

SHROPSHIRE PERFINS by BRIAN ATKINS

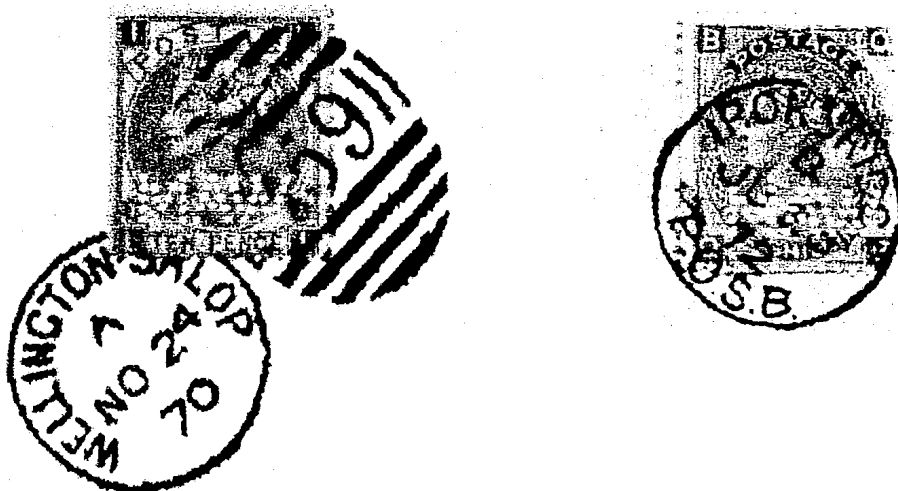
David Scott brought to my notice an article, with the above heading, from *Shropshire Post No 64, the bulletin of the Shropshire Postal History Society*. Brian Atkins and their Bulletin Editor, Jim Ball, have given permission for it to be reproduced in our Bulletin. Both Roy Gault and myself have sent additional information to Brian, but if any member has new information to add to "Shropshire Perfins", please write in and I will send it on to Brian.

After many years of unsuccessfully looking for perfins from Shropshire, it was almost shocking to find two different ones within a few weeks of each other and both with two uses on different stamps. The finds are MAW of Maw & Co., and CAM/RYS of Cambrian Railways.

MAW & Co., BROSELEY

*MAW & Co, tile manufacturers, moved to Benthall near **BROSELEY** from Worcester in 1852. They opened a works at Jackfield in 1883. Using the Severn Valley Railway, they supplied a vast range and quantity of tiles across Britain and around the world. The 10d red-brown (SG 112) is cancelled by the **WELLINGTON** duplex issued on 24 NOV 1870 (SIB 30 / 109) and the 1/- green (SG 115) by the **IRONBRIDGE/ P.O.S.B.** cancel, both cancels probably franked an overseas letter.*

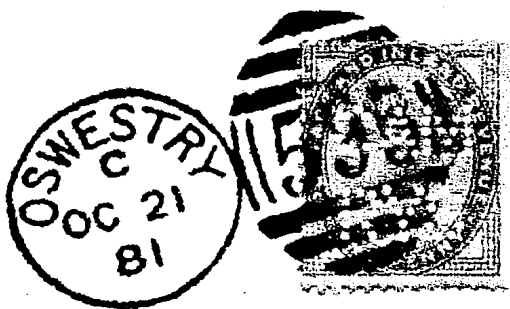
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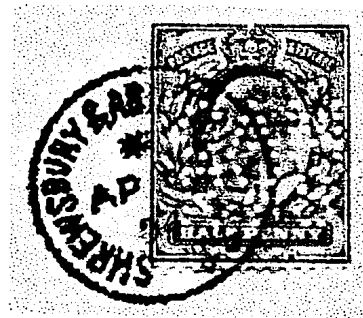
CAMBRIAN RAILWAYS

The Cambrian Railways (**CAM/RYS**) came into being in July 1864 when four small lines in North & Central Wales and North Shropshire were joined into one company. In 1866 the head office was established in Oswestry. The QV 1d lilac (Die 2) is cancelled by the **OSWESTRY** duplex issued on 22 OCT 1881 (SIE 40 / 171) and the KEVII ½d green is cancelled by the **SHREWSBURY & ABERYSTWYTH S.C.** (Sorting Carriage) circular date stamp dated 1904.

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UNKNOWN SHREWSBURY

My local society has a "perfin expert" and he thought that the example below might well be one so I include it. The **BURY of SHREWSBURY and 70 of 708** are light but clear. The single central "hole" is thought to represent a perfin but the company/organisation is not known. The **SHREWSBURY** duplex issued on 29 AUG 1876 (SIB 35 / 99) cancels the Queen Victoria penny red plate 191..



In the New Perfins Catalogue with Details, Design Section, there is a note that this "perfin?" is known used from 1870 to 1915. Duplex numbers seen are 200, 454, 545, 708, 927. There is a list of values noted from 1d Plate 92 to KGV 2½d. It is still not regarded as a true perfin.