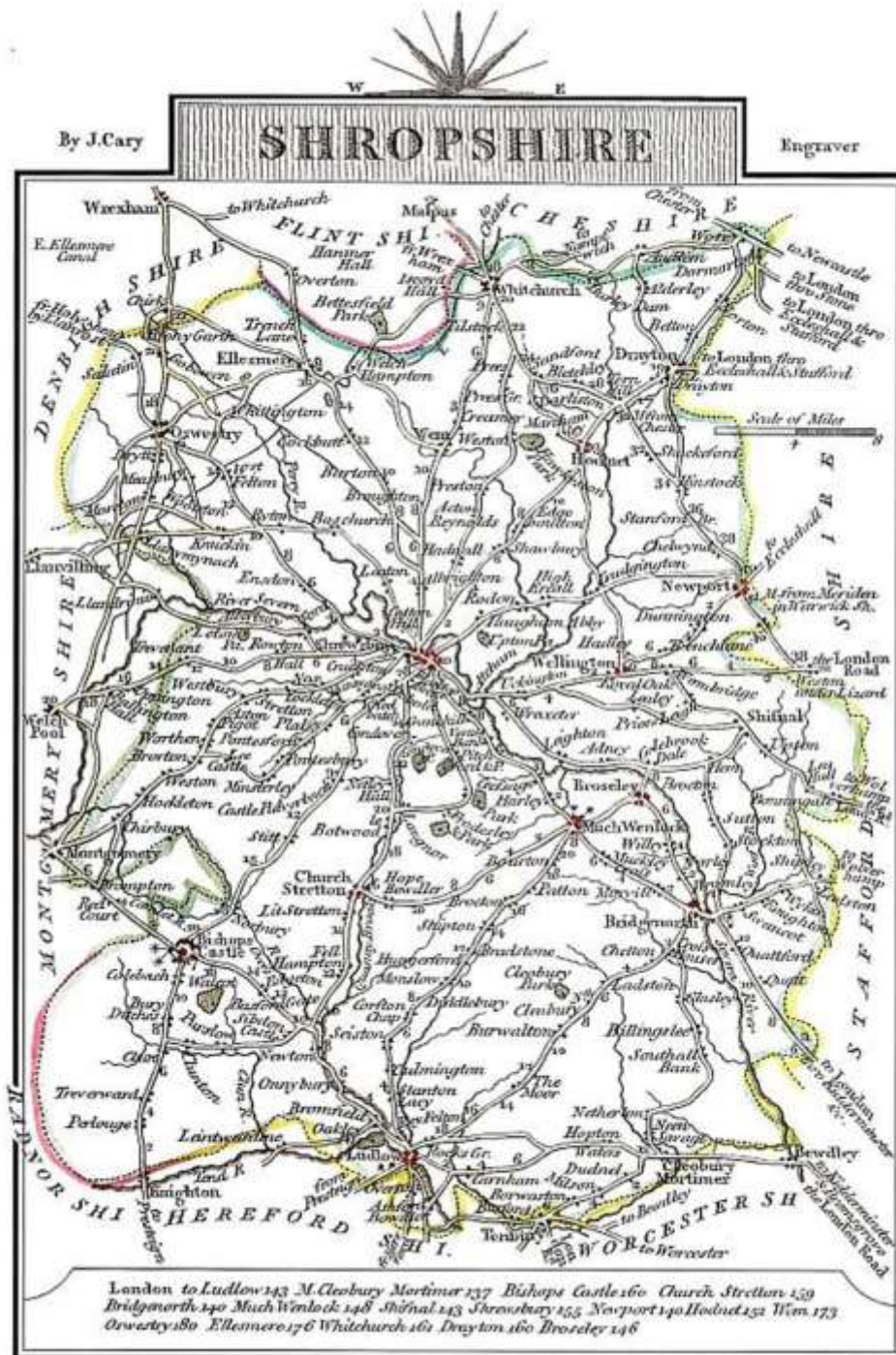


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Preface

How the book came into being: For many years the British County Catalogue of Postal History (BCC) of the late 1980s, edited in several volumes by Martin Willcocks and Barrie Jay, was the standard reference of pre-1840 postal marks of British towns. While examining copies of Oswestry town marks between 1734 and 1746 I realised there were three different ones (see OT8, OT10, OT12) when the catalogue stated two and the dates of those were not accurate; cataloguing had relied heavily on measurements, different measurers using different criteria. This discovery began my quest to produce a detailed, illustrated listing of the postal markings of Shropshire towns.

About the book: As far as possible, every mark used at each town has been illustrated and given a catalogue number derived from the town name, e.g. OSWESTRY (**OT**), along with the British County Catalogue (BCC) number where appropriate. Size in millimetres is taken from the widest outer edges of each mark but excludes serifs, if present. Also included is the date of issue if known, colour(s) and *full* dates of use. Dates of issue for each marking (stamp) first appear in Post Office records in 1825 but many dates of issue are not known, hence the spaces. The illustrations of markings not in the Steel Impression Books (see page xi, **Abbreviations in the Text**) have been taken from actual examples. Colours can be subjective but have been included. If used in distinct blocks the earliest and latest dates have been given but if the colours overlap the overall dates of use have been provided. ‘Albino’ strikes of early Ludlow and some Wem marks have made an indentation in the paper but no ink is transferred. In general, the year 1910 was selected to stop recording as this year allows some of the double circle cancels to be included, though a few were used after this date.

Shropshire: All the larger post towns and four larger sub-offices have been included. As for the villages, only those which were receiving houses of the Penny Posts are included at this time.

Rarity: A rarity guide is usually provided in the form of a letter linked to a price range, sometimes it can be a price only. I have not included a guide as, in my view, they can be both confusing and misleading. Most town name markings before 1750 are not common, especially the *very* early ones. The only two known examples of the same Shifnal mark (**SN7 / SH491**) were recently offered by two dealers, one at £500 (*with no year date*) and the other £250 (*with year date*); a typical example of the lack of consistency in pricing. The price guide in the Midland’s edition of the BCC, published in 2013, is out of date; the Shifnal mark is listed at £151 to £250! Shrewsbury sideways duplexes are much scarcer than the Shrewsbury spoons, which command significantly higher prices (page 11). In essence, town name stamps become easier to find after 1750, the mileage stamps easier still as are the datestamps and duplexes etc. Examples of a type, such as the Church Stretton duplex (three records of use) can be rare but may not demand a very high price since duplexes are a common type.

Since the second edition in 2018: 150 changes to early and late dates have been added as well as 34 new codes. A report of the Shrewsbury 4CD **SB312** was not earlier or later but had a very unusual ‘7inverted’ code. Four new marks have been reported, three of which are skeletons (**BC36** - Bishops Castle, **NP109** – Newport and **WM32** - Wem). As their use was often of short duration, there may be many more waiting to be discovered. The other reported new mark is **SB328**, an undated Shrewsbury 3VOS. Other changes include the addition of Newton / Craven Arms (page 49), Llanyblodwel, an Oswestry Penny Post receiving house (page 124) and Dawley (page 131).

Please see page xiii for Amendments and New Content since the third edition.

Errors: As the author I accept that any errors are mine and mine alone.

Updates: Please contact me via my email, below, if you consider that you have found a Shropshire postmark not in the book or one with dates earlier or later than those quoted. Your help will be appreciated.

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An introduction to the Postal History of Great Britain with references to Shropshire

This is an introduction and not an exhaustive survey. Experienced collectors will recognise many omissions; however, the object is to provide an overall view of the subject for someone new to our hobby, to interest and inform new collectors and is based on talks I have given to my local, non-postal history societies.

Henry I (c1068 - 1135) appointed messengers to carry letters for the Court but private individuals had to make their own arrangements. Under **Edward I** (1239 - 1307) a makeshift system of posting houses began where messengers could change horses at inns along a road, nothing was permanent.

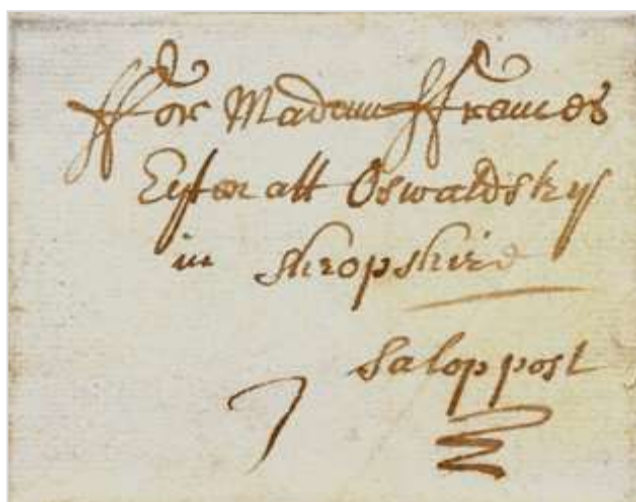
Henry VIII (1491 - 1547) appointed Sir Brian Tuke as '*Master of the Posts*' to keep him in touch with London and the ports when on his travels. Tuke set up what became two permanent horse posts from London to Scotland and to Dover as well as temporary horse posts to such as Oxford and Lincoln.

Paper was expensive and had to be imported until the latter part of the 15th century. The first recorded paper mill in the United Kingdom was Sele Mill near Hertford owned by John Tate, founded c.1488. Sheets bearing Tate's watermark have been found in books printed in 1494.

First Public Post: The first public post was set up in 1626 between Plymouth and London by Samuel Jude, a London Merchant. Jude had gained a 'warrant of approval' from the Borough of Plymouth to carry messages for the commissioners of the Navy, the East India Company and other merchants. Messages reached London by road quicker than by a ship sailing up the Channel. The arrangement was in direct competition with the government monopoly. Pressure for a public system of letter carrying was growing.

Proclamation of 1635: Charles I appointed Thomas Witherings as '*His Majesties Postmaster for Foreign parts*'. Witherings set up a regular horse post to run day and night between Edinburgh and the City of London and back in six days. Letters were carried on bye-posts for towns near the post road. Private letters were allowed; thus the true postal service began. Post roads were opened from London to Holyhead via Chester and to Plymouth later extended to Falmouth.

By Thomas Gardner's Survey of the post roads in 1677 there were six major roads radiating from London to Dover, Plymouth, Bristol, Holyhead (via Chester), Edinburgh and Yarmouth (Norfolk). Shropshire was served from the Holyhead Road by a bye-post from Coleshill to Birmingham and then via Shifnal to Shrewsbury in the north and via Stourbridge and Tenbury to Ludlow in the south. Market Drayton and Whitchurch were served from Lichfield and Nantwich respectively, both on the Chester Road. Large parts of Shropshire were without a direct service. The inhabitants of Oswestry employed someone to carry mail to and from Shrewsbury with a similar arrangement between Bridgnorth and Wolverhampton.



Letter from London dated 11 December 1694 '*ffor Madam Ffrances Eyton att Oswaldstry in Shropshire*'.

The direction '*Salop post*' was to show the letter should go via Shrewsbury from where it was privately carried to Oswestry.

The charge paid by the recipient was 3d – looks like a figure 7 but is an old-fashioned 3, which in 1694 paid for a letter delivered over 80 miles from London (Act of 1660).

The Great Cross Post: There were no postal roads connecting the six direct routes to London, so a letter from Shrewsbury to Exeter had to pass through London. In 1696 a Cross Post was set up to connect Exeter directly with Bristol. In July 1699 Shrewsbury petitioned for an extension to this cross road and in July 1700 the road was extended connecting Bristol with Chester through Shropshire via Bridgnorth, Shrewsbury, Wem and

Whitchurch. Bridgnorth now had a better service and letters from Shrewsbury could be sent directly to the southwest saving time and money. The GPO Salary books for 1713/14 show Martha Burgis, in charge of the Shrewsbury post office, receiving two salaries, £45 per year for the country-wide General Post and £40 per year for the Cross Post; whereas John Edons at Bridgnorth received £35 per year as a Cross Post salary only as Bridgnorth was not on a direct London post road. Oswestry was officially connected to Shrewsbury at some point in the early part of the 18th century and Ellesmere was served from there but not made a post town till about 1795. Ludlow did not have a direct postal connection with Shrewsbury until October 1803, when an office was also established at Church Stretton. Prior to 1803 letters from Shrewsbury to Ludlow went via Birmingham and Worcester. Letters from Market Drayton to Shrewsbury went on a circuitous route via Stafford, Lichfield, Coleshill and Wolverhampton.

Postal Rates: The first postal rates were set by the Proclamation of 1635 but from 1657 until the reforms of 1839/40, the rates were fixed by an Act of Parliament, depending on the distance the letter was carried. The cost of a letter from Shrewsbury to London was 6d from 1635, 3d from 1660, 4d from 1711, 5d from 1784, 7d from 1796, 8d from 1801, 9d from 1805, 10d from 1812; rates doubled if more than one sheet of paper was used, quadrupled if over an ounce in weight and increased by a single rate for every ¼oz over 1oz. It was usual that the receiver paid the postage, though letters could be prepaid.

Bishop Marks & Town Marks: In 1660 Henry Bishop was made Postmaster General. In 1661 he introduced the world's first postmark in London, now known as the Bishop Mark, so that checks could be made about delays in the carriage of letters to the capital; the earliest recorded is 19 April 1661. Provincial town postmarks first appeared in the early 1700s; the earliest known is from Bolton in 1701. The earliest recorded Shropshire mark is a straight line SHREWSBURY (H and R joined) dated 9 January 1706 (**SB3 / SH564**).

The Mail Coach: A great advance was made in 1784 when a mail coach was introduced between London and Bristol reaching Bristol in 16 hours. The roads were slowly getting better due to the Turnpike Acts. Robert Lawrence of the Lion Inn in Shrewsbury set up a London to Shrewsbury mail coach, which first ran on 5 September 1785, covering the route in less than 24 hours. On 5 September 1808 it was extended to Holyhead for the Irish mail via Oswestry. Coaches ran at times through Shrewsbury to Hereford and Bristol in the south and north to Chester and Liverpool. A Ludlow to London mail coach was established on 29 August 1785, though by 1786 it stopped at Worcester to connect there with a coach to London.

Mileage Marks: Before 1784 a letter that had to pass through London was charged twice, once to London and once from London to its destination. After the Act that became effective on 31 August 1784, this was reduced to one charge to cover the total distance and was stated to be the key element in the introduction of the 'mileage stamps' in 1784, where the distance to London was added to the town name.

Local & Penny Posts: William Dockwra began a private local post in London in 1680. It was so successful that the government took it over to add to the revenue. In Edinburgh Peter Williamson had also experimented with a local post delivery. The local unofficial post around Shrewsbury was extensive running to Wem and Hawkstone in the north, to Llanfyllin (Wales) in the west, Church Stretton in the south and east to Berrington and Attingham Hall; unofficial because the postmaster pocketed the income. As the government was missing out on revenue, they made many of the unofficial delivery areas part of the official system and in 1806 Shifnal became the first town outside the larger cities to organise an official local Penny Post, with the revenue accruing to the government. It had receiving houses at Madeley Wood (later Ironbridge), Broseley and Wenlock with offices later at Madeley and Dawley Green. A letter from Birmingham to Broseley could now go as far as Shifnal in the General Post and on to Broseley at a cost of an extra 1d in the Penny Post.

Railways: The first regular contract carrying mail by train was between London and Birmingham in 1838. As railways proliferated the use of the mail coach was reduced with the last from London withdrawn on 3 April 1846 and from Manchester in 1856. By 1838 a special carriage was in use on the Grand Junction Railway between London and Birmingham; the first travelling post office (or TPO).

The Reforms of 1839/40: It had become expensive to send letters under the postal Acts up to and including that of 1812. Rowland Hill produced a pamphlet, *Post Office Reform: its Importance and Practicability*, privately circulated in 1837, which called for 'low and uniform rates' according to weight rather than distance. Hill's study showed that most of the costs in the postal system were for laborious handling procedures at the

origins and the destinations. He claimed costs could be reduced dramatically if postage was prepaid by the sender. In 1836 it is reported Hill had calculated the actual cost by weight of sending a letter from London to Edinburgh was one thirty-sixth of a penny for a letter actually charged one shilling. He proposed lowering the postage rate to a penny per half ounce, ‘*without regard to distance*’ and presented his proposal to the Government in 1838. Such a radical idea was not readily received but eventually the government tried an experimental countrywide fourpenny rate from 5 December 1839, for a letter weighing $\frac{1}{2}$ oz (Uniform Fourpenny Post). Whitchurch, Shropshire, was one of the few towns in the country to use a figure 4 handstamp to show the charge. Letters did not have to be prepaid and some lower rates were allowed, as were rates above $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. The reduction was so successful that *prepaid* Uniform Penny Post was introduced on 10 January 1840. It was a great success and led to the introduction of the 1d black and 2d blue postage stamps on 6 May 1840 for letters weighing up to $\frac{1}{2}$ oz and 1oz respectively, as well as a 1d and 2d prepaid letter sheet, the so-called Mulready, the first postal stationery.

Postage Stamps, Post Office Numbers and Cancellations: Stamps had to be marked in such a way that they could not be re-used. The first cancellation was a red Maltese Cross; however, the ink proved to be removable and in February 1841 a more permanent black ink was introduced. The black cancel was not easily seen on a black stamp, so the plates used to print the penny black were used to print the first penny reds. At this time the town datestamp was struck on the reverse of the cover. Mr Francis Abbott, employed by the General Post Office in London and later Secretary to the General Post Office for Scotland, suggested a number be allocated to each town of importance and be used to obliterate the postage stamp. The number given to Shrewsbury was **708**. These cancels were first used in May 1844; the earliest recorded for Shropshire being 3 May 1844 at Ironbridge (**406**). The town name was still struck separately on the reverse, a laborious process. A combined name and number (a duplex or double stamp) was first used in London. Early provincial duplexes had the town name in a variety of spoon-shapes; they are recorded at Shrewsbury, Oswestry and Bridgnorth. Double Stamps became the cancel of choice, though some towns used a ‘squared circle’ by the 1880s. By the time of the postcard era the common cancel became the single or double circle. Small single circle datestamps continued to be used on the reverse of envelopes to show the date and arrival time at an office.

Comments

The Maltese Cross: The illustrations and dates of use of the Maltese Cross for each town have not been included in the book, except for the dated issue of a second one to Shrewsbury in July 1842. None of the Maltese Crosses used in Shropshire are distinct. The ‘solid’ centre of the Ironbridge cross has not been caused by its production; it became clogged with use and wasn’t regularly cleaned.



Part of an 8 February 1844 cover from Ironbridge to Manchester showing the ‘clogged’ centre of the Ironbridge Maltese Cross.

Dates: For the years before datestamps, those shown in the dates quoted in the listings will be as per the Gregorian calendar, i.e. with the New Year beginning on 1 January, not 25 March (Lady Day) as was custom in England at the time. Endorsements were often put onto the reverse of letters by the recipient giving the date and writer. If the letter has no date, one quoted in an endorsement will be used. Failing both of these, the date of an early letter to / from London will be quoted from a Bishop Mark or the arrival mark in use at the time. Some early letters may have no internal date or evidence of an arrival date.

Codes: See page viii for an explanation of the uses of codes. The code(s) in the postal marking issued from the GPO may bear little resemblance to the code(s) used at a particular office.

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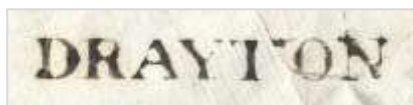
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Illustrations

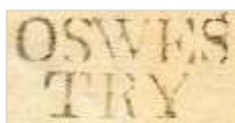
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Types of Postal Markings used in Shropshire to 1910

Early Town Marks



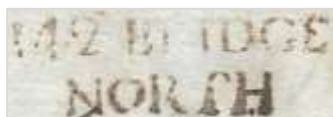
Straight line
(Market Drayton)



Two-line



Arc – used only at
Whitchurch



1st type mileage
(Bridgnorth)



Horseshoe



Straight line mileage
Figures removed in 1829
Many types of mileage mark



Undated circle (UDC)
Later ones without serifs

Post-1840 cancelling stamps



Maltese Cross



1844 type (from 1 May)
(479 of Ludlow)



Duplex (town name + number)
Several different types



Squared circle

Datestamps



Double-arc
with serifs



Double-arc
sans-serif



Single-arc or
split-ring



Single circle
or 'thimble'



Double circle



Skeleton or Travelling temporary datestamp, made up as needed when the issued stamp was being replaced or repaired, many types

Note misspelling as **SHREWSBERY**

Abbreviations in the text

Brev	B reversed. The letter B has been reversed in the code of a datestamp. Similarly, Binv means the letter B has been inverted in the code. Also, Crev or Dinv or Minvert and so on. Hsidewys (or Cside) means the code letter H (or C) has been attached sideways, sometimes turned 90 degrees left or right, so that with C the open face was up or down, for example.
BCC	British County Catalogue of Postal History (see bibliography above)
oz	ounce
R	Registered
RSO	Railway Sub-Office
SIB	Steel Impression Book. From 1825 a strike of a handstamp to be sent to a town was made in a volume of the Steel Impression Book currently held at Post Office Archives. Also included were the date of issue and the name of the town to which the stamp was issued. Thus, SIB 1 / 171 means Volume 1 Page 171 of the <u>S</u> teel <u>I</u> mpression <u>B</u> ooks. To avoid repetition SIB has not always been used. The books are sometimes called Proof Impression Books (PIB).
RIB	Rubber Impression Book. Similar to SIB above
SH	Shropshire, the abbreviation used for the county in the catalogue numbers of the BCC
SPHS	Shropshire Postal History Society
TPO	Travelling Post Office (on railways)

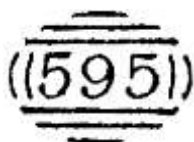
Cancellations (excluding Maltese Cross)

1844 type	Four horizontal bars top & bottom, two curved bars either side
3CD or 4CD	Three-bar or Four-bar <u>C</u> ircular <u>D</u> uplexes
3HOS	Three-bar <u>H</u> orizontal <u>O</u> val <u>S</u> ingle, (the 1844 type has 4 bars and is larger)
3VOS or 4VOS	Three-bar or Four-bar <u>V</u> ertical <u>O</u> val <u>S</u> ingle
3VOD or 4VOD	Three-bar or Four-bar <u>V</u> ertical <u>O</u> val <u>D</u> uplex

The above abbreviations and variations of them were used by John Parmenter in his excellent series of books (see References). They will appear in the text as the abbreviations, examples below.



1844 type



3HOS



3VOS

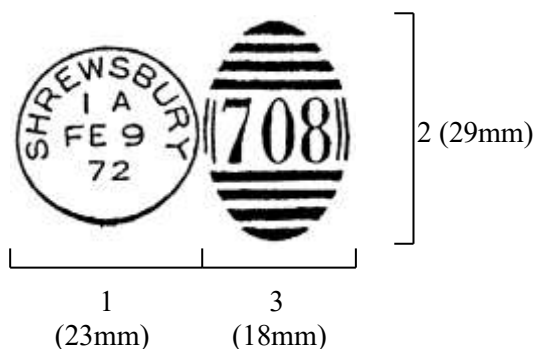


3CD



3VOD

Measuring the duplex using a 4VOD of Shrewsbury as an example



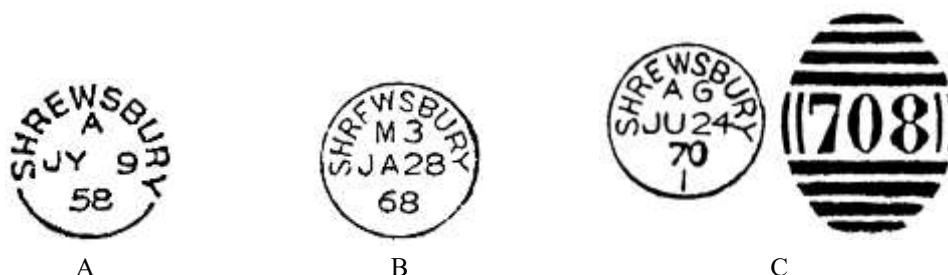
Measurements:

- 1) Diameter of the town name - 23mm.
- 2) The length of the oval or circle depending on the type of duplex - 29mm
- 3) The width of the oval - 18mm

The example above is **SB341** found on page 15 of the text. It measures in millimetres 23+29x18.

