

METROPOLITAN VESTRIES

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I've written before about Metropolitan Vestries of London and other vestries. Recently I found a list of 29 vestries in an 1899 Post Office Directory of London and offer the following very tenuous comments on the ones I think may have used perfins. I'm not claiming any as possible new identities. One of the perfins is so rarely found information on period of use and postmark is not known. I have even claimed at other times possible identities for at least one of these! I'm not sure whether the vestries in their work administering the poor law used the perfins as these addresses also housed the Registrar of Births Marriages and Deaths, and they may have used perfins. Medical officers, public analysts and surveyors were also at these offices.

Vestry	Perfin		Date of use	Postmarks
St George Hanover Sq	?S3200.01	S.G.H.S	1870-95	London W,SW
St Mary Islington	*S5050.02	S./M.I	1880-95	
St Leonard Shoreditch	?S7450.01	StL/S	1895-1900	London N
Camberwell (known as St Giles Camberwell)	*C8115.01	C.V	1890	
St James Westminster	?S7435.01	StJ/W	nothing known	
St Geo. the Martyr Southwark	?S7385.01	St G/MS	1895	London
St Mary Battersea	?S7453.01	St/M.B	1890	Wandsworth
Ditto	*B7410.01	BV	1895-1900	

? = tenuous identity * = known identity

I can offer no explanation why these perfins are so rarely found but if any members have copies of these dies and can report dates of use or cancellations the information would be very useful.



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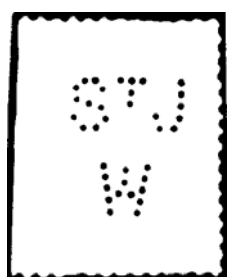
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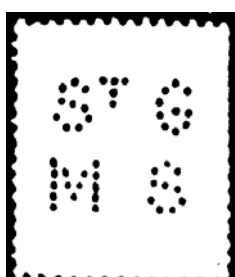
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