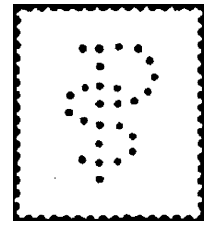


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SOCIETY NEWS

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES TO SEPT. 2006 Total Members 321

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SECRETARY'S BIT

It's that time of year again when subscriptions are due. If your membership card is not with this Bulletin it probably means that you have not paid. Subs are as printed on the cover of this Bulletin, please pay promptly as it makes the life of the Secretary a bit easier.

EDITORIAL

Well I have made it through my first year as editor and so far have not had any real complaints, which I take as a good sign. I am still not getting enough material though. Surely someone out there is doing a study of Seahorses, 1d Lilacs or Edward VIII perfins. Maybe you specialise in the perfins of Vanuatu, Mauritius or the Falkland Islands. Whatever your interest I am sure there will be other members who would be interested in your findings. So no excuses, put pen to paper and become a contributor rather than just a reader.

John Luft has phoned me and asked me to give his heartfelt thanks to the Society for the gift of three stamp albums for his Swedish perfins. As members will know John hasn't been too well of late but the good news now is that the doctors have diagnosed the problem and started treatment and John seems to be well on the way to recovery. I am sure all members of the society wish him well and hope that he will soon be making good use of the Society's gift.

Lastly, we are planning a bumper issue of the Bulletin for the 50th Anniversary Issue next year. The issue will include key articles reprinted from the last 50 years of our society. More on this will be given in the near future.

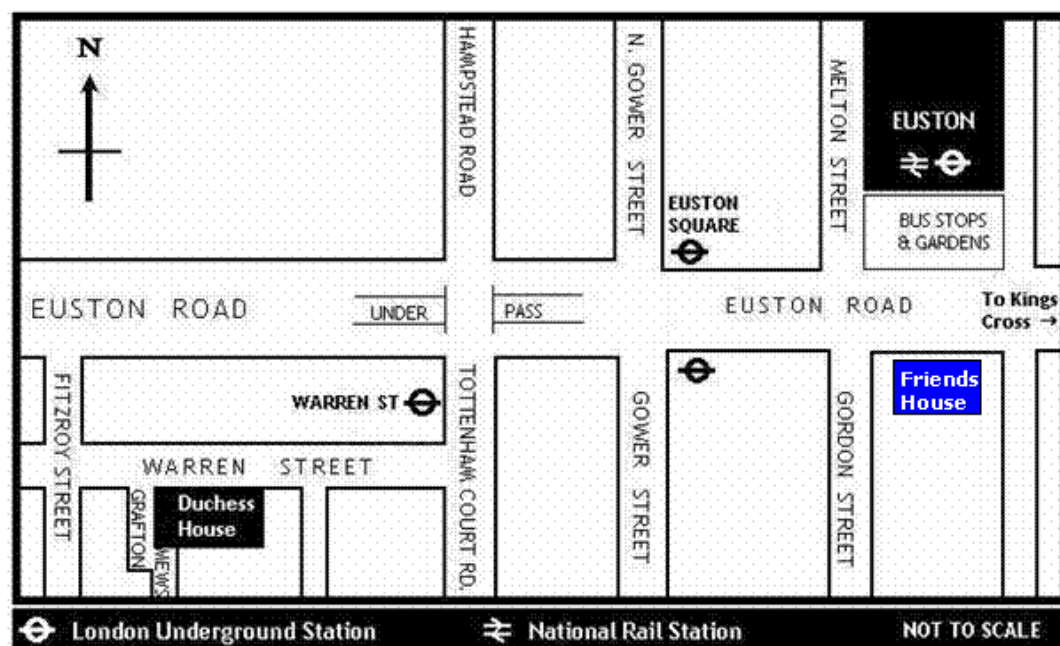
FREE OFFERS AVAILABLE

Brian Birch has contacted me to let me know that he has a copy of a book on the history of the company Harrisons & Crossfield - Rubber plantations, etc. As far as I know they did not produce perfins but the book is available to anyone who wants it on a first come first served basis. Whoever wants it will just have to pay postage. Brian Birch can be contacted by e-mail or if you don't have access to e-mail please contact me at the address on the front cover and I will pass the message on.

I, the editor, have available a near complete run of the South Pacific Perfin Bulletin for disposal (1992 to date). For those not in the know the Bulletin covers the perfins of Australia and New Zealand. If any member would like these they are available for the cost of the postage. Only one set available, so again first come first served. Please contact me at the address on the front cover if you are interested.

LONDON AGM MEETING – OCTOBER 28th

The London AGM will be held as usual in the Euston Room at Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ. There is a map below and as you will see it is right next to Euston mainline (where there is parking) and the Euston and Euston Square underground stations. The meeting – 1:30 to 5:00 on Saturday 28th October but in rooms 10+11.



There will be a short time spent on official business and then the chance to buy/swap/chat/display. Please bring along a few pages from your collection for display – there will be no formal competition but it's always good to see gems from another collection and to see how different members choose to display their material. So please come and please bring something along to share with the members.

LIBRARY REPORT

Alastair Walter

Translations Project

The library holds hundreds of articles in various foreign languages. Fortunately many of these are translated into English, but this still leaves a substantial amount of material that I cannot read, including many French and German articles, plus the Dutch and German newsletters which we receive as they are published.

So, I am looking for members who would be willing to translate some of these items as and when they have the time. All associated costs such as postage, copying etc. would of course be paid by the Society.

I would be very pleased to hear from any member who thinks they might be able to help with translations from any language.

WHAT IS IT?

The item shown on the right was recently sold on eBay. It looks like a stamp, but without any country indicated and no "currency". The inscription "POKO" ("POKO" stands for "Porto Kontroll") is consistent with the POKO-style letters of the "MS" perfin, as is the cut top and bottom edges of the stamp. Such stamps were perforated by the Michelius stamp vending machines. The stamp is a bright orange on toned white paper and has no gum.



The item could be a significant piece of perfin history, and this is also suggested by the final selling price of US\$231! Can any member provide more information on this piece?

SEEN IN AUCTION

Alastair Walter alerted me to the following lots offered by Embassy Auctions in their Spring 2006 listing. Interestingly they quote **John Nelson's** die numbers, dies that are now regarded as forgeries. Even more interestingly the lots are furnished with RPS certificates. As John says "I hope the certificate is for the base stamps – not the perfin's". However this would not be the first time that the RPS and the BPA has issued certificates for BoT forgeries – see Bulletin 224/6

Lot 519 - 2d, 1/- & ½d SG 214 'B.T.' Crown Perfin Mint, average mm.
(Nelson perfin Die 18 on ½d, Die 14 others)
With RPS cert (will split @ £125 each). £300



Lot 451 - ½d, 1d & 1½d 'B.T.' Crown Perfin Mint, each good mm
(Nelson perfin 'Die 14'). A rare group (will split @ £125
each). With RPS Cert. £300



Lot 487 - ½d, 5d & 1/- 'B.T.' Crown Perfin Mint, average mm
(Nelson perfin 'Die 14'). A rare group (will split @ £125
each). With RPS Cert. £300



The stamps are still for sale in their Summer listing!!