There is an opinion that the later duplexes were in fact double stamps, where the name part of the double stamp could be used with a different oval office number. Despite being aware of this I found no example where the circular datestamp was used with a different oval number.

The Codes of small datestamps and duplexes (double stamps)



The codes of the small datestamps and duplexes (double stamps) can be very confusing. The three examples show some stamps as issued to offices by the GPO. Example A is straightforward, the single letter of a datestamp or duplex is changed to indicate the *duty* or collection time. Some datestamps and duplexes were issued with two *letter codes* or a letter and number (B). Of the two letter codes, one usually became a fixed number to identify the officer (sometimes called the *stamper*) allocated the stamp used that day, whilst the letter changed to indicate the collection (*duty*) time. In B the identifying number (3) was fixed but the *duty* letter changed. They were reversed in some issues, so you see variations A3, B3 or 2C 2D and so on. To add more confusion a type C was issued, when the number at the bottom (often called the *index*) is *probably* a handstamp identification number. The A or G in the example became a fixed number and a letter *duty* code with the fixed number *possibly* identifying the stamper, not the stamp, but it is not clear why two numbers were used (see particularly **SB371** to **SB 381**). There was no pattern of use by local offices, it seems the GPO was satisfied as long as each office used identifiable datestamps. Even Parmenter had no clear explanation.

In late 1893 another system was introduced after trials in Liverpool, Birmingham and Bristol. In this code, letters A to M indicated the hour (1 to 12) and A to L every 5 minutes past the hour (05 to 55 minutes) with A or P added to indicate pre-noon or post-noon; this was the *coded time* system, sometimes known as *Time in asterisk code* (Parmenter). So that CK*A was 3.50AM or EH*P was 5.40PM. M*P was midday, M*A midnight! *Coded time* was followed by *clear time* or *time in full* such as 6.30PM.



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Stuart Rossiter was a leading postal historian of his day. He was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, Chief Editor of the Blue Guides, from 1963 to 1982 and as well as writing the classical *Blue Guide Greece* he was also editor of *The London Philatelist*. These roles brought together an interest in research and the publication of the results. The Stuart Rossiter Trust is a Charitable Trust established with money from his estate to support research and publication relating to the history of communication by postal systems of the world.

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The Shropshire Postal History Society

The inaugural meeting of the Society was held on 8 April 1980 and the first edition of *Shropshire Post*, the bulletin of the Society, was published in October of that year. *Shropshire Post* was published four times a year until 2021.

The society met once a month in Shrewsbury from September to May, except January, originally in the Britannia pub, opposite the Welsh Bridge and the River Severn (I believe it is now called The Shrewsbury Hotel); immediately left as you reach the bottom of Mardol from the market end. Later the society met in the Bayston Hill Memorial Hall (south of Shrewsbury).

Because of declining membership, in 2021 it was decided to close down the Shropshire Postal History Society after 40 years, but it would be remiss of me not to thank the members for allowing the items in their collections to be recorded. Sadly, Guy Bridges and Dave Tarry are no longer with us but Jim Ball and Jim Hammond have both contributed to this edition of the book. Some of the early black and white photocopies produced by society members remain where I have been unable to discover a better example of a postmark. Without the original help of members of the society this book would never have appeared.

On a brighter note the larger Midland (GB) Postal History Society continues to thrive with over 90 members worldwide. Eight meetings a year take place in locations around the Midlands as well as Zoom meetings. *Midland Mail*, our quarterly 24-page journal, keeps members in touch as well as containing articles of a varied nature related to Midland's postal history; there are 218 editions of the journal on the website <https://www.midlandphs.org.uk/>, all freely available for reference. The society holds an extensive library for research as well as an annual auction. New members are always welcome; there is a link to membership on the website.

Brian Atkins,

Whitchurch, Shropshire, September 2026



SB286: 1864 Shrewsbury to Rome, Italy. Paid 6d with 6d lilac, plate 4 but underpaid 5d (Post Office Guide, 1 January 1857, letters to the Papal States 11d per ¼oz). PD (Paid to Destination) cancelled with London 50 in diamond, but letter forwarded INSUFFICIENTLY / PREPAID. Arrived Marseilles 5 November, carried by French packet ship to Civitavecchia, 40 miles north of Rome (CIVITAVECCHIA / DALLA / VIA DI MARE, literally Civitavecchia by Way of the Sea, maritime mark), arrived Rome 8 November 1864. Assessed 26 bajocchi (about 1/-) postage due in Rome.

Amendments and New Content for the 4th Edition

In the two years since the 3rd edition appeared, the earliest or latest dates and new codes or times have seen around 100 changes / additions made; these are noted in **red** text. My thanks to all who contacted me with a date change or code / time addition.

It would appear that in double stamps (duplexes) which have a number and letter code that the number (1, 2 etc) doesn't change and it's the letter (A, B etc) that is altered to indicate a collection time, the order of the number / letter being immaterial. However, a number **preceding** the letter code (2H) has been found in a Shrewsbury double stamp (**SB37**), which normally has the letter preceding the number (D2, E2, etc). This is the only double stamp in Shropshire where this has been noted (page 18).

Under Ironbridge **IB50** and **IB52** had been transposed, they have been corrected (page 56).

After the 3rd edition of the book, covers were sent to me with date additions for **WC8** (WHIT / CHURCH page 112), but on some covers WHIT / CHURCH was slightly different. Examining the new ones reported, along with previous records, they clearly fell into two groups with a new early date for **WC8**. Dates for **WC9** have been added as has a scan and notes of a clear way of distinguishing between the two marks. Position of the letter W is the key.

The illustration of the undated DAWLEY BANK (page 131) should have had its three recorded dates added, not just their colours. The dates have been added.

A new mark will be found in CRAVEN ARMS (**CA29**, page 50).

Finally, 20 pages have been added to include villages which were issued Post Office numbers up to 1892, the last year for a Shropshire number in Brummell's book.

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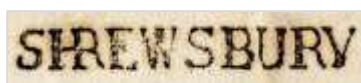


SB433: Post UPU 2½d rate, 1880 Shrewsbury to Paris via Calais. Addressed to *Monsieur le Docteur Gachet, Rue Faub-g (Faubourg), St Denis, Paris*. Gachet treated Vincent van Gogh since he specialised in 'nervous diseases'. van Gogh painted Gachet twice. The second portrait, painted in 1890, sold in 1990 to a Japanese gentlemen for the then world record price of \$US 82.5 million.

The Postal Markings by Post Town

SHREWSBURY (SB)

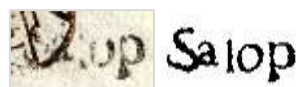
Town Marks - 1705 to 1762



SB3



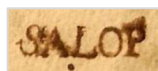
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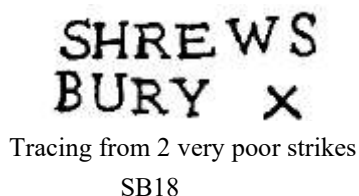
SB9 (Scan + Sketch)



SB12



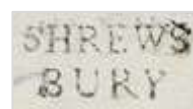
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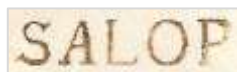
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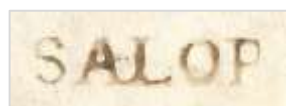
SB21



SB25



SB30



SB33



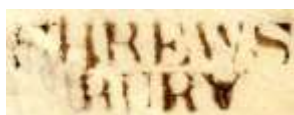
SB36



SB44

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SB3 / SH564	SHREWSBURY H and R joined	44x5		Black	09JAN1705/6 - 03MAR1706
SB6 / SH564b	Salop Manuscript	17x9		Black	23JAN1707
SB9 / SH565	Salop S 4mm + lower case	16x3		Black	01MARc.1707
SB12 / SH566	SALOP S 7mm + upper case	17x3		Black	17OCT1707
SB15 / SH568	SALOP See page 3	16x4		Black	16FEB1709 - 25APR1715
SB18 / SH569	SHREWS / BURY X Cross Post Stamp	33x11		Black	15APR1711 - 07JUL1720?
SB21 / SH569b	SALOP	17x4		Black	07OCT1716 - 07NOV1718
SB25 / SH570	SHREWS / BURY First S small	21x10		Black	16JUL1720 - 31DEC1720
Re-used four times as a temporary stamp while awaiting a new one or a repair			1 st re-use	Black	23MAR1726 - 15AUG1726
			2 nd re-use	Black	29JAN1730 - 27NOV1730
			3 rd re-use	Black	23DEC1772 - 30DEC1772
			4 th re-use	Black	20OCT1782 - 14DEC1782
SB30 / SH572	SALOP	30x6		Black	27APR1724 - 10JAN1731
SB33 / SH576	SALOP S leans to the left	30x6		Black	15JUL1735 - 14MAR1737
			Re-use	Black	15MAR1743 - 12AUG1749
SB36 / SH578	SALOP Large lower serif on S	28x6		Black	19JAN1739 - 15OCT1743
SB44 / SH584	SHREWS / BURY	31x11		Black	10APR1750 - 10OCT1762
			Re-use		21OCT1782

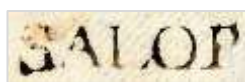
Town Marks - 1763 to 1785



SB47



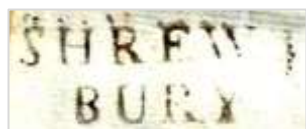
SB56 (early)



SB56 (late)



SB64



SB69



SB70



SB73



SB76



SB83



SB90

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SB47 / SH590	SHREWS / BURY Thick serifs on both Ss	37x12		Black	?JUN1763 - 19MAY1766
SB56 / SH596	SALOP. Early stamps may have full stop later ones don't	31x7		Black	23SEP1767 - 02DEC1770 02DEC1770 has vertical mark to the right of SALOP
SB64 / SH600	SALOP Smaller	28x6		Black	28DEC1770 - 31JUL1772
SB69 / SH602	SHREWS / BURY	35x12		Black	23DEC1772 - 02FEB1774
SB70 / SH604	SHREWS / BURY Centre of W flat	40x15		Black	18SEP1774 - 03OCT1777
SB73 / SH608	SHREWS / BURY Centre of W pointed	39x14		Black	07NOV1777 - 08OCT1779
SB76 / SH610	SHREWS / BURY	37x13		Black	04JUL1780 - ?FEB1781
SB83 / SH620	SHREWS / BURY. Has full stop	37x14		Black	01MAR1781 - 23AUG1782
SB90 / SH626	SHREWS / BURY. Has full stop	35x15		Black	12FEB1783 - 16JAN1785

Using overlays to view a number of examples it has been established that **SH626**, **SH627**, **SH628** and **SH629** in the original BCC (2nd edition 1996) are the same stamp which has spread with wear. The last three were removed from the Midlands edition of the BCC (2013) and have been removed from this publication. **SB90 / SH626** is the catalogue number of the original examples plus the additions from **SH627**, **SH628** and **SH629**.



SB3 / SH564: SHREWSBURY showing the H and R joined on a 9 January 1705 entire to Wolverhampton. Charged 2d [note pt p^d d/2, abbreviation for *post paid 2d*] the rate for a single sheet carried under 80 miles, Act of 1660 (12CARI CAP35). The earliest recorded letter using a Shrewsbury or Salop mark.



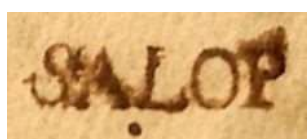
SB15 / SH568: 16 February 1709/10 letter from the village of Myddle, 10 miles northwest of Shrewsbury, to Peterburgh (Peterborough), endorsed 'by way of London' and charged 'in all 5(d)', 3d to London (over 80 miles), plus 2d to Peterborough (under 80 miles), Act of 1660. In the letter Myddle is spelt as Middle.

The writer, A. Angell (?) writes a 'gushing' letter requesting that any letters to him be directed to 'Reverend Mr Lloyd of Middle to be left at ye Queens head in Salop by way of London'.

The Queen's Head was in Mardol, which leads to the River Severn. An 1831 receipt shows James Brown as proprietor, whereas Bagshaw's 1851 Directory has Edward Tackoe in that position. The Queen's Head 'Hotel' no longer exists.

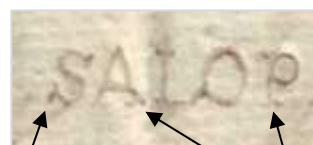
See below for a guide to distinguishing between SALOP SB15 and SB21.

SB15 enlarged



Large upper serif on letter S
Lower serif on letter S almost horizontal
Lower serifs on A and P flat

SB21 enlarged



Lower serif of S almost vertical

Serifs on A and P indented

Town Marks - 1785 to 1801



SB103



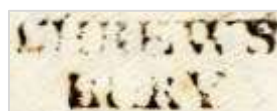
SB107



SB111



SB114



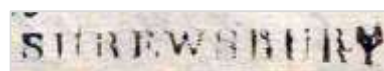
SB114 (temporary re-use)



SB123



SB126

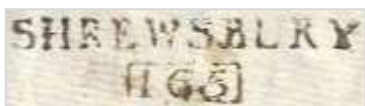


SB130

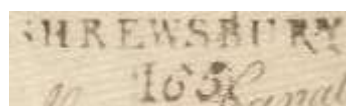
<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SB103 / SH630	SHREWS / BURY SHREWS slightly curved, very noticeable later	42x16	Re-use	Black Black	01FEB1785 - 03JUL1787 06FEB1789 - 23FEB1789
SB107 / SH635	SHREWS / BURY New to BCC	43x15		Black	17JUL1787 - 12MAY1788
SB111 / SH636	SHREWS / BURY	39x16		Black	01AUG1788 - 19OCT1789
SB114 / SH638	SHREWS / BURY	35x12	Re-use	Black Black	17DEC1789 - 04JUL1793 24FEB1796 - 30MAR1797
SB123 / SH640	SHREWSBURY Horseshoe	26		Black	08JUL1793 - 12NOV1795
SB126 / SH642	SHREWSBURY Horseshoe	28		Black	17MAY1797 - 08MAR1800
SB130 / SH644	SHREWSBURY Small letters, scarce mark	47x3		Black	05JAN1800 - 05JUN1801

Mileage Marks, Mileage Removed Mark

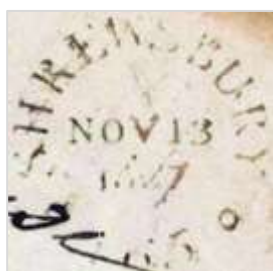
The Midland (GB) Postal History Society has produced a thoroughly recommended book entitled *The Midland Counties Mileage Marks and Mail Routes to London 1784 - 1840*, essential for a study of routes at the time. Each town has an account of the routes to London; its mileage marks are illustrated with earliest and latest dates. As Shropshire is a Midland county, the Shropshire Postal History Society contributed to the survey of the marks. Unless a new record has been found in the meantime, the dates of use in the aforementioned book correspond with the records of this publication but all the mileage stamps are reproduced here to complete the record. The mileage figures were supposed to be removed in February 1829 as they were often inaccurate, producing 'mileage removed' marks. Many of the mileage marks are very lightly struck and don't reproduce well. Checking with the dates on the next page, size (in this instance) and the presence or absence of a small circle of varying size either side of the mileage figure will help to separate them.



SB140



SB142



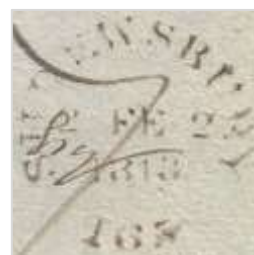
SB144



SB146



SB148



SB150



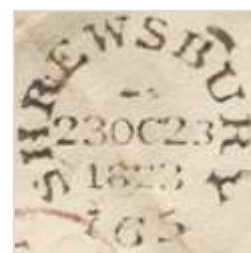
SB152



SB154



SB156



SB158



SB160



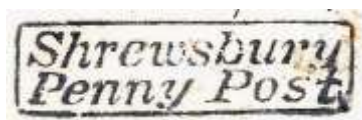
SB162



SB164

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SB140 / SH646	SHREWSBURY / 165	45x11		Black	21FEB1801 - 05AUG1803
SB142 / SH648	SHREWSBURY / 165	43x11		Black	07JUL1803 - 27SEP1805
SB144 / SH650	SHREWSBURY / 165	35		Black	05OCT1805 - 07JAN1809
SB146 / SH654	SHREWSBURY / 165	31		Black	01JUN1809 - 16AUG1810
SB148 / SH656	SHREWSBURY / 165	30		Black	03SEP1810 - 02FEB1813
SB150 / SH658	SHREWSBURY / 165	30		Black	30MAR1812 - 24FEB1814
SB152 / SH660	SHREWSBURY / 165	30		Black	15MAY1814 - 05DEC1815
			Re-use	Black	05JAN1819 - 30AUG1819
SB154 / SH662	SHREWSBURY / 165	30		Black	09FEB1816 - 22DEC1818
SB156 / SH664	SHREWSBURY / 165	31		Black	13AUG1819 - 25AUG1822
SB158 / SH666	SHREWSBURY / 165	30		Black	17SEP1822 - 08MAY1824
SB160 / SH668	SHREWSBURY / 153	25		Black	06JUN1824 - 25JUN1826
SB162 / SH670	SHREWSBURY / 153	24	17JUN1826	Yellow	17JUL1826 - 10MAY1827
			SIB 1 / 171	Red	14MAY1827 - 04FEB1828
				Black	06MAR1828 - 17FEB1829
SB164 / SH672	SHREWSBURY	24		Black	21FEB1829 - 07JAN1832
	Mileage removed			Black	08JAN1838
			Re-use	Black	04JAN1844 - 24JAN1844
			Re-use	Black	26JUN1845 - 03JUL1845
Re-used several times as a temporary datestamp			Re-use	Blue	11AUG1850

Shrewsbury Penny Post

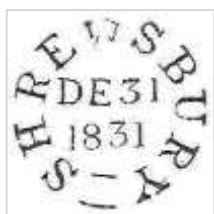


SB165

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SB165 / SH689	Shrewsbury / Penny Post	43x11		Black	03JAN1834 - 08FEB1840 1833 in BCC not verified

Shrewsbury had an extensive unofficial local post from the latter half of the 18th century, when a 1d rate was charged to Cardington in the south, Llanfyllin (Wales), Wem and Whittington in the north and Berrington, Attingham Hall and Atcham village in the east. It was not sanctioned by the Post Office; the penny was kept as a perquisite by the local postmaster and letter carriers. Two rides became official Penny Posts, the income accruing to the Post Office, one west to Halfway House and Westbury and the other northwest to Baschurch and Ruyton XI Towns (pages 120/121).

Serif Datestamps, Skeletons



SB166



SB168



SB170



SB174



Note spelling
SB178



SB180



SB184



SB188

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SB166 / SH676	SHREWSBURY	25	31DEC1831	Black	29FEB1832 - 11JAN1838
	Re-used as a 'skeleton' when awaiting		SIB 1 / 218		
SB192 / SH684b	issued 18JAN1844		Re-use	Black	11JAN1844 - 27JAN1844
	Used as a temporary stamp with SB196 /		Re-use	Black	25JUN1845
SB168 / SH678	SHREWSBURY	28	17JAN1838	Black	31JAN1838 - 29SEP1840
			2 / 133		
SB170 / SH680	SHREWSBURY / ✱	30		Black	06OCT1840 - 10OCT1840
SB174 / SH679	SHREWSBURY	27	09OCT1840	Black	12OCT1840 - 06DEC1841
	Codes B C D E No code		4 / 95		
SB178 / SH682	SHREWSBURY / ✱	31		Black	17DEC1841 - 24DEC1841
SB180 / SH683	SHREWSBURY	25	22DEC1841	Black	24DEC1841 - 27APR1843
	Codes B C D E		5 / 60		
SB184 / SH684	SHREWSBURY / +	30		Black	01MAY1843 - 09MAY1843
SB188 / SH683b	SHREWSBURY	25	09MAY1843	Black	17MAY1843 - 26DEC1843
	Codes B C D E No code		5 / 156		



Shrewsbury to Madeley Wood dated 11 February 1841 with the 1d black from plate 6 cancelled with a late use of a red Maltese Cross, soon to be phased out in favour of using black ink.

A black cancel on a black stamp could not be seen easily, so the plates used to print the penny black were used to print the early 1d red stamps.

Cover dated 3 July 1841 to the same addressee in Madeley Wood, showing the Ironbridge receiving stamp of 5 July. The 1d red from black plate 8 is cancelled with a black Maltese Cross.

The Shrewsbury datestamp on the reverse has the scarce code E.



One Penny Mulready wrapper (stereo A145) used on 9 May 1840, 3 days after issue on 6 May. The fine first-issued red Shrewsbury Maltese Cross correctly cancels Britannia.



Serif Datestamp, Sans-Serif Datestamps, Skeletons



SB192



SB196



SB200



SB204



SB209



SB211



SB213



SB215



SB218



SB220 (see below)



SB223



SB226



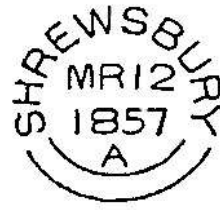
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SB232



SB235



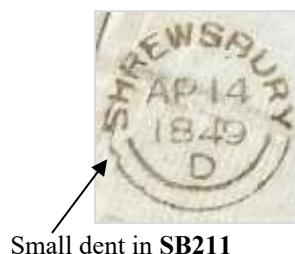
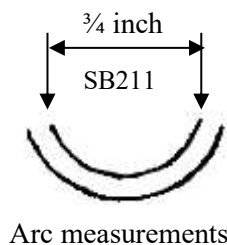
SB238

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SB192 / SH684b	SHREWSBURY Codes B C D E	29	18JAN1844 SIB 7 / 19	Black	05FEB1844 - 10JUN1845
SB196 / SH685	SHREWSBURY / 3	30		Black	10JUN1845 - 30JUN1845
SB200	SHREWSBURY Codes B C D E Serifs removed from SB192	30	05JUL1845 7 / 160	Black Green	09JUL1845 - 05FEB1847 08FEB1847 - 23MAR1847
SB204 / SH686	SHREWSBURY / +	32		Green	23MAR1847 - 26MAR1847
SB209	SHREWSBURY Codes B C D E	25	26MAR1847 9 / 22	Green- Blue	29MAR1847 - 18APR1849
SB211	SHREWSBURY Codes B C D E	25	08JAN1848 9 / 113	Blue Black Blue	17JAN1848 - 25DEC1848 24JAN1849 - 01MAY1849 02MAY1849 - 24AUG1850 Colours are sequential
SB213 / SH687	SHREWSBURY / 1	30		Blue	06JUN1849 - 21JUN1849

SB215	SHREWSBURY Codes B C D	25	26JUN1849 10 / 17	Blue - green	22JUL1849 - 08JUL1851
SB218	SHREWSBURY Codes B C D Drev E	25	18NOV1850 10 / 120	Blue - green	04DEC1850 - 07JUN1853
SB220	SHREWSBURY Codes A C D	25	04JUN1853 11 / 180	Green Black	07JUN1853 - 26APR1855 03MAY1854 - 10NOV1854
SB223	SHREWSBURY Codes A C D Drev E	25		Green Black	14JUL1853 - 30NOV1854 20MAY1854
SB226	SHREWSBURY Codes A D	26	15NOV1854 12 / 133	Green Blue	11FEB1855 - 04AUG1856 04SEP1856 - 10JAN1857
SB229	SHREWSBURY Codes A C D No code	25	01JAN1855 12 / 143	Green shades	02FEB1855 - 23JAN1857
SB232	SHREWSBURY Codes A C D No code	25	05MAY1855 12 / 193	Green Blue Black	03FEB1857 - 25SEP1857 12AUG1857 - 23MAR1858 25SEP1857 - 02DEC1858
SB235	SHREWSBURY Codes A C D E	25	12MAR1857 13 / 170	Green Blue Black	31MAR1857 - 31JUL1857 20MAR1858 - 10JUL1858 14MAR1858 - 25JAN1859
SB238	SHREWSBURY Codes A C E	25	12MAR1857 13 / 170	Black Blue Green	27MAR1857 - 30OCT1858 02JUL1857 - 31AUG1858 29AUG1857

Notes on the Shrewsbury Sans-Serif Datestamps

Identifying the sans-serif stamps includes letter recognition and measurement. Anything before 8 Jan 1848 must be **SB209** but after that date the only safe way to distinguish between the first and second issue is to measure the distance between the tips of the inside arcs. For **SB209** the distance is twenty-two thirty-seconds of an inch (22/32) and for **SB211** it is $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch. Thirty-seconds of an inch proved more accurate than millimetres and this measurement has proved consistent. Although tedious this is the only sure way to distinguish the two datestamps. Measuring the outside arcs is less reliable as they are easily damaged (see 1849 example below).



