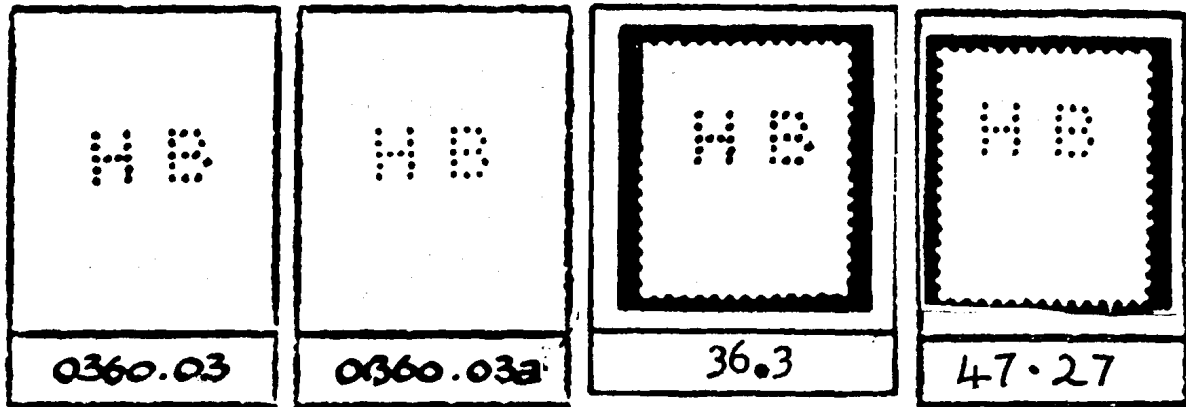


ARE PATTERNS H 0360.03 AND H 0360.03a ACTUALLY PARTIALS?

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Figures 1 and 2 are the patterns from the latest Catalogue of The Perfin Society that are now being questioned. They lack the extra lower dot of Figures 3 and 4, which are H 36.3 of Tilles and 47.27 of the van Lint Catalogue. One wonders why the latest Catalogue omitted the complete patterns that had been given by earlier workers?

Figures 1 and 2 are just two Dies of the 'HB'. Did the copies for these have the lower dot missing in both Dies? It is of interest that the Tilles pattern has the 'HB' of Figure 1 and the van Lint has that of Figure 2. Which of the Dies came first? I cannot tell, since the three copies that I have all resemble Figure 4. Nor have I seen any copies that have the extra dot missing.



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The stamps that I have are a 1d lilac and two 1d KEV11. Only one is postally used and this has no clear date, just the letters 'DGATE' in a straight line. The other 1d KEV11 received fiscal use, being inscribed 'for/Hollin' in two lines with light blue ink. Much the same can be seen on the 1d lilac, but here the second line reads 'ollingto', whilst below this, in black ink, is the amount '£4 - 0 -.'

According to the list of Post Offices published in April 1966, both Derbyshire and Staffordshire have an Office with the name HOLLINGTON, so maybe the 'HB' stands for Hollington Borough? This is as far as I can get, so the views of others are awaited with interest.

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I have two covers with die H0360.03 with dot underneath as Tilles 36.3. Both with ½d orange Jubilee stamps, both dated 1898 and from the firm of Hollington Brothers, Wholesale Clothiers, Aldgate, London.

If you look in Tilles Catalogue, H 36.3 just says 'HB' not 'HB/.' as is clearly seen in the illustration. When this was originally sent in as a new identity, I added the './' to my Catalogue. Now Reg has raised this query about 0360.03a perhaps being 'HB/.'. My two covers certainly have the 'B' of 0360.03a rather than 0360.03. Personally, I'm inclined to think they may be one and the same Die but the findings of others are awaited.

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