MEMBERS WANTS

WANTED: A small nice cover used by D. Hald & Co., Engineers, 24 Great Winchester St, London EC with perfin DH/&Co. (D2235.01). Contact Stellan Swenson

MEMBERS COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

Channel Island Bisect Perfin - Bulletin 343/18

John Mathews writes,

“with regard to your interesting article on the KGVII bisect with perfin (Aug 2006 Bulletin 343, page 18), there are 3 patterns which have the use of that style of “&” as late as circa 1940 (which is unusual) plus pins in the right spot for the letter above it, which can only be ‘C’, ‘G’, ‘O’, ‘Q’ or ‘W’. In fact I think I can see another hole near the edge of the bisect along the King’s eyebrow, so that eliminates ‘W’.

The 3 patterns are CN/&C^o (C5310.04), CR/&C^o (C6480.06, – C6480.05 is too small), and OA/&S (O0100.02a). Of these, O0100.02a belongs to a set of such letter combinations, some of which have known London postmarks/users, and CN/&C^o has a pin missing from the top of the ‘&’. Therefore I think it is not likely to be either of these. That leaves CR/&C^o (C6480.06) as the prime suspect in my mind.”

Roy Gault adds that C6480.06 was identified in B305 - Charles Russell & Co, 37 Norfolk St, London E. The die is known dated as early as 29th August 1922, and appears on issue 'Q', so 'die-in-use' date range is now 1920-1939. But the question remains as to what is the link with Guernsey.

S.H/&S – S3610.01M - Bulletin 343/15

Joe Dooley reports the following 1d Plates on S3610.01M – S.H/&S.

ODD rows are as follows-

101 (MH), 109 (QJ), 122 (SB), 125 (MH), 129 (SK), 129 (AJ)

EVEN rows are-

97 (HJ), 103 (FD), 110 (RK), 113 (RD), 115 (HD), 117 (DK),
121 (RI), 121 (LG), 124 (PE), 130 (RK), 131 (LI), 136 (RH)

Plate 97 has not been reported previously with this die. Another entry for the new Line Engraved catalogue.

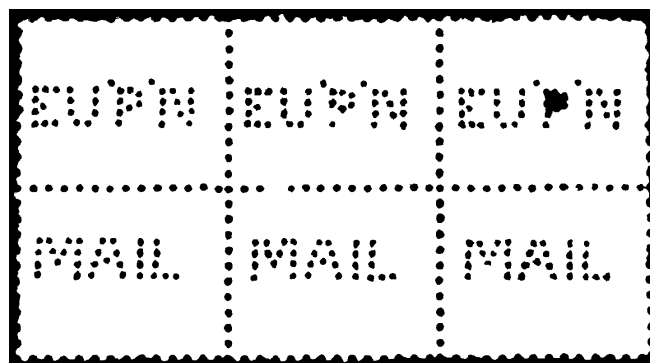
LINE ENGRAVED GEMS

Roy Gault

My postbag in July produced two outstanding items, both from regular correspondents. The first was a spectacular ‘Advertising Ring’ cover noted in an auction by **Peter Maybury**. The Queen Victoria three-halfpenny stamp is perfinned “WB” (a New Die allocated W0410.23) which has been used as additional postage on an ‘Advertising Ring’ cover of ‘W B Fordham & Son’. It doesn’t get much better than this!



The second item came from **Peter Peniket**, an impressive 3x2 block of Queen Victoria ‘bantams’ (plate 6). The perfin is “EU’P’N/MAIL” (E4920.01M), showing the pattern split between the two rows.



The missing pin in the “P” in the central pattern and other minor variations show the die was multiheaded, hence the addition of the suffix ‘M’ to the catalogue number. The existence of the die on a ‘bantam’ also makes it the fifty-third example of a ‘Full House’.

PERFORATED P.P.S REGISTERED ENVELOPES

Rosemary Smith

From John Barker, Editor of the Postal Stationery Society, came this very useful piece of information.

"The following illustration is from a 'Huggins RP 20 Gc' (the P.P.S. identification number of a particular item of stationery) with perfin C0270.01M through the QV 2d Blue impression and C0207.03 through the adhesive. The interesting point is that on close examination of the flap, holes from two other dies on the multi-die head can be seen. This was something I had not noticed before. "

Since receiving this letter I have checked my own C/AN/S Registered Envelopes and am ashamed to admit that I too missed noticing the evidence of a multi-die machine on two of my QV 2d Blue Type 2 Registered Envelopes.



This next unusual item came via our Publications Officer, Jeff Turnbull. It is a KGV 3d Brown Registered Envelope with perfin die R&Co/Ld – R1080.03 – through the embossed stamp. (This die is also known through P.S. Envelopes.) However, this Registered Envelope also has a 1d KGV Red embossed stamp on the flap, also perforated through with R&Co/Ld. Both perfins are made through the flap of the registered envelope only and with their relative alignment appear to be from a multi-head die.

The perfin die was used by Rowntree & Co. Ltd., Confectioners, York and is known used between 1905 and 1936. This envelope is dated 09-08-20 and is cancelled at York. Jeff says that in 1920 some of the old stock of GV 3d brown embossed Registered envelopes from 1912 were updated in price by adding a further 1d embossed value in red. (Huggins RP32). Another oddity to watch for.

Dated 09-08-1920.

R 1080.03



'SPG' TYPES EXPLAINED

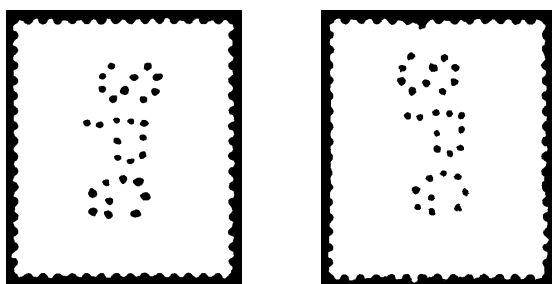
Roy Gault

Way back in 1994, whilst preparing the sheets for Section 'S' of the 'New Illustrated Catalogue', it became apparent that a great number of perfin 'variations' reported over the years could be explained if individual letters had been 'clamped' together to produce the required initials. The 'Eureka' moment came when the plethora of "SPG" patterns then in existence were reached - hence the name. However, I didn't know enough at the time to catalogue them accurately, and lamely called them S5900.00. In my defence, I did devote a whole page to them and illustrated a good few examples. These particular SPG's were naturally all of the 3-letter type, but since then we can now recognise both 2-letter and single-letter types. Even a solitary 4-letter type has been reported, although this presents an enigma - see later.

What are the basic assumptions?

1. Individual letters were 'clamped' together to produce the initials.

The 'proof' is the occurrence of a characteristically wonky "P" known in at least two different positions. It may well be that others have noticed this particular "P" used to make up other initials - *if you have, I would be interested to know.*

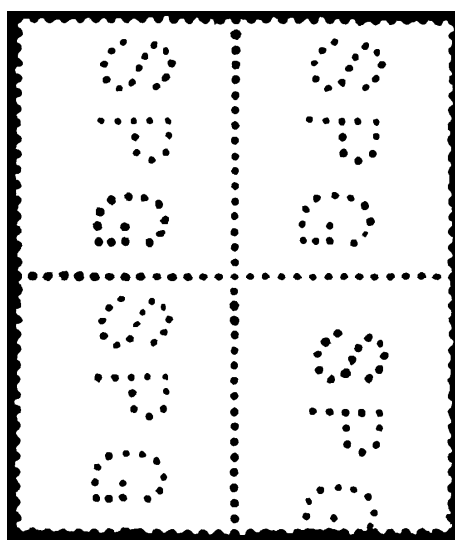


2. Three-letter 'SPG' types always read down the stamp (with the monarch's head upright), whereas single, 2-letter, and 4-letter examples are always upright. None have yet been found reversed.

