

GALLATLY - THE COMMON FACTOR.

Roy Gault

It's usual for Perfins used by successive partnerships to follow on, one after another, but as we will see, this sequence of **six** Perfin dies has some subtle twists. The name linking them all is '**Gallatly**', although our story starts way back in **1858** before Perfins were 'invented', although coincidentally that was the year in which Joseph Sloper patented his 'cheque cancelling' idea. This announcement in 'The Patriot' for 30th July 1858 shows a partnership being dissolved between C A H Jonas, **P A Scheydt**, and C J Kempe of Gracechurch Street, (London) City.

PARTNERSHIPS DISSOLVED.

C. A. H. Jonas, P. A. Scheydt, and C. J. Kempe,
Gracechurch-street, City

This is a name we will encounter, time and time again, but the next time I pick up **P A Scheydt** is in December **1867** where the name appears in a list of members of 'The City Carlton Club', membership 10 guineas, annual subscription 6 guineas. Moving on, this next encounter, from the 'Liverpool Journal of Commerce' for 16th August **1869** provides a clue as to the nature of his business - Timber.

SHIPS REPORTED INWARDS.

(From the Liverpool Bill of Entry).
FOREIGN—August 12

Auguste Fredericke, @ Riga, July 1. of Mecklenburg, E M
Alwerte, 148 t, J C Hansen, B D—49½ fms lathwood, P A
Scheydt

There is another similar record on 4th November **1869** under South Shields Imports - Two fathoms of lathwood, again from Riga - so now we know that 'fms' in the earlier reference is short for fathoms, but what that equates to I have no idea - perhaps a 6ft cube?

Over a decade later comes our next newspaper report from the 'London Evening Standard', 10th January **1881**.

Mr. P. A. Scheydt, of 2, Riches-court, Lime-street, E.C., notifies that he has taken into partnership Mr, John Gallatly, who has been connected with his firm since 1865, and that the business will in future be carried on under the style of Scheydt and Gallatly.

So now we have the name of a company, '*Scheydt & Gallatly*', and two surnames to follow, but first let's introduce our first Perfin, "S&G" (S3100.01), in use 1885-1900 by '*Scheydt & Gallatly*', Timber Agents, 88 Bishopsgate St, and 140 Leadenhall St, both London EC. This positive identity was reported by the late *Dr Reg Powell* in 1980, but cover details were not recorded. The shape of the letters point to the possibility that it was *Frank Braham* who supplied the Perfinned stamps to '*Scheydt & Gallatly*'. 'Gault' lists the QV 1d Lilac (16 dots), issue D 2½d, and QV Jubilees 2½d, 3d, and 4d - note the larger denominations reported - 2½d being the base rate for letters 'abroad', such as Riga (Latvia). Stamps below likely used by 'Salmon & Gluckstein' 1890-1900, rather than '*Scheydt & Gallatly* 1885-1887!

1885-1900



S3100.01

Clerkenwell



JA 30/99



Our next newspaper report, from the Morning Post for 3rd July 1882, tells us that the company has moved from Riches Ct to Leadenhall St.

Messrs. Scheydt and
Gallatly have removed from Riches-court, Lime-
street, to 140, Leadenhall-street.

Then, in the Morning Post, 4th January 1887 we see this, a change in partnership to '*Scheydt, Gallatly, & Ferry*', and a new Perfin.

Messrs. Scheydt and Gallatly, 140, Leaden-
hall-street, have admitted into partnership Mr. Ernest
Augustus Ferry, and the firm will be carried on under the
title of Scheydt, Gallatly, and Ferry.

1887-1895



S3180.01



'Gault' lists the QV 1d Lilac (16 dots), as well as two QV jubilees, the ½d (vermilion), and the 2½d. Again, letters have been sent abroad. I offer this as a *suspected* identity.

Now we have *three* surnames to follow, but more importantly, we have a dilemma in that “S&G” (S3100.01) appears to have been used while “SG/&F” (S3180.01) was in use, so perhaps there were two users of S3100.01, quite possibly ‘Salmon & Gluckstein’? This next newspaper report from the ‘Morning Post’ for 4th January 1896 might start to explain things, with a new partnership, ‘*Gallatly & Ferry*’, and another two positively identified Perfins, “G&F” (G1730.01/02).

Messrs.

Scheydt, Gallatly, and Ferry state that their partnership has ceased by effluxion of time, and Messrs, Gallatly and Ferry, of 88, Bishopsgate-street Within, announce that they have commenced business in partnership at the above address under the style of Gallatly and Ferry.

