

Appeal For Victorian Dated Dies

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Three years ago in Bulletin 305 I presented a list of confirmed Sloper dies. The list was based on dated copies, Sloper records and the Vallency list. The list included 80 confirmed Sloper dies in the period 1868-1872. I made an appeal at the time for members to send in any information on dated copies in this early period of perfins and I would like to give belated thanks to all of those who sent in additional information. Unfortunately dated copies in this early period appear to be fairly elusive and the table has not grown as much as I might have hoped. Attached is an updated table showing all confirmed Sloper dies in the period 1868 – 1880. I have added an additional column to the table showing the die configuration where known.

Dated copies not only confirm Sloper dies but they give us clues as to how the design of the dies changed during the early days. For many years it has been recognised that the earliest dies were typically of a small alphabet with Ampersand I. Looking at the table below you can see that this has been born out with Ampersand II being introduced around September 1869 and Ampersand III not making its debut until August 1870. As more dated copies become available I suspect that most of the Ampersand I dies will prove to be from 1868/69. Similarly die configuration may well have changed during these early years but these will have to wait until more die reconstructions have been made. I have included the Board of Trade B9000.01 although the jury is still out as to whether this is a forgery or not.

So once again I appeal to all members to have a look at their collections and see if there are any dated copies that they might have. I am interested in not only this early period but throughout the Victorian period. Surface printed, high values and revenues often have clear date stamps so you should not just be looking at covers. If you have dates to report please include information on the stamp issue, town and any plate number. Please send in any information that you might have and I will collect together the information and pass it on to our catalogue editor. For those of you on the internet I can be contacted at mauriceharp@aol.com and for those of you that prefer pen and paper my address is “Woodside”, Silver Street, Sway, Hants, SO41 6DF.

CONFIRMED SLOPER DIES - 1868-1880

SLOPER DIE No.	CONFIG	VALLANCEY LIST	SLOPER REGISTER DATE	EARLIEST RECORD OF USE	EDWARDS CAT NUMBER	DIE	FIRST PLATE	PIN HEIGHT	AMP
1868									
2607	1 x 2		28/03/1868	03/04/1868	G2410.01	GH/Wco	134	4	
2609			13/05/1868	28/07/1875	J6820.01	J.S	117	4	
				00/11/1868	S4920.01	SM/&Co	78	4	I
1869									
				06/01/1869	V1630.01	VS/&Co	74	4	I
				19/02/1869	C2087.01	C.D/&Co	74	4	I
2645			28/02/1869		K1760.01	KÜHNER	96	4	-
2650			03/03/1869	17/05/1869	S5840.01	S.P/&Co	74	4	I
2650					L1630.01	L.D/&S	X	4	I
2652		1	10/03/1869		T2570.01	T.J.A/463	103	4 1/4	-
			05/04/1869	13/10/1871	M0520.06	MB/&Co	87	4	I
2662			09/04/1869	15/09/1869	S1760.01	SCOTT/Bros	101	4	-
		29		29/04/1869	C3730.02	C.I.H/&S	79	4	I
				26/06/1869	N2290.02	NN/NN	106	4 1/2	-
				28/06/1869	G4300.01	GR/E	79	4	-
				19/07/1869	#0420.02	533/T.H	97	4 1/2	-
				18/08/1869	S6810.01	S.S/S.S	101	4	-
2672			01/09/1869		J1030.01	J.B/T&Co.	106	4 1/2	II
				24/09/1869	R4890.01	R&S/M.L	97	4	I
2702			27/09/1869		J3210.01	J&G/OxSt	102	4	I
				07/10/1869	S7160.03	S.T&B	102	5	II
				08/10/1869	N1785.01	NIC/HOL/SON	102	4	-
2704			12/10/1869	21/03/1870	F1790.01	F.H/&C	106	5 1/2	II
				24/10/1869	R4890.02	R&S/M.L	97	4	I
2700			05/11/1869	13/12/1869	F3850.01	F.S/L	106	5	-
2701			10/11/1869	02/07/1878	P2210.01	P&G/OxSt	110	4	I
2703			01/12/1869		R1425.01	R.D.F/&Co	120	4	I
2674			11/12/1869		M0690.01	M.B/M	107	5 1/2	-
2676		3	11/12/1869	20/12/1870	B0620.03a	B.B/&Co	100	5	II
				13/12/1869	S3610.01	S.H/&S	92	4	I
2675			23/12/1869		W3095.01	W.G/&Co	114	4	I
		10		24/01/1876	C0960.04	C&B/SOHO	81	4	I
		11			C6450.01	CRAMER/&Co	-	4	I
		X		(1869?)	I0370.01	I.C/&Co/B	102	4 1/4	I
				1869	C1840.01	C(Anchor)C	122	3(10)3	-
		X			?	J.C.B/&Co.	-		-
1870									
		X		01/01/1870	G4350.01M	GRW	94	4/3	-
2669			14/01/1870			Unknown			
2664			20/01/1870		J5475.01	J.M/&S	110	5 1/2	II
2667			20/01/1870		J3160.01	J&G/M	107	5	II
2670			27/01/1870		T0480.02	T.B/&Co	102	5 1/2	II
2663			26/02/1870		C5930.03a	CP/&Co	102	4 1/2	II
2666			01/03/1870		J4090.01	J&I/B&G	114	4	I