Difficult to 'prove', but no-one has yet reported an example that contravenes any of these tenets. *If you have any that do, again I would be very pleased to hear from you.*

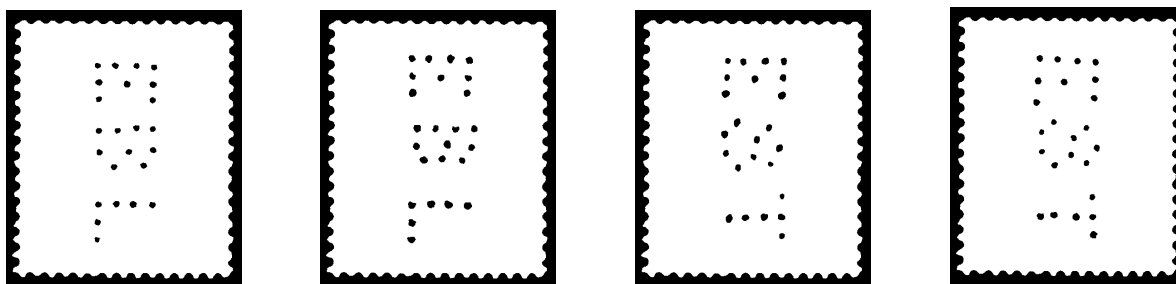
3. The ‘made-up’ die was single headed in that only one set of initials could be produced with one strike of the die. Admittedly, multiple sheets of stamps (possibly three, four or more) would have been initialled at each strike.

The ‘proof’ offered is the 2x2 block illustrated in the G.B. Perfins catalogue. It does not show the constant spacing expected between neighbouring patterns if the ‘die’ was multiheaded, 20.5mm horizontally or 24.5mm vertically for a definitive sized stamp. Furthermore, each pattern is ‘identical’ to it’s neighbour.



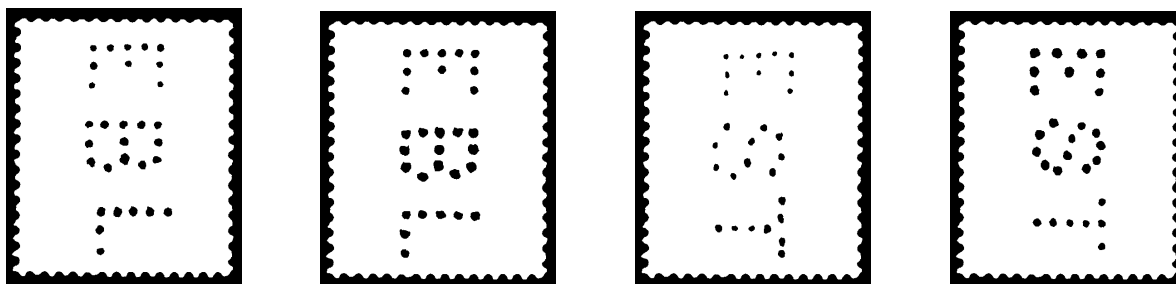
4. There are two basic types of letters used with a change-over date of c1906, give-or-take a year either way. In the past I have referred to them as ‘large’ and ‘small’ letters, but this is potentially misleading and in future they will simply be referred to as either ‘earlier’ (i.e. c1906 or before) or ‘later’ (i.e. c1906 or after).

The ‘later’ type is easier to recognise as the letters are **4-pins high** and ‘small’, usually in the range 4.5 mm to 5 mm high.



Examples of the ‘later SPG type’ of “EBL” (E0415.01v) and “EST” (E4460.01v) showing the typical variation that can be found.

The ‘earlier’ versions of these two sets of lettering show the use of letters that are usually (but not always!) 5-pins high, and generally bigger, usually in the range 5.5 mm to 6.5 mm.



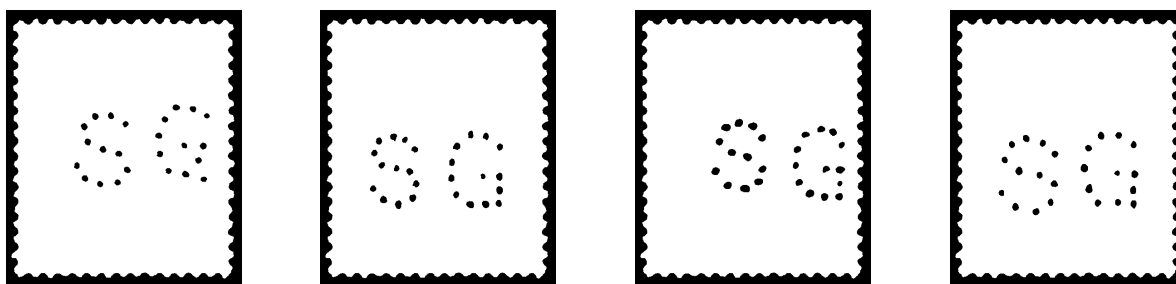
Examples of the ‘later SPG type’ of “EBL” (E0415.02v) and “EST” (E4460.02v) showing the typical variation that can be found.

The suffix ‘v’ warns collectors that ‘variations’ can be expected, not only in the position of the letters, but also in their shape, size, and pin-count.

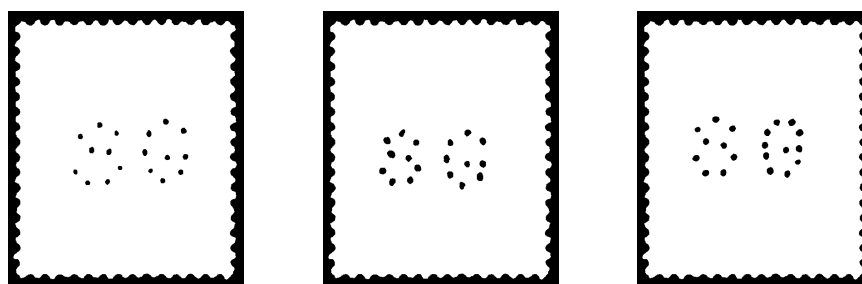
5. Two-letter types.

Brentford and Chiswick postmarks link all these examples to ‘Stratton, Gentry & Co, Coal Merchants, Brentford & Chiswick’.

‘Earlier’ examples pre c1906. 4th example is dated 16th Oct 1906.



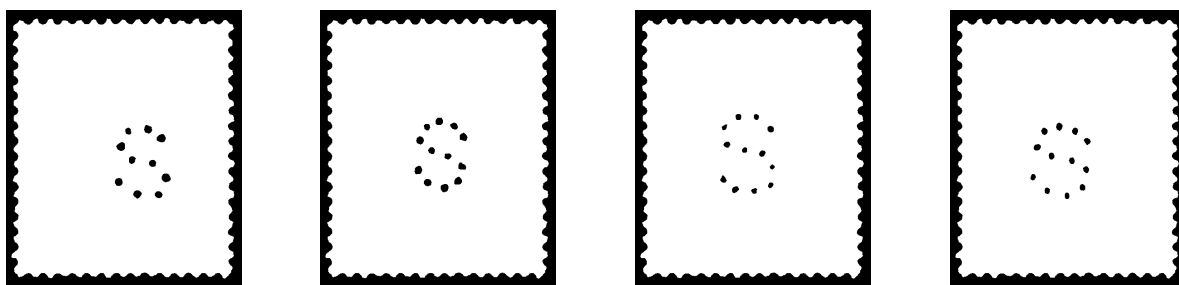
‘Later examples, post c1906. 3rd example is dated 25th Mar 1907.



