

HELPING WITH THE PROPOSED NEW CATALOGUE

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In April, 1984 issue of The Perfin Bulletin, the preparation of a new catalogue for the perfins of Great Britain was announced by our American counterpart, with Mr. Robert McKee as co-ordinator. This followed the announcement that the British Perfin Catalog of 1973 by McKee and Tomkins, was now out of print and would not be reprinted. We members of the Perfin Society have been informed of this, and our assistance has been promised. I am suggesting one way in which a start may be made.

Many issues of the Perfins Bulletin in recent years have contained articles by Mr. Harry Rickard, now a Vice President of the Perfins Club. Under the heading "Take Another Look", illustrations from the United States Perfins Catalog are reproduced, with alongside, another pattern that differs slightly, but has never been catalogued. The discussion often leads to the establishment of a new die.

This approach appeals to me and I often find myself comparing the early and later issues of listed items. To get the idea started, I give below a few examples of new dies that have emerged in this way. I hope that others will soon be passing similar findings to the Editor.

Cat. No. B. I.17

Similar pattern,
but Not B.I.17.

Notes



3rd, 4th and 5th
holes down back
of 'B' differ.

On KG V to VI

On KE VII

Clearly two dies

Cat. No. B.643.5

Not B.643.5

Notes



'S' differs, lower front:
'B' to '&' spacing differs.

On KG VI

On Q.E. Wildings

Clearly two dies

Cat. No. H.15A

Not H.15A



'A' and 'C' differ

Possibly two dies, more information needed.

1d Lilac, 7JA 84

½d Plates to 1d
- 0 SP 90

The last example is seen to behave differently. The listed die has been found with dates well within the use period of the one now reported. So one was not a replacement for the other. Could both have come from the same multi-head? Possibly, but were these much in use at the time of the ½d and 1d plates? I tend to favour two quite different users, which will need two different identities for its verification.

What a lot of interest comes from studying the perfins of Great Britain so, take another look and report all new catalogue items.