

# CUMBRIAN PERFINS

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This follows the article in Bulletin 290 Pages 13 to 17

Before proceeding to the new dies found used by Cumbrian firms etc, I'd like to say a little more about one that was mentioned earlier - CLE/C. This perfin exists as four variants, two of which were illustrated in the previous article. I thought it might be useful to show all four together in order to illustrate the differences between them.

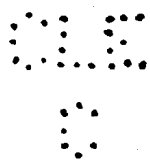


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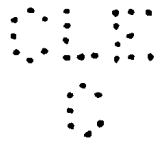


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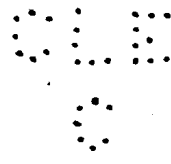


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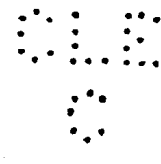


Fig 34

Some dies are multi-headed, which leads to small variations in size and shape of letters. Until it is known for certain whether a die is single or multi-headed it is impossible to say whether any of these are variants within the same multi-headed die. Of the above, Fig 11 is known to be from a 12x1 multi-headed die. The dies, which are illustrated as Figs 33 & 34 could also be from a multi-headed die, since both are found on the same issue.

## New Dies

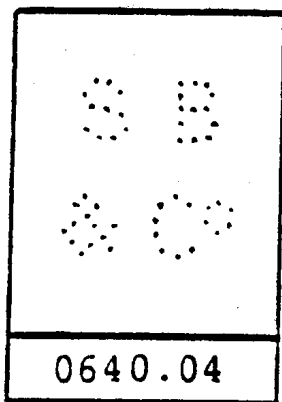


Fig 32



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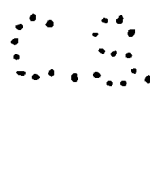


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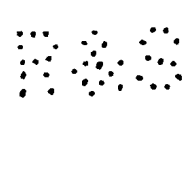


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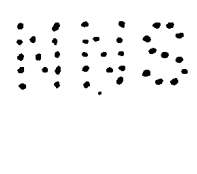


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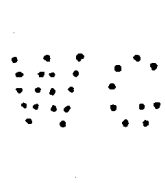


Fig 39



Fig 40

Fig 32 SB/&C S0640.04 Salmon, Barnes & Company, Ulverston  
◆ Bill Kydd came up with this suggestion from one of his Directories. The firm was at Canal Head Foundry, Ulverston, in the 1882 Edition. This has been accepted by The Perfin Society as a provisional identity. Known on 1880-81 issues with Ulverston barred numeral "824" postmark.

Fig 35 CC/C C1250.02a Carr & Co. Ltd., Carlisle.  
◆ Known on 1d stamps on receipts dated 1906 and 1907.

Fig 36 C.S. C6789.01 Carlisle South-End Co-operative Soc. Ltd,  
48 Botchergate, Carlisle.  
◆ Known on identifying cover postmarked Carlisle 24/2/34.

Fig 37 R&S R4530.08 S. Redmayne and Sons Ltd, Wigton.  
◆ Known used from 1925 to 1930. The perfin also appears inverted and reversed. It appears that Messrs J Wilkinson and Sons' archive may have come onto the market recently as I have purchased three of Redmayne's cards, with identity, all addressed to that firm in Huddersfield and I have examined one other.

Fig 38 NNS N2300.01 The Northern Newspaper Syndicate,  
Kendal.  
◆ This is identified in this month's 'New Identities'. Seen on identifying cover postmarked 8/8/1916 but seen on loose stamp with 1908 date.

Fig 39 WG W2910.13 User unknown.  
◆ Known on 1d lilac and 2½d surface printed with dates 1883-84, along with Barrow-in-Furness postmarks.

Fig 40 W/K W4815.01 User unknown.  
◆ Known on 1d lilac and ½d verm. Jubilee issue with Kendal postmark, 29/1/98 and 7/1/98. Perhaps the 'K' is for Kendal?

Figs. 39 and 40 are "user unknown", leaving lots of opportunity for members to solve the identity. Send any ideas, and other perfin dies with Cumbria postmarks, to Eric Whitehead, 18 Turnberry Road, ANNAN, Dumfriesshire DG12 6LH.