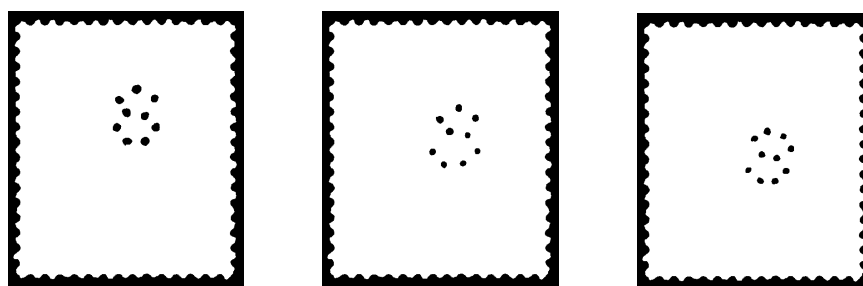
6. Single-letter types.

Inevitably, these are the most difficult to spot, but again Chiswick postmarks give the game away for these single-letter S's. Again, almost certainly used by 'Stratton, Gentry & Co, Coal Merchants, Brentford & Chiswick'.

'Earlier' examples pre c1906. 4th example is dated 30th July 1906.

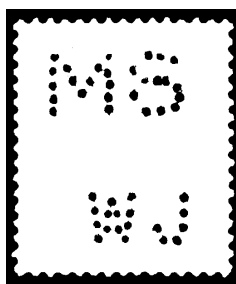


'Later examples, post c1906.



7. 4-letter type.

Just one example of such a beast has been reported, "MS/WJ" (M5410.02v), on a Queen Victoria Jubilee ½d (verm) postmarked '766' Swindon, and dating to c1895.



The enigma presented here is that a mixture of 5-pin and 4-pin high letters has been used, and such small 4-pin high letters are unknown in any other 'SPG' types from the Victorian era.

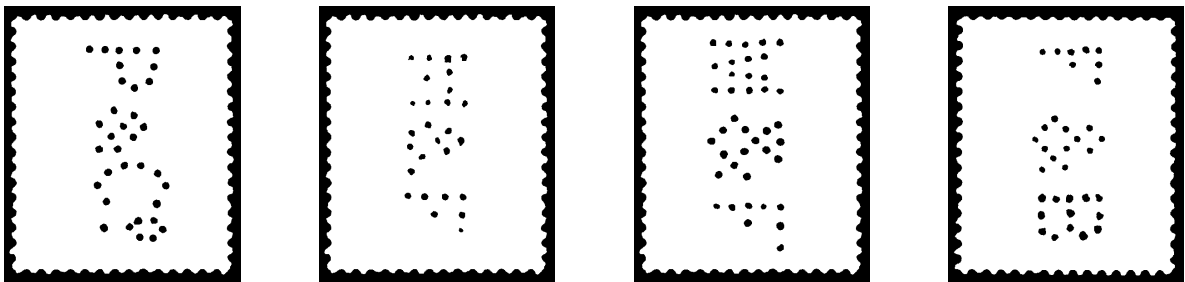
8. Change-over date, c1906.

The three dates shown previously for “S” and “SG” are typical of the latest/earliest dates generally encountered, although I am well aware that ‘three swallows don’t make a summer’!

Sometimes later types do not exist for corresponding earlier types (and vice versa). Of course the company could have gone out of business, changed its name, or even used ‘conventional’ perfins such as YOST, in use from 1899 - see Bulletin No.327, page 16.

9. Ampersands.

A wide variety of ampersands have been noted on ‘SPG’ types, including two ‘minimal’ types shown in the first two illustrations.



10. The ‘Die’ Maker.

Dave Hill has established that ‘Waterlow & Son’ were the source for these ‘SPG’ type patterns, going back perhaps as far as c1885. He noticed that, J B Pash and J V Drake, users of ‘SPG’ types “JBP” and “JVD” respectively, were amongst the clients that Slopers ‘inherited’ from Waterlows. For more details, see Dave’s article in Bulletin No.293, pages 19-21.

Please note that this is only a brief summary of where we are currently at with the so-called ‘SPG’ types, and in no way represents a definitive work. I’m sure that discoveries lie ahead that will add to our knowledge of these patterns, and perhaps alter the way in which they are catalogued.

In passing, if anyone has any practical suggestions for a better way to classify the SPG’s, I would be pleased to hear from you.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN

Ian Burns

The postcard shown below has recently come into my possession and I wonder whether any member can shed any light on the "Stamp Collectors' Cot".

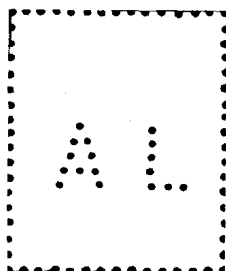


The postcard was used 28th March 1936 and stamp has the perfin die QHC – Q0260.01. The only additional information that I (Ed) can add is that the Queen's Hospital for Children became the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Children in 1942.

QUERY 1. - POSTMARK ON KEVII 1/- STAMP

Rosemary Smith

I have a King Edward 1/- perfin AL – A3510.04 – with a most unusual postmark. It is dated 1904 and shows clearly, (B)REMEN/(N)EW YORK but the text above it looks rather Germanic: ‘---ERIKAWISCHE’.



I sent the stamp to Roy and his comment was, “I wonder if the Bremen bit refers to the place or perhaps the ship’s name”.

A3510.04 seems to be a missing pin die for ‘A.L’ (3520.02), which according to Tomkins Catalogue was in use 1905-1930 and used by the American Line, Southampton to New York Service. Many thanks to Fred Taylor for the brilliant scan.

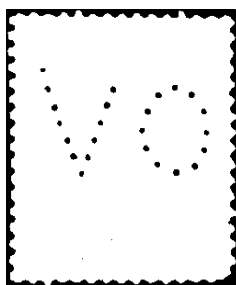
Any comments about the postmark or the correct die number?

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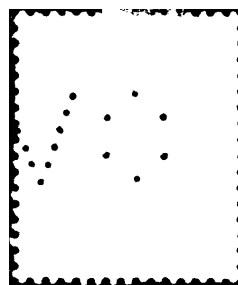
QUERY 2. - PERFIN “VO” – V1310.01

Rosemary Smith

When I acquired the perfin “VO”, with the 6 hole “O”, on a King George V 2½d (‘I’ RC) I sent it to Roy with the following comment. The die matches V1310.01 but with the alternate pins missing from the “O”. Roy is inclined to agree with this. Has anyone else a “VO” with the 6 pin “O”?



