

Members' Queries

Rosemary Smith has a strip cut from the top of an envelope with perfin L0006.01aM (L0010.02M in old Edwards) single letter 'L'. The stamp is the 4d sepia Machin dated 5 FEB 1969 from Tonbridge, Kent. The following illustration is on the strip, with letters MK/KM and saying "Founded 1897". Can anyone identify this logo?



Dave Hill has a perfin, L5120.01 (LS/Mc.D) on a GV 1d stamp on a small piece of a receipt with an identity of John Line & Sons Ltd. We are reluctant to catalogue without an explanation of the initials. He believes John Line was a moving light behind the amalgamation of many wall paper manufacturers. Not so much an amalgamation as an association to cut out unnecessary competition and price-cutting and to share available work between the firms. He cannot find out the names of the various constituent firms. Were Lines based in Newcastle? No guesses please!

[Ed:- I have a cover, perfin J.L.&S (diagonal on the stamp) J5010.01, dated 13-8-39, GVI ½d from **John Line & Sons, Haymarket, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne**. There is nothing on the cover to indicate any product.]