SB211: showing the dent in the outer arc. This is a consistent diagnostic feature of the datestamp once it appears in April 1849 until its last recorded date of use on 24AUG1850.

SB215: The proof books state this is a re-cut but not which stamp was re-cut. The distance between the tips of the inner arcs of **SB215** is also 22/32 of an inch, which suggests it is a re-cut of **SB209**. The small dent in the outer arc of **SB211** from April 1849 to its last date of use suggests it could not have been used to re-cut **SB215** issued in June 1849.

SB218: Can be distinguished by a large gap between the 1 and 8 of the year, seen in all examples.

SB220: Volume 11 Page 180 of the steel impression book shows two proof strikes both of which are shown above. They have several similarities notably a raised figure 4, as well as some differences, especially of the position of the mid-bar of letter E. So far, no examples have been found which could be categorically either one, so they will be treated as a single marking until more examples are discovered. From January to March 1854 the 4 of the year was lost or damaged and was temporarily replaced with an inverted 7 but this is not diagnostic for this issue as it also occurs with the next datestamp **SB223**.

SB223: Has not been seen in the proof books. Fourteen examples have been recorded to date.

SB226: The largest and scarcest of these datestamps with only 11 records of use. From 04AUG1856 to its last date of use there is one central file cut directly below the code letter across both the arcs.

SB232: This stamp has 3 cuts across the two arcs.

SB235: Has two cuts across the arcs and **SB238** has one cut, to the left of centre, across the arcs. These stamps were issued on the same day with the file cuts used to distinguish them. See examples of file cuts on the next page.



SB226 - One central cut across the arcs



SB232 - Three cuts



SB235 - Two cuts



SB238 - One cut slightly left of centre

Second Maltese Cross



SB240

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SB240	Maltese Cross		13JUL1842 SIB 5 / 107	Black	08AUG1842 - 17MAY1844

708 - The Number Allocated to Shrewsbury



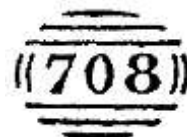
SB242



SB245



SB247



SB249



SB251



SB253



SB255



SB257



SB258

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SB242	708 - 1844 type	23x17	MAY 1844	Black Green Blue	02MAY1844 - 06NOV1847 23MAR1847 - 16MAY1847 29JUN1847
SB245	708 - 1844 type	25X20	07DEC1847 SIB 9 / 105	Black	13JAN1848 - 07JUN1853
SB247	708 - 3HOS	23x18	04JUN1853 11 / 180	Black Green	17JUN1853 - 18JAN1855 17MAR1854
SB249	708 - 3HOS	22x17	09DEC1858 16 / 105	Black	05APR1861
SB251	708 - 4VOS	29x20	20DEC1867 26 / ?	Black	26JUN1875
SB253	708 - 4VOS	30x20	02DEC1868 27 / 115		Not recorded used
SB255	708 - 3VOS	26x19	15MAY1882 41 / 91	Black	27APR1890 (2 records on same day)
SB257	708 - 3VOS	25x19	23AUG1884 44 / 100	Black	11FEB1889 - 23AUG1900
SB258	708 - 3VOS	28x19		Black	On undated newspaper wrapper

Spoon Duplexes



SB260



SB263



SB266



SB269

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SB260	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes A B C Crev D Dside E Erev & No code		30MAR1854 SIB 12 / 53	Black Green- Black	02APR1854 - 11APR1857 22MAY1855
SB263	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes A2 B2 C2 D2 E2		18SEP1855 12 / 243	Black	14MAR1856 - 23APR1857 15MAY1858 (later use)
SB266	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes A1 B1 C1 D1 E1 F1		07APR1857 13 / 207	Black	16APR1857 - 11FEB1859
SB269	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes A2 B2 C2 D2 E2 F2		07APR1857 13 / 207	Black	16APR1857 - 13JUL1859

SB263 is the scarcest of the spoons. The other three are relatively common, though some of the codes are scarce. Parmenter and Taylor (see References) have been relied upon for the record of the codes, some of which were not recorded by the Society despite years of diligent searching. For all four types, code D is by far the most common. The E reversed code of **SB260** was recorded cancelling an 'Archer perforated' 1d red on a cover dated 10 April 1854 (Cavendish Sale, Lot 900 Dec 2021).

Sideways Duplexes



SB272



SB275



SB277

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SB272	SHREWSBURY / 708 Code D	19+20x21	17OCT1857 SIB 14a / 54	Black	11NOV1857 - 12JUL1859
SB275	SHREWSBURY / 708		08JAN1860	Black	19JAN1860 - 24NOV1863
Re-cut of SB272	Codes A B D E		18 / 139		
SB277	SHREWSBURY / 708	19+20x21	22DEC1863	Black	24DEC1863 - 18OCT1864
New stamp	Code E		23 / 14		

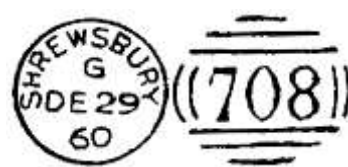
Parmenter records codes A, D, E, E1, F and H. Traill and Holland record D and E but neither reference has records specific for each sideways duplex, which are scarcer than the spoons. As of December 2023, **SB272** has five records of use, **SB275** (18) and **SB277** (13) whereas spoon **SB260** has 44 records, **SB263** (13), **SB266** (25) and **SB269** (35).



SB280



SB282



SB284



SB286



SB288



SB290



SB292



SB294



SB296



SB298



SB300



SB302



SB304



SB306

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size</u> <u>(mm)</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SB280	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes B C D E F		04DEC1858 SIB 16 / 102	Black	12DEC1858 - 05NOV1859
SB282	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes A E		13JUL1859 18 / 72	Black	27JUL1859 - 31JUL1861
SB284	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes C D E		31JAN1860 18 / 167	Black	15FEB1860 - 20MAR1861
SB286	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes C E F		11FEB1861 20 / 134	Black	26FEB1861 - 06DEC1864
SB288	SHREWSBURY / 708 Code E		04JUN1861 21 / 7	Black	08AUG1862 - 12MAY1863
SB290	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes C D E F		18SEP1861 21 / 42	Black	23SEP1861 - 17AUG1863
SB292	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes B I E I		02OCT1861 21 / 45	Black	18OCT1861 - 21SEP1863
SB294	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes D E F		01JUN1863 21 / 252	Black	11JUN1863 - 23NOV1864
SB296	SHREWSBURY / 708 Code		02OCT1863 21 / 291		Not recorded used
SB298	SHREWSBURY / 708 Code B I		29OCT1863 21 / 298	Black	18JAN1864 - 26JAN1864

SB300	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes B only, E1	26FEB1864 23 / 39	Black	14APR1864 - 08DEC1865
SB302	SHREWSBURY / 708 Code E	26FEB1864 23 / 39	Black	27JUL1864 - 19AUG1865
SB304	SHREWSBURY / 708 Code	06JAN1865 23 / 119		Not recorded used
SB306	SHREWSBURY / 708 Code	06JAN1865 23 / 119		Not recorded used

4CD



SB310



SB312

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SB310 7 records	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes D E F		08FEB1864 SIB 23 / 33	Black	24APR1864 - 17JAN1866
SB312 4 records	SHREWSBURY / 708 Code E I 7inv		08FEB1864 23 / 33	Black	25MAR1864 – 11DEC1866

4VOD - 44 recorded, 34 in Steel Impression Books



SB315



SB317



SB319



SB321



SB323



SB325

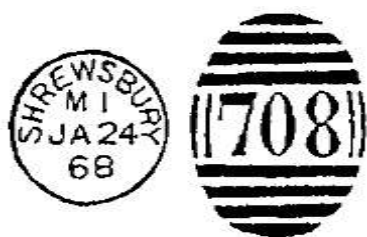


SB327

SB315	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes B E	07DEC1864 SIB 23 / 110	Black	12JAN1865 - 02JAN1866
SB317	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes E1 F1 H1 J1	26JAN1866 25 / 63	Black	11APR1866 - 14NOV1866

SB319	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes H2 I2	26JAN1866 25 / 63	Black	08FEB1866 - 25AUG1867
SB321	SHREWSBURY / 708 Code I3	26JAN1866 25 / 63	Black	14FEB1866 - 19JUN1870
SB323	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes G4 H4 I4 L4	26JAN1866 25 / 63	Black	14APR1866 - 23SEP1868
SB325 Re-cut of SB319	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes E2 F2 I2 L2	04OCT1866 25 / 142	Black	13OCT1866 – 11DEC1868
B327 Re-cut of SB317?	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes C1 J1	22DEC1866 26 / 12	Black	31OCT1867 - 14DEC1867

SB329 to **SB339** (below) were issued on the same day. In all examples seen of the group, the key to separating them are the letter codes. The figures 1 to 6 do not change, only the letter changes.



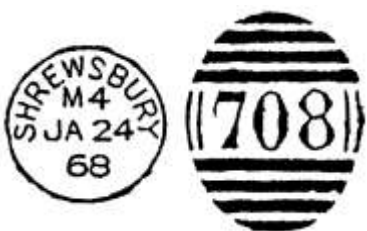
SB329



SB331



SB333



SB335



SB337



SB339

SB329	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes G1 J1	25JAN1868 SIB 26 / 137	Black	19FEB1868 - 11JAN1872
SB331	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes D2 F2 I2	25JAN1868 26 / 138	Black	23FEB1868 - 02DEC1870
SB333	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes C3 E3 I3	25JAN1868 26 / 137	Black	18APR1868 - 18MAR1871
SB335	SHREWSBURY / 708 Code I4	25JAN1868 26 / 137	Black	07FEB1868 - 17JUL1869
SB337	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes G5 I5	25JAN1868 26 / 138	Black	02SEP1869 - 08JAN1872
SB339	SHREWSBURY / 708 Code H6	25JAN1868 26 / 137	Black	08FEB1868 – 16DEC1871

SB341 to **SB355** (below) were also issued on the same day. Separating them is not so straightforward as there are four with figure 1, two with figure 2 and two with figure 3, none of which change, only the letter changes. Size has been included as an aid. Examine the relative positions and shapes of the letters of SHREWSBURY (**SB353** is different to all the others), the size and shape of 708, and, especially, use transparent overlays to establish which hammer was used.



SB341



SB343



SB345



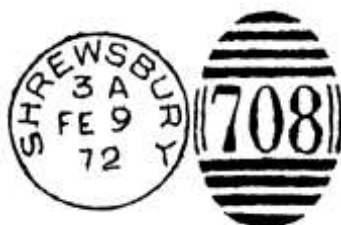
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SB349



SB351

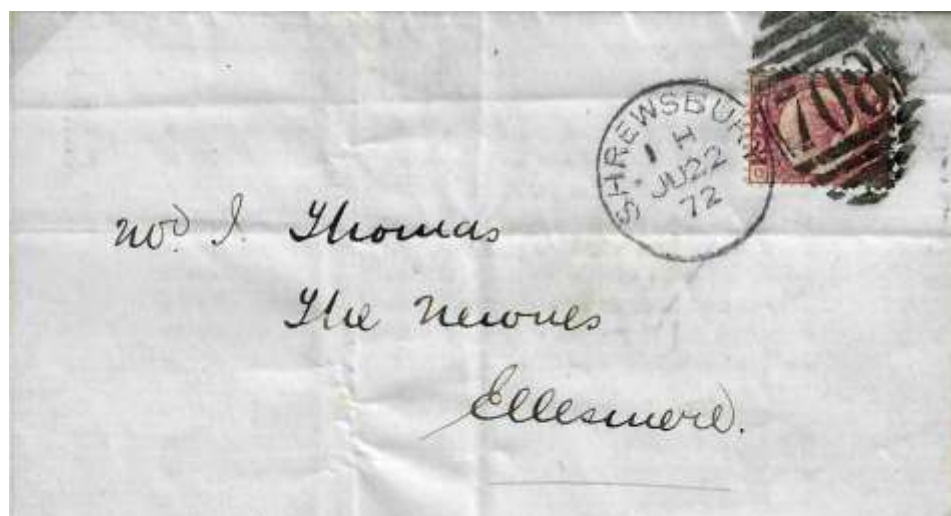


SB353



SB355

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size</u> <u>(mm)</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SB341	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 1C 1G 1H 1Hsideways	23+29x18	09FEB1872 SIB 31 / 70	Black	10JUL1872 - 25AUG1874
SB343	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 1C 1E 1H	24+29x19	09FEB1872 31 / 70	Black	30MAR1872 - 04NOV1874
SB345	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 1C 1H	22+28x19	09FEB1872 31 / 71	Black	15NOV1873 - 22OCT1875
SB347	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 1E 1H 1Hside 1L	23+28x18	09FEB1872 31 / 71	Black	16JUL1872 - 19JUN1875
SB349	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 2H 2I	23½+29x17	09FEB1872 31 / 70	Black Re-use	14MAR1872 - 11DEC1872 13DEC1875 - 17DEC1875
SB351	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 2H 2I	23+28x19	09FEB1872 31 / 70	Black	28MAR1872 - 17JUN1873
SB353	SHREWSBURY / 708 Code 3I	23+29x19	09FEB1872 31 / 71	Black	18APR1872 - 11JUL1874
SB355	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 3E 3I	23+29x18	09FEB1872 31 / 70	Black	07MAR1872 - 05JUN1875



SB343: Printed Circular of the Albert Life Insurance Company with the QV ½d rose-red cancelled by the SHREWSBURY 4VOD 22 JUNE 1872, code 1H, paying the PRINTED MATTER rate.



SB192: Shrewsbury to Penang, 28 March 1845, charged 1/- paid in cash
HMS *Hecate* Southampton 3 April, Malta 14 April, Alexandria 19 April, 1845. Mail overland to Suez
EIC *Atalanta* Suez 22 April, Bombay 9 May 1845 (EIC - East India Company ship)
Letter forwarded from Bombay to Calcutta 14 May 1845 Bearing (Forwarded) **14 annas**
Forwarded a second time Calcutta to Penang Bearing **2 annas**, total **1 rupee** (not shown)



SB269: Cover to Philadelphia. 1/- green (SG 71) cancelled by the spoon dated 25 Dec 1857, code D2.

Anglo-US Treaty of 15 February 1849 – 5cents (2½d) credit to US for inland postage, 21cents (9½d) to UK for postage and contracted sailing packet).

Cunard Line *Africa*, Liverpool 26 Dec 1857, New York 10 Jan 1858.

SB312: Cover to Granada, Spain with 6d lilac (SG 83, plate 3) cancelled by the 4CD dated 19 April 1864.

6d to Spain via France (by Treasury Warrant 1 October 1858).

Closed bag to Spanish Exchange Office at Irun (21 April 1864), forwarded to Granada (24 April 1864).



4VOD (Continued)



SB357



SB359



Damage to the 5 of 75 on SB359, dated from other marks on covers

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size</u> <u>(mm)</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SB357	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 1C 1E 1G 1I 1L	21+29x19	19JUN1873 SIB 32 / 94	Black	19AUG1873 - 07NOV1876
SB359	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 2G 2H 2I	21+29x19	19JUN1873 32 / 94	Black	05JUL1873 - 22NOV1875

The circular name part of the duplex is slightly smaller than those of the previous group. **SB359** is the commonest of the 4VODs often occurring on letters to Wem. From 30JAN1875 to 13JUL1875 the hammer shows damage to the 5 of 1875 so it looks like a 3; from 19AUG1875 to the last recorded date the damaged 5 was replaced or repaired.



SB361



Damage on circle of
SB361 – see below



SB363

SB361	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes E1 I1 J1 K1 L1 U1?	22+29x19	24DEC1875 35 / 24	Black	25MAY1876 - 17JAN1881
SB363	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes I2 J2	22+30x20	24DEC1875 35 / 24	Black	05MAR1876 - ??MAR1877

SB 361: Damage to the circular rim above letters HRE of SHREWSBURY can be seen from the first record. This persists throughout the record. Later the right side of the oval shows damage.



SB365



SB367

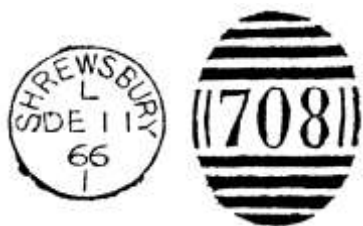


SB369

SB365	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes F1 H1 Hside1 I1 J1 L1	21+29x18	29AUG1876 35 / 99	Black	15FEB1877 - 17SEP1880
SB367	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes D2 H2 I2 N2	21+30x19	29AUG1876 35 / 99	Black	08FEB1877 - 20NOV1878
SB369	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes E3 I3	21+18x30½	29AUG1876 35 / 99	Black	19AUG1877 - 16JUL1880

SB369: Late uses show a slight indentation to the rim above letter H. It is the last 4VOD entry in the proof books.

4VOD1, 4VOD2, 4VOD3, 4VOD4



SB371



SB373



SB375



SB377



SB379



SB381

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size</u> <u>(mm)</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SB371	SHREWSBURY / 708 / 1 Codes C H K L		14DEC1866 SIB 26 / 8	Black	17DEC1866 - 04JUL1870
SB373	SHREWSBURY / 708 / 3 Codes I L		14DEC1866 26 / 8	Black	02MAR1867 - 25JUL1868
SB375	SHREWSBURY / 708 / 1 Codes D2 E2 F2 I2 2H		22JUN1870 30 / 45	Black	31DEC1870 – 14DEC1872
SB377	SHREWSBURY / 708 / 2 Codes G5 I5		24JUN1870 30 / 46	Black	08NOV1870 - 25FEB1872
SB379	SHREWSBURY / 708 / 3 Code I only under E or S		22JUN1870 30 / 45	Black	04AUG1870 - 24DEC1871
SB381	SHREWSBURY / 708 / 4 Code 3I		24JUN1870 30 / 46	Black	27DEC1870 - 08APR1871

SB375 and 377 have a permanent figure after the changeable letter code, whereas the figure precedes the letter code in SB381. However, a figure preceding the letter code (2H) has been discovered in SB375.



SB331: Carried on the Cunard Line *Scotia*, which left Liverpool on 4 June 1870 and arrived at New York on 13 June. The Anglo-US Postal Convention of 1 January 1870 reduced the rate to 3d (6 cents from the US) per ½oz with ½oz progressions. Rate paid by the 3d rose (SG 102), plate 5. The Convention succeeded the January 1868 Convention, which had reduced the rate from 1/- to 6d from the UK (to 12 cents from the US). Both the 1868 and 1870 Conventions removed the need for the accountancy of the 1849 Treaty (see middle cover page 16), each country kept their franking.

4VOD - Not registered in the Steel Impression Books, no dates of issue.



SB383



SB386



SB389



SB393



SB397



SB401



SB406



SB410



SB414



SB419

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size</u> <u>(mm)</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SB383	SHREWSBURY / 708			Black	20OCT1876 - 06JUL1878
Re-cut of SB343?	Codes 1C 1Cside 1E				
SB386	SHREWSBURY / 708			Black	31DEC1880 - 10JUL1884
Short tail to first R	Codes D1 H1 J1 I1				
SB389	SHREWSBURY / 708			Black	28JUN1878 - 01MAR1885
	Codes E3 I3 O3 (Flat top 3)				
SB393	SHREWSBURY / 708			Black	12JAN1886 - 16DEC1890
	Codes D1 J1 P1				
SB397	SHREWSBURY / 708			Black	22MAY1888 - 16NOV1892
	Codes I3 O3 (Flat top 3)				
SB401	SHREWSBURY / 708			Black	16MAY1892 - 10APR1894
	Codes 1I 1I J1 (1 before or after I)				
SB406	SHREWSBURY / 708			Black	05APR1893 - 20NOV1893
	Codes I3 O3 (Round top 3)				
SB410	SHREWSBURY / 708			Black	17AUG1894 - 25SEP1895
	Codes L*A I*A E*P H*P				
Index 3, 2 nd basal bar	HF*P L*P M*P				
SB414	SHREWSBURY / 708			Black	19JUN1896 - 28FEB1897
Index 3, 2 nd basal bar	Times 7.45PM 8.45PM				
SB419	SHREWSBURY / 708			Black	05NOV1895 - 20JUL1900
	Times 12AM 2.45PM				
	5.15PM 6.10PM 7.45PM				
Index 1, 3 rd basal bar	9.30PM 10.15PM				

SB410, 414 and 419 have a number in the basal bars, noted as an Index, aiding stamp recognition. Some double stamps, small datestamps and one squared circle also show a number below the year date.

3VOD - 29 recorded, 10 in Steel Impression Books



SB 430



SB433



SB436



SB439



SB442



SB445



SB448



SB451



SB454



SB457



SB460



SB463



SB466



SB469



SB473



SB477



SB478



SB481



SB485



SB489



SB493



SB497



SB501



SB505

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SB430	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes D1 Gside1 J1		21NOV1878 SIB 37 / 101	Black	20MAR1879 - 12AUG1881
SB433	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes Cside2 Gside2 H2 I2 I		22NOV1878 37 / 102	Black	27NOV1878 - 31JUL1882
SB436	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes C3 F3 H3 M3		22NOV1878 37 / 102	Black	15APR1879 - 30JUN1885
SB439	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 1J 1R		25OCT1882 41 / 175	Black	18NOV1885 - 20AUG1887
SB442	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 3Gside 3G 3K		25OCT1882 41 / 175	Black	29JUN1883 - 31MAY1888
SB445	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 1H 1O		13SEP1884 44 / 112	Black	04DEC1884 - 27AUG1887
SB448	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 1H 1O		13SEP1884 44 / 112	Black	10OCT1884 - 03OCT1890
SB451	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 1only Hside1 N1			Black	06FEB1883 - 24NOV1885
SB454	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 1N 1only		29DEC1885 45 / 18	Black	17FEB1886 – 10NOV1888
SB457	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 2O 2M		29DEC1885 45 / 18	Black	18JAN1886 - 06AUG1886
SB460	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 3I 3O		29DEC1885 45 / 18	Black	06MAY1886 - 12JAN1888
SB463	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 1I 1side1 N1			Black	14DEC1887 - 22DEC1891
SB466	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes J3 M3			Black	11NOV1885 - 05DEC1889
SB469	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 3G 3K 3O 3R			Black	14NOV1889 - 31DEC1892
SB473	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes J3 M3 O3 Code flat top 3			Black	08APR1890 - 31OCT1891
SB477	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 1O 1R			Black	23MAY1890 - 14FEB1894
SB478	SHREWSBURY / 708 Code 1R			Black	12MAY1893
SB481	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes M2 O2			Black	06APR1892 - 21MAY1892

SB485	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 1B 1— 1Nside 1N	Black	12JUL1889 - 20FEB1895
SB489	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 3J 3M 3O 3P 3K 3R	Black	10MAR1891 - 16FEB1894
SB493	SHREWSBURY / 708 Code M1	Black	06FEB1893 - 05JUL1894
SB497	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes 1L 1X	Black	22NOV1893 - 09JUL1894
SB501	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes C2 F2 L2	Black	31MAY1901 - 29JUL1901
SB505	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes A*P H*P HF*P HI*P IF*P L*A LH*P	Black	29MAR1895 - 03JAN1897

The last group of 3VODs have an Index of different lengths in the basal bars.