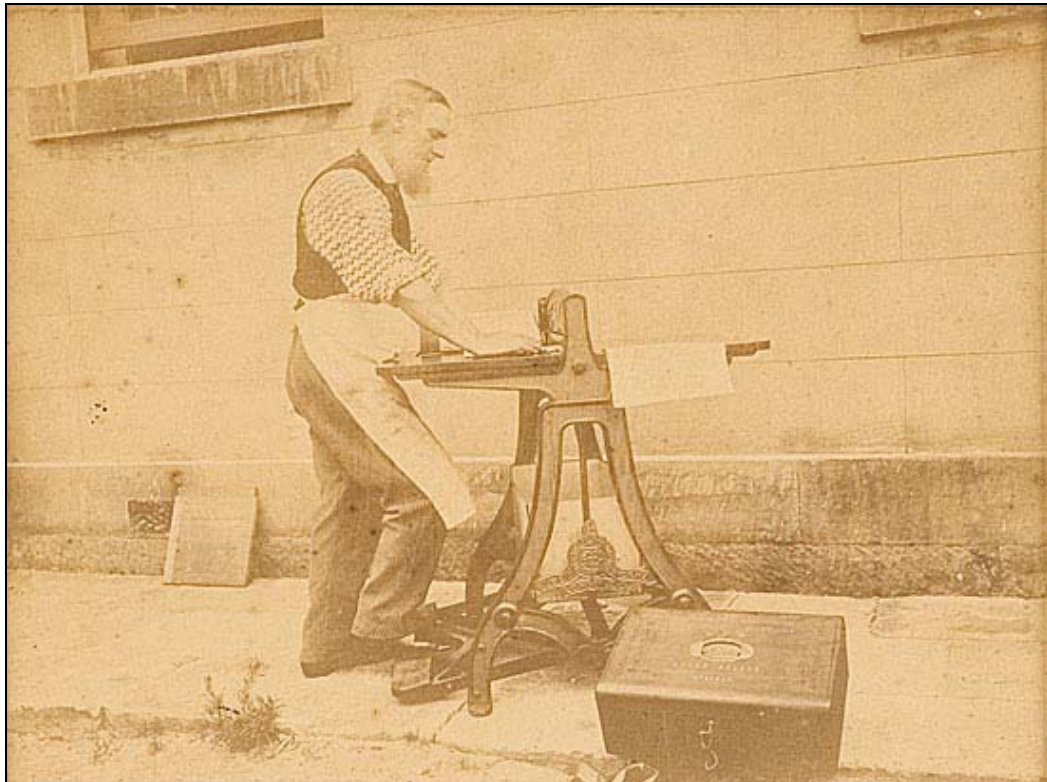
V1310.01



AN ITEM OF POSTAL PERFORATING HISTORY

(reprinted with permission from South Pacific Perfin Bulletin July 2006)

Bryan Magee of The Perfin Club of New Zealand and Australia has reported a photograph of philatelic interest which was in the May auction of Charles Leski (Melbourne). The lot is described as a 23 x 19 cm 1880s albumen photograph showing a man operating a perforating press. The photograph was entitled “GPO Stamp Branch” and was listed under the “Great Britain” section of the auction catalogue. Indeed, the lettering on the top of the box in the foreground appears to be “STAMP BRANCH”. The mechanism is treadle operated and is very similar to that of the Australian “VG” perforator owned by member **John Mathews**. The perforating head structure also looks similar to two other line perforators seen several years ago.



If the device was operated by the GPO Stamp Branch, it is most likely to be a line perforator, but also it could have been one used to perforate one of the GB official perfins. Peripheral points of interest are that the pieces of paper punched out appear to drop into nothing more “technical” than a cardboard carton; and no-one bothered to remove the weeds at the edge of the path to the left of the operator’s foot before the photograph was made!

PERFORATED POSTAL STATIONERY - POSTCARDS

Rosemary Smith

This is the third part of the up-date of the Postal Stationery Cards with a perfin die through the stamp on the card. The original article was in Bulletin 284/13-19; up-date in Bulletin 343/16-17.

Since the original article was printed in 1996 I have had reports of 30 new dies on these cards. I always thought the P.S. Wrappers had the most common usage but I now reserve my judgement until I have up-dated all the new information appertaining to the Wrappers.

None of the following dies were illustrated in any earlier articles.

QV ½d brown Type 1

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| GB/&S | G0610.03 | 26-03-04 |
| No identity | | Pmk Ilford |

QV ½d brown Type 2

| | | |
|--|-----------|---------------------|
| ACT | A1540.01 | 21-01-85 |
| A.C. Thomson, Mercantile Stationers & Printers, 113 Union St, Glasgow. | | |
| AL&C ^o | A3570.04 | 27-08-00 |
| Arbuthnot Latham & Co, London E.C. | | |
| BN | B5060.01M | 06-02-90 |
| Bridgewater Navigation | | Pmk Runcorn |
| C&F/B | C2563.01M | 31-07-85 |
| Constantine & Floyd, 20 Regent St, Birmingham. | | |
| C.M/&C ^o .. | C4956.01 | June 1883-June 1885 |
| Messrs Mumby & Co, Soda Water Manufacturers, Gosport. | | |
| PLAYER | P2910.01 | 14-10-98 |
| John Player Ltd, Cigarette Mfr, Nottingham. | | |
| S&M ^c D | S4850.05 | 30-09-85 |
| Stewart & McDonald Ltd, Warehousemen, Glasgow & Leeds. - | | |
| TE/B | T1420.01 | 21-12-98 |
| London County Council Technical Education Board. | | |
| W.J/&C ^o .. | W4575.01 | 28-03-85 |
| No identity | | Pmk London |

QV ½d Green Type 2

G&F G1730.01 (1901? - change of colour?)
Mint Card - no name or date.

QV ½d Brown --Type not known

BCW/L B1775.01 23-11-89

CH/+/CC⁰ C3160.01 29-04-86

Copestake, Hughes, Crampton & Co, Warehousemen, 5 Bow Churchyard EC

IS(mono) I2260.04m 11-03-93

Joseph Sloper & Co, Engineers & Stamp Initiallers, 20 King William St,
London EC

S S0010.37 28-04-92

Henry P..., Railway Mil..., Darlington (No identity on card – pmk
Darlington - partial identity from Perfin Society Catalogue - can anyone
identify from the clues?)

QV 1d Brown Type 3

BB/CF B0570.03 11-12-82 & 11-01-83

Burgoyne, Burbidges, Cyriax & Farries, 16 Coleman St, London EC

B.T/P B7240.01 17-01-91

Barrett, Tagant & Pochin, Merchants, Oil & Grease Refiners, Starch &
Saceharum Mfrs, 79 Mark Lane, London EC. Also Corrisson Works,
Wandsworth Bridge Rd, Fulham, London SW.

C.S/L C7055.01 23-06-80 & 13-05-81

C. Shaw Lovell, Continental Carrier & Shipping Agent, 9 Fenchurch St,
London EC.

C/S.S.C⁰ C7260.01M 23-07-90

Cunard Steamship Company Ltd, Liverpool.

E&C⁰. E0770.09 25-10-89

Ellinger & Co, Manchester.

