

LANCASHIRE & YORKSHIRE RAILWAY NEWSPAPER STAMPS WITH PERFIN

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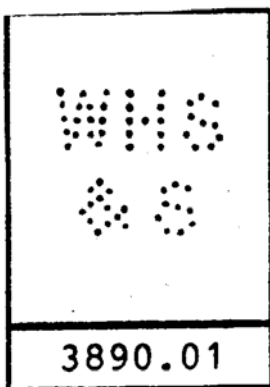
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Having met the Editor of Railway Philately when he recently attended the Perfin Society A.G.M. and Convention we had the opportunity to discuss the scarcity of perfins on stamps produced by the railway companies. I mentioned that I had a few so I was asked if I could provide photocopies.

Shown below are my four examples of newspaper stamps (½d, 1d and two 3d). These were issued by the LANCASHIRE & YORKSHIRE RAILWAY Company. All four stamps are printed in red.



stamps reduced to 80%



The stamps have been security perforated with the initials "WHS/&S" which are not easy to see as they were perforated from the rear so the initials appear in reverse.

As yet the perfin has not been definitely identified as to the user but it has been given the Perfin Society reference number W3890.01

It is not too unrealistic to assume that the initials are those of the firm W.H. Smith and Son who are well known as newspaper and book sellers. If anyone has this perfin (make sure it is not the die W.H.S/&S. with stops) on an identified cover, please report details to Roy Gault, the Perfin Society catalogue editor.