SB512



SB517



SB522



SB525



SB529



SB534

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SB512 Index 1 - 3mm	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes KI*A, BL*P, EC*P, EH*P, HC*P , HF*P, IF*P			Black	21SEP1894 - 04OCT1895
SB517 Index 1 - 2½mm	SHREWSBURY / 708 Codes II*A, BH*P, F*P, IF*P			Black	09MAY1895 - 20JUL1904
SB522 Index 1 - 2mm	SHREWSBURY / 708 Times 10AM 1.30PM 5.45PM 7.15PM 7.45PM			Black	29MAY1895 - 08MAR1901
SB525 Index 1 - 2mm	SHREWSBURY / 708 Times 1PM 7PM 7.15PM 7.45PM			Black	09JUL1901 - 29MAR1902
SB529 Index 1 - 4mm Bars have thin lines	SHREWSBURY / 708 Times 5PM 7.15PM 9PM 9.30PM			Black	11SEP1904 - 05FEB1910
SB534 Index 2	SHREWSBURY / 708 Times 10AM 10.30AM 1.30PM 2PM 2.30PM 5.45PM 7PM 8PM 8.45PM 9PM			Black	05NOV1905 - 15SEP1910

Squared Circle Datestamps

Correspondence with the late Stanley Cohen produced much updated information for Shrewsbury and my thanks to him for allowing the information to be included. Measurements are in millimetres, the first is the baseline of the square; the second the diameter of the circle. Each squared circle has a fixed index number to identify it, a 1 or 2, positioned before a changeable letter code. The one exception is **SB559**, which uses *coded time*. It also has a small figure 2 below the year, which can be clearly seen in the illustration. Mr Cohen maintained each *initial* issue was re-cut, the second issue (**SB547**) four times.



SB540



SB543

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SB540	SHREWSBURY Codes 1C 1E 1G side 1I 1K 1M No Code	23x20½	19FEB1881 SIB 40 / 47	Black	23FEB1881 - 22FEB1889
SB543 Re-cut of SB540	SHREWSBURY Codes 1C 1K 1M	22x20½	Late use	Black	02JAN1890 - 12SEP1894 30JUL1895 - 27NOV1896



SB547



SB550



SB553



SB556



SB559

SB547	SHREWSBURY Codes 2C side 2H 2I	22½x20½	19FEB1881 SIB 40 / 47	Black	01MAR1881 - 23JAN1884
SB550 1 st re-cut of SB547	SHREWSBURY Codes 2H 2I 2O 2M	22x20½		Black	13MAR1884 - 16DEC1885
SB553 2 nd re-cut	SHREWSBURY Codes 2O 2M	21½x20		Black	15SEP1886 - 29OCT1891
SB556 3 rd re-cut	SHREWSBURY Codes 2O 2M	20½x20½		Black	01JAN1892 - 11JUL1894
SB559 4 th re-cut	SHREWSBURY / 2 Codes CC*P, H*P, HH*P Small 2 below year	20x20½		Black	13SEP1894 - 14NOV1896



SB562



SB565

SB562	SHREWSBURY Codes 1C 1C side 1E 1I 1M 1Minv No code	22x19½	18MAR1881 SIB 40 / 65	Black	28APR1881 - 01JUL1889
SB565 Re-cut of SB562	SHREWSBURY Codes 1M 1Minv 1K	20½x19½		Black	28NOV1889 - 13OCT1892

Small Circle Datestamps



SB575



SB579



SB583



SB587



SB592



SB596



SB600



SB604



SB608



SB612



SB616



SB620



SB624



SB628



SB632



SB636



SB640



SB643

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SB575	SHREWSBURY Codes A B D	19½	08OCT1857 SIB 14a / 44	Black Blue	26NOV1857 - 24APR1858 03NOV1857 - 05JUN1858
SB579	SHREWSBURY Codes A E Re-cut of SB575?	19½	09JUL1858 14a / 276	Black Blue-Grey	29JUL1858 - 21MAY1859 06OCT1858 - 05APR1859
SB583	SHREWSBURY Codes A B C D E F	19	04DEC1858 16 / 102	Black Blue-Grey	27DEC1858 - 13MAR1860 10MAR1859 - 13NOV1860
SB587	SHREWSBURY Codes A B C E F	19	05JUL1859 18 / 69	Black Blue-Grey	06AUG1859 - 17DEC1860
SB592	SHREWSBURY Codes A F	19	05JUL1859 18 / 69	Black Blue	15DEC1859 - 14FEB1863 05JUN1860
SB596	SHREWSBURY Codes A C F	19½	11FEB1861 20 / 134	Black	21FEB1861 - 01JUL1864
SB600	SHREWSBURY Codes A C F	20	11FEB1861 20 / 134	Black	21FEB1861 - 22AUG1862
SB604	SHREWSBURY Codes A C F	19½	04JUN1861 21 / 7	Black	15JUN1861 - 01JUL1864
SB608	SHREWSBURY Codes A E	19½	11MAR1862 21 / 106	Black	23MAY1863 - 07NOV1864
SB612	SHREWSBURY Codes A C	19½	18JUN1862 21 / 146	Black	09SEP1863 - 06JUL1866
SB616	SHREWSBURY Codes B C E F	19½	24SEP1862 21 / 170	Black	23MAR1863 - 18JAN1864
SB620	SHREWSBURY Code E	19½	22DEC1863 23 / 14	Black	18SEP1864
SB624	SHREWSBURY Codes A E	20	08FEB1864 23 / 33	Black	02DEC1864 - 07DEC1864
SB628	SHREWSBURY Code A	20	08FEB1864 23 / 33	Black	06AUG1864 - 04DEC1864
SB632	SHREWSBURY Code A	20	26FEB1864 23 / 39	Black	14FEB1865
SB636	SHREWSBURY Code	20	30NOV1864 23 / 108		Not recorded used
SB640	SHREWSBURY Code A	20	06JAN1865 23 / 119	Black	04MAR1865
SB643	SHREWSBURY Code B	19½	06JAN1865 23 / 119	Black	04MAR1865



SB647



SB651



SB655



SB659



SB663



SB667



SB671



SB675



SB679



SB681



SB685



SB689



SB693



SB697



SB701



SB704



SB707



SB711

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SB647	SHREWSBURY Codes A F	19½	13MAR1865 SIB 23 / 136	Black	07APR1865 - 11OCT1865
SB651	SHREWSBURY Code	19½	13MAR1865 23 / 136		Not recorded used
SB655	SHREWSBURY Codes A1 B1	20	25JAN1866 25 / 62	Black	26APR1866 - 16MAY1867
SB659	SHREWSBURY Codes A2 F2 Fside2	20	25JAN1866 25 / 62	Black	04MAY1866 - 03NOV1867
SB663	SHREWSBURY Code A3	20	25JAN1866 25 / 62	Black	08MAY1866 - 09JUN1866
SB667	SHREWSBURY Codes A2 F2	20	04OCT1866 25 / 142	Black	01APR1867 - 09NOV1867
SB671	SHREWSBURY Code	20	14DEC1866 26 / 8		Not recorded used
SB675	SHREWSBURY / 4 Code F	19½	14DEC1866 26 / 8	Black	25NOV1867
SB679	SHREWSBURY / 5 Code Dside	20	14DEC1866 26 / 8	Black	25JAN1868 - 20MAR1870
SB681	SHREWSBURY Code A3	20	22DEC1866 26 / 11	Black	30MAR1867 - 23MAY1867
SB685	SHREWSBURY Codes A2 F2	20	15JAN1868 26 / 133	Black	02FEB1868 - 15JUN1868
SB689	SHREWSBURY Code A3	20	15JAN1868 26 / 133	Black	19FEB1868 - 09JUL1869
SB693	SHREWSBURY Codes A1 E1	20	31JAN1868 26 / 139	Black	18JUN1868 - 29MAY1869
SB697	SHREWSBURY Codes A2 D2 E2 F2	20	31JAN1868 26 / 139	Black	04OCT1868 - 19MAY1869
SB701	SHREWSBURY Code A3	20	31JAN1868 26 / 139	Black	04AUG1869 - 18SEP1870
SB704	SHREWSBURY Codes A4 B4	20	31JAN1868 26 / 139	Black	27FEB1870 - 30OCT1871
SB707	SHREWSBURY Codes A5 B5 D5 F5	20	31JAN1868 26 / 139	Black	05AUG1869 - 28SEP1874
SB711	SHREWSBURY Codes F6 H6	20	31JAN1868 26 / 139	Black	25MAR1870 - 22AUG1871



SB715



SB719



SB723



SB727



SB731



SB734



SB738



SB742



SB746



SB749



SB753



SB757



SB761



SB764



SB767



SB770



SB773

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SB715	SHREWSBURY	20	24DEC1869	Black	Not recorded used
Telegraph stamp	Code		SIB 29 / 4		
SB719	SHREWSBURY	21	24DEC1869	Black	17JUN1874
Telegraph stamp	Code A		29 / 4		
SB723	SHREWSBURY	20	12OCT1874	Black	13MAR1876 - 14MAR1876
Telegraph stamp	Codes PM AsideM		29 / 149		
SB727	SHREWSBURY	21	24OCT1879		Not recorded used
	Code		29 / 174		
SB731	SHREWSBURY / 1	20	24JUN1870	Black	15DEC1870 - 23DEC1871
	Codes A3 D3		30 / 46		
SB734	SHREWSBURY / 2	20	24JUN1870	Black	29JUL1870 - 7NOV1870
	Codes A F - No figure visible next to letter		30 / 46		
SB738	SHREWSBURY / 3	20	24JUN1870	Black	12MAR1871 - 01FEB1872
	Codes A2 F2		30 / 46		
SB742	SHREWSBURY / 4	20	24JUN1870		Not recorded used
	Code		30 / 46		
SB746	SHREWSBURY	23	09FEB1872	Black	23MAY1872
	Code 2E		31 / 69		
SB749	SHREWSBURY	23	09FEB1872	Black	25JUN1872 - 15OCT1872
	Codes 3A 3G		31 / 69		
SB753	SHREWSBURY	24	09FEB1872	Black	11MAY1872 - 25JUN1872
	Codes 4A 4F		31 / 69		
SB757	SHREWSBURY	23	09FEB1872	Black	04APR1872 - 27JAN1875
	Codes 1A 1F 1L		31 / 70		
SB761	SHREWSBURY	22	14JUN1873	Black	25JUN1873 - 19DEC1874
	Codes 1F 1L		32 / 91		
SB764	SHREWSBURY	22	14JUN1873	Black	26JUN1873 - 07JAN1874
	Code 2E		32 / 91		
SB767	SHREWSBURY	22	14JUN1873	Black	25JUN1873 - 19NOV1876
	Codes 3A 3C 3G		32 / 91		
SB770	SHREWSBURY	22	14JUN1873	Black	25JUN1873 - 27AUG1875
	Codes 4A 4F		32 / 91		
SB773	SHREWSBURY	23		Black	27JAN1875 - 09OCT1875
Different Y	Codes 1A 1F 1L				



SB777



SB781



SB784



SB787



SB790



SB793



SB796



SB799



SB800



SB802



SB805



SB808



SB811



SB814



SB817



SB820



SB823



SB826

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SB777	SHREWSBURY Codes B1 F1 L1	21½	24DEC1875 SIB 35 / 24	Black	04FEB1876 - 20DEC1876
SB781	SHREWSBURY Code A2 I2	21	24DEC1875 35 / 24	Black	20APR1876 – 17MAY1876
SB784	SHREWSBURY Codes A1 B1 F1 L1	20½	29AUG1876 35 / 99	Black	02SEP1876 - 31OCT1878
SB787	SHREWSBURY Codes A2 E2 L2	20	29AUG1876 35 / 99	Black	09AUG1877 - 12JAN1882
SB790	SHREWSBURY Codes A3 Cside3	20½	29AUG1876 35 / 99	Black	17JAN1877 - 29NOV1880
SB793	SHREWSBURY Codes A4 F4 I4	20	29AUG1876 35 / 99	Black	21APR1877 - 2FEB1880
SB796	SHREWSBURY / M.O.O. No code	22½	29AUG1876 35 / 99	Black	29MAR1877 M.O.O. removed?
SB799	SHREWSBURY Codes A1 B1 F1 L1 R1	20½	21NOV1878 37 / 101	Black	18DEC1878 - 26JUN1885 Later ones may be a re-cut
SB800	SHREWSBURY Code L	20	28NOV1879 38 / 35		27JAN1880
SB802	SHREWSBURY Codes 1A 1L No code	19	18MAR1881 40 / 65	Black	31MAY1881 - 05NOV1883
SB805	SHREWSBURY Codes I2 O2	20½		Black	09OCT1882 - 13MAY1885
SB808	SHREWSBURY Codes B1 L1 R1	21		Black	03FEB1880 - 08DEC1885
SB811	SHREWSBURY Codes A4 F4 L4	20		Black	30OCT1882 - 28AUG1884
SB814	SHREWSBURY Code 1R	19	23AUG1884 44 / 100	Black	17JUN1887 - 09AUG1891
SB817	SHREWSBURY Code 3R	20	20JAN1885 44 / 188	Black	26MAR1885 - 31JUL1885
SB820	SHREWSBURY Codes 1J 1R	20½	29DEC1885 45 / 18	Black	26FEB1886 - 24AUG1888
SB823	SHREWSBURY Codes 2O 2R 2V	21	29DEC1885 45 / 19	Black	22JUL1886 - 31JAN1893
SB826	SHREWSBURY Code 3R	20½	29DEC1885 45 / 18	Black	01AUG1887 - 9NOV1888



SB829



SB832



SB836



SB840



SB843



SB845



SB847



SB848



SB850



SB851



SB853



SB856



SB861



SB862



SB864



SB867



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SB908



SB910



SB912



SB915

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SB829	SHREWSBURY Codes 4B 4J and B3	21	29DEC1885 SIB 45 / 19	Black	22APR1886 - 27FEB1889 Code B3 different stamp?
SB832	SHREWSBURY Codes 1B 1C 1I 1R	19		Black	13MAR1889 - 05APR1891
SB836	SHREWSBURY Codes 3B 3K 3R	20		Black	19JUL1887 - 29NOV1889
SB840	SHREWSBURY Codes 2B 2O 2V 2W	21		Black	06MAR1888 – 11AUG1893
SB843	SHREWSBURY Codes 1C 1I	20		Black	12JUL1889 - 14OCT1890
SB845	SHREWSBURY Code 3K	20		Black	03JAN1890
SB847	SHREWSBURY Codes 1C 1R	20		Black	15JUN1892 - 22AUG1892

SB848	SHREWSBURY Code KF*A	20		Black	29AUG1894
SB850	SHREWSBURY Code 2B	21		Black	11JAN1894
SB851	SHREWSBURY Code 3B 3W	20		Black	31DEC1892 - 27SEP1894
SB853	SHREWSBURY Code T (Telegraph stamp)	20		Black	15NOV1898
SB856	SHREWSBURY / 2 Codes K*A EC*P Index 2 not always visible	22		Black	14MAR1895 - 04NOV1895
SB861	SHREWSBURY / 1 Codes CB*A MA*A IF*P	20		Black	14DEC1894 - 03JAN1897
SB862	SHREWSBURY / 1 Times 12.15AM 3.15AM 10AM	22		Black	11APR1897 - 10MAY1897
SB864	SHREWSBURY / 4 Codes BF*A MF*P K*P	20		Black	26APR1896 - 29OCT1896
SB867	SHREWSBURY / 3 Time 5.30AM	21		Black	20AUG1905
SB868	SHREWSBURY / 4 Times 2.30AM 10PM	23		Black	15JAN1900 - 23MAR1901
SB872	SHREWSBURY / 2 Time 2.30AM	22		Black	10MAR1900 - 09APR1907
SB876	SHREWSBURY / 3 Times 3.15AM 8.15AM 5.15PM 11.30PM	22		Black	12FEB1900 - 20DEC1903
SB877	SHREWSBURY Code A	21		Black	16JUN1903
SB880	SHREWSBURY / 1 Times 12.15AM 3.15AM 5.30AM 5.45PM	21		Black	05SEP1904 - 10JUN1906
SB884	SHREWSBURY / 3 Times 3.15AM 5.45PM	21½		Black	29AUG1907 - 24JUL1911
SB886	SHREWSBURY / 4 Time 10.30AM	22½		Black	07JUL1904 - 10JUL1905
SB888	SHREWSBURY / 1 Times 10AM 11PM 11.30	21		Black	15APR1907 - 12JUL1911
SB892	SHREWSBURY / 5 Times 12.15AM 2.15AM 5.15PM 8PM	22½		Black	19AUG1903 - 18APR1908
SB896	SHREWSBURY / 3 Time 7.45AM	21		Black	20AUG1909
SB897	SHREWSBURY Times 2.30AM 10PM	20		Black	30JUN1909
SB898	SHREWSBURY Time 2.30AM	20		Black	21JAN1910
SB899	SHREWSBURY Times 5.45PM, 11PM	21		Black	18NOV1901 - 08JUL1910 May be two different stamps
SB900	SHREWSBURY / GRAND-STAND No code	23	14FEB1873 SIB 29 / 131	Black	20AUG1902
SB904	SHREWSBURY· PENSION·DISTRICT	22	21FEB1882 41 / 19		Not recorded used
SB908	SHREWSBURY / PARCELS·OFFICE Codes A B C D.	23	31AUG1883 42 / 119	Black	14SEP1892 - 31OCT1903
SB910	SHREWSBURY / PARCEL·OFFICE Times 2PM 9.15PM No time	22		Black	12JAN1906 - 06JUL1912
SB912	SHREWSBURY / P.P No code	21	20NOV1885 44 / 353	Black	16MAY1913 - 30APR1914 Parcel Post stamp
SB915	SHREWSBURY·STATION / G.W.R·Y	25	18MAY1898 47 / 397		30APR1917

Double Circle Datestamps, Single Circle Datestamps



SB940



SB945



SB950



SB955



SB960



SB965



SB970



SB975



SB980



SB985



SB990



SB995



SB1000



SB1005



SB1010



SB1015



SB1020



SB1030



SB1035



SB1040



SB1045



SB1050



SB1055



SB1060



SB1065



SB1070



SB1075



SB1200



SB1250

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SB940	SHREWSBURY / 1 Times 4PM 9.30PM	25		Black	01MAY1897 - 29OCT1901
SB945	SHREWSBURY / 2 Times 7.15PM 9PM	26		Black	01JUL1897 - 24MAR1901

SB950	SHREWSBURY / 3 Times 9.30AM 11.45AM 3.45PM 5PM 7.45PM 8.45PM	26		Black	06JUL1897 - 24DEC1902
SB955	SHREWSBURY / 4 Times 8PM 9PM	25		Black	23DEC1896 - 10DEC1900
SB960	SHREWSBURY / 3 Times 11.45AM 5PM 8.45PM 11PM	25		Black	15APR1901 - 15AUG1902
SB965	SHREWSBURY / 1 Times 2PM 1PM 4PM 4.30PM 7PM 8.30PM 9PM 9.30PM	25		Black	12MAR1902 - 26MAR1904
SB970	SHREWSBURY / 2 Times 7.15PM 9PM 11PM	25		Black	20SEP1901 - 15AUG1906
SB975	SHREWSBURY / 1 Times 2.30PM 7PM 7.30PM 8PM 9.30PM 10.15PM	25		Black	26MAR1904 - 12OCT1905
SB980	SHREWSBURY / 3 Times 9.30AM 11.45AM 1.30PM 5PM 7.45PM 8.45PM 9.30PM 11PM	24		Black	03JUN1903 - 01MAR1906
SB985	SHREWSBURY / 4 Times 8PM 8.45PM 9.15PM	25		Black	27SEP1901 - 20NOV1905
SB990	SHREWSBURY / ✱ Times 9.30AM 11AM 8PM 7.45PM 8.45PM 9PM 11PM	25		Black	06JUL1904 - 27JUN1907
SB1000	SHREWSBURY / 5 Times 5PM 9PM 9.15PM	25		Black	14SEP1903 - 01MAY1910
SB1005	SHREWSBURY / 1 Times 9.30AM 7.30PM 9PM	25½		Black	18JAN1906 - 27JUL1906
SB1010	SHREWSBURY / 2 Times 7.15PM 9PM	26½		Black	12MAR1906 - 17FEB1912
SB1015	SHREWSBURY / 3 Times 11AM 5.45PM 7.45PM 8.45PM 11PM	24		Black	06NOV1904 - 28SEP1907
SB1020	SHREWSBURY / 4 Time 8.45PM	24		Black	12JAN1906 - 11NOV1911
SB1030	SHREWSBURY Code 1T Telegraph stamp?	19		Black	25JUL1907
SB1035	SHREWSBURY Time 5.45PM	21		Black	01AUG1907 - 21AUG1907
SB1040	SHREWSBURY / 1 Times 9.30AM 10.30AM 12.15PM 1.30PM 5.45PM 7.30PM 8PM 9PM	25		Black	27SEP1906 - 09JUN1908
SB1045	SHREWSBURY / 1 Times 12.5PM 1PM 1.30PM 4.30PM 8PM 9PM 9.30PM	24½		Black	20SEP1907 - 03MAY1911
SB1050	SHREWSBURY / 3 Times 9.30AM 11AM 1.30PM 5.45PM 6PM 7.45PM 8.45PM 11PM	26		Black	24DEC1907 - 18NOV1910
SB1055	SHREWSBURY / 4 Times 2.30AM 5AM 10AM 11.30AM 12.30PM 10PM No time	25		Black	26JUN1906 - 29DEC1910
SB1060	SHREWSBURY / ✱ Times 9.30AM 6PM 7.45PM 8.45PM	24		Black	12SEP1908 - 25NOV1909
SB1065	SHREWSBURY / ✱ Times 1.30PM 7PM No time	25½	02AUG1910 SIB 49 / 202	Black	08AUG1910 - 23DEC1911

SB1070	SHREWSBURY / 6 Times 4.30PM 8.45PM	26	09FEB1911 49 / 222	Black	04OCT1911 - 04JUN1912
SB1075	SHREWSBURY / 2 Times 2.30AM No code	22		Black	08SEP1910 - 24DEC1910
SB1200	SHREWSBURY Code *	23	30NOV1912 49 / 307	Black	18JUL1917 - 27JUL1918
SB1250	SHREWSBURY / 2 Time 9.30PM	26	09JUL1917 57 / 70		12MAY1919

Registered Stamps

REGISTERED

SB1400



SB1403



SB1407



SB1413



SB1421



SB1426



SB1427



SB1429

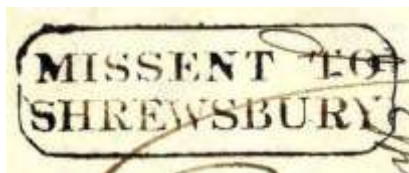


SB1433

Size has been included as length can be a useful aid to distinguish between the REGISTERED / SHREWSBURY ovals

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SB1400	REGISTERED	41x5		Black Red	12OCT1857 24NOV1866 - 09NOV1867
SB1403	REGISTERED / SHREWSBURY Code A No code	29x24	31AUG1876 SIB 35 / 101	Blue - Black	06JUL1878 21JUN1880
SB1407	REGISTERED / SHREWSBURY Code C	30x23		Black	01MAR1884 - 11DEC1896
SB1413	REGISTERED / SHREWSBURY Code A	28½x24		Black	09JUL1895 - 23OCT1899
SB1421	REGISTERED / SHREWSBURY No code	30x23½		Black	07SEP1902 - 19OCT1903
SB1426	REGISTERED / SHREWSBURY Code A No code	28x23		Black	12JAN1903 - 09JUN1906
SB1427	R (in oval) / FEE PAID	30 x 22	Date? RIB 6 / 378 27SEP1892 RIB 5 / 140	Black	28OCT1904 - 09JUN1906
SB1429	R (in oval)				Not recorded used
SB1433	REGISTERED / SHREWSBURY No code	27½x23		Black	18DEC1909 - 29JUL1914

Instructional Marks



SB1500

MISSENT TO
SHREWSBURY

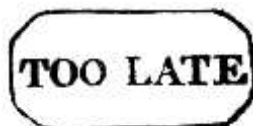
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(No line or dot between Ts)

MISSENT-TO
SHREWSBURY

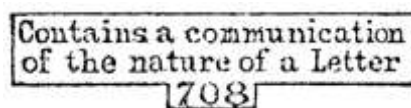
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Short Line between Ts



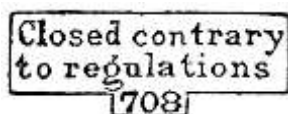
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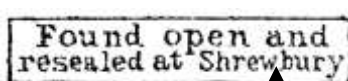
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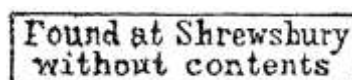
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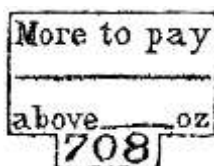
SB1530