Cumbrian Perfins III

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Since I am a member of the Perfin Society, I sent copies of my two earlier articles on this topic (pp.3-7/9 and 8-9/16) to the Society library so that their existence was recorded. They were sent via the Editor of the Society's Bulletin, Rosemary Smith. Rosemary saw the possibility of an article for that Bulletin and so edited the two articles into one, in a form suitable for inclusion in their Bulletin, adding information of her own to that given in the articles. As a result, some further information of potential interest to Cumbria P.H.S. members has come to light, including a new identity. There is also a chance that further information may come from the Perfin Society members in response to the article. I shall deposit a copy of their article with the Cumbria P.H.S. and will, of course, report any new information back to you - with your Editor's indulgence.

Eileen Bennett's "UU" perfin was acknowledged in the second article as being a die which was previously unknown to the Perfin Society. Now, Bill Kydd has come up with information which provides good circumstantial evidence of the user and this has now been accepted by that Society's Catalogue Editor and finds a place there as a provisional identity - a Cumbria P.H.S. identity for the Perfin Society.

The above paragraphs illustrate a nice symbiosis providing benefit to members of both societies and I am delighted to be involved with it.

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**Errata et apologia**

1. On p. 5/9 of "The Cumbrian Post", in line 2 of the paragraph headed "C 13 7.5mm Carr's of Carlisle", an extraneous "hand" has crept into the text.
2. On p. 8/16, in the line starting, "Fig. 19...", the pin-count for B.C. is correctly given as 13.8 but in the corresponding paragraph below it has changed to the incorrect 11.7! Mea culpa.
3. In the following paragraph, the measurement is quoted as 4.5mm whereas in the table above, it is 5/4.75mm. This latter is the correct measurement. My fault again.

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Only those dies not previously illustrated are reproduced here. Earlier dies are referred to by the number used when they were illustrated.

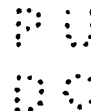
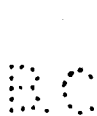


Fig. 25

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Fig. 28

Fig. 29

Fig. 30

Fig 25	B.C	13.8	6mm	Barrow-in-Furness Corporation
Fig 26	CLE/C	7.6.9/7	4.5mm	Carlisle Corporation
Fig 27	C/OF/W	8/10.8/16	5.5/4/5.5mm	Workington Corporation
Fig 28	FR	8.12	4.5mm	Furness Railway Company
Fig 29	PU/DC	8.8/9.7	4.5mm	Penrith UDC
Fig 30	PU/DC	8.8/9.7	4.5mm	Penrith UDC

**B.C Fig. 25 Barrow-in-Furness Corporation**  
Rosemary Smith has two receipts dated 1924 and 1929.

**B.C. Fig. 19 Barrow-in-Furness Corporation**  
Wildings and Decimal Machins can be added to the list of usage.

**C Fig. 6 Carr's of Carlisle**  
Rosemary Smith has Carr's Advertising postcards dated 6/8/1910 and 10/9/10.

**CARR Fig. 8 Carr's of Carlisle**  
There is a little doubt about this identity. The shorter die is known identified by a cover as "James W Carr of London". Proof of use by Carr's is needed.

**CLE/C Fig. 26 Carlisle Corporation**  
A fairly recent addition to the Perfin Society's catalogue is slightly wider than the previous die and is identified as used by the City Health Department (22, Fisher Street). Compare with Fig. 11. Found on KG6 light colours. My example is on 2½d with wavy lines cancel.

**C/OF/W Fig. 27 Workington Corporation**  
I missed this when I trawled the Perfin Society's catalogue! Cover postmarked Workington 10/8/25 with coat of arms on the flap with Latin motto, "Floreat Castellum et Oppidum".