H/C&C⁰ H1310.01 27-02-80 & 25-05-80

H. Clarkson & Co, 20 Billiter Court, London EC.

JAFFE J0170.02 01-11-81

Ø Martin Jaffe & Co., Tortoiseshell, Mother of Pearl, Ivory and General
Merchants, 52 Lime Street, London

S.T/&B S7160.02 28-12-88

Ø Spencer, Turner & Boldero Ltd, Lisson Grove, London NW1

QV 1d Red Type 4

| | | |
|--|--------------------------|----------|
| A.B/L | A0720.01 | 01-04-95 |
| Ash Bros. Ltd, Leeds | | |
| CC/ & C ^o | C1290.02a | 03-02-02 |
| Copestake, Crampton & Co, Warehousemen, 5 Bow Churchyard, EC | | |
| G&F | G1730.01 | 28-06-98 |
| Gallatly & Ferry, Timber Merchants, 88 Bishopsgate Street Within, EC | | |
| | (See QV ½d Green Type 2) | |
| T&S/Ld. | T5190.01 | 17-05-98 |
| Thomas Webb & Sons Ltd | | |

QV 1½d Brown Type 5A New card & value - no other details.

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| A&N/C.S.L | A4205.02 | Mint Card |
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Type 5A

E7 1d Red Type 7

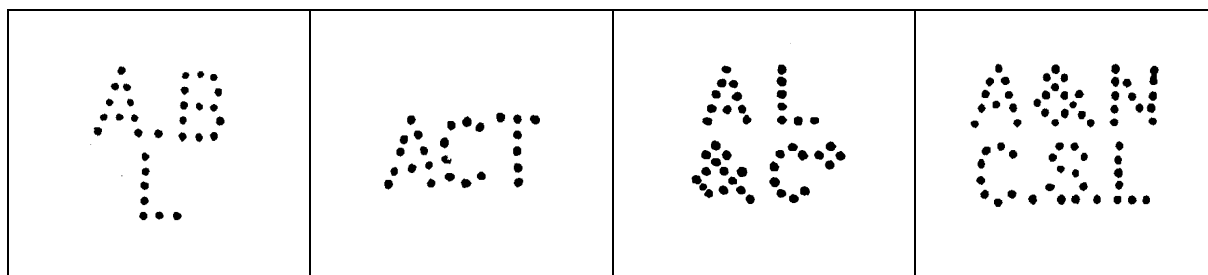
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| Cunard Steamship Co. Ltd. | | |
| FR | F3460.06v | c1909 |
| Furness Railway Company | | |
| R&S/L | R4820.03 | 28-04-01 |
| Rylands & Sons Ltd, Warehousemen, London | | |

GV ½d Green Type 8 (¾ Downey Head)

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| L ^{cn} | L1150.01 | 28-08-15 |
| Leeds Corporation | | |

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| S & L Ash Brothers, Leeds | | |

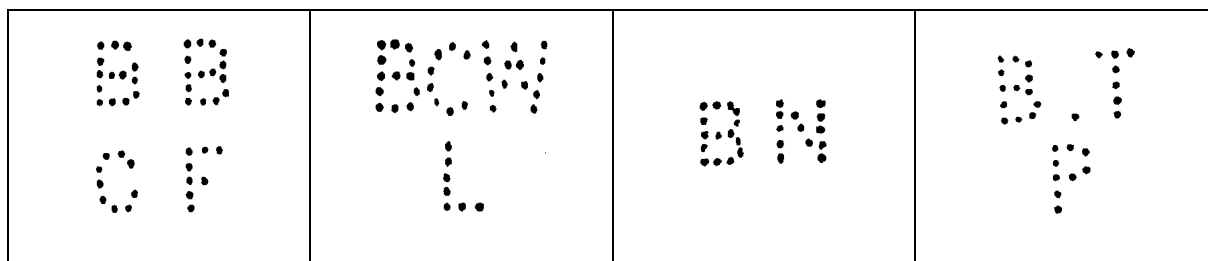


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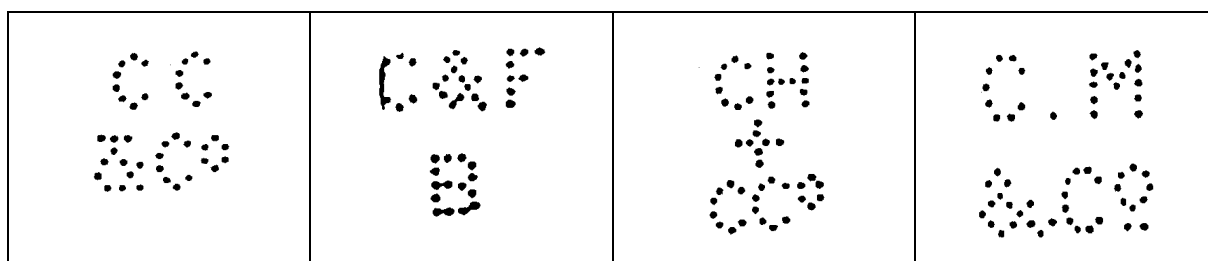


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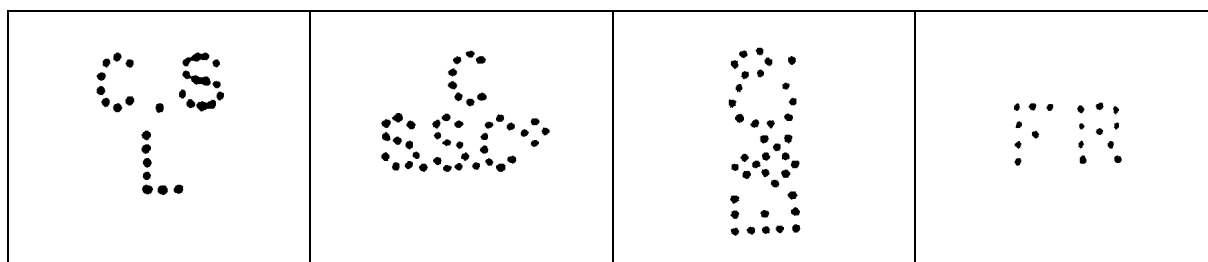


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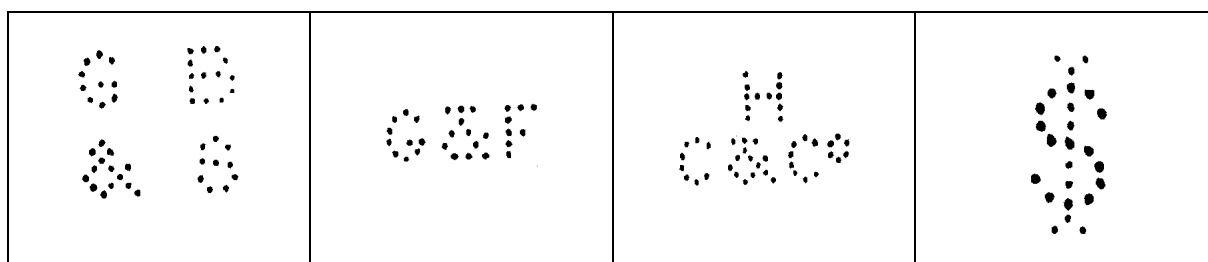


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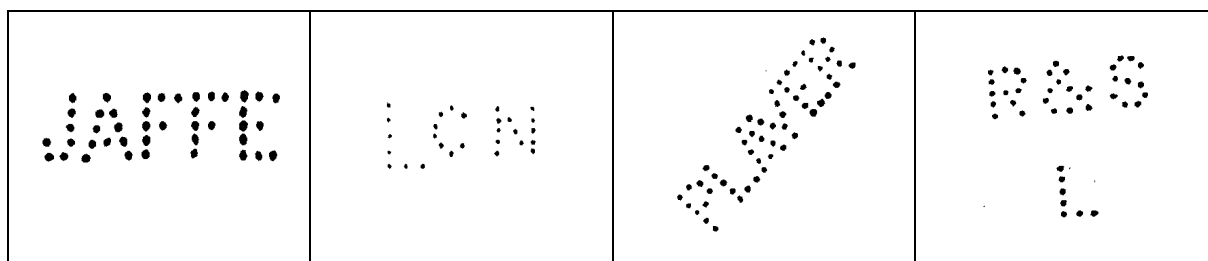


