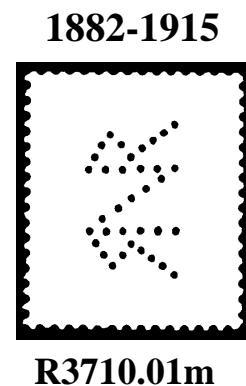


REGINALD N ROGERS - FALMOUTH SOLICITOR

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As threatened in Bulletin No. 336, I have now prepared the draft version of the 'Monogram' section of the 'Illustrated Catalogue of G.B. Perfins'. Due to an administrative error by the NHS, I was able to attend the AGM in London and hand a draft copy to each of the attendees - all 131 of them make a wonderful display (monograms not attendees, *the latter was a good 21!*).

One of the monograms is "R(reversed)NR", and positively identified as having been used by Reginald N Rogers, a Solicitor in Falmouth. But what more can be found out about him, and what did the "N" stand for? By pooling the research resources of **John Nelson**, **John Mathews**, and **Maurice Harp** with my own, we've come up with the following 'picture'.



Reginald Nankivell Rogers was born at Kenwyn (Cornwall) in 1854, son of Reginald Rogers and Mary Frances (nee Nankivell). His father was a 'Solicitor and Proctor', and is listed in an 1873 Cornwall trade directory at No.7 Arwenack St, Falmouth. Reginald N Rogers was only nineteen or so when his father died on 23rd July 1874, but by the time of the 1881 census (aged 26) he was described as a Solicitor. No doubt he was preparing for his forthcoming marriage to Mary Constance Hext at Wilton (Wiltshire) on 18th August 1881.

In an 1883 Cornish trade directory Reginald N Rogers is listed as a 'Solicitor & Proctor' at No.7 Arwenack St, Falmouth, exactly as his father was before him. By the time of the 1891 Census, he and Mary are shown with four children. An 1898 Falmouth trade directory lists him as still having his office at No.7 Arwenack St.

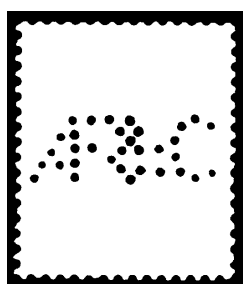
It is thought that he moved offices to No.33 Market St, Falmouth, in 1907, but he was definitely there by the time of my identified cover posted in Falmouth on 9th January 1909. A 1910 Cornwall trade directory lists him as a Solicitor, Clerk to the Commissioners of Taxes, and Clerk to the Guardians, at No.33 Market Street, Falmouth.

The earliest stamp I have a record of with this perfin is a Queen Victoria 2d Rose dating from the period 1880-1884, say c1882. The most recent stamps are the ½d and 1d values of King George V typographs with Royal Cypher watermark. The earliest date I know of (which is quite late!) is 24th Sep 1902, and the latest is 17th Sep 1913.

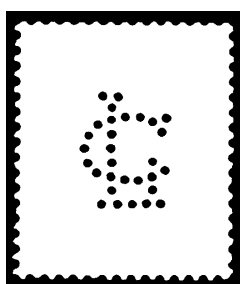
Based on this information I have put a date range of 1882-1915 on the use of the perfin, by which time Reginald N Rogers would have been over 60 years old and no doubt thinking of retirement.

Reginald Nankivell Rogers died at Carwinion Mawnan (Nr Falmouth) on 9th June 1923. The firm of 'Reginald Rogers and Son' continued to practice in Falmouth throughout the 20th century until the year 2000 when they were merged with 'Hine Downing' - my thanks to Bernard Fox for this information, who joined the firm in 1963.

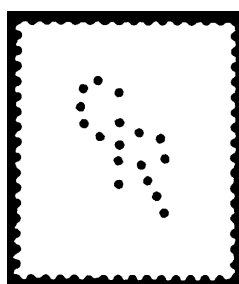
My articles are never complete unless there is a request for further information, this time not just for earlier/later dates, cover details, and issues for the 'RNR' monogram, but what else does anyone know about any of the following monograms?



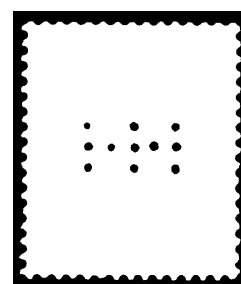
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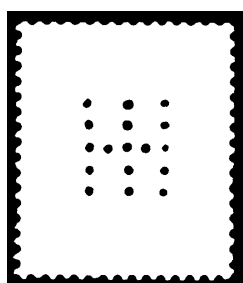
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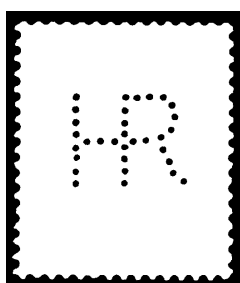
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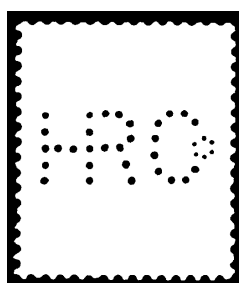
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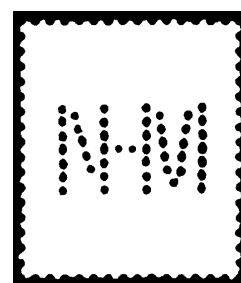
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H6115.01m



N1677.01m

In particular, G4165.01m - Known used 1965-1969 as a Private Perfin by Gordon Richardson, Bexley Heath, Kent. Can anyone shed any light on who this man is/was and why he used a perfin?