1896-1905



G1730.01

London EC



JU 6/98

‘Gault’ lists the QV 1d Lilac, QV jubilees, ½d (verm), 2½d, and 6d. There’s also a KEVII 1d & 2½d as well as Postal Stationery items. The earliest date known is the 6th June 1898.

Jeff Turnbull reported a positive identity for G1730.01 in June 2003 on a cover dated 28th June 1898. The latest known dated example is for 19th January 1903.

1905-1915



G1730.02



Listed for G1730.02 are ... KEVII 1d, 2½d, and 6d, A Downey Head ½d, and a 1½d Typo (Royal Cypher wmk). The latest known date is 29th Dec 1914.

The late *Peter Maybury* reported a positive identity for G1730.02 in February 2003 on a cover postmarked London EC, 18th June 1909. ‘*Gallatly & Ferry*’ are still active in 1915, but by then operating from 16 St Helen’s Place, London EC, before becoming ‘*John Gallatly & Co*’ at the same address by 1918 - [TA ‘Gallardo, Led’].

That particular name would be short lived, as by **1920** we have '*Gallatly & Scantlebury*', Wood Brokers, 10 Arthur St, London EC4 [TA 'Treetop'], and Timber Agents, 32 St Mary Axe, London EC3 [TA '*Gallardo*', Led]. By **1928** we have '*John Gallatly & Sons*', Timber Agents, 10 Arthur St, London EC4 [TA '*Gallardo*', Cannon], all of which takes us to two more Perfins. The company was still in business in **1933** at the same address.

1910-1938



G4470.02A



Empire Exhibition



Glasgow 1938

The positive identity in 'Gault', '*John Gallatly & Sons*' was reported by *Rosemary Smith* in October 1987, although sadly the cover details weren't recorded. As 'Gallatly & Scantilbury' wasn't established until 1920, and John Gallatly & Sons' even later (but by 1928), then there must have been another user of the die, as yet unidentified!

1920-1938



G4470.02a

BEX



1924



This second "G&S" die, although similar but clearly doesn't match, has an advantage in that the start date coincides with the creation of '*Gallatly & Scantlebury*', becoming '*John Gallatly & Sons*' later on. The positive identity was also reported by *Rosemary Smith* in August 2010, on a cover dated 22nd June **1937**.

There is a tragic ending - '*Mr Eric William Gallatly, **aged 30**, head of *John Gallatly & Sons*, was the last passenger to be removed from the debris of a fatal crash on the London Underground, 17th May **1938***'.

That's covered the *six* Perfins, although there are still some questions to be answered, but what about the personalities? Our first port of call is the London Census returns looking for who *PA Scheydt* might be.

'Scheydt' is an unusual surname, so we quickly pick him up in the various London censuses: **1851** - A 17 year old Merchant's Clerk; **1861** - A 28 year old General Merchant; **1871** - A 38 year old Merchant; 1881 - Not found; and **1891** A 58 year old lodging in Gravesend, with his name in full ... Paul Adolphus Scheydt.

This is the 1851 Census entry, showing him living with his widowed father, Peter Scheydt, a Wine Merchant born in Germany. Paul Adolphus Scheydt was born 1833/4 in Brompton, Middlesex.

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|------------------|-------|------|----|------------------|------------|
| Peter Scheydt | Head. | Mar. | 61 | Wine Merchant | Germany |
| Paul A. do | Son | 17 | 17 | Merchant's Clerk | Brompton |
| Charlotte Wilson | Serv | 44 | 27 | House Servant | Northfleet |

The records show that Peter Scheydt died in 1879, aged 89 years, and was buried in Brompton cemetery.

I could find no baptismal record for Paul Adolphus Scheydt, but his death, aged 62, was recorded 1st Qtr **1896** at Gravesend.

An 'In Memoriam' notice in the 'Northfleet & Swanscombe Standard' for 13th February 1897, gives us the exact date of his death ...

SCHEYDT.— In lasting memory of Paul Adolphus Scheydt,
who died February 13th, 1896.
O for the touch of a vanished hand
And the sound of a voice that is still.

Note that the partnership between Scheydt, Gallatly, and Ferry was dissolved 'by effluxion of time' in January 1896, not long before Paul Adolphus Scheydt died, so I guess he 'went off radar' at some point and ended up lodging in Gravesend. 'Effluxion of time' simply means that an agreement or contract has come to an end due to the *natural passage of time*, without any additional action needed to terminate it.

