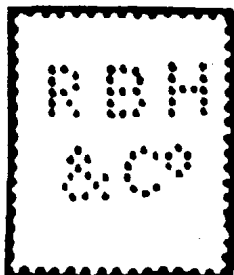


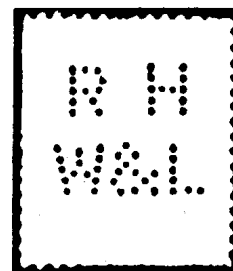
1887-1891



R0495.01*

The following illustrations show a fascinating sequence of perfins used by a firm of Solicitors working at No. 9 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC from 1887 until virtually the present day. *

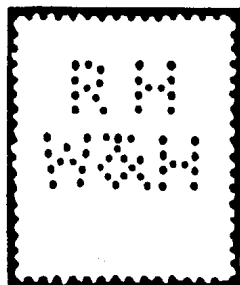
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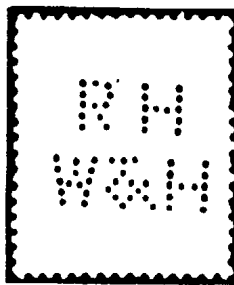
c1918



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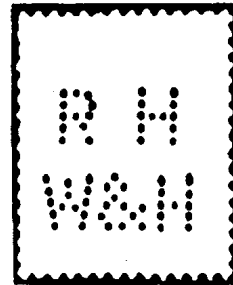
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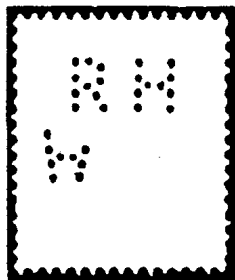
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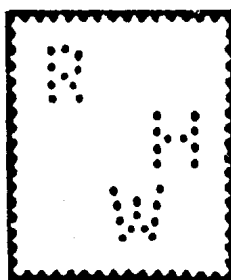
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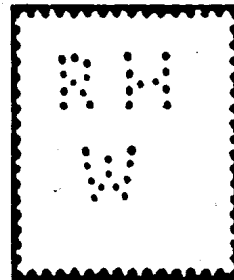
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1941-1945



R2550.02ap*

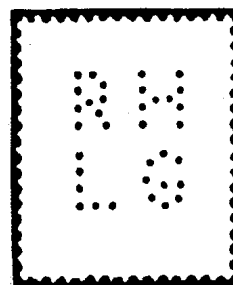
1945-1962



R2550.02*



1963-1967



R2440.01*

Tabled on the next page are details of the stamps involved. Please help by looking through your collections for the dies illustrated on this page and let me know the issues and values you hold, along with any postmark information, especially any legible dates.

The trail starts in 1887 with Messrs Robins, Burges, Hay, Waters & Lucas using RBH/&C⁰ (R0495.01), but sometime around 1891/2 'Burgess' disappeared from the scene and the die was replaced by one lettered RH/W&L (R2580.01). Over the succeeding years there were many partnership changes, each accompanied by either the modification of an existing die or the production of a new one.

Cat. No.	Letters	Die in Use	Issues involved	Earliest Date	Latest Date
R0495.01	RBH/&C ⁰	c1890	B,E		
R2580.01	RH/W&L	1890-1900	B, E	21/3/93	4/6/98
R2570.01	RH/W&H	1900-1905	B,E,F	20/12/03	13/5/04
R2570.02	RH/W&H	1905-1913	F, H		
R2570.03 (S)	RH/W&H	c1918	I(RC)		
R2550.01 (S)	RH/W	1929-1941	I(BC), M, O, Q		
R2550.02ap (S)	RH/W	1941-1945	R		
R2550.02 (S)	RH/W	1945-1965	R, U(TC/MC)		
R2440.01 (S)	RH/LG	1965-1967	U(MC)	20/7/67	
(S) Sloper dies - single headed except the Provisional R2550.02ap which was '1-1-12'					

To cut a long story short, the known names of the partners are as follows. The dates have been taken in the main from entries in London Trade Directories, with occasional augmentation from postmark dates on the stamps themselves.

1. Robin Robins, Burges, Hay, Waters & Lucas. 1887-1891.
2. Robins, Hay, Waters & Lucas. 1892-1898.
3. Robins, Hay, Waters & Hay. 1898-1928.
4. Robins, Hay & Waters. 1929-1962.
5. Robins, Hay, Long & Gardiner. 1963-1971.
6. Blyth, Dutton, Robins & Hay. 1972-1977.
7. Blyth, Dutton & Holloway. 1979-1984.
8. Blyth, Dutton. 1985-1990.

After c1967 perfins no longer seem to have been used, although the firm continued to operate and probably still does today.