 pattern (solid 9-hole type); the four cent coil has been reported with the "o" pattern of the twelve hole open square.

0583 The editor's corner: member seeks help
Williams, E.

Perf. Bull., June 1975, 228, (6), 11

A copy of Scott A9 of Western Australia bearing the perfin B & A is reported as having been lost during correspondence. This pattern is otherwise unknown and therefore, confirmation of its existence is required.
(Complete)

0584 Perforations on postage stamps of pre-revolutionary
Russia - an addenda
Girschman, P.

Filat. SSSR, Feb. 1973, (2), 34

Translation: S.E.P.S. TRANS. 43, pp.3

Although firms in foreign countries used their own perfins on stamps, only official perforations are known from Russia although the perfin VL can be found on stamps from the Russian Grand Duchy of Finland. The most common Russian perforation is the M(P)/number which is only known on used stamps (usually cancelled with a blue crayon). Although this perforation undoubtedly originates in Moscow, stamps thus perforated have postmarks from cities throughout Russia.

0585 Railway perfins of Great Britain
Bowman, R.

Security Endorsement and Perfin Society of Great
Britain, 1976, pp.73.

A compilation of all the information known about the perfins on the stamps of Great Britain which have been used by Railway Companies. A brief background of each company is given then the perfins it used and the stamps on which each is known are listed.

- 0586 Catalog of United States Perfins
Balough, J.J. & Balough, D.
The Perfins Club, U. S. A., 1979, pp.559
A comprehensive, fully illustrated catalogue of U.S. perfins. After the main body of the catalogue, there are sections devoted to illegal perfins, philatelic perfins, Schermack perfins and other supplemental data.
- 0587 British Guiana - 1882 "Specimen" issue
Scott's standard postage stamp catalogue - 1971, 127th. edn., Scott Publishing Co., New York, 1970, vol. 1, 163.
In 1882, British Guiana issued four type-set stamps which were perforated "SPECIMEN" diagonally to prevent fraud.
- 0588 Another personal perfin
Hamilton, J. & Clark, D.
Perf. Bull., Sept. 1979, 32, (8), 1
Jim, Hamilton and Don Clark who run a mail-order business in Kansas City under the name Jim and Don have their own perfin J+D. The perforator was obtained from Baddeley Brothers in London in the summer of 1979. An example of the perfin is shown.
- 0589 "Hole" chatter
Balough, J.
Perf. Bull., Sept. 1979, 32, (8), 2
Some faults in the Catalog of U.S. perfins (see 0586) are indicated and a list of changes in the Cain ratings is given.
- 0590 Help wanted
Schirmer, J.E.
Perf. Bull., Sept. 1979, 32, (8), 2
A perfin TOKIO 1964 is reported to have been applied privately to the 1964 German Europa stamps, possibly with the approval of the German Olympic Committee. Confirmation of the existence of this perfin and further information is requested.
- 0591 Electric railways of Western Canada
Haack, E.C.
Perf. Bull., Sept. 1979, 32, (8), 3
The Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Railway Co. originated as a steam railway which was taken over after bankruptcy in 1889 and electrified. In 1917, the system became a subsidiary of the Canadian National Railways. Begun in 1891, the British Columbian Electric Railway was Canada's largest electric railway at one time. It remained largely intact until after World War II when the passenger service was gradually abandoned.
- 0592 More on special obliterations and perfins
Burrows, M.J.
Perf. Bull., Sept. 1979, 32, (8), 4
The private cancellation attributed to W.H. Smith & Son has been found. on a stamp bearing the perfin R. Originally W.H. Smith used an underprint on 1d red and 2d blue plates, from then the perfin W.H.S./&S. is ascribed to them, followed by WHS from K.E. VII's time. The use of the R perfin falls between the W.H.S./&S. and the WHS perfins. Additional stamps bearing the private cancellations of H.S. King & Co. and William Dawson & Sons are noted.