SB1540
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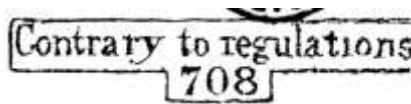
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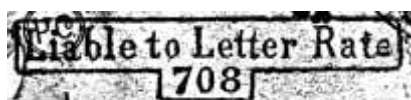
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*Received open and resealed
at the Shrewsbury P.O.*

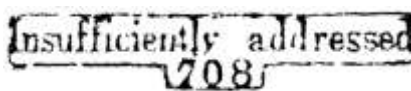
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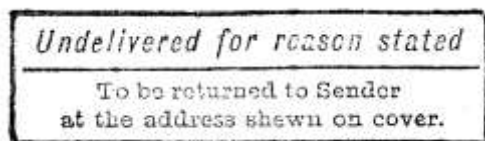
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SB1570



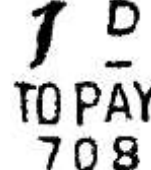
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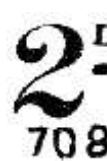
SB1573



SB1575



SB1580



SB1585

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SB1500 / SH692	MISSENT TO / SHREWSBURY Chamfered corners	49x16		Black Red Blue Green	03AUG1809 - 13APR1846 25SEP1827 05SEP1852 27FEB1856
SB1503 / SH693	MISSENT TO / SHREWSBURY	37x12	18SEP1855 SIB 12 / 243		
SB1506 / SH694	MISSENT-TO / SHREWSBURY	32x12	15OCT1855 12 / 256	Blue- Green	11DEC1856
SB1510	MISDIRECTED TO	46x4	15AUG1874 34 / 37	Black	03OCT1878
SB1510a	MISDIRECTED TO	44x4		Black	16 MAR 1880 - 15JUN1892

SB1520 / SH695	TOO LATE Chamfered corners	31½x16		Black	22SEP1828 - 20JUN1845
SB1525	Contains a communication / of the nature of a Letter / 708		12DEC1876 SIB 35 / 147		Not recorded used
SB1530	Closed contrary / to regulations / 708		12DEC1876 35 / 147		Not recorded used
SB1540	Found open and / resealed at Shrewsbury (Note spelling)		12DEC1876 35 / 147		Not recorded used
SB1545	Found at Shrewsbury / without contents		12DEC1876 35 / 147		Not recorded used
SB1550	More to pay / above ___ oz / 708		12DEC1876 35 / 147		13MAY1889 – 30JAN1935
SB1555	<i>Received open and resealed / at the Shrewsbury P.O.</i>			Black	29MAR1871
SB1560	Contrary to regulations / 708	53x11		Black	04FEB1905 - 01JUN1963
SB1565	Liable to Letter Rate / 708	49x11		Black	03FEB1906 - 08AUG1936
SB1570	Insufficiently addressed / 708 52x13 example with sans-serif 708 dated 10AUG1950	53x10		Purple	28JUN1932
SB1572	<i>Undelivered for reason stated / To be returned to Sender / at the address shewn on cover.</i>	62x17	10AUG1905 RIB 14 / 20	Purple	Stamp same size, wording and lettering style used on 25MAR1883
SB1573	½ ^D / 708	19 x 11		Black	04JAN1918 - 28MAR1918
SB1575	1 ^D / 708	17x11		Black	01OCT1903 - 26OCT1923
SB1580	1 ^D / TO PAY / 708	22x18		Black	04NOV1926 - 13JUL1933
SB1585	2 ^D / 708	17x12		Black	19OCT1906 - 01AUG1944

Rubber stamps



SB1700



SB1710



SB1720



SB1725

SB1700 - At least four similar rubber impressions were issued.

SB1710 - Four similar impressions issued with variations in the size of SHREWSBURY.

Rubber impressions in the proof books and actual uses are generally very poor. The best proof strikes have been used and no actual uses shown as many are beyond meaningful reproduction.

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SB1700	SHREWSBURY	26	20APR1886 RIB 1 / 120		Not recorded used
SB1710	SHREWSBURY	27	20AUG1889 RIB 3 / 280	Black	Many variations seen from 1895, often poor strikes
SB1720	SHREWSBURY / date / time	28	02SEP1903 RIB 12 / 111	Black	24JUL1908 - 21SEP1908
SB1725	PARCEL POST / time / date SHREWSBURY	58x39	03AUG1905 RIB 14 / 20		Not recorded used

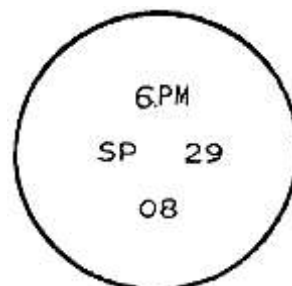
Miscellaneous



SB1850



SB1860



SB1880



Tracing of light strike from the only known example

SB1890

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SB1850	SHREWSBURY / PAID ½D	35		Red	22DEC1904 (4 known on this date)
SB1860	SHREWSBURY 1 / PAID / ½ / DATE	26		Red	30DEC1905 - 26JAN1932
SB1880	Generic Skeleton?, presumably SHREWSBURY was inserted when needed	36	02OCT1908 SIB 49 / 46		
SB1890	POSTED IN ADVANCE / S.Y. / 1903 / FOR DELIVERY ON XMAS DAY	35x24		Red	1903 (One recorded, no day / month)



SB1510: Incorrectly addressed from Churchstoke (856) to Bishops Castle, Shrewsbury, hence MISDIRECTED TO plus SHREWSBURY date stamp (3 Oct 1878). It should have been addressed to Bishops Castle RSO, Shropshire

BISHOPS CASTLE (BC)

Samuel Says was the first postmaster of Bishops Castle, appointed on 25 June 1711. He remained in office until 1722, followed by Charles Waters, until 1727, then Sarah Waters (1727-1736), Richard Brown (1737), Foulk Bright (1737-1743), John Moore (1744-1765) and John Home who received a salary of £10 per year in 1782.

Town Marks, Mileage Mark, Serif Datestamps, Skeleton



BC2



BC4



BC6



BC8



BC10



BC12



BC14



BC16

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
BC2 / SH14	BISHOPS / CASTLE	24x10		Black	12FEB1719 - 03APR1781
BC4 / SH23	BISHOPS / CASTLE	44x14		Black	26MAY1777 - 28MAR1796
BC6 / SH26	BISHOPS CASTLE	34		Black	07JUL1797 - 28OCT1800
BC8 / SH28	BISHOPS CASTLE / 166	54x11		Black	15JAN1801 - 04MAR1823
BC10 / SH33	BISHOP CASTLE / o Often a poor strike	25		Black	04JUN1824 - 11MAY1838
BC12 / SH34	BISHOP'S - CASTLE	29	24MAY1838 SIB 2 / 17	Black	09JUL1838 - 11JAN1845
BC14 / SH36	BISHOP CASTLE	34		Black	15JAN1845 - 30JAN1845
BC16 / SH34	BISHOP'S - CASTLE	29	03FEB1845 7 / 125	Black Blue Green	06JUL1845 - 27MAY1848 05DEC1846 - 18AUG1852 22MAR1847 - 19FEB1856

82 - The Number Allocated to Bishops Castle



BC18



BC19

BC18	82 - 1844 type	24x19	MAY 1844	Black Green	07AUG1844 - 05MAR1872 Undated on loose stamp
BC19	82 - 4VOS	28x19	03JUN1872 31 / 133	Black	OCT1873 - 13SEP1875

Sand-Serif Datestamps, Small Circle Datestamps, 4VOD, Skeleton



BC20



BC22



BC24



BC26



BC28



BC34



BC35



BC36



BC37



BC38



BC40



BC42

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
BC20	BISHOPS-CASTLE Codes A B	25	20FEB1856 SIB 12 / 313	Green Blue Black	18JUL1856 - 30JAN1858 03JAN1858 – 14MAR1860 04JAN1859 – 14SEP1862
BC22	BISHOPS - CASTLE Code	26	27FEB1856 12 / 319		Not recorded used
BC24	BISHOP'S-CASTLE Codes A B	22	19MAR1860 20 / 17	Blue Black	22MAR1860 - 11JUL1860 24AUG1860 - 08NOV1868
BC26	BISHOPS CASTLE Codes A C	22	19APR1870 30 / 15	Black	06JUN1873 - 26FEB1875
BC28	BISHOPS-CASTLE Codes A B	21½	25APR1875 34 / 143	Black	15JUL1876 – 13APR1898
BC34	BISHOPS-CASTLE / 82 Codes A B		07MAY1875 34 / 146	Black	28MAY1875 – 20JAN1886
BC35	BISHOPS-CASTLE / 82 Codes A B			Black	28OCT1890 - 24JAN1895
BC36	BISHOPS CASTLE Part skeleton on piece			Black	22 JUL1895 Almost unreadable
BC37	BISHOPS CASTLE / 82 Times 8.45AM 9.15AM 4PM 5.45PM 6PM 6.45PM 8.45PM			Black	23JAN1896 - 20FEB1906
BC38	BISHOPS-CASTLE Times 6AM 6.45PM No code	21		Black	26OCT1901 - 12NOV1914
BC40	BISHOPS CASTLE Code B	29		Black	16APR1906 - 29MAY1906
BC42	BISHOP'S CASTLE.S.O. Times 8.45AM 5PM 6.45PM	25		Black	23JUN1906 - 5SEP1914

Instructional Marks, Rubber Stamp

MISDIRECTED TO

BC60

3^D
82

BC62

4^D
82

BC64

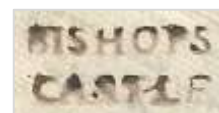


BC70

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
BC60	MISDIRECTED TO	40x3		Black	16MAY1879
BC62	3 ^D / 82	26	10JAN1916 SIB 49 473		Not recorded used
BC64	4 ^D / 82		10JAN1916 49 / 473		Not recorded used
BC70	BISHOP'S CASTLE R.S.O. /SALOP		14SEP1904 RIB 12 / 360		Not recorded used



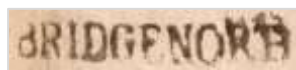
BC2: Below is a scan of the April 1781 example on an entire to London. The mark lasted 62 years, 15 examples have been recorded!



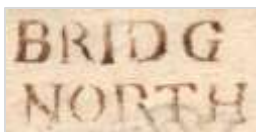
BC2: Entire letter from Bishops Castle to London dated 12 February 1719, charged 4d (squiggle to the left of London), the rate for distances over 80 miles by Act of 1711. This is the earliest recorded letter from Bishops Castle known to have passed through the postal system.

BRIDGNORTH (BN) and BRIDGNORTH LOW TOWN (BNLT) - a sub-office

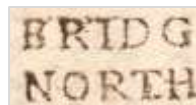
Town Marks, Mileage Marks, Mileage Removed, Undated Circle



BN3



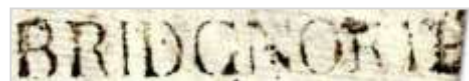
BN7



BN11



BN15



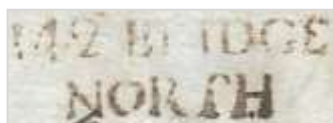
BN19



BN21



BN26



BN31



BN36



BN41



BN46



BN51



BN53



BN58

Illustrations of BN3, BN7, BN11 courtesy of Jim Hammond

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
BN3 / SH37	BRIDGENORTH T and H joined	36x5		Black	18FEB1710
BN7 / SH39	BRIDG / NORTH	27x12		Black	31DEC1716
BN11 / SH41	BRIDG / NORTH	20x10		Black	NOV/DEC1733
BN15 / SH43	BRIDG / NORTH	26x12		Black	09JUL1743 - 06JUN1759
SH47 from BCC not verified					
BN19 / SH51	BRIDGNORTH	59x7		Black	26FEB1770 - 28APR1775
BN21 / SH53	BRIDG / NORTH	31x15		Black	08SEP1775 - 17JUN1780
BN26 / SH57	BRIDGE / NORTH	35x16		Black	20DEC1780 - 02AUG1784
BN31 / SH59	142 BRIDGE / NORTH	42x13		Black	16OCT1784 - 06JUL1792
BN36 / SH63	BRIDGE / NORTH	30x12		Black	30SEP1793 - 02JUL1801
BN41 / SH65	BRIDGNORTH / 148	45x11	Re-use	Black	01SEP1820 - 29OCT1820
BN46 / SH68	BRIDGNORTH / 148	45x12		Black	22NOV1801 - 02JUN1820
BN51 / SH73	BRIDGNORTH / 138	26		Black	31DEC1824 - 14FEB1829
BN53 / SH75	BRIDGNORTH	26		Black	11APR1829 - 11DEC1829
	Mileage removed				
BN58 / SH77	BRIDGENORTH	24	22MAY1829 SIB 1 /18	Black	20JUN1829 - 09DEC1839

Bridgnorth Penny Post

*Bridgnorth
PennyPost*

BN63

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
BN63 / SH81	<i>Bridgnorth / Penny Post</i>	35x15	15NOV1839 SIB 4 / 11		Not recorded used

On 31 July 1839 a Penny Post was approved between Bridgnorth and the village of Burwarton (seven miles southwest of Bridgnorth on the Ludlow Road) as an experiment for one year. A Mr Hamilton of Burwarton guaranteed the expense. The *Bridgnorth Penny Post* mark, which would have been used on a local letter from Bridgnorth to Burwarton has not been recorded, though both *Burwaston* (sic) and *Burwarton Penny Post* marks have (see page 122).

122 - The Number Allocated to Bridgnorth



BN73



BN75

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
BN73	122 - 1844 type	24x19	MAY 1844	Black Late uses	27MAY1844 - 25 MAR1858 15MAR1863 & 26JUL1869
BN75	122 - 3VOS			Black	17JUN1911 - 22MAY1933 1969 Philatelic use

Serif, Sans-Serif Datestamps



BN76



BN78



BN83

BN76 / SH79	BRIDGENORTH	29	21DEC1839 SIB 4 / 12	Red Black Blue Red Green Blue	12FEB1840 - 15FEB1841 13MAR1841 - 14DEC1847 24AUG1847 - 13OCT1847 03JAN1848 - 24NOV1848 30NOV1848 22JAN1849 - 11FEB1851
BN78	BRIDGENORTH Codes A B	25	20FEB1851 10 / 156	Blue Green	21JUL1851 - 16DEC1852 04JAN1853 - 23APR1855
BN83	BRIDGENORTH Codes A B	26	05NOV1853 11 / 251	Yellow Green Black	16FEB1854 - 20JUN1854 19AUG1854 - 07NOV1855 22FEB1855 - 27OCT1856

Small Circle Datestamps



BN91



BN96



BN101



BN106



BN111



BN116



BN118



BN121



BN126



BN129 (Early)



BN129 (Late)



BN131



BN136

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size</u> <u>(mm)</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
BN91	BRIDGENORTH Codes A B C	20	01OCT1857 SIB 14a / 40	Black	28NOV1857 - 03DEC1861
BN96	BRIDGENORTH Code A	19	14DEC1861 21 / 67	Black	31JAN1864 - 25JUN1864
BN101	BRIDGENORTH Codes A B	20	29JUL1864 23 / 80	Black	07NOV1866 - 05AUG1872
BN106	BRIDGENORTH Code A	20	10MAR1870 29 / 63	Black	29SEP1871
BN111	BRIDGENORTH Codes A B	21	11MAR1874 32 / 201	Black	02APR1874 - 07SEP1881
BN116	BRIDGENORTH Code A	20½	20DEC1882 41 / 209	Black	26APR1883 - 12MAY1895
BN118	BRIDGENORTH Code A	20		Black	18JUN1885 - 07FEB1888
BN121	BRIDGNORTH Codes C No code	22		Black	19AUG1893 - 17JUL1901
BN126	BRIDGNORTH Codes A D	21½		Black	29AUG1890 - 17SEP1896
BN129	BRIDGNORTH Times 5AM 10.45AM 12.30PM 5PM 7.30PM 8PM 9PM No code Later stamps may not be from the same hammer	21		Black	07JUL1900 - 18MAY1914
BN131	BRIDGNORTH Times 5AM 12.45PM 2.30PM 3.30PM 3.45PM 4.15PM 5PM 6.45PM 7.15PM 7.45PM	24	06FEB1909 49 / 71	Black	25MAY1909 - 07AUG1917
BN136	BRIDGNORTH Codes * and No code	22		Black	19JUN1906 - 23MAR1931 Possibly two stamps

Spoon Duplexes, 4VOD



BN146



BN149



BN152



BN155



BN158



BN161

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size</u> <u>(mm)</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
BN146	BRIDGENORTH / 122 Codes A B C? Code C not seen by Taylor		08NOV1855 SIB 12 / 264	Black	27NOV1855 - 24AUG1864
BN149	BRIDGENORTH / 122 Code B		26SEP1864 23 / ?	Black	02APR1865 - 04MAR1867
BN152	BRIDGENORTH / 122 Code B		17APR1867 26 / 47	Black	03JUN1867 - 31DEC1869
BN155	BRIDGENORTH / 122 Code		08MAY1867 26 / 54		Not recorded used
BN158	BRIDGENORTH / 122 Code B		19AUG1869 28 / 77	Black	20DEC1869 - 19DEC1874
BN161	BRIDGENORTH / 122 Codes B C D		22DEC1874 34 / 90	Black	24DEC1874 - 12APR1880

3VOD, Skeletons, Double Circle Datestamps



BN164



BN167



BN170



BN175



BN180



BN185



BN190



BN195



BN200



BN203



BN205



BN210

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
BN164	BRIDGENORTH / 122 Codes B C		19MAY1880 SIB 38 / 129	Black	12JUN1880 - 18JUN1886
BN167	BRIDGNORTH / 122 Codes A C		24JUN1886 45 / 105	Black	30JUL1886 - 30APR1890
BN170	BRIDGNORTH / 122 Code C			Black	13JAN1891 - 04AUG1892
BN175	BRIDGNORTH / 122 Codes A C D			Black	03AUG1892 - 12OCT1898
BN180	BRIDGNORTH / 122 Times 8.10 10.45AM 3.30PM 8. PM 8.10PM			Black	22MAR1899 - 24MAR1904
BN185	BRIDGNORTH Times 5AM 10.45AM 3.30PM 8PM	34		Black	01APR1904 - 30APR1904
BN190	BRIDGNORTH / 122 Times 8.30AM 10.45AM 3.45PM 7.30PM 8PM 8.10PM 9PM 9.15PM	34		Black	02MAY1904 - 29JAN1906
BN195	BRIDGNORTH Times 7.30PM 8PM 9PM No time	32		Black	22DEC1905 - 20FEB1906
BN200	BRIDGNORTH / ✱ Times 12.30PM 1.15PM 4.45PM 7.30PM 8PM 9PM	26		Black	07MAR1906 - 09DEC1907
BN203	BRIDGNORTH / ✱ Times 3.45PM 7.30PM	25		Black	28JUL1908 - 18AUG1908
BN205	BRIDGNORTH Times 1PM 7.30PM 8PM	36		Black	29JAN1909 - 08FEB1909
BN210	BRIDGNORTH / ✱ Times 3.45PM 7.30PM 7.45PM 8PM	25		Black	23APR1909 - 25DEC1910

Instructional Marks



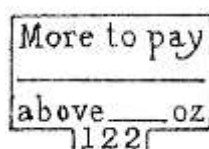
BN220 (Two examples)
(29FEB1840 & 6APR1840)



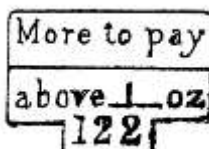
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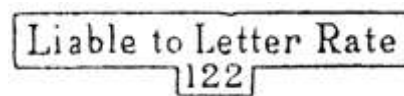
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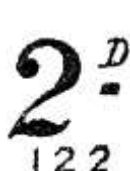
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BN255



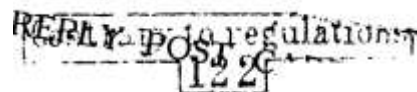
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BN259



BN261



BN266

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
BN220	1	32x2		Red	29FEB1840 - 06APR1840 See the 2 examples above
BN225	2	30x20		Black	25DEC1847 - 01FEB1858 See the 3 examples above
BN230	Too Late	28x4		Green	10JUL1853
BN238	More to pay / above ___ oz / 122	26x18	01JAN1878 36 / 114		Not recorded used
BN244	More to pay / above 1 oz / 122	27x20		Black	17APR1918 - 10DEC1940
BN250	Liable to Letter Rate / 122	52x11	04NOV1913 49 / 351	Black	06AUG1919
BN255	1 ^D / 122	18x15		Black	30OCT1907 - 10AUG1954
BN257	2 ^D / 122	18x16		Black	17APR1918 - 25AUG1925
BN259	3 ^D / TO PAY / 122	21x16	20MAY1919 57 / 243	Black	Not recorded used
BN261	4 ^D / TO PAY / 122	21x16	20MAY1919 57 / 243	Black	27JUL1920 - 01MAR1961
BN266	Contrary to regulations / 122	50x10		Black	29NOV1932

Rubber Stamps



BN275



BN280

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
BN275	BRIDGNORTH An earlier, similar stamp with no known date of issue. Two later very similar issues	27	20APR1886 RIB 1 / 100 & 10OCT1888 RIB 3 / 75	Black	Similar seen on loose stamp - 1884 QV 1½d lilac
BN280	BRIDGNORTH	27	RIB 3 / 263 23JUL1889		Only recorded use on a KEVII 4d green & brown loose stamp Three similar issues 19NOV1891 (RIB 4 / 319) 06JAN1893 (RIB 5 / 230) 10DEC1902 (RIB 11 / 388)

BRIDGNORTH LOW-TOWN (BNLT) - a sub-office

Office discontinued 2 July 1894, re-established 1 November 1900, finally closed 27 January 2016.



BNLT1



BNLT2



BNLT6

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
BNLT1	BRIDGENORTH - LOW-TOWN	25	03SEP1847 SIB 9 / 75	Black Red Blue Green	28SEP1847 - 11JUL1848 05NOV1848 21FEB1849 - 1857 1859
BNLT2	LOW-TOWN	33x4	01JAN1857 13 / 116	Blue	1857 & 1859 dates reported but not verified 24FEB1857 - 09SEP1859

No datestamp known in proof books or actual use between September 1859 and August 1913

BNLT6	LOW TOWN / BRIDGNORTH	22		Black	01AUG1913 - 14JAN1947 May be two stamps
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BN58: Money Letter from Bridgnorth to London dated 22 July 1830 from George Nock, a Linen and Woollen Draper in the town (Bagshaw's Directory, 1851). Whatever was enclosed meant the letter was charged 2/6, triple the rate under the 1812 Act. The Money Letter system was introduced on 22 September 1792; there was no compensation for loss. No special postal charge was made for this service. But as there were enclosures letters were at least liable to the double rate and sometimes more; this example suggests there were at least two enclosures in the letter. *Money Letter* should have been written on the top left hand corner, clearly not complied with here. Such letters were wrapped in a separate way-bill and entered into a register every time they were sorted. The post office staff referred to the letters as having been *registered*, which have been how the term Registered Letter originated at the introduction of Registration in January 1841. Money Letters were finally abandoned on 10 January 1840 on the commencement of the Uniform Penny Post, due to fears that it would be impossible to handle an increased number of them.

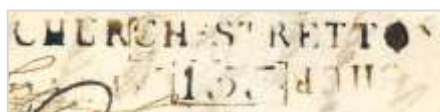


CS11: The CHURCH STRETTON duplex (double stamp) cancelling the Queen Victoria penny red, plate 146, on a cover to Shrewsbury dated 07 March 1876; it is one of the scarcest duplexes. It was issued on 16 November 1875 and has only three records of use. The office at Church Stretton preferred to use the 3VOS (CS9), of which 17 have been recorded. It was issued on 25 November 1874, almost exactly a year before the duplex.

CHURCH STRETTON (CS) - a sub-office of Shrewsbury

A post office was officially established at Church Stretton in October 1803, when a direct postal communication was established between Shrewsbury and Ludlow for the first time. It became a sub-office of Shrewsbury.