Paul Adolphus Scheydt (1833-1896)

Logically, the next name to follow is **John Gallatly** who had worked with Paul Adolphus Scheydt since 1865, and was taken into partnership in January 1881 forming '**Scheydt & Gallatly**'. The surname 'Gallatly' is also unusual, so it's not surprising that we find him in the various London censuses: **1851** - aged 3 years living with his family. His father was William Gallatly, a Clerk to a Wholesale Stationer; **1861** - aged 13, scholar, with his widowed mother Isabel, a Private School Master/Matron; 1871 - Couldn't find him; **1881** - aged 33, Timber Agent; 1891 - aged 43, Baltic Merchant & Agent; 1901 - Couldn't find him; and **1911** - aged 63, Baltic Merchant and Employer. With him was his son, Harold Rosenlew Gallatly, aged 25, a Baltic Merchant's Clerk (presumably working for his father).

John Gallatly married Edith Marshall 24th January 1881, and together they had 3 children. I've listed them because 'John Gallatly & Sons' was formed sometime between 1920 and 1928. In passing Edith's father was James Charles Marshall, eldest son of the founder of 'Marshall & Snelgrove'. John & Edith's three children were Dorothy Bareugh (1884), **Harold Rosenlew** (1886), and **Eric William** (1888), all born Finchley.

John Gallatly died in 1930 on his farm in Ascot (Berks), as his probate record shows. £35,409 in 1930 equates to over £2,000,000 today. Note that his son, Eric William Gallatly is a Timber Agent.

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| <p>GALLATLY John of Lavender Farm Ascot Berkshire and of Gallardo House 10 Arthur-street London died 16 March 1930 at Lavender Farm Probate London 29 May to James Marshall Gallatly composer William Henry Quarrell solicitor and Eric William Gallatly timber agent. Effects £35409 6s. 7d.</p> |
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John Gallatly (1848-1930)

Harold Rosenlew Gallatley died in France on 17th Oct 1930, leaving £14,482 (£845,000 today), which left **Eric William Gallatly** as the last of the line. Sadly, as we learned earlier, he was killed in a fatal crash on the London underground in 1938, although his stated age in the report was 30 (so born **c1908**), his death (in an ambulance en route to Westminster hospital) says he was aged 45 (so born **c1893**), whereas his birth was registered in Barnet, 3rd Quarter **1888**.

His Wife Had Just Left Train

ERIC GALLATLY, one of the victims, had a magnificent war record. Joining up in August, 1914, in the Royal Marines, he was four years on active service. His brother was a major on the Staff, and though Eric had many offers of a commission he preferred to serve as a private. Gallatly was killed when on his way from his home at Ascot. His wife travelled in the same train with him. She had just left him at Charing Cross Station, to go shopping, when the crash occurred. His was the last body to be taken from the wreckage.

The age of Eric Gallatly couldn't have been 30 at the time of the crash, or he would have been 6 years old when he joined up in August 1914! In fact, Eric William Gallatly was born 12th July 1888.

Harold Rosenlew Gallatly (1886-1930)

Eric William Gallatly (1888-1938)

We've covered Scheydt, and the Gallatly's, so all that's left to investigate is *Ernest Augustus Ferry* who went into partnership with P A Scheydt and John Gallatly in 1887, and the *Scantlebury* surname from the 1920 partnership, '*Gallatly & Scantlebury*'.

Unusually, I couldn't immediately pick up Ernest Augustus Ferry in the UK Census but did find this reference to him in the 'Illustrated London News' for 20th February 1904 - he was an executor for John Snelgrove. Note: Ernest Augustus Ferry was the son-in-law of John Snelgrove, having married Mary Georgina Snelgrove in 1887.

The will (dated Nov. 16, 1903) of Mr. John Snelgrove, of 23, Kensington Palace Gardens and St. Elmo, Torquay, head of the firm of Marshall and Snelgrove, Oxford Street, who died on Dec. 2, was proved on Feb. 5 by John Sidney Snelgrove, the son, Edward Horsman Bailey, William Edward Gillett, and Ernest Augustus Ferry, the executors, the value of the estate

I did find him eventually, and established that he was born in Camberwell, Surrey, the son of Henry R Ferry, a Wool Broker. In the **1861** Census - 3 years old living with his family; **1871** - Not located; **1881** - aged 23 living at home and recorded as a Clerk to a Wool Broker (presumably his father); **1891** - a 33 year old Agent & Timber Merchant; **1901** - a 43 year old Timber Agent (Own account); **1911** - a 53 year old Timber Agent - Employer; and in **1921** - aged 63 yrs 11m, Retired Timber Agent.

And so we come to this last reference ...

Ernest Augustus Ferry was born in 1858 and died at Eastbourne, 27th September 1931, aged 74 years, leaving £12,911 (£775,000 today).

Ernest Augustus Ferry (1858-1931)

But what of Mr Scantlebury? Well, 'Scantlebury & Co' (formerly 'Puddy & Scantlebury' in business by 1908) were Timber Brokers & Agents [TA 'Treetop, Grace'] in 1918, but here's the 1920 reference.

