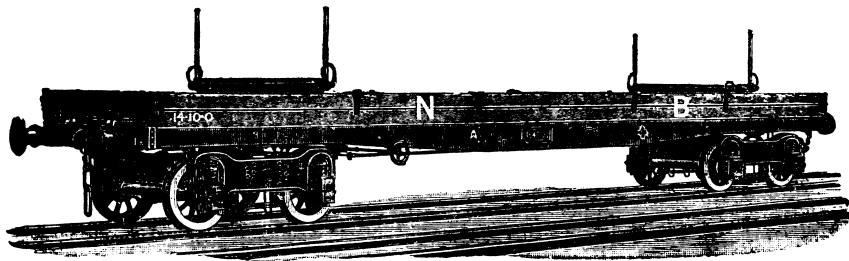


HURST, NELSON & Co Ltd,
RAILWAY WAGON BUILDERS, MOTHERWELL.

Roy Gault

The origins of the company go back to 1880 when John Hurst and Andrew Selanders Nelson (1856-1913) established 'The Glasgow Rolling Stock and Plant Works' in Glasgow. In 1893 they were joined by the eminent railway engineer Charles de Neuville Forman (1852-1901), and the original partnership formed into a limited company under the title of '**Hurst, Nelson & Co Ltd**'. Charles Forman was the driving force behind the expansion of the new company and the setting up of a new works at Motherwell, which opened in 1896.



50-Ton Swivel Wagon with pressed steel underframe and bogies
as built for the North British Railway Co.

The following description has been taken from an advertisement in 'The Port Talbot Railway and Docks Co' handbook printed in 1913.

Hurst, Nelson & Co Ltd Builders of Railway Carriages, Wagons, Electric Cars and every other description of Railway and Tramway Rolling Stock, Motor Omnibus, and other Road Vehicle Bodies. Speciality - Electric Railway and Tramway Trucks.

Registered Office and Chief Works:
The Glasgow Rolling Stock and Plant Works, Motherwell.

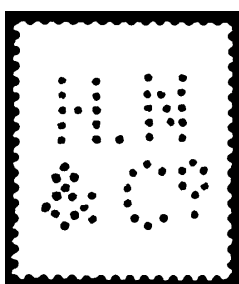
Branch Works: Chatsworth Wagon Works (Near Chesterfield),
Bridgend Wagon Works (Bridgend, Glamorganshire), and
Swansea Wagon Works (Swansea).

Offices: 27 St Vincent St, Glasgow (Registered Office until 1897),
160 Hope St and 40 West Nile St, Glasgow,
Northern Assurance Buildings, Albert Square, Manchester,
and 14 Leadenhall St, London EC.

The company went into Voluntary Liquidation in February 1909, with a new company of the same name purchasing the assets and registered in Edinburgh in 1909. All capital was acquired in 1958 by Charles Roberts & Co Ltd (Wakefield), with the Motherwell works ceasing production in 1958/9.

Based on Motherwell, Bridgend and Chesterfield postmarks, *two* perfin dies are suspected as having been used by Hurst, Nelson & Co Ltd.

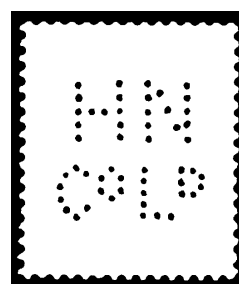
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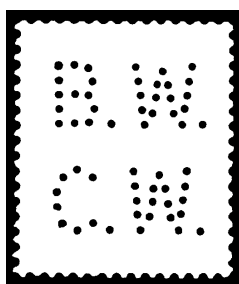
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Other companies involved in the manufacture of Railway Rolling Stock, and who also used perfins, include:

1. The Bristol Wagon & Carriage Works Co Ltd, Bristol.
2. Gloucester Railway Carriage & Wagon Co Ltd, Gloucester.
3. Cravens Railway Carriage & Wagon Co Ltd, Sheffield.
4. Thomas Hunter Ltd, Railway Wagon Works, Rugby.
5. G R Turner Ltd, Langley Mill, Nottingham - not illustrated.

The Bristol Wagon & Carriage Works Co Ltd.

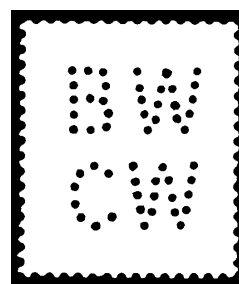
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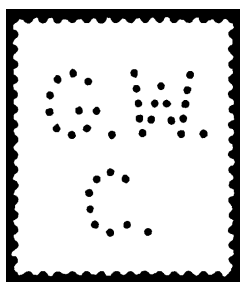
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Gloucester Railway Carriage & Wagon Co Ltd, Gloucester.

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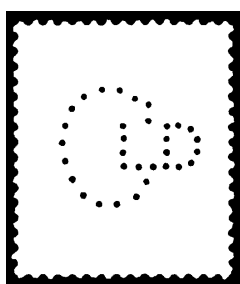


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Cravens Railway Carriage & Wagon Co Ltd, Sheffield.

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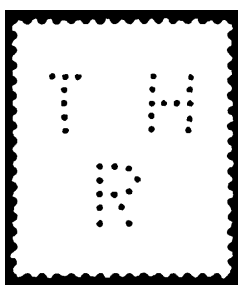


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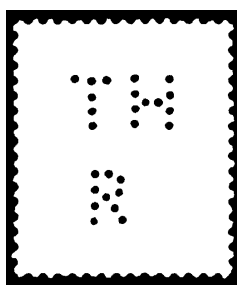
Thomas Hunter Ltd, Railway Wagon Works, Rugby.

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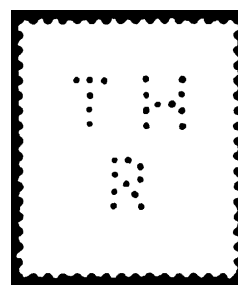
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Can you please help by reporting stamp issue/denomination details of your holdings of these dies, along with any dates and post-towns? I am also on the lookout for company details/histories for both Thomas Hunter Ltd (Rugby), and G R Turner Ltd (Nottingham).

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