Mileage Mark, Straight Line Mark



CS3



CS5

CS5 / SH107 is probably not a separate mark but the mileage mark when the box and mileage figures have not struck.

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
CS3 / SH109	CHURCH STRETTON / 153	56x11		Black Brown	15SEP1803 - 02SEP1847 12OCT1835
CS5 / SH107	CHURCH STRETTON	56x3		Black	28MAR1814 & 26NOV1837 Two examples known 1808 in BCC is incorrect

709 - The Number Allocated to Church Stretton. 1844 type, 3VOS, 4VOD



CS7



CS9



CS11

CS7	709 - 1844 type Appears to have 3 bars not 4	23x16	MAY 1844	Black Ochre	08MAY1844 - 19MAR1874 19APR1850 - 10FEB1852
CS9	709. - 3VOS		25NOV1874 SIB 34 / 83	Black	17MAY1875 - 20AUG1891
CS11	CHURCH-STRETTON / 709 Codes A B C		16NOV1875 35 / 11	Black	30DEC1875 - 07MAR1876

Undated Circle, Sans-Serif Datestamps, Small Circle Datestamps, Squared Circles, Rubber Stamp



CS12



CS13



CS15



CS17



CS20



CS24



CS28



CS33



CS37



CS41



CS52



CS56



CS70



CS73



CS76



CS80

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
CS12	CHURCH-STRETTON	25	9NOV1847 SIB 9 / 96	Black Black Grey-green	31JAN1848 - 12AUG1849 09APR1849 - 22JAN1854 28SEP1851 - 05OCT1851
CS13	CHURCH-STRETTON Code A	25	14SEP1849 10 / 39	Grey Black Ochre Green	06NOV1849 - 21DEC1849 30JAN1850 - 20JAN1855 19APR1850 - 21OCT1854 15JUN1856
CS15	CHURCH-STRETTON Codes A Ainv Brev No code 26 May 1863-Year above day/month	26	20MAR1857 13 / 181	Green Blue Black	05MAY1857 - 01JUL1858 02DEC1857 - 25APR1860 05FEB1859 - 26JUN1863
CS17	CHURCH-STRETTON Codes A Bsideways	22½	23MAY1860 20 / 39	Blue	10AUG1860 - 24NOV1860
CS20	CHURCH-STRETTON No code	22	25JAN1864 23 / 27	Black	13JAN1866 - 24MAY1869
CS24	CHURCH-STRETTON Code A	23	12AUG1869 28 / 73	Black	18AUG1870 - 21APR1876
CS28	CHURCH-STRETTON Codes A B C	22	20NOV1874 34 / 82	Black	17MAY1875 - 25AUG1880
CS33	CHURCH-STRETTON Codes A B	20	15JUN1880 38 / 140	Black	30NOV1880 - 19DEC1883
CS37	CHURCH-STRETTON Code A	20	19MAR1884 44 / 6	Black	19NOV1884 - 11JUL1886
CS41	CHURCH-STRETTON Codes A B C	20	6APR1887 45 / 275	Black	29APR1887 - 14JAN1892
CS52	CHURCH-STRETTON Code C	20		Black	10APR1895 - 21???1901
CS56	CHURCH-STRETTON No code	20		Black	01JUN1901 - 20AUG1904
CS70	CHURCH-STRETTON Codes A B C No code	28x23½		Black	27JUN1889 - 15AUG1904
CS73	CHURCH-STRETTON Times 10.30AM 1.30PM 4.30PM 8.30PM	28½x24		Black	08SEP1904 - 15NOV1913
CS76	CHURCH-STRETTON Times 4AM 10.30AM 8.30PM 4.30 10.30	19½		Black	19AUG1904 - 29SEP1908
CS80	CHURCH STRETTON R.S.O. / SALOP		17SEP1904 RIB 12 / 362		Not recorded used

NEWTON (NW) became CRAVEN ARMS (CA) – a sub-office of Shrewsbury

In the early 1860s the Shropshire hamlet of Newton became Craven Arms. Bagshaw's *Directory of Shropshire* (1851) states under Stokesay that 'Stoke and Newton is a township with 188 inhabitants, the Craven Arms is a handsome and commodious hotel'. In *The Shropshire Landscape* (1972) Trevor Rowley writes 'Craven Arms, as Newton has been called for the past century, is Shropshire's only railway town.' The Shrewsbury & Hereford railway line opened in December 1853 and in 1861 a branch line was opened from Craven Arms to Knighton, extending in 1868 to south Wales via the Heart of Wales line. The Earl of Craven had seen the possibility of developing a town and had laid a grid of streets, dividing them into building plots, which became Craven Arms. In December 1857 a number of rural towns/villages in southwest Shropshire, such as Bishop's Castle, Clun, Lydbury North, Aston-on-Clun, became Railway Sub-Offices, receiving their mail on a cart from Craven Arms Station, the post office opening at the same time with a 3HOS mark (CA2) issued through Shrewsbury. Craven Arms thus became an important mail distribution point for a large part of southwest Shropshire.

The issue of the early postmarks is intriguing as two undated cancels were issued to Newton through Shrewsbury on 24 April 1851 (SIB 10/91); one NEWTON, the other NEWTON-SALOP but the proof book entries are widely spaced. Each UDC is recorded in the 3rd Edition of the *Undated Circular Marks of the Midland Counties*, but NEWTON has an 1857 year date only and its present whereabouts are unknown. It seems that the NEWTON-SALOP mark is more likely the forerunner to Craven Arms and that has been included but *absolute proof* is elusive. *Kelly's Directory* of 1885 complicates matters as under Newton it shows 'Groves, Elizabeth, postmistress' but it also shows her under Craven Arms, adding 'letters should have RSO in the address. Letters arrive at 5.30am and 3pm' but not how or from where.

NEWTON



NW2



NW4



NW6

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded Dates</u>
NW2	NEWTON-SALOP	25	24APR1851 SIB 10 / 191	Green Black	16JUL1856 - 16JUL1858 03JUL1857
NW4	NEWTON Code A	20	23DEC1857 14a / 109	Black	03DEC1860 - 13FEB1862
NW6	NEWTON	19		Black	04NOV1864

CRAVEN ARMS, 3HOS, 3VOS, 4VOD



CA2



CA4



CA6



CA8

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded Dates</u>
CA2	085 - 3HOS	22x17	30DEC1857 SIB 14a / 115	Black	16JUL1867 Plus one on loose stamp
CA4	085 - 3VOS	27x21	20DEC1872 32 / 7	Black	03APR1875 - 17APR1876
CA6	CRAVEN-ARMS / 085 Code A	21+28x19	20SEP1877 36 / 68	Black	07OCT1877 - 23JUN1882
CA8	CRAVEN-ARMS / 085 Codes A C			Black	25MAR1892 - 19MAR1899

3VOD



CA10



CA12



CA14

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded Dates</u>
CA10	CRAVEN-ARMS / 085 Codes A B	20+28x20	12DEC1883 SIB 42 / 174	Black	22FEB1885 - 29DEC1895
CA12	CRAVEN-ARMS / 085 Codes A B C			Black	27FEB1900 - 28MAY1904
CA14	CRAVEN-ARMS / 085 Times 10AM 6PM 6.30PM 8PM 10.30PM			Black	25SEP1904 - 31OCT1918 Possibly more than one stamp

Small Circle Datestamps, Skeleton, Double Circle Stamp, Rubber Stamp



CA15



CA18



CA23



CA27



CA29



CA31



CA35



CA39



CA43

CA15	CRAVEN-ARMS Code A	20	16FEB1867 SIB26 / 31	Black	16JUL1867
CA18	CRAVEN-ARMS Code A	23	20DEC1872 32 / 7	Black	03APR1875 - 10APR1878
CA23	CRAVEN-ARMS Codes A B	19	02MAR1887 45 / 347	Black	04MAY1891 - 08NOV1893
CA27	CRAVEN-ARMS Code C	20		Black	23SEP1901 - 27JUN1904
CA29	CRAVEN ARMS	20		Black	10SEP1907
CA31	CRAVEN-ARMS Times 6AM 9.45AM 6PM 6.45PM 8PM	20		Black	03MAR1896 - 01NOV1919
CA35	CRAVEN ARMS / SAL P. Times 6.45PM 8PM O missing from SALOP	28		Black	16JAN1914 - 28JAN1914
CA39	CRAVEN ARMS / * Time 8.15PM	27		Black	12JUN1922 - 21SEP1928
CA43	CRAVEN ARMS R.S.O. / SALOP		17SEP1904 RIB12 / 345		Not recorded used

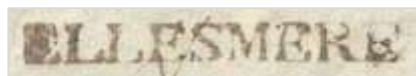
ELLESMERE (EM)

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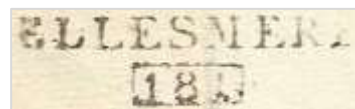
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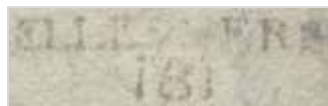
EM3



EM5



EM7



Mileage between two lines
EM9



EM11



EM13



EM15



EM17

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EM3 / SH133	179 ELLES / MERE	35x12		Black	26NOV1785 - 19FEB1789 All 5 examples are light
EM5 / SH132	ELLESMERE	49x5		Black	18DEC1795 - 02MAY1799
EM7 / SH134	ELLESMERE / 181	45x11		Black	25AUG1803 - 09FEB1808
EM9 / SH136	ELLESMERE / 181	40x11		Black	24OCT1807 - 29JAN1818
Light strikes, yellow often faded				Yellow	15JUL1815 - 25DEC1824
EM11 / SH139	ELLESMERE / 170	26		Yellow	22APR1825 - 20OCT1825
				Black	15JAN1827 - 06DEC1828
					1829 in BCC not verified
EM13 / SH141	ELLESMERE	26		Black	30JUL1829 – 17OCT1836
	Mileage removed				
EM15 / SH144	ELLESMERE	29	08MAR1837 SIB 2 / 37	Black	19APR1837 - 27NOV1839
EM17 / SH146	ELLESMERE	28	24DEC1839 4 / 37	Black	28DEC1839 - 03OCT1848
				Blue	07FEB1849 - 12NOV1852
				Green	20JAN1853 - 30NOV1853

274 - The Number Allocated to Ellesmere



EM21



EM23

EM21	274 - 1844 type	23x19	MAY 1844	Black	21JUN1844 - 12JUL1868
EM23	274 - 3HOS	22x18	27JAN1858 SIB 14a / 130	Black	24AUG1864 - 27OCT1869

Sans-Serif, Single Circle Datestamps



EM25



EM27



EM29



EM31



EM33



EM34



EM35



EM37



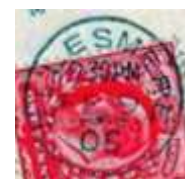
EM40



EM43



EM46



EM48

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EM25	ELLESMERE Code A C	25	09DEC1853 SIB 12 / 8	Green Blue	10JAN1854 - 25JUN1857 27JAN1857 - 03NOV1857
EM27	ELLESMERE Codes A Ainv No code Break in rim	20	07NOV1857 14a / 72	Green Blue Black	20NOV1857 - 25APR1858 28DEC1857 - 31JAN1861 06NOV1859 - 03NOV1865
EM29	ELLESMERE Code C	25	27NOV1857 14a / 89	Blue Black	05DEC1857 - 07DEC1859 26NOV1858 - 01NOV1859
EM31	ELLESMERE Code A	20	16JAN1866 25 / 60	Black	18JAN1866 - 28MAR1873 Used two days after issue
EM33	ELLESMERE / SALOP. Codes A B	23	24APR1877 36 / 12	Black	03JUN1877 - 29JUL1880
EM34	ELLESMERE Code A			Black	01DEC1881 - 07NOV1886
EM35	ELLESMERE Codes A B C	20	15OCT1887 45 / 362	Black	19JUN1894 - 18JAN1900
EM37	ELLESMERE Times 3.15AM 11.15AM 2.15PM 7.15PM 9PM	23½	18JAN1910 49 / 164	Black	11JUN1911 - 20MAR1922
EM40	ELLESMERE Codes A B C F	21		Black	24DEC1892 - 02OCT1899
EM43	ELLESMERE, Code *	19½		Black	24SEP1900 - 12NOV1912
EM46	ELLESMERE Time 7PM	21		Black	02JUL1901
EM48	ELLESMERE Times 3AM 2.30PM 7.30PM	20½		Black	02AUG1904 - 19APR1909

3VOD, Double Circle Datestamp



EM49



EM52



EM54



EM55



EM60

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded Dates</u>
EM49	ELLESMERE / 274 Codes B C		20OCT1880 SIB 38 / 204	Black	12APR1881 - 26JUL1887
EM52	ELLESMERE / 274 Codes A B C D		15OCT1887 45 / 362	Black	27MAR1888 – 05JUN1895 02OCT1899 (Late use)
EM54	ELLESMERE / 274 Codes B C D F			Black	13FEB1894 - 07OCT1898
EM55	ELLESMERE / 274 Times 11.45AM 6.30PM 9.10PM 9.30PM PM			Black	27MAY1900 - 23JAN1905
EM60	ELLESMERE / * Times 11.15AM 11.30AM 1.45PM 6.45PM 7.15PM 9PM 9.15PM 9.30PM No time	26		Black	23MAY1905 - 19JUL1921

Instructional Marks, Rubber Stamps

Too. Late.

EM70

1^D
274

EM76

2^D
274

EM78

3^D
TO PAY
274

EM80

Liab to Letter Rate
274

EM82



EM84



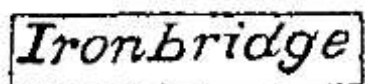
EM86

EM70	Too. Late.	16x3		Blue Green Black	02NOV1851 - 22NOV1851 24SEP1853 11JUL1911 - 05AUG1927
EM76	1 ^D / 274	19x15	20DEC1909 SIB 49 / 154	Black	11JUL1911 - 05AUG1927
EM78	2 ^D / 274	19x16	20DEC1909 49 / 154	Black	03JUN1920 - 25FEB1948
EM80	3 ^D / TO PAY / 274	21x14	13MAR1919 57 / 226	Black	16JUL1921
EM82	Liab to Letter Rate / 274	50x11	05JAN1910 49 / 159	Black	11JUL1911 - 05AUG1927
EM84	ELLESMERE	27	30AUG1888 RIB 3 / 46		Not recorded used
EM86	ELLESMERE	27	24DEC1890 RIB 4 / 144		Not recorded used. Also issued 11SEP1891 (RIB 4 / 286)

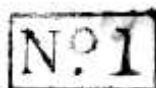
IRONBRIDGE (IB)

The Penny Post from Shifnal opened on 6 October 1806, serving Madeley Wood, Broseley and Wenlock. Madeley Wood became known as Ironbridge but exactly when is not known. A new mail coach service had been established between Birmingham and Shrewsbury on 10 November 1834 passing through Ironbridge. Note the earliest use of **IB6**, after the mail coach was established. At some point Ironbridge became a receiving house in the Shifnal Penny Post, using the old Madeley Wood No 1, for letters going east. It also became a Penny Post town in its own right for letters from Broseley and Wenlock going west to Shrewsbury and mid and north Wales. **IB2** was issued for mail originating within the town (see note below), unfortunately the date of issue is not known. The GBPS website shows the Ironbridge post office was *established* (their word) on 23 March 1838 with William Smith as postmaster, whereas Pigot's 1828 Directory had him established there ten years earlier!

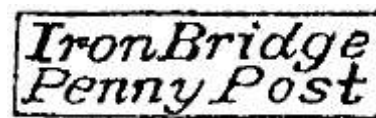
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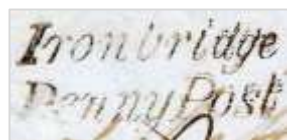
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IB4



IB6



IB8



IB10



IB12



IB14

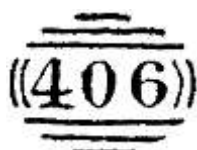
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IB2 / SH172	<i>Ironbridge</i>	45x10		Black	27APRc1835 - 15FEB1838
IB4 / SH170	Nº 1	20x10		Black	08MAR1837 - 05FEB1838
IB6 / SH181	<i>IronBridge / Penny Post</i>	47x13		Black	01DEC1834 - 08MAR1838
IB8 / SH182	<i>Ironbridge / Penny Post</i>	34x14	21MAR1838 SIB 2 / 70	Black	12JUL1838 - 05JAN1840
IB10 / SH176	IRON-BRIDGE	27	15FEB1838 2 / 70	Black	18FEB1838 - 06JAN1840
IB12 / SH174	IRONBRIDGE	26	21MAR1838 2 / 70	Black	20SEP1838 - 17DEC1839
IB14 / SH178	IRONBRIDGE	29	04JAN1840 4 / 51	Black Red Blue	10JAN1840 - 04JAN1849 01JUN1840 - 14FEB1841 07MAR1849 - 18MAR1852

IB2: The earliest recorded letter having this mark was dated *Monday evening 27 April* but without year. Monday 27 April occurred in 1835 and 1840. By late April 1840 Ironbridge had been issued with two undated circles as well as a circular datestamp. If the letter was written in 1840 it is likely that one of the undated circles or the datestamp would have been used. Since the boxed stamp was used it was felt appropriate to date the letter c1835 rather than c1840.

406 - The Number Allocated to Ironbridge



IB16



IB18



IB20



IB22

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
IB16	406 - 1844 type	23x20	MAY 1844	Black	03MAY1844 - 15NOV1857
IB18	406 - 3HOS	23x18	18FEB1858 SIB 14a / 148	Black	11MAR1858 - 27MAR1862
IB20	406 - 3HOS	22x17	12JUN1863 21 / 257	Black	21FEB1866 - 21NOV1868
IB22	406 - 4VOS	30x20	14SEP1869 28 / 86	Black	11AUG1871 - 29DEC1879

Sans-Serif Datestamp, Small Circle Datestamps



IB23



IB24



IB26



IB28



IB130



IB32



IB34



IB36



IB38



IB40

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
IB23	IRONBRIDGE Codes A B	25	11MAR1852 11 / 30	Blue Green Black	12MAY1852 - 10MAY1854 15JAN1855 - 16AUG1855 06DEC1855 - 21OCT1856
IB24	IRONBRIDGE Codes A B	19½	18FEB1858 14a / 148	Blue Black	08SEP1857 - 15NOV1857 11MAR1858 - 13APR1860
IB26	IRONBRIDGE Codes A B	20	11SEP1861 21 / 39	Black	16APR1860 - 20MAY1861 15OCT1861 - 21FEB1866
IB28	IRONBRIDGE Codes A B Brev	19	18DEC1866 26 / 9	Black	28JUN1867 - 25AUG1869
IB30	IRONBRIDGE Code	19	09NOV1869 28 / 109		Not recorded used
IB32	IRONBRIDGE / P.O.S.B. Codes B C Crev No code	22		Black	11AUG1871 - 26JUL1881
IB34	IRONBRIDGE Codes A B	20½	21OCT1882 SIB 41 / 174	Black	05JUN1883 - 06JAN1884
IB36	IRONBRIDGE Codes B C	19	30JUL1884 44 / 85	Black	30NOV1885 - 18MAR1895
IB38	IRON-BRIDGE Times 5AM 2.30PM	20½		Black	17JUL1896 - 13MAY1906
IB40	IRON BRIDGE Times 5AM 6AM No time	20		Black	12MAY1907 - 28MAR1917

4VOD, 3VOD, Skeleton, Double Circle Datestamp, Instructional Mark



IB46



IB48



IB50



IB52



IB54

IB52 shows an error of number (**404**, not **406**). It is one of the most sought after Shropshire marks with four records of use.



IB56



IB58



IB60

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
IB46	IRONBRIDGE / 406 Code C		18APR1872 SIB 31 / 115	Black	11OCT1872 - 12AUG1876
IB48	IRONBRIDGE / 406 Code B		13FEB1880 38 / 81	Black	12AUG1880 - 27MAY1882
IB50	IRONBRIDGE / 404 Codes B C		30APR1887 45 / 284	Black	11AUG1887 - 28NOV1888
IB52	IRONBRIDGE / 406 Code B			Black	19AUG1889 - 14OCT1895
IB54	IRONBRIDGE / 406 Times 10AM 7PM 8.45PM Dot between IRON & BRIDGE not always visible			Black	15JAN1896 - 03AUG1906
IB56	IRON BRIDGE / S. O SALOP Times 10AM 7PM 8.30PM	31		Black	07AUG1906 - 31AUG1906
IB58	IRONBRIDGE S.O / SALOP Times 8.45AM 10AM 6PM 7.15PM 8.45PM	25		Black	16JUL1907 - 05AUG1920
IB60	2	16x11		Black	17NOV1846

IB60: The figure **2** occurs on a letter from Wellington (16NOV1846, **WT22**) to Broseley via Ironbridge (17NOV1846, **IB14**). There are traces of the bars of a cancel tying the stamp to the letter but no stamp. Whether the **2** for postage due was applied at Ironbridge or Wellington is not clear. However, it bears a strong resemblance to 2s used at Wellington, especially **WT211** and **WT212**. It was included under Ironbridge in the BCC; it will remain under Ironbridge for now.



EM40: First Day Cover of Imperial Penny Post, possibly sent by Henniker Heaton, MP. Sir Charles Stewart-Wilson (1864-1950) was Director General of the Indian Post Office from 1906 to 1912. He was a noted philatelist and the first President of the Philatelic Society of India. He also edited the *Philatelic Journal of India* from 1898 to 1905. Imperial Penny Post was the introduction of a penny rate to many of the colonies, though Australia, New Zealand, Rhodesia and the Cape Colonies did not participate at first. The letter was carried on the P&O *Caledonia* from Brindisi on 1 January, through the Suez Canal, arriving at Bombay on 15 January 1899. Similar covers exist from Ellesmere using different 1d frankings; a 1d red plate number (SG 43); 1d revenue stamp; 1d lilac; and two ½d 'bantams' (SG 48) plate 12 as above.

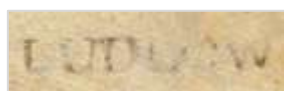


IB14: First Day Cover of Uniform Penny Post, IRONBRIDGE 10 Jan 1840 datestamp on the reverse. Prior to 5 December 1839 letters had been charged by the distance they travelled, but from that date a uniform 4d per ½oz charge was levied (Uniform Fourpenny Post) by weight. The success of this led to a reduction to a penny per ½oz prepaid on 10 January 1840. This letter originated in (Much) WENLOCK but postage had not been prepaid, so the recipient paid 2d postage due, double the original postage. The addressee, Mrs Wilkinson, was the sister of Dr William Penny Brooks of Wenlock Olympic fame. Much Wenlock, having been a receiving house in the Shifnal and Ironbridge Penny Posts was now a sub-office of Ironbridge. See details of the WENLOCK mark (**WK6**) under Penny Post Villages.

LUDLOW (LL)

Town Marks, First Type Mileage Marks

Early marks of LUDLOW are not only difficult to find, many are albino with an indentation in the page but no ink transference and are often of poor quality. An entire to London dated 10 July 1723 has no discernible Ludlow mark but it has a correct 4d charge and a Bishop mark. Four examples of **LL9** are known, three of which have albino strikes; the fourth was used for the illustration. Previous editions have an **LL13** all three of which have slightly better albino strikes, which show great similarity to **LL9**, so **LL9** and **LL13** have been amalgamated for now. Entires dated 08FEBc1737 and 26MAYc1737 have the year date in pencil only but both albino strikes are clear and measurable. They have been included as **LL17** with an 'enhanced' scan above a normal one. They could be early examples of **LL21** but as they have no year date and maybe 15 years earlier, they remain a separate record for now. Two copies of **LL33** have been reported but a scan of an original was not available, the illustration is a scan from a photocopy of a photocopy!