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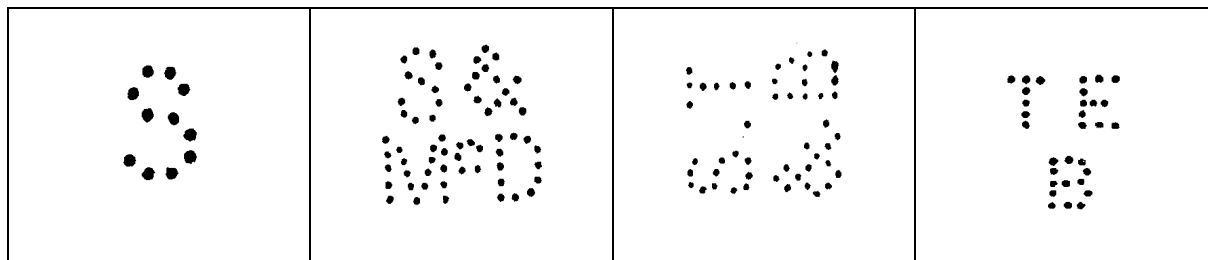


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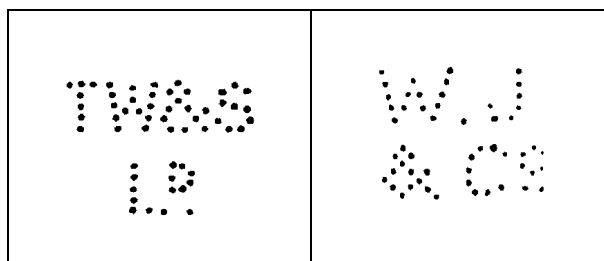


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MODERN PERFINS

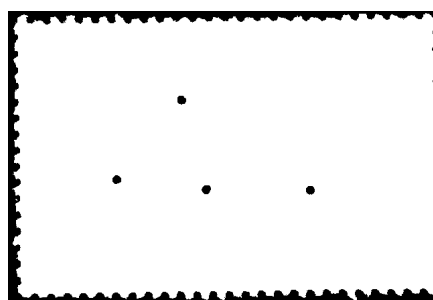
Derek Ransom

Continuing on the theme of even more Modern Perfins, thanks to **John Strange, Peter Peniket** and **Stephen Steer** I offer the following:

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| CC | C1110.01M | 1st p |
| D/DC | D1270.02 | 1st p (Darlington 19 Jul 04) 2nd p (Darlington 11 Jan 05) |
| E.C./D | E0640.01 | 26a, 1st M |
| R/HA | R2225.01 | 50 |
| RH/A8 | R2228.01a | 1st |
| SW/A | S8045.01 | 1st (new die on moderns) |
| TM/BC | T3160.01c | 1st p |
| TW | T4910.04M | 6a |

ANOTHER MODERN NON-PERFIN

Dave Hill has sent a copy of this French Non-perfin with holes highlighting the dots of the I's.

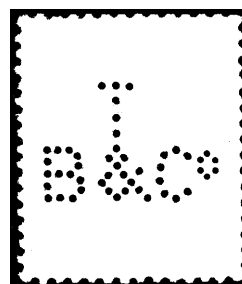


A THIEF AT THOMSON, BONAR & CO?

Maurice Harp

At the AGM meeting last November **John Marinner** showed the attendees an unused block of 18 1d line engraved Plate 118 – a corner piece AA/CF with perfin die T/B&Co - T0470.01. Die T0470.01 was used by Thomson (J), Bonar (T) & Co, merchants at 57½ Old Broad Street, London EC and is known used between 1870 and 1885. As all perfin collectors know when they see unused perfins, this piece may well have been stolen from the company. Seeing John's block reminded me that a similar large piece had been put up for sale in our own auction in 1995 (Auction 8, Lot 260). This piece was an unused block of 36, also from plate 118 with the corner letters DA/IF. I have a photocopy of this piece and looking at the layout of these two blocks it appears that the two blocks came from the same sheet.

Then at STAMPEX this year I was offered the small, unused block shown below from plate 146 corner letters AA/BC – also T0470.01. And then lastly in Bulletin 173 (Feb 1978) a mint block of 43 from Plate 143 was reported.

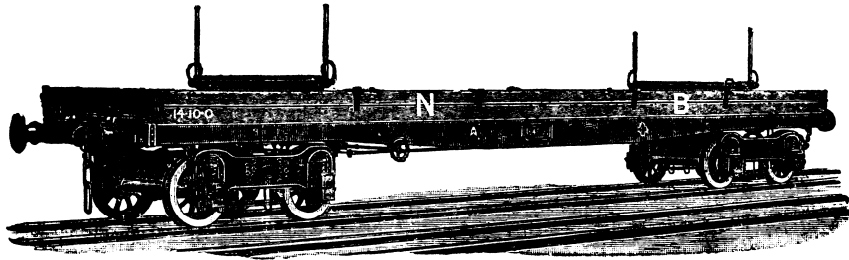


So over a hundred mint copies of this die have been reported from three different dies. This clearly raises the question as to whether there was a thief at Thomson, Bonar or did this material come to market when the company was liquidated? If any other members have similar material I would be delighted to hear from them. Presumably as whole sheets seem to have been disappearing other blocks must be in existence.

HURST, NELSON & Co Ltd,
RAILWAY WAGON BUILDERS, MOTHERWELL.

Roy Gault

The origins of the company go back to 1880 when John Hurst and Andrew Selanders Nelson (1856-1913) established 'The Glasgow Rolling Stock and Plant Works' in Glasgow. In 1893 they were joined by the eminent railway engineer Charles de Neuville Forman (1852-1901), and the original partnership formed into a limited company under the title of '**Hurst, Nelson & Co Ltd**'. Charles Forman was the driving force behind the expansion of the new company and the setting up of a new works at Motherwell, which opened in 1896.



50-Ton Swivel Wagon with pressed steel underframe and bogies
as built for the North British Railway Co.

The following description has been taken from an advertisement in 'The Port Talbot Railway and Docks Co' handbook printed in 1913.

Hurst, Nelson & Co Ltd Builders of Railway Carriages, Wagons, Electric Cars and every other description of Railway and Tramway Rolling Stock, Motor Omnibus, and other Road Vehicle Bodies. Speciality - Electric Railway and Tramway Trucks.

Registered Office and Chief Works:
The Glasgow Rolling Stock and Plant Works, Motherwell.

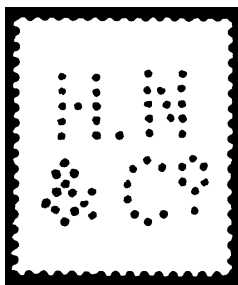
Branch Works: Chatsworth Wagon Works (Near Chesterfield),
Bridgend Wagon Works (Bridgend, Glamorganshire), and
Swansea Wagon Works (Swansea).