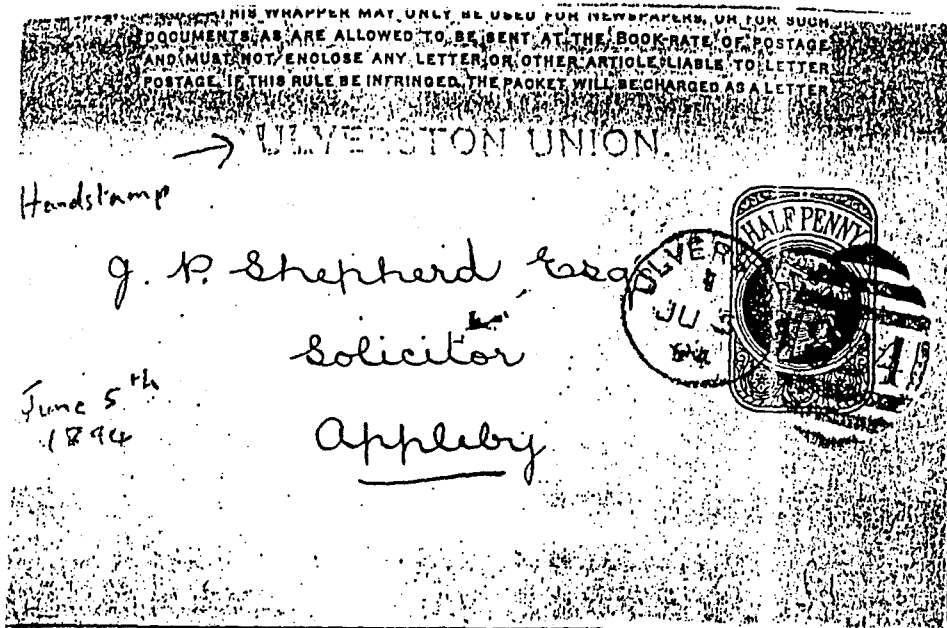
**FR Fig. 28 Furness Railway Company**  
In checking her covers, Rosemary Smith discovered that her 'FR' was not Furness Railway Die 2 but a new identity for a known die. On ½d KE7 postal stationery envelope with added non-perfin KE7 ½d, used 15/2/11 to Taff Vale Railway Co., Cardiff. Envelope has embossed Furness Railway coat of arms on front.

**JJ&WW/K Fig. 22 JJ & W Wilson, Kendal**  
The identity comes from a 1d lilac cover used from Kendal 18/3/87 in Rosemary Smith's collection. Thought to have been used from 1885-1890.

**PU/DC Figs. 29 & 30 Penrith Urban District Council**  
Two dies are known to have been used by Penrith U.D.C. I have no supporting information.

**TR Fig. 17 T. Rigg, Solicitors, Wigton**  
Identity has been confirmed as T. Rigg, Solicitor, Wigton from use on a receipt dated 8/11/04, held by Rosemary Smith.

**UU Fig. 24 Ulverston Union Workhouse**  
Eileen Bennett produced the evidence of this die, which was previously unknown to the Perfin Society. Bill Kydd has come up with the newspaper wrapper and extract from Bulmer (Fig. 31) which has been accepted by their Catalogue Editor as a provisional identity.



*Ulverston Union Workhouse*—Charles H. Roberts, Master; Annie Frearson, Matron; William Walker, Porter; Bridget Flanagan, Superintendent Nurse; Clara Marriott, Infants' Nurse; Lillian Sawrey, Girls' Trainer; Mary Denny, Boys' Trainer; Dr. A. Collins, Fountain Street, Medical Officer; Rev. C. Lord, Holy Trinity Vicarage, Chaplain; Lord Richard Cavendish, Holker Hall, Cark-in-Cartmel, Chairman; John Coward, J.P., Fountain Street, Ulverston, Vice-Chairman, O. W. Dean, Town Hall, Ulverston, Clerk; J. W. Riley, Sun Street, Ulverston, R.O., Ulverston District; J. W. Johnstone, Station Road, Dalton, Dalton District; William Storey, R.O., Cartmel, Cartmel District; H. B. Dickinson, Penny Bridge, Colton District; R. Fielding, Broughton-in-Furness, Broughton District; H. F. Jones, Waterhead, Coniston, S.O.

Fig. 31

Maltese Cross on Shield Fig. 16 City of Carlisle

Rosemary Smith has this on a 1d lilac cover dated 18/8/91 plus intermediate dates to 1903.

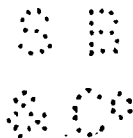


Fig. 32

Finally, one for members. Fig. 32 shows a perfin known with the Ulverston barred numeral '824' on 1880-1 issues (S.G. 165-6). Does anyone know who 'SB&Co' might be?

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**Post Offices For Sale!**

At the time of writing (January, 1998) there are no fewer than three small offices for sale in West Cumbria. The Moor, Cockermouth and Northside, Workington were on offer a week or so ago and now, the local paper has news of Brigham going on the market. Members will be interested to hear that these offices are all for sale as going concerns and that there appears to be no question of them closing.