

'LOST' IDENTIFYING COVERS

Dave Hill

I have been looking through the old auction catalogues and find that there are quite a large number of identified covers, sold through our auction in the past, which have never been reported as new identities to the Catalogue Editor. As the auction list gives perfin only, not the catalogue number, these covers need to be seen and compared with the die illustrations.

Would members please look through your covers, and if you have any of the following, or something similar, please report them to Roy. Either send him the original (we rarely lose things in the post) or send a good photocopy with a tracing of the perfin if necessary. You will be credited with the new identity.

AB	Ayre Bros on KE7 trade picture card with ½d stamp
ABC	Attwells, Binfield & Co.Ltd. on 1940 KG6 trade card
AC/&C ⁰	Alexander Cross & Sons, Glasgow on QV receipt
A&C/Ld	Arthur & Co., Glasgow
B&C	Braden & Co. on KE7 trade card
B/C.M	Bradford Coal Merchants & Consumers Association Ltd. on KGV cover with ½d Typo stamp
BG/CL	Bradbury, Greatorex & Co. Ltd. on QV 1d lilac, 1883. Other perfins of this company are identified but not this one
BH	Bradbury & Hirsch on QV 1893
BP/C ⁰	Bowring Petroleum Co. Ltd on KG5 1915 trade card
B/P/C ⁰	British Patent Perforated Paper Co. on a 1934 receipt of The Cambridge Union Society: on a later receipt they have become British Paper Co.
C&C	Croggan & Co., Structural Steelwork on KG6 1938
C/C/C	Clarks College on KE7 cover
C&C ⁰	Cowie & Co. Ltd., on 1934 receipt
CIC	Credit Industrial et Commercial on KG5 1929 cover
CR/&C ⁰	Chas Russell & Co. on a 1907 KE7 cover

More next time.

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In the last Bulletin I began a list of identified perfin covers which, over the years, have been sold through the Society Auction. Non of these has been reported to the Catalogue Editor. Please look through your perfin covers and report to Roy as detailed in the October Bulletin Page 20.

- D&S with an identity of James Dixon & Sons.
ET Cover of Explosive Trades Ltd with gun licence enclosed.
Did they become Nobel Industries?
F.S/L On QV 1d Red letterfold with signature of Fred Schwann,
pmk Leeds.
H (17 pins) Identity of John Holman & Sons, Managers, Ship
Owners Protection & Indemnity Association, QV 1899 cover
HE/&C⁰ On QV 1d Venetian red of 1881 and identity of H Echalaz.
JC/&S With identity of J Crowther & Sons on KGV.
M&C On QV invoice with 1d Inland Revenue - identity of Mauser
& Collingham.
M&C With identity of Messier & Co on QV.
MC^o Possibly of Mallasine Co, animal feeds on a KEVII picture
postcard ½d of 1906.
NN/&C⁰ Identity of Nixons Navigation Co Ltd, Cardiff on 1d lilac.
Which die is this?
R Identity of Arthur Radford (in manuscript) Temple Gardens,
London on QC cover.
R Identity of Hotel Russell on KGV postcard.
RP/L KG VI cover of Roche Products Ltd, Welwyn Garden City.
RT/&C⁰ KGV trade postcard of Rubeck, Thew & Co.
S.C. On a cover of Sim & Coventry, Liverpool.
New Die QV stamp with unrecorded perfin S HYAM/&/SON in arc.
S&W/Ld With identity of J H Simpson & J R Watkins Ltd on 1908
KEVII ½d.
T&C⁰ Of Tressidder & Co on a KEVII 1 d of 1904.
T.M/&C⁰./Ld Identity of T Middleton & Co Ltd, Chorley on KGV
1913 Trade Card.
V&H On a KEVII trade postcard of Vickers & Hine.
WB On a QV 1d Red cover from W Brice, Solicitor, Bridgewater.

WB/&C° On a QV trade postcard of Wm. Boswell & CO., London.
W&S Identity of Waterhouse & Sons.

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Apart from one identification from Rosemary, I have not heard if any of the other 'lost' covers I mentioned in Bulletin 296 and 297 have been 'found'. I am therefore wondering if I am taking up valuable pages in the Bulletin to no avail. There is no compulsion to report new identities but it is one of the aims of the Society. The following are details of covers sold through the auction but not identified to the Catalogue Editor.

C (10 pins) and identity of Walter Carson & Sons London SW1 on KGV1

C/C/C with identity of Clarkes College (Chelsea?) circa 1908.

EMC and identity of Evans Medical

FAD and identity of Furniture and Fine Art Depositories Ltd.

In a 1995 auction there was a 1908 KEV11 cover with identity of Gramophone & Typewriter Ltd. It bore the known perfin **G&T/Ld** (G5140.02) and a perfin **GC^oLd** - but which G1030.0?? The company was founded as Gramophone Co in 1899 and was very shortly changed to Gramophone & Typewriter Co Ltd. In November 1907 they reverted to the name Gramophone Co Ltd. My uncles worked at the Hayes Middlesex factory, which became EMI (Electrical and Musical Industries).

H with identity of Hurst.

K with identity of Keevil & Keevil Ltd, London EC1 on KGV cover.

Large seriffed M and identity of Marley Tile (Holdings) Co Ltd, London SW1 on KGV1 cover.

R&S which I think must be R4530.08c on a QV cover 1d lilac 1888. On the flap was embossed "Stewards Office, Hackwood Park, Basingstoke ". Is this a steward as in a racecourse? Or a steward as in a large country estate?

Auction Lists - Research - Directory of Directors

By Dave Hill

Perfin H4680.04 (H/L^{td}), according to Tomkins, was used by Houghtons Ltd and British Photo Industries Ltd, both at 88-89 High Holborn, WC1 between 1905 and 1925.

From an old auction list I noted it was also used by the Houghton/Butcher Manufacturing Company of London NE.

My 1919 Directory of Directors tells me that E W Houghton was a director of all the above and the following:-

Anglo Russian Photo Co Ld
Austin Edwards Ltd
Butchers Film Services Ltd
Fordham & Co Ltd
Houghtons India Ltd
W Butcher & Sons Ltd

In my 1938 Directory of Directors, E S Houghton was a director of some of the above and:-

Elliot & Sons Ltd
Ensign Ltd
Novelty Sales Services Ltd
Photo Supplies Ltd

They had stopped using their perfin by then but I wonder how many of these firms used it. It is interesting to note that it was not used from just one address.

The firm is not quoted in my modern Stock Exchange Official Year Book or my 1938 Johnson & Sanderson Stock Exchange Investment Handbook. Perhaps a member could tell us, (in simple terms if possible) what is the difference between a company that is Limited and one that is not, and between one that is quoted on the Stock Exchange and one that is not. Perhaps a member can say why *J Sloper & Co Ltd* does not appear.