Gallatly & Scantlebury, wood brokers, 10 Arthur street EC4 (T A "Treetop, Cannon, London"; T N Central 3008 [5 lines]) & timber agents, 32 St. Mary Axe EC3 - T A "Gallardo, Led"; T N Avenue 4008

There are a good few hits in the UK Censuses for 'Scantlebury' and 'Timber', including the 1939 Survey. By now, Charles William Scantlebury has retired from the 'Timber Trade', but his birthday is given as 4th December 1858.

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| SCANTLEBURY CHARLES W. | - | M | 4 DEC | 58 | M | Retired Timber Trade |
| SCANTLEBURY ELIZABETH | - | F | 13 OCT | 57 | M | impaired domestic duties |
| SCANTLEBURY GLADYS B. | - | F | 29 APR | 86 | S | SHORT HAND TYPIST COAL CONTRACTORS |

We can also pick him up in the **1891** Census - a 32 year old 'Timber Merchant Traveller', born in Hammersmith; **1901** - a 42 year old 'Timber Merchant' - 'Employer'; **1911** - a 52 year old Commercial Traveller (Timber Merchant). With him was his son, Charles W O Scantlebury, a 26 year old Accountant with a firm of 'Timber Brokers'.

Disappointingly, I couldn't find him in the 1921 census, which is around the time he would have been involved with John Gallatly. However, his full name is given in his probate record ...

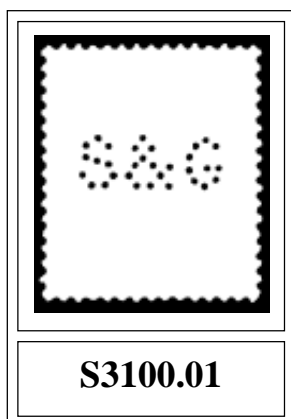
SCANTLEBURY Charles William of 226 Court-road Eltham London S.E.9 died 30 March 1942 at Woolwich Memorial Hospital Shooters Hill London S.E.18 Probate **Llandudno** 17 July to Charles Warren Oliver Scantlebury civil servant Gladys Beatrice Scantlebury spinster and Leonard Andrew Scantlebury civil servant. Effects £2147 12s. 10d.

£2,147 in 1942 would equate to around £100,000 today.

Charles William Scantlebury (1858-1942)

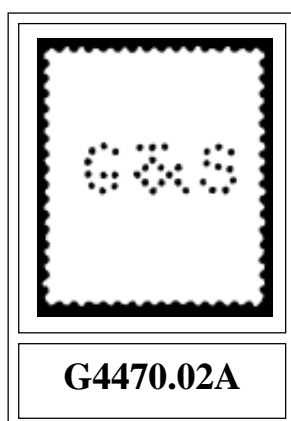
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As a result of all of this analysis, it would appear that *two* dies are likely to have had *two or more* users.



In use: 1885-1900.
 Dates: 19 June 1886 - 4 Nov 1899*.
 Issues: B 1d (16 dots)
 D 2½d
 E 2½d, 3d*, 4d*
 Note: Possible 'Braham' die.
 Ident: Multiple users:
 Early user, 1885-1887.
 Scheydt & Gallatly,
 Timber Agents,
 88 Bishopsgate St, and
 140 Leadenhall St, London EC.
 [Partnership established January 1881]
 {Identity reported Nov/Dec 1980 - RP}.
 Later user, 1890-1900.
 Ø Salmon & Gluckstein Ltd,
 Tobacco Mfrs,
 41 Clerkenwell Rd,
 London EC.

Pmks: Clerkenwell*.



In use: 1910-1938.
 Dates: 8 Oct 1912 - 8 Aug 1938.
 Issues: F ½d (ye-gn), 1d
 H ½d, 1d I(RC/BC) ½d-2½d
 L ½d M ½d-2d
 N 1½d O ½d, 1½d
 P 1½d Q ½d, 1½d, 2½d
 Note: Large format stamps show evidence for a *single headed* die. Pin goes missing from the bottom of the "S" c1925, and was never repaired - see alongside.

Ident: Multiple users:
 Early user, 1910-1920.
 User unknown.
 Later user, 1920-1924.
 Ø Gallatly & Scantlebury,
 10 Arthur St, and
 32 St Mary Axe, London EC.
 Later stil,l 1924-1938.
 John Gallatly & Sons,
 Timber Agents, Callardo House,
 10 Arthur St, London EC4.
 {Identity reported Oct 1987 - MRS}.

Pmks: (Lead)enhall St. (London EC).

