

Broken Dies determine Die Configuration –
Bulletin 338/25, 339/23, 340/6, 341/12

John Dooley has checked his holdings of line engraved perfinns and reports the following broken pins and their positions.

F.G/&Co - Perfect die- Plate 148-FK, 187-HF, 191-BA, 200-PA, 129-TK
State I Plate 123-KH, 135-QG, 139-SJ, 147-EH, 155-OG,
159-LE, 162-KH, 183-SL
State II Plate 175-GA. Lower hole in “D IS BLIND

All these fit into the pattern previously established for a 1 x 2 die except for the copy on plate 159.

CB/SOHO Additional Plate 110-BJ, 117-KG, 118-IC, 125-SK, 127-AA - all with broken pin "B".

All except for the plate 110-BJ example are from the odd row consistent with the 1x2 die configuration.

JG/&Co	Broken pin "&"	Plate 170-SI	(odd row)
	Broken pin "J"	Plate 154-FJ, 188-RE	(even rows)
	Broken pin "J,C,o"	Plate 192-JD, 205-RJ,	(even rows)
		208-PB, 221-JF	(even rows)
	Broken pin "J,C,o"	Plate 200-TH	(odd row)

All except for the plate 200-TH example are consistent with the 1x2 configuration previously established.

Jack Brandt has also checked his line engraved holdings and reported the following:

G.H.P/&Co Plate 130-HG complete die (even row) – this establishes when the broken pin must have occurred as the broken pin has been reported on plate 134
 Plate 160-BB broken pin "P" (even row) – new plate
 SG163-PD complete "P" but missing bottom hole of ' & '

This is interesting as it provides evidence of repair of the 'P' and also highlights a new broken pin.

		Upright	Inverted	
S.P/&Co	Plate 159	IF		(odd row)
	Plate 171		JI	(even row)
	Plate 176		RE	(even row)
	Plate 183	AD		(odd row)
	Plate 186		FB	(even row)
	Plate 194	EA		(odd row)
	Plate 198	MA		(odd row)
	Plate 206		JD	(even row)

All of these without exception are consistent with the 1 x 2 die configuration and the theory of the mail boy folding strips of two prior to perforation. Only two copies found so far don't fit into this pattern.