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2668			03/03/1870	03/09/1877	F3890.01	F&S/M	95	4 1/5	II
				10/03/1870	T3790.01	TRAVERS	92	3	-
2665			30/03/1870	03/09/1879	C5290.01	CnCo	117	4 1/2	-
2741			01/04/1870	30/07/1874	B0640.01	BB&Co	107	5 1/2	II
2734			12/05/1870		F2130.04	F&J	106	4	I
2733			17/05/1870	28/11/1873	L1970.01	LEVY	125	4	-
2671			16/06/1870	24/11/1870	M0260.01	MAW	110	4 1/2	-
			18/07/1870		G4830.01	G.S.S/CoLd	117	4 1/2	-
				29/07/1870	P2640.01	P.J.&Co	101	4	I
				00/07/1870	B2360.01	BEAVIS	100		-
2762			14/08/1870	20/01/1871	S2050.02	SDB/&S/M	109	4	I
				00/08/1870	K0670.01	KEEN/&Co.	106	4 1/2	III
				03/09/1870	T1010.03	T&Co	86	4 1/2	III
				12/09/1870	D2240.01a	D.H.&Co	92	4	I
		89		15/10/1870	H7490.01	HUTH	100	4	-
				07/11/1870	B0630.01	B. B.&Co	110	5 1/4 1/2	III
2757			07/12/1870	24/09/1903	W3920.01	W.H.&T	122	5 1/2	II
				18/12/1870	B1560.01	B&Co/L&B	106	4 1/2	III
		X		(1870?)	A1650.01	ADAM	140	4	-
		X		11/07/1874	I2170.06M	I&R/M	103	5 1/2	III
1871									
				17/01/1871	S4930.02	S.M.&Co	79	5/4	I
				24/03/1871	T0470.01	T/B&Co	111	4 1/2	III
				12/04/1871	M1280.01	Mcl	100	5.3.5 1/2	-
				26/04/1871	B9000.01	Crown/B.T	79	12 1/4 1/5 1/2	-
	6 x 1			02/05/1871	M0810.01	MBW	107	4	-
				15/05/1871	F1640.01	F.G.&Co	110	5	II
				30/05/1871	I1220.01	I.H.S.&Co	119	4 1/2	III
				01/09/1871	#0420.01	533/T.H	113	4 1/2	-
				08/09/1871	C5620.01	CORY/C	118	4	-
1872									
				22/01/1872	C6050.02	C&P/L	110	5	III
				01/02/1872	N2520.01	N&P	122	4 1/2	III
N/K	1 x 2		16/02/1872		T4020.02	T.S	118	5	-
N/K			16/02/1872		L0030.03	L&A	146	5 1/2	III
				20/02/1872	G3260.01	GLYN	102	4	-
				03/03/1872	#0710.01	9/RvG	134	5 1/2	-
				02/04/1872	D4790.01	D.T&F	111	4	I
	6 x 1	X		08/04/1872	G4350.02	GRW	72	4	-
2868		X	16/04/1872		H7680.01	H.W/C	118	5	-
				11/05/1872	B3695.01	BIRD/Co	120	4	-
				31/05/1872	A1280.07	A&Co	129	4 1/2	III
				12/06/1872	S7150.05	ST/&B	98	5 1/2	II
	6 x 1	X		08/08/1872	I2170.04b	I&R/M	117	5 1/2	III
N/K			c1872		B2810.04	B&F/L	117	4	III
				29/11/1872	L2320.01	L.F.&S	100	4	I

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		X		23/12/1872	C7760.01	C.T.S/Co	120	4½	III
1873									
4137			18/07/1873	26/09/1879	D3330.01	D.M/Co	122	4	I
1874									
2666				28/03/1874	B5490.01	BOVY	164	4	-
4272			00/05/1874		C1280.01	CC/Co	137	4½	-
4280			17/07/1874		C5360.01	C/N.H	122	4½	-
1876									
5007			c1876		W3025.01	W.G.B/Co	120	5	III
5048	1 x 1		29/02/1876		W7510.01	W.T/I/F.M	190	4½	-
5054			20/04/1876		W1550.01	W/C&S	124	4½	III
5061	1 x 1		03/05/1876	23/06/1877	J7190.01	J.S/P	174	4½	-
5062			07/05/1876		F1815.01	F/H&Co	146	4½	III
5102			15/09/1876	08/12/1876	W0790.02	W.B/Sco	146	4½	-
5080			c1876		G1390.01	De(in)G	150	3½/15	-
5115			c1876	07/12/1877	F0320.02	F.B/Co.	131	5	III
1877									
5120			05/01/1877	19/09/1877	A5690.01m	AW/B	148	16	-
5131			c1877		D0630.01	D.C.A	171	4½	-
5135	1 x 1		c1877		H2290.01	H.E/Co	171	4½	III
5144			28/04/1877		W5390.02	WML/S&C	160	4½	I
5165	1 x 1		04/07/1877	14/07/1879	W3550.01	W/H&Co	146	4½	III
5204			06/07/1877		J6595.01	J/R.M	184	5	-
5205			09/07/1877	13/12/1878	R0320.01	R.B	192	5	-
5222			14/09/1877		W6435.01	W/R&S	184	4½	III
5255			c1877		L3465.01	L&L/CCo	177	4½	III
1878									
5288			17/03/1878		H0560.01	H/B&Co	182	4½/5	III
5289			17/03/1878		P5050.01	P.W.B/Co	137	4½	I
5299			c1878	27/06/1878	R3415.01	R.M	171	4½	-
1879									
5352			00/01/1879		G1075.01	G&Co/W	184	4½	III
5356			00/01/1879		P4250.02	P.S/G.B	174	4½	-
5362			00/02/1879		D4440.03	DS/Co	171	4½	III
5373			00/03/1879		J3530.01	J.H/BS	195	4½	-
5409			00/07/1879		J0665.01	J/B&Co	201	4½	III
5422			30/10/1879		A4510.03	A&P	X	4½	I
5436			00/11/1879	11/03/1880	W0300.01	WATTS	177	4½	-