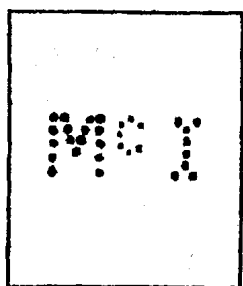


McI (M1280.01) McIver or McIntyre or both

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A very common die which probably appears in virtually everyone's collection is Mel (M1280.01). The die is a Sloper die and has been recorded from 1871 to 1877 although I am sure these dates can be extended in either direction.



M1280.01

In the Tomkins catalogue the die is given three identified users:

1. Malcolm McIntyre & Co., London EC
2. D & C McIver, Liverpool
3. Burns & McIver, Liverpool

For all three users the die was recorded on pre 1d lilac stamps. Inspection of over fifty copies of this die has shown that they are all used in Liverpool except for one rogue copy used in Queenstown, Ireland. None are used in London.

In the January auction a cover with identity is for sale used by D & C McIver in 1877. In the 1877 Kelly's, Malcolm McIntyre is recorded under Gibb & McIntyre (Insurance and Shipping Agents) based at 7 Benedict Place, London EC which in turn by 1885 may have become MacIntyre Brothers at Leadenhall St., EC. At no time is there any reference to McIver or Liverpool. I wonder if the association of die M1280.01 with McIntyre is an error as this user used a similar die Mc.I (M1290.01).

Can any member confirm the McIntyre identity or provide a link between the two users? Details on the companies business, dates of use, cancellations etc. would also be of great interest. This is one question where every member can dig into their collection and provide a bit of feedback.

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JOHN NELSON says it would seem that only McIver is the correct identity and that McIntyre is an error, having been confused with M1290.01. He has 10 examples of M1280.01 on stamps up to 1d Venetian red and 9 of these have Liverpool postmarks. The other one, a rogue to join Queenstown, is B47 (Llandudno).

D & C McIver were Liverpool Shipowners and proprietors of the Beaver line which plied between the U.K., the United States and Canada.

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