Offices: 27 St Vincent St, Glasgow (Registered Office until 1897),
160 Hope St and 40 West Nile St, Glasgow,
Northern Assurance Buildings, Albert Square, Manchester,
and 14 Leadenhall St, London EC.

The company went into Voluntary Liquidation in February 1909, with a new company of the same name purchasing the assets and registered in Edinburgh in 1909. All capital was acquired in 1958 by Charles Roberts & Co Ltd (Wakefield), with the Motherwell works ceasing production in 1958/9.

Based on Motherwell, Bridgend and Chesterfield postmarks, *two* perfin dies are suspected as having been used by Hurst, Nelson & Co Ltd.

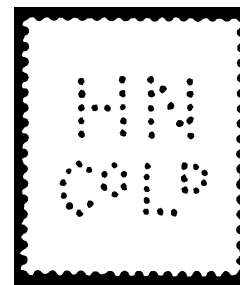
1896-1900



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1909-1939



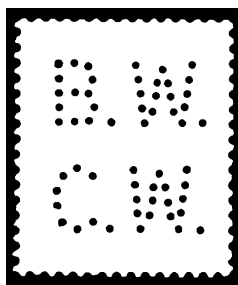
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Other companies involved in the manufacture of Railway Rolling Stock, and who also used perfins, include:

1. The Bristol Wagon & Carriage Works Co Ltd, Bristol.
2. Gloucester Railway Carriage & Wagon Co Ltd, Gloucester.
3. Cravens Railway Carriage & Wagon Co Ltd, Sheffield.
4. Thomas Hunter Ltd, Railway Wagon Works, Rugby.
5. G R Turner Ltd, Langley Mill, Nottingham - not illustrated.

The Bristol Wagon & Carriage Works Co Ltd.

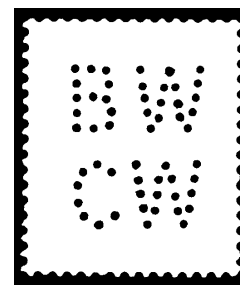
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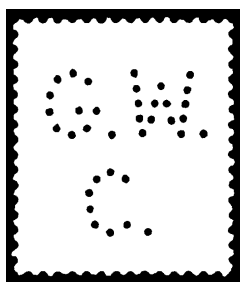
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Gloucester Railway Carriage & Wagon Co Ltd, Gloucester.

1935-1965

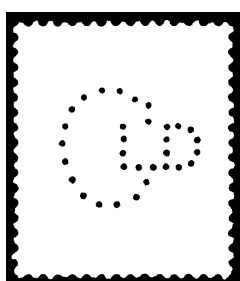


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Cravens Railway Carriage & Wagon Co Ltd, Sheffield.

1905-1939

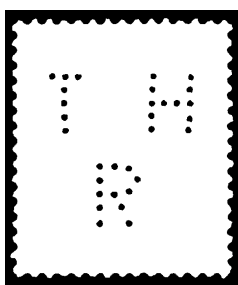


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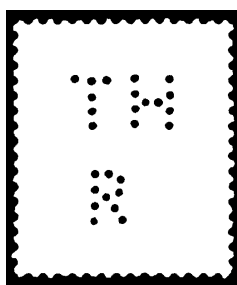
Thomas Hunter Ltd, Railway Wagon Works, Rugby.

1915-1939



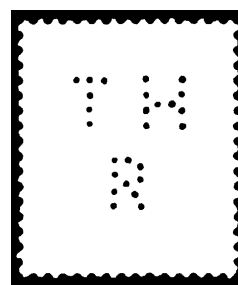
T2310.02

1939-1941



T2310.03

1952-1954



T2310.01

Can you please help by reporting stamp issue/denomination details of your holdings of these dies, along with any dates and post-towns? I am also on the lookout for company details/histories for both Thomas Hunter Ltd (Rugby), and G R Turner Ltd (Nottingham).

Many thanks to John Mathews and Rosemary Smith for their help in providing various pieces of information for this article.

EARLY SLOPER REFERENCE

Maurice Harp

I found this piece in a bundle of material that Rosemary Smith loaned me from her personal files. It was probably used by Sloper for advertising to customers. The year of the extract from the Times is not known but appears to predate the introduction of perfin and probably dates from 1866 as shown by the date cancellation and the Walbrook House address.

From "The Times," August 14th.

FEES IN PUBLIC OFFICES.—An Act of Parliament has just been issued to provide for the collection of fees in public departments and offices by means of stamps. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury are empowered, by notice in the *London Gazette*, to declare and appoint the time when all or any of the fees for the time being payable in money in any public department or office connected with the public service, or to the officers thereof, shall be collected by means of stamps. No such notice is to be published with respect of fees payable in the offices of Her Majesty's Duchy or County Palatine of Lancaster without the consent of the Chancellor of the same. Regulations are to be made as to the use of the stamps issued, and the manner in which they are to be cancelled. Separate accounts are to be kept of the money received for stamps, and to be laid before Parliament.

The most indelible mode of cancelling is with SLOPER'S PATENT, with dates or words in perforation, now used for this and other purposes by the leading Banks, large Trading Firms, and Public Companies, &c.

OFFICE FOR SLOPER'S PATENT,
WALBROOK HOUSE, LONDON, E.C.

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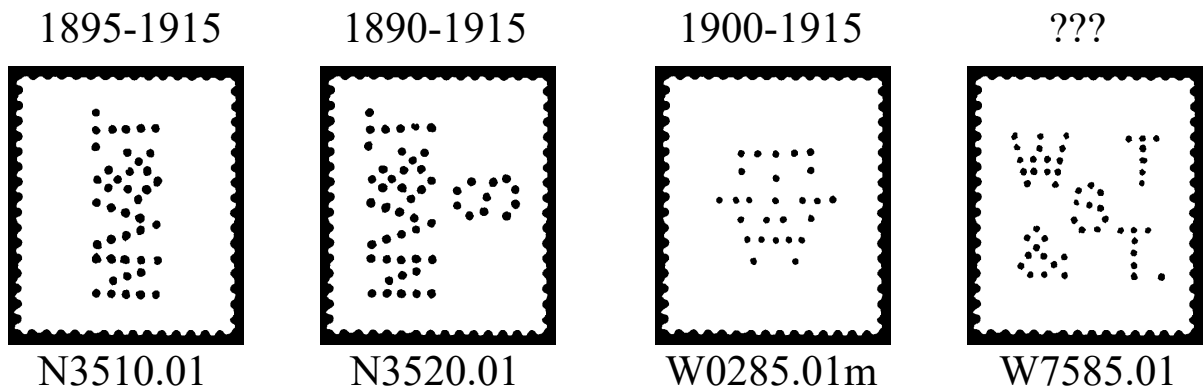
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CAN ANYONE HELP!

Paddy Murphy

The name 'Tyzack' is unusual, but it does appear in the name of two Sheffield firms who used perfins 1890-1915.



Needham, Veall & Tyzack (Cutlery Manufacturers) used N3510.01 (suspected) and N3520.01, whereas W. A. Tyzack & Co, (Tool Manufacturers) used W0285.01m.



Can anyone report any stamp details to the Catalogue Editor for "WT/S/&T." (W7585.01) to support the suggestion that it was used by 'W Tyzack, Sons, & Turner', as shown in this 1884 advertisement?