LL9



LL17



LL21



LL24



LL27



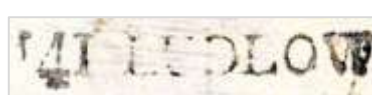
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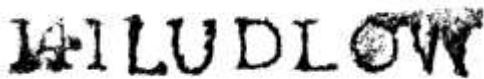
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LL33



LL36



LL39



LL42



LL48

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
LL9 / SH208	LUDLOW	32x4		Black	13AUG1724 - 25SEP1733
LL17 / SH213	LUDLOW	21x3		Albino	08FEBc1737 - 26MAYc1737
LL21 / SH218	LUDLOW	21x3		Black	07AUG1752 - 12OCT1759
LL24 / SH220	LUDLOW	32x4½		Black	18NOV1758 - 28MAY1760
LL27 / SH224	LUDLOW	36x7		Black	28MAR1769 - 07JAN1777
LL28 / SH226	LUDLOW	35x6		Black	22DEC1773 - 18DEC1776
LL30 / SH228	LUDLOW	43x6		Black	12DEC1778 - 15NOV1782
LL33 / SH230	LUDLOW	48x7		Black	13NOV1783 - 12MAY1784
LL36 / SH234	141.LUDLOW Full stop after 141 not always present	46x5		Black	26JAN1785 - 10JUL1787
LL39 / SH236	141 LUDLOW No full stop	58x6		Black	06JAN1788 - 15OCT1792
LL42 / SH238	LUDLOW	37x5		Black	22DEC1792 - 14JUN1798
LL48 / SH242	LUDLOW	40x5		Black	16JAN1797 - 12DEC1801

Mileage Marks



LL54



LL57



LL61



LL65



LL69



LL73



LL76



LL80



LL83

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
LL54 / SH246	LUDLOW / 149	26x10		Black	??MAY1801 - 22JUN1805
LL57 / SH248	LUDLOW / 149	27x11		Black	09JUL1805 - 19JUN1808
LL61 / SH250	LUDLOW / 149	35x12		Black	05MAR1808 - 02OCT1810
LL65 / SH252	LUDLOW / 149	32x11		Black	23OCT1810 - 25OCT1811
LL69 / SH253	LUDLOW / 149	31x11		Black	12JAN1812 - 07NOV1814
LL73 / SH254	LUDLOW / 149	34x11		Black	05AUG1813 - 16FEB1816
			Re-use	Black	23MAY1818 & 02FEB1819
LL76 / SH256	LUDLOW 149	30		Black	19SEP1815 - 09DEC1820
LL80 / SH258	LUDLOW 149	31		Black	27DEC1820 - 12MAY1826
			Re-use	Red	09AUG1826 - 23OCT1827
				Red	22MAY1828 - 10JUL1829
LL83 / SH260	LUDLOW 148	25	07MAY1827 SIB 1 / 103	Red	02JUN1827 - 24FEB1829

Serif Datestamps, Skeletons



LL87



LL90



LL93



LL95



LL97



LL99

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
LL87 / SH262	LUDLOW Year missing from at least 15 Oct 1836 to 29 Oct 1837	24	10JUN1829 1 / 104	Red Blue Black Late use	06JUL1829 - 26JUL1831 05SEP1831 - 06MAY1834 24JUN1834 - 29OCT1837 22DEC1840
LL90 / SH263	LUDLOW	29	14NOV1837 2 / 81	Black Re-use	27NOV1837 - 28MAR1841 05FEB1845 - 25JUN1846
LL93 / SH264	LUDLOW	24	29MAR1841 4 / 63	Black	31MAR1841 - 31MAR1844
LL95 / SH266	LUDLOW / ✱	24		Black	05APR1844 - 16APR1844
LL97 / SH265	LUDLOW	23	15APR1844 7 / 44	Black	17APR1844 - 02DEC1846
LL99 / SH267	LUDLOW / 5	24½		Black	03DEC1846 - 08DEC1846

Ludlow Penny Post

*Ludlow
Penny Post*

LL290

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
LL100 / SH271	<i>Ludlow / Penny Post</i>	37x13	22AUG1839 4 / 57		Not recorded used

An extensive unofficial Penny Post existed from Ludlow at the end of the 18th and beginning of the 19th centuries serving immediate villages, villages of the Corvedale and those towards Church Stretton and Bishops Castle. An official Penny Post was set up in August 1839 when a mail coach ran between Bewdley, through Cleobury Mortimer to Ludlow. Cleobury Mortimer became the only receiving house in the Ludlow Penny Post. One letter from this arrangement has survived to date: 10 October 1939, from Cleobury to Ludlow with a *Cleobury Penny Post* mark (see page 123).

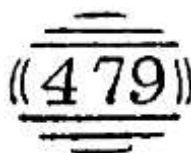
479 - The Number Allocated to Ludlow



LL101



LL104



LL107



LL110



LL113

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
LL101	479 - 1844 type		MAY 1844	Black Blue (2)	20MAY1844 - 18JUL1849 07JUL1846 & 08AUG1848
LL104	479 - 3HOS Larger gap between 4 and 7		13DEC1849 SIB 10 / 55	Black Blue Green Red	24DEC1849 - 08JUN1855 06MAY1851 - 03JUN1852 30JUL1852 08NOV1853
LL107	479 - 3HOS Gap but thin lines		18SEP1855 12 / 246	Black	04OCT1855 - 29JUL1857
LL110	479 - 3HOS		03AUG1857 13 / 293	Black	25AUG1857 - 03OCT1860
LL113	479 - 3VOS		05OCT1872 31 / 202	Black	26JUL1916 on parcel post label + one on undated piece

Sans-Serif Datestamps, Skeletons



LL116



LL119



LL122



LL124



LL126



LL128

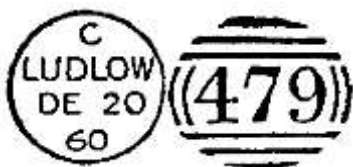


LL130

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
LL116	LUDLOW Codes A B Brev C Crev No code	25½	07DEC1846 SIB 7 / 286	Black Blue	11DEC1846 - 08APR1848 18APR1848 - 21APR1849
LL119 / SH268	LUDLOW / 3			Blue	08APR1849 - 31MAY1849
LL122	LUDLOW	25	01JUN1849	Blue	12JUN1849 - 20NOV1852
Re-cut in SIB	Codes A B C Crev Also used in 8152!!		10 / 4	Green	22JUN1850
LL124 / SH269	LUDLOW	33		Black	02OCT1849 - 10JAN1850
LL126	LUDLOW	24	JAN1853	Blue	10DEC1852 - 26DEC1852
SIB states re-cut	Codes A B C Crev		11 / 128	Blue	14JAN1853 - 25JAN1853
LL128	LUDLOW	25	18SEP1855	Red	27JAN1853 - 08SEP1855
	Codes A B		12 / 246	Red	04OCT1855 - 25DEC1855
LL130	LUDLOW	26	26DEC1855	Red	06JAN1856 - 15JAN1857
Break top right of inner arc	Codes A B Brev C		12 / 285	Blue	30JAN1857 - 15APR1858
				Black	17JUL1857 - 15APR1858

LL119 Skeleton: There are discrepancies in the position of letters, especially the O and W, in a number of examples. In one dated 4 May 1849 the letters U and D of LUDLOW are wider apart than in any other recorded mark.

3CD, 4VOD



LL135



LL137



LL139



LL142



LL144



LL146



LL148



LL150

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
LL135	LUDLOW / 479 Codes A B C D		03AUG1860 SIB 20 / 66	Black	22AUG1860 - 19NOV1865
LL137	LUDLOW / 479 Codes C D		01MAR1866 25 / 73	Black	16MAR1866 - 20DEC1866
LL139	LUDLOW / 479 Codes B C		16FEB1867 26 / 30	Black	01APR1867 - 18JUL1868
LL142	LUDLOW / 479 Codes A B C D E F		14SEP1868 27 / 82	Black	23SEP1868 - 17JUN1872
LL144	LUDLOW / 479 Codes B C E		01MAR1872 31 / 82	Black	04APR1872 - 23AUG1873
LL146	LUDLOW / 479 Codes B C E		11DEC1873 32 / 167	Black	26DEC1873 - 27MAY1874
LL148	LUDLOW / 479 Codes C E Frev Left of oval 'squashed'		21JUL1874 34 / 23	Black	25SEP1874 - 11JUL1876
LL150	LUDLOW / 479 Codes E F		22JUL1876 35 / 85	Black	18SEP1876 - 29JUN1878

3VOD



LL154



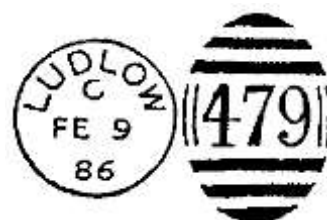
LL156



LL158



LL160



LL162



LL169



LL173



LL177



LL181



LL185

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
LL154	LUDLOW / 479 Codes B E F		14OCT1878 SIB 37 / 86	Black	11NOV1878 - 18NOV1880
LL156	LUDLOW / 479 Codes E F		18DEC1880 40 / 9	Black	06JUN1881 - 25SEP1882
LL158	LUDLOW / 479		29SEP1882 41 / 165		Not recorded used
LL160	LUDLOW / 479 Codes A D E		02FEB1883 41 / 228	Black Late use	22JUN1883 - 30JAN1886 05APR1891
LL162	LUDLOW / 479 Codes A B C D E		10FEB1886 45 / 38	Black	15JUL1886 - 27DEC1892
LL169	LUDLOW / 479 Codes A E F No code		Late use	Black	03JAN1894 - 18JUL1894 16JUL1918 - 09AUG1918
LL173	LUDLOW / 479 Times 9.45AM 8PM 8.15PM 8		Late use	Black	29MAR1895 - 12JUN1896 24DEC1903
LL177	LUDLOW 479 Times 10AM 4PM 8PM 8.15PM			Black	09OCT1896 - 17FEB1902
LL181	LUDLOW / 479 Times PM 4PM 7PM 8PM 8 10			Black	09OCT1901 - 21JUN1904
LL185	LUDLOW / 479 Times 6AM 7.45AM 9.45AM 10AM 11.45AM 12.45PM 1PM 4PM 7PM 7.45PM 8PM .45 6 7.45 9.45 11.45			Black	11JUL1904 - 21NOV1906

Single Circle Datestamps



<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
LL190	LUDLOW Codes A B C	20	05AUG1857 SIB 14a / 3	Black Blue	19AUG1857 - 28AUG1860 20NOV1857 - 28AUG1860
LL192	LUDLOW Codes A B C Crev D	19½	05JUL1858 14a / 274	Black Blue	10JUL1858 - 30JUL1865 29JAN1859 – 17MAY1860
LL194	LUDLOW Codes A B C F	19	26JUL1865 25 / 14	Black	15NOV1865 - 27SEP1872
LL196	LUDLOW Codes A C	19½	14SEP1868 27 / 82	Black	15OCT1868 - 06JUN1872
LL198	LUDLOW Codes A P	20½	16FEB1870 29 / 33	Black	28MAY1872 - 15APR1874
LL200	LUDLOW Code	20	17AUG1874 29 / 148		Not recorded used
LL202	LUDLOW Code	20	20JUL1876 29 / 160		Not recorded used
LL204	LUDLOW Code A	20	02OCT1872 31 / 201	Black	06NOV1872 - 20JUL1874
LL206	LUDLOW Code A	20½	17AUG1874 34 / 37	Black	14NOV1874 - 16FEB1876
LL208	LUDLOW Code A	20	22JUL1876 35 / 85	Black	07AUG1876 - 20SEP1878
LL210	LUDLOW Codes A C	20	14OCT1878 37 / 86	Black	12NOV1878 - 08NOV1880
LL212	LUDLOW Codes A D	20	18DEC1880 40 / 9	Black	30APR1881 - 10AUG1888
LL214	LUDLOW Codes A B C No code	20	29SEP1882 41 / 165	Black	08AUG1883 - 09JUL1908
LL216	LUDLOW Code A	20	09AUG1884 44 / 91	Black	19JUN1885 - 02MAY1890
LL218	LUDLOW Code A	19		Black	28JUN1894 - 11SEP1897
LL220	LUDLOW Times 3AM 5AM 8.45PM	19½		Black	25MAY1895 - 18MAY1901
LL222	LUDLOW Times 5, 5AM ?45PM	20		Black	23MAY1901 - 04FEB1904
LL224	LUDLOW Time 5AM	24		Black	17AUG1904 - 28SEP1904
LL225	LUDLOW Times 7.45 11.45AM	19		Black	21FEB1905 - 29NOV1906

Skeletons, Double Circle Datestamps



LL240



LL243



LL246



LL250



LL253



LL258



LL263

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
LL240	LUDLOW Codes A B C D E F G	29		Black	24NOV1906 - 25DEC1906
LL243	LUDLOW / ✱ Times 9.45AM 7.45PM 8PM	25		Black	26DEC1906 - 15JUN1908
LL246	LUDLOW Times 7.45AM 11.45AM	31		Black	17JUN1908 - 27JUN1908
LL250	LUDLOW / ✱ Times 6 7.45PM	25		Black	17JAN1909 - 25FEB1909
LL253	LUDLOW Times 9AM 11AM 1PM 3.45PM 6PM 7.45PM 8PM	30		Black	03NOV1909 - 07DEC1909
LL258	LUDLOW / ✱ Times 9.45AM 4PM 7PM 7.45PM	26		Black	10FEB1910 - 11JAN1913
LL263	LUDLOW / ✱ Times 9.45AM 8PM	27	02NOV1915 SIB 49 / 459	Black	09APR1916 - 29APR1918

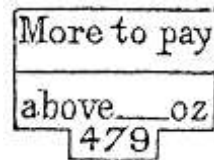
Instructional Marks



LL300



LL302



LL304



LL308



LL310



LL312



LL314



LL316

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
LL300	TOO LATE Combined tracing from the three known examples	26x21		Black	12DEC1821 - 14AUG1822
LL302	Contrary to regulations / 479				On undated postcard
LL304	More to pay / above ___ oz / 479		11JAN1878 SIB 36 / 128		Not recorded used
LL308	1 ^D / TO PAY / 479	22x16		Black	21JAN1921 - 13JUL1939
LL310	1 ^D / TO PAY / 479	20x14	12AUG1918 57 / 144	Black Green	16JAN1920 - 19MAR1953 28MAR1959
LL312	2 ^D / TO PAY / 479	20x14	12AUG1918 57 / 144	Black	21MAR1945 - 06AUG1949
LL314	3 ^D / TO PAY / 479	20x15	12AUG1918 57 / 144		Not recorded used
LL316	4 ^D / TO PAY / 479	22x16	02DEC1920 57 / 358		Not recorded used

Ludlow Grandstand, Rubber Stamps



LL330



LL340



LL345



LL350

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
LL330	LUDLOW / GRAND-STAND		06AUG1887 SIB 29 / 230		Not recorded used
LL340	LUDLOW		30NOV1886 RIB 2 / 34		Not recorded used
LL345	LUDLOW pencil sketch from a poor impression in the RIB and of the example		11DEC1890 RIB 4 / 136	Black	08SEP1903
LL350	LUDLOW / 1 / SHROPSHIRE		07AUG1929 RIB 25 / 87		Not recorded used

LUDLOW GRANDSTAND issued for use at the racecourse; date slugs added as and when needed.



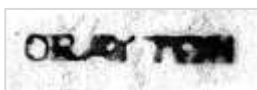
LL160: The earliest known use on a 22 June 1883 cover to Esquimalt, Vancouver's Island, British Columbia, Canada, now the Western Canada base of the Canadian Navy. The General Post Office Notice dated 1 October 1875 (after the GPU Treaty of Berne) stated *United Kingdom to Canada by any route, 2½d post paid, unpaid double*; cover paid by the Queen Victoria 2½d blue, plate 22 (SG157). Probably carried to Esquimalt in a naval bag on the Cunard Line *Aurania*, which left Queenstown at 2.30am on 25 June and arrived New York at 8pm on 7 July 1883. From there by rail to San Francisco as the Northern Pacific Railway via Chicago to Tacoma, Washington had not been completed. From San Francisco the bag went either overland to Tacoma and then ship to Esquimalt, or the whole way by ship to Esquimalt, now a suburb of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

MARKET DRAYTON (MD)

Town Marks, Mileage Mark, Mileage Removed, Undated Circle, Serif Datestamp



MD3



MD6



MD9



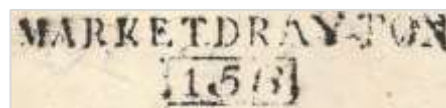
MD11



MD13



MD15



MD17



MD19



MD22



MD24

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
MD3 / SH290	DRAYTON	36x5		Black	14NOV1713
MD6 / SH292	DRAY TON	28x3		Black	28JAN1726
	Gap between Y and T				
MD9 / SH295	DRAY / TON	20x10		Black	18OCT1731 - 08JUN1778
MD11 / SH298	DRAYTON	28x4		Black	14AUG1782 - 17NOV1785
	Non-standard type		Late use	Black	12APR1794 - 17DEC1794
MD13 / SH302	DRAYTON	43x5		Black	24JUN1788 - 10MAR1794
MD15 / SH305	MARKET DRAYTON	34		Black	?1795 - 06SEP1800
					1795 - No day / month
MD17 / SH308	MARKET DRAYTON / 156	56x11		Black	15OCT1801 - 04NOV1808
				Red	22AUG1809 - 24SEP1828
MD19 / SH310	MARKET DRAYTON	56x4		Red	02SEP1829 - 05MAY1838
	Mileage removed				
MD22 / SH313	MARKET-DRAYTON	30		Red	1839 - 20JAN1840
	Not in proof books, thought to be MD24 (below) with date slugs removed				1839 in Shropshire Post Vol37 Page12, no day or month provided
MD24 / SH315	MARKET-DRAYTON	30	06NOV1838	Red	22NOV1838 - 30JAN1841
			SIB 2 / 96	Black	06MAY1841 - 04MAR1854
				Blue	13JAN1847 - 12JAN1852
				Green	02FEB1853 - 17DEC1856

509 - The Number Allocated to Market Drayton



MD27



MD29



MD105



MD107

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
MD27	509 - 1844 type	23x18	May 1844	Black Blue	01JUN1844 - 17DEC1856 26JAN1847 - 12AUG1851
MD29	509 - 3HOS	22x15½	Late use 22DEC1856 SIB 13 / 111	Black Black	10MAY1859 25JUN1857 - 14JUN1866
MD105	509 - 3VOS	27x18	10APR1873 32 / 59	Black	23NOV1880 - 10APR1891
MD107	509 - 3VOS	25x18	04DEC1884 44 / 161		Not recorded used

Sans Serif Datestamp, Small Circle Datestamps



MD31



MD33



MD35



MD36



MD37



MD39



MD41



MD43



MD45



MD47



MD49



MD51



MD81



MD89

Used as a temporary cancellation between MD85 & MD87 and MD87 & MD91 (see last three 3VODs, page 70).

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
MD31	MARKET-DRAYTON Code A	25	22DEC1856 SIB 13 / 111	Blue Black	25JUN1857 01AUG1857 - 27SEP1857

MD33	MARKET DRAYTON Code A	22	09DEC1858 16 / 105	Black Blue	25DEC1858 - 16SEP1870 31DEC1860
MD35	MARKET DRAYTON	23	16FEB1870 29 / 31		Not recorded used
MD36	MARKET DRAYTON Codes A B C	23	06OCT1870 30 / 90	Black	16OCT1870 - 23SEP1873
MD37	MARKET DRAYTON Codes A B C	21	02OCT1873 32 / 138	Black	14OCT1873 - 31AUG1883
MD39	MARKET DRAYTON Code A	20	21DEC1883 42 / 186		01FEB1885
MD41	MARKET DRAYTON Codes B E	19	04DEC1884 44 / 161	Black	04AUG1886 - 15AUG1891
MD43	MARKET DRAYTON Codes A B C	20		Black	24APR1893 - 20MAY1897
MD45	MARKET DRAYTON Code F	20		Black	27JUN1894
MD47	MARKET DRAYTON Codes A B	20		Black	01JUL1895 - 22OCT1906
MD49	MARKET DRAYTON Code A	22		Black	20NOV1895 - 01MAR1896
MD51	MARKET DRAYTON / M.O & S.B Code *	24		Black	26JUN1911 - 01AUG1913
MD81	MARKET DRAYTON Times 6AM 7.15PM 8.45PM	20		Black	14JUN1898 - 17OCT1900
MD89	MARKET DRAYTON Times 6AM 11.30AM 7.15PM 8.30PM 8.45PM	23		Black	29NOV1901 - 07DEC1904

4VOD



MD60



MD64



MD66



MD68



MD70

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
MD60	MARKET DRAYTON / 509 Codes A B	22½+28x20½	05MAR1866 25 / 74	Black	14JUN1866 - 02DEC1876
MD64	MARKET DRAYTON / 509 Codes A B C Crev	20½+33x19	20MAR1877 36 / 1	Black	16APR1877 - 08JAN1881
MD66	MARKET DRAYTON / 509 Codes A B C	20½+31x19		Black	14MAR1881 - 19DEC1881
MD68	MARKET DRAYTON / 509 Codes A C D E	21+31x19		Black	04JUL1887 - 08NOV1889
MD70	MARKET DRAYTON / 509 Codes A B D E	20½+31x19		Black	18SEP1891 - 06MAR1893

3VOD



MD73



MD75



MD77



MD79



MD83



MD85



MD87



MD91

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
MD73	MARKET·DRAYTON / 509 Codes A B C	20½x27x20½	20DEC1882 41 / 211	Black	04MAR1883 - 16JAN1886
MD75	MARKET·DRAYTON / 509 Codes B E	21+28x19		Black	03JUN1890 - 17JUN1891
MD77	MARKET·DRAYTON / 509 Codes E F	20½+25½x19		Black	19JAN1893 - 03OCT1894
MD79	MARKET·DRAYTON / 509 Times 9.45AM 12.15PM 8.30PM 8.45PM	20+28x18		Black	27JUN1895 - 15FEB1899
MD83	MARKET·DRAYTON / 509 Times 8.45PM 12PM	21+28x19		Black	24JUN1899 - 19JUN1901
MD85	MARKET·DRAYTON / 509 Times 9.45AM 12.4PM 8.45PM 9.45PM	21+28x18½		Black	23NOV1901 - 28SEP1903
MD87	MARKET·DRAYTON / 509 Times 9.45AM 12.5PM 3.15PM 4PM 7PM 8.30PM	2+28x18½		Black	24DEC1903 - 06OCT1904
MD91	MARKET·DRAYTON / 509 Times 3.15PM 8.30PM	20+27x19		Black	18JAN1905 - 26JAN1905

Double Circle Datestamps, Skeleton Datestamp



MD94



MD96



MD98

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded Dates</u>
MD94	MARKET DRAYTON / ✱ Times 10AM 12.5PM 7PM 7.15PM 8.30PM 9PM No time	28		Black	11DEC1904 - 26AUG1912
MD96	MARKET DRAYTON Times 9AM 12.15PM 2.30PM 7PM 8PM 9PM No time	31		Black	17NOV1912 - 22JAN1913
MD98	MARKET DRAYTON / ✱ Times 6AM 2.30PM 7PM 9PM No time	27		Black	10JUN1913 - 09SEP1916

The Instructional Marks and Rubber Stamps

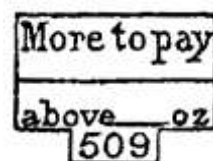
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on a piece sold at Cavendish
Auctions, Sale No 427, Lot 503,
17 June 1989.

MD109

Too Late

MD111



MD113

1^D
509

MD115

2^D
509

MD117

Liabie to Letter Rate / 509

Illustration not available

MD119



MD125



MD129



MD135

MD109 / SH319	<i>Missent to / Mt. Drayton</i>	30x7		Black	09APR1850
MD111 / SH320	<i>Too Late</i>	30x7	01MAY1841 SIB 4 / 70	Black	10FEB1844
MD113	More to pay / above__oz / 509	25x19	14JAN1878 36 / 129		Not recorded used
MD115	1 ^D / 509	18x13	26JUL1911 49 / 239	Black	26AUG1912 - 09SEP1916
MD117	2 ^D / 509	18x16	26JUL1911 49 / 239	Black	24OCT1927
MD119	Liabie to Letter Rate / 509	41x11		Black	06FEB1906
MD125	MARKET DRAYTON		09JUN1887 RIB 2 / 217		Not recorded used
MD129	MARKET DRAYTON		27FEB1890 RIB 3 / 383		Not recorded used
MD135	MARKET / DRAYTON		14FEB1893 RIB 5 / 252		Not recorded used Similar issued 08FEB1902



MD43: Part of a Registered Letter or Parcel from Market Drayton dated 7 April 1897.

Registration fee	2d from 1 January 1878
Postal rate	6d letter rate for over 16oz from 1 July 1885 6d parcel rate for 2lbs to 3lbs from 1 May 1886 - the nature of the paper and heavy letter rate suggests the parcel rate is a possibility.
Total postage	8d paid by two Queen Victoria 4d green and brown, (SG 205)



NP47: Unpaid cover from Newport to San Francisco, California showing the NEWPORT / SALOP datestamp for 10 November 1863, code B. **3/CENTS** at Liverpool to show a debit to Britain for inland carriage from Newport to Liverpool and **24** (cents) to show the postage to be collected in the United States. Closed bag to San Francisco, which became an exchange office (to which mail sent directly for distribution) for receipt of mail only on 1 July 1863.

North German Lloyd (NGL) Line	<i>America</i> , Southampton 11 Nov, New York 23 Nov 1863
Pacific Mail Steamship Co (PMSC)	<i>Ocean Queen</i> , New York 23 Nov 1863 to Colón, Panama.

Overland by rail from Colón to Panama City; the **Panama Canal Railway** runs parallel to the Panama Canal linking the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. The route stretches 47.6 miles (76.6 km) across the Isthmus of Panama from Colón (Atlantic side) to Balboa (Pacific side, near Panama City). Construction on the Panama Railroad began in 1850 and the first revenue train ran over the full length on 28 January 1855.

Pacific Mail Steamship Co *St Louis*, Panama 4 Dec (2am), San Francisco 3am 20 Dec 1863 (from *Alta California* Archive). 20 December 1863 was a Sunday, cover datestamped 21 December 1863 (Monday).

NEWPORT (NP)

Town Marks, Mileage Marks, Mileage Removed

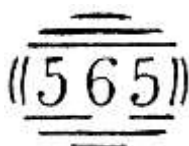


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NP2 / SH338	NEWPORT	28x4		Black	07DEC1725 - 06DEC1745
NP5 / SH346	NEW / PORT SH353 removed from BCC, added to above	24x13		Black	24DEC1764 - 28JUL1787 1788 in BCC not verified
NP8 / SH355	NEWPORT	40x5		Black	05JAN1789 - 17NOV1793 1788 in BCC not verified
NP10 / SH358	NEWPORT Re-use of NP2?	28x4		Black	07JAN1794 - 20JAN1802
NP12 / SH361	NEWPORT-S / 155	36x11		Black	10JUL1804 - 14JUL1810 1802 in BCC not verified
NP14 / SH366	NEWPORT-S / 155	35x12		Black Red	31JAN1811 - 06JUL1812 15OCT1812 - 17NOV1814
NP16 / SH368	NEWPORT 155	26		Black	07FEB1815 - 20FEB1823
NP18 / SH370	NEWPORT-S / 143	21		Black	15MAR1823 - 10MAR1824 26MAY1824 - 04NOV1828 1829 in BCC not verified
NP20 / SH372	NEWPORT-S Mileage removed	21		Black	17MAR1829 - 04MAY1836

565 - The Number Allocated to Newport



NP25



NP27



NP29



NP30

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
NP25	565 - 1844 type		MAY 1844	Black	12JUN1844 - 27MAY1854
NP27	565 - 3HOS Incomplete line below 6 of 565		13NOV1855 SIB 12 / 268	Black	29NOV1855 - 19MAR1863
NP29	565 - 3HOS		07APR1863 21 / 230	Black	06AUG1863 - 15MAY1867
NP30	565 - 4VOS		15OCT1870 30 / 94	Black	28OCT1870 - 25JUL1874

Undated Circle, Skeletons, Serif Datestamps



NP32



NP35

Courtesy, the late Guy Bridges



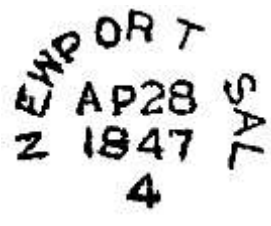
NP37



NP38



NP39



NP40

NP32 / SH374	NEWPORT-SALOP	32	26SEP1836 SIB 2 / 102	Black	28SEP1836 - 19NOV1839
NP35 / SH375	NEWPORT S / +	32		Black	26DEC1839
NP37 / SH376a	NEWPORT-SALOP	33	31DEC1839 4 / 74		Not recorded used
NP38 / SH376	NEWPORT-SALOP	32	28JAN1840 4 / 75	Black Red	02FEB1840 - 27FEB1840 27APR1840 - 23JAN1841
NP39 / SH378	NEWPORT-SALOP	32	11MAY1841 4 / 77	Black Blue	21MAR1841 07JUL1841 - 12NOV1846
SIB - Repaired & Figures, 2 dates added					02DEC1846 - 14APR1847
NP40 / SH377	NEWPORT SAL / 4	32		Blue	19MAR1847 - 28APR1847

Sans-Serif Datestamps, Single Circle Datestamps



NP41



NP42



NP43



NP44



NP45



NP46



NP47



NP49



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NP53



NP55



NP57



NP59



NP61



NP63



NP65



NP69



NP74

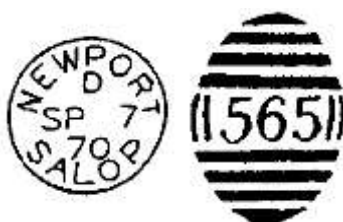
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NP41	NEWPORT - SALOP	25	05MAY1847	Blue	27JUL1847 - 04AUG1857
	Codes A B C Crev		SIB 9 / 34	Green	30NOV1853 - 29SEP1855
NP42	NEWPORT-SALOP	25	23MAY1851	Blue	13JUL1851 - 06DEC1852
	Codes A B C E		10 / 202	Green	26JAN1853 - 08MAR1856
			Late use	Black	18MAR1857 - 21MAR1857
NP43	NEWPORT-SALOP	26	13NOV1855	Green	29NOV1855
	Codes A Binv		12 / 268	Blue	11DEC1856 - 12DEC1856
NP44	NEWPORT-SALOP	25½	30JAN1856	Green	26APR1856 - 18JUL1856
New D in SIB	Codes A Brev C Crev E		12 / 301	Blue/green	15JAN1857 - 24JAN1857
				Blue	12MAR1857 - 02JAN1858
NP45	NEWPORT-SALOP	22	23SEP1857	Blue	16OCT1857 - 06APR1858
	Codes A C Dside		14a / 29	Black	09FEB1858 - 25JAN1859
NP46	NEWPORT-SALOP	25½	13NOV1857	Blue	05JAN1858 - 20MAR1858
	Codes A O?		14a / 76	Black	10MAY1859 - 23AUG1868
NP47	NEWPORT / SALOP	19	14MAY1859	Black	21JUN1859 - 12AUG1865
	Codes A B C		18 / 46		

NP49	NEWPORT / SALOP Codes A B C	19	09APR1866 SIB 25 / 89	Black	25SEP1866 - 18FEB1868
NP51	NEWPORT / SALOP Codes A B	19	02SEP1868 27 / 77	Black	06APR1869 - 18OCT1870
NP53	NEWPORT-SALOP Code P	21	25MAR1870 29 / 81	Black	19DEC1872
NP55	NEWPORT / SALOP Code B	19	15OCT1870 30 / 94	Black	28OCT1870 - 01APR1873
Re-cut in SIB NP57	NEWPORT / SALOP Code A	22	05SEP1873 32 / 130	Black	25JAN1874 - 08MAY1876
NP59	NEWPORT / SALOP Code A	20	17JAN1877 35 / 188	Black	21JUL1891
NP61	NEWPORT / SALOP Codes A B	21		Black	06MAY1880 - 23FEB1894
NP63	NEWPORT / SALOP Codes B C	21		Black	15FEB1886 - 22AUG1892
NP65	NEWPORT (SALOP) / MO & SB Codes A B D No code	24		Black	01APR1895 - 09AUG1920
NP69	NEWPORT / SALOP Codes A B D	20		Black	18JUL1895 - 15MAY1897
NP74	NEWPORT / SALOP Time 2.45AM	19½		Black	04JUL1899 - 12MAR1902

4VOD



NP83



NP85



NP89



NP90



NP92



NP94



NP95



NP96

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
NP83	NEWPORT / SALOP / 565 Codes A B C		12MAR1866 SIB 25 / 77	Black	05APR1866 - 5MAY1870
NP85	NEWPORT / SALOP / 565 Codes A B		07SEP1870 30 / 75	Black	01DEC1870 - 02DEC1870
Re-cut in SIB NP89	NEWPORT / SALOP / 565 Codes A B		13JUN1871 30 / 182	Black	01FEB1872 - 14APR1875

NP90 1 st re-cut of NP89	NEWPORT / SALOP / 565 Codes A B		Black	19JUN1874 - 20APR1877
NP92 2 nd re-cut NP94	NEWPORT / SALOP / 565 Codes A B NEWPORT / SALOP / 565 Codes B C	17JUL1875 SIB 34 / 173	Black	13DEC1877 - 14JAN1879 09FEB1876 - 28DEC1878
NP95 1 st re-cut of NP94	NEWPORT / SALOP / 565 Code C		Black	03OCT1883 - 06FEB1886
NP96 2 nd re-cut	NEWPORT / SALOP / 565 Codes A B C		Black	23JAN1889 - 12JUL1892

The 4-bar duplexes NP89 and NP94 were re-cut, though no skeleton / temporary datestamps have been reported during the re-cutting process. A skeleton stamp has recently been discovered (NP109) between NP108 and NP111, see below.

3VOD, Skeleton



NP99



NP100



NP103



NP105



NP108



NP109



NP111

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
NP99	NEWPORT / SALOP / 565 Code B		25JAN1879 SIB 37 / 126	Black	17FEB1879 - 24SEP1881
NP100	NEWPORT / SALOP / 565 Codes A B			Black	18OCT1881 - 14SEP1886
NP103	NEWPORT / SALOP / 565 Code C			Black	06FEB1888
NP105	NEWPORT / SALOP / 565 Codes A B D		03SEP1887 45 / 338	Black	10NOV1888 - 24DEC1892
NP 108	NEWPORT / SALOP / 565 Codes A D E			Black	08JUL1893 - 26MAR1898

NP109	NEWPORT / SALOP Code A D	32	Black	21APR1898 - 01MAY1898
NP111	NEWPORT / SALOP / 565 Times 5.45AM 10.5AM 10.45AM 12.30PM 8PM 9.45PM		Black	10MAY1898 - 9JUL1903

Single Circle Datestamps, Skeleton, Double Circle Datestamps



NP115



NP120



NP124



NP135



NP139



NP149



NP155



NP158



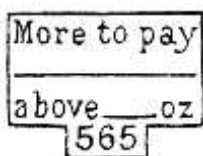
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<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
NP115	NEWPORT / SALOP Times 8PM 9.45PM	23		Black	31JUL1903 - 26AUG1903
NP120	NEWPORT / SALOP Times 8PM 9.45PM	25		Black	22SEP1903 - 19SEP1906
NP124	NEWPORT / SALOP Code C	21		Black	23DEC1884 - 23DEC1904
NP135	NEWPORT / SALOP Times 2.45AM 9.30AM 10.15AM 2.30PM 5.30PM	19½		Black	02DEC1903 - 12MAR1906
NP139	NEWPORT / SALOP Times 10.15AM 12.30PM 2.30PM 8PM 9.45PM	36		Black	14OCT1906 - 14NOV1906
NP149	NEWPORT / SALOP Times 2.45AM 11.15AM 5.30PM 10.30PM	24		Black	07JUL1906 - 11SEP1908
NP155	NEWPORT / SALOP Times 10.15AM 8PM 9.45PM 12.30PM	23		Black	30MAR1907 - 19SEP1910
NP158	NEWPORT / SALOP Time 8PM	24		Black	07JUN1910 - 16DEC1913
NP162	NEWPORT / SALOP Times 10.15AM 2.30PM 8PM 8.45PM	24		Black	19SEP1910 - 21DEC1921

Instructional Marks



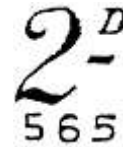
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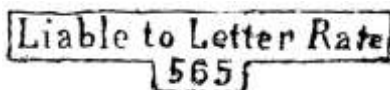
NP206



NP212



NP218



NP225

<u>SPHS No</u> <u>/ BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size</u> <u>(mm)</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
NP200 / SH380	MISSENT / TO / NEWPORT S			Black Red	31OCT1829 - 14SEP1841 17JAN1841
NP206	More to pay / above ___ oz / 565		11JAN1878 SIB36 / 127		Not recorded used
NP212	1 ^D / 565			Black	08MAY1904 – 01FEB1908
NP218	2 ^D / 565			Black	18MAY1921 - 23JUN1925
NP225	Liable to Letter Rate / 565			Black	26JUN1906

Rubber Stamps



NP250



NP255



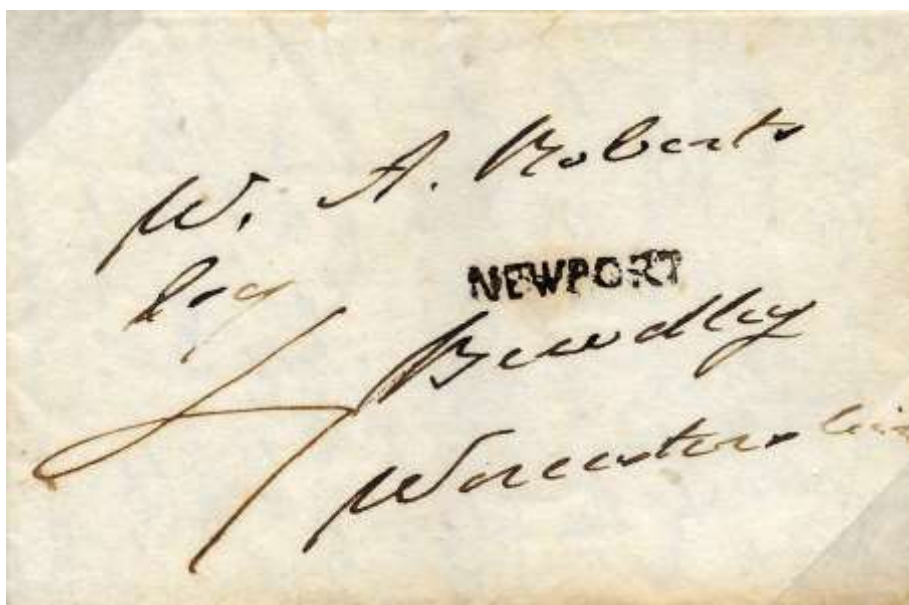
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<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size</u> <u>(mm)</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
NP250	NEWPORT, SALOP		20APR1886 RIB 1 / 115		Not recorded used
NP255	NEWPORT, SALOP		27NOV1890 RIB 4 / 127		Not recorded used
NP260	Sketch of light strike in RIB NEWPORT / SHROPSHIRE			Black	27JUL1906



NP200: Free front (reduced) signed *Mostyn* from St Asaph to Newport dated 3 November 1838, with MISSENT / TO / NEWPORT S handstamp. Forwarded to Newport, Isle of Wight via London.

Baron Mostyn of Mostyn in the County of Flint is a Peerage of the United Kingdom. It was created in 1831 for Sir Edward Pryce Lloyd, who had earlier represented Flint Boroughs and Beaumaris in the House of Commons.



NP10: the possible re-use of **NP2**: From the village of Chetwynd to Bewdley, 15 September 1796, charged 4d for distances above two post stages but not exceeding 80 miles (1784 Act). Chetwynd is a small village on the River Meese, about two miles north of Newport. The writer, Thomas Lloyd, has been in London and Scotland for two months and is apologising for being slow to reply about the conveyance of a land title.



NP27 & NP44: Newport, Salop to Frankfurt am Main, JA 14 1857 (**NP44**, code D). The correct 8d rate paid by two 1d reds and 6d violet embossed (SG 58) cancelled by the 3HOS 565 of Newport (**NP27** - note gap in lower horizontal line, seen in all recorded uses).

Post Office Guide of January 1857 shows mail to Frankfurt as 8d per ¼oz via Belgium, P in circle denotes Paid. The double circle in red reads **AUS ENGLAND PER AACHEN / FRANCO 16 JAN, (train) B**, from England via Aachen. Cover arrived in Frankfurt 17 January 1857.

OSWESTRY (OT)

Town Marks



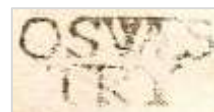
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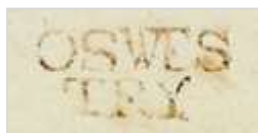
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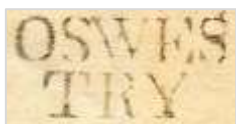
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OT10



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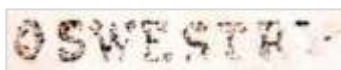
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OT15 (Two examples)



OT17



OT19



OT20



OT23

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
OT2 / SH400	OS·ESTRE	36x5		Black	31JAN1706 - 05JAN1710
A 34x5mm OSWESTRY dated 1708 was reported for the original BCC and subsequently entered into the Midland's edition however, as no original or copy has been seen and its present whereabouts are unknown, it has been removed.					
OT6 / SH404	OSWALD / TRY	24x10		Black	24DECc.1725
OT8 / SH405	OSWES / TRY	27x12		Black	09 MAR1734 - 28DEC1736
c1728 (pencil date) OSWES / TRY was reported in Cavendish Sale No 427, July 1989. It has not been verified.					
OT10 / SH407	OSWES / TRY W formed of crossed Vs	25x11		Black	16NOV1741 - 13DEC1745
OT12 / SH408	OSWES / TRY W with point at centre	25x11		Black	20JUN1746 1749 in BCC not verified
OT14 / SH411	OSWES / TRY	28x13		Black	23NOV1750 - 13NOV1772
OT15 / SH414	OSWES / TRY Larger gap between OSWES & TRY	28x12½		Black	18JAN1774 - 31AUG1779
OT17 / SH417	OSWESTRY	39x4		Black	29OCT1779 - 12DEC1784
OT19 / SH419	OSWESTRY	42x5		Black	16JAN1785
OT20 / SH420	OSWESTRY	44x4		Black	16APR1784 - 04MAR1785
OT23 / SH426	OSWESTRY Often very poor strikes	47x5		Black	29NOV1791 - 9MAY1801 May be two stamps

Mileage Marks



OT24



OT25



OT27



OT29



OT31



OT33



OT35

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
OT24 / SH421	OSWESTRY / 173	39x14		Black	22FEB1787 - 09NOV1790 1786 in BCC not verified
OT25 / SH429	OSWESTRY / 182	35x11		Black	21SEP1801 - 16JAN1809
OT27 / SH431	OSWESTRY / 182	35x11		Black	11FEB1809 - 29JUL1809
				Red	8NOV1809 - 01FEB1812
			Late use	Yellow	21JUN1828 - 25JUN1828
OT29 / SH439	OSWESTRY / 182	31		Red	07MAR1812 - 09NOV1815
OT31 / SH441	OSWESTRY / 182	30		Red	15MAY1815 - 19DEC1822
OT33 / SH443	OSWESTRY / 182	25		Red	17JAN1823 - 26AUG1826
				Blue	26FEB1827 - 18MAY1827
OT35 / SH444	OSWESTRY / 171	25	22MAR1827 SIB 1 / 131	Red	14APR1827 - 17FEB1829

Serif Datestamps, Skeleton



OT37



OT39



OT41



OT42



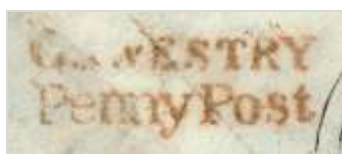
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OT44

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
OT37 / SH445	OSWESTRY	26	23FEB1829 SIB 1 / 131 Re-use	Red Black Black	05APR1829 - 14MAR1834 05DEC1834 - 10JAN1838 08FEB1839 & 30AUG1839
OT39 / SH446	OSWESTRY	32	25JUN1836 2 / 106	Black	20JUL1836 - 28DEC1837
OT41 / SH447	OSWESTRY	28	17JAN1838 2 / 106	Black	31MAR1838 - 02JAN1840
OT42 / SH447a	OSWESTRY	28	22JAN1840 4 / 78	Black Red Black	04FEB1840 - 23MAR1840 21MAY1840 - 09NOV1840 25MAR1841 - 02JUN1844
OT43 / SH449	OSWESTRY	29		Black	8JUN1844 - 22JUN1844
OT44 / SH447	OSWESTRY	28	21JUN1844 7 / 73	Black	28JUN1844 - 21JAN1847
Re-cut in SIB				Blue	02FEB1847 - 21FEB1848

Oswestry Penny Post



OT45



OT47

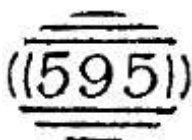
OT45 / SH453	OSWESTRY / Penny Post	37x14	Red	02FEB1813 - 24MAY1826
OT47 / SH455	<i>Oswestry / Py Post</i>	39x11	Red	11APR1828 - 13APR1833
			Black	24OCT1835 - 23NOV1839
			Yellow	23JUN1828

The *fifth clause of the 1801 Act* increased postage rates but allowed the Postmaster General to provide a service to smaller places that were not post towns. An official *Fifth Clause Post* was established between Oswestry and Llanfyllin on 25 October 1810 at 1d a letter but it had no postmark. An official Penny Post was established to Chirk (receiving house No.1, possibly later No.4) in December 1811. The Fifth Clause Post to Llanfyllin (No.2) became a Penny Post in April 1814 with the service unchanged. Between August 1829 and January 1833 receiving houses were established at Llanymynech (now No.1), Llansaintffraid (No.2), Llanfyllin (changed to No.3), Llanyblodwel (No.4), Meifod (No.5) and Llanrhaeadr (No.6). The Penny Post to Whittington from August 1839 was not allocated a number (see page 125).

595 - The number allocated to Oswestry



OT49



OT51



OT53



OT55

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
OT49	595 - 1844 type	23x17	MAY 1844	Black Blue	16MAY1844 - 24SEP1851 28MAR1847
OT51	595 - 3HOS	23x17	6OCT1851 SIB 10 / 275	Black	11JUN1852 - 21SEP1855
OT53	595 - 4VOS	31x20	12MAY1868 27 / 20		Not recorded used
OT55	595 - 4VOS	30x19	19FEB1870 28 / 149	Black	30AUG1871 - 10JAN1873

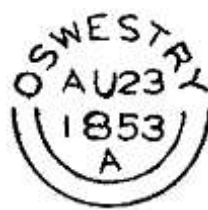
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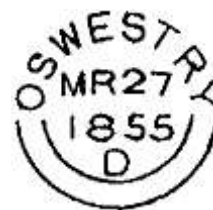
OT59



OT61



OT63



OT65



OT67



OT69



OT71



OT73



OT76



OT78



OT80

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
OT59 / SH451	OSWESTRY / 5	29		Blue	02MAR1848 - 09MAR1848
OT61	OSWESTRY	25	13MAR1848	Blue-	26APR1848 - 29DEC1853
States new in SIB	Codes A B90°left, B90°right, C		SIB 9 / 134	green	
OT63	OSWESTRY	25	23AUG1853	Green	30AUG1853 - 09NOV1854
	Codes A B		11 / 207		
OT65	OSWESTRY	25	27MAR1855	Blue-	04APR1855 - 13MAR1857
	Codes A B C		12 / 176	green	
OT67	OSWESTRY	25	23MAR1857	Blue	06OCT1857 - 03NOV1857
	Code A		13 / 195		
OT69	OSWESTRY	20	11DEC1857	Blue	15SEP1858 - 02FEB1860
	Code A		14a / 98		
OT71	OSWESTRY	25	2JAN1858	Blue	14MAR1858 - 25DEC1858
	Code A		14a / 118		
OT73	OSWESTRY	19	5SEP1860	Black	27SEP1860 - 24JAN1870
	Codes A B C		20 / 76		
OT76	OSWESTRY	20	23MAR1870	Black	25JUL1872 - 19OCT1877
Telegraph stamp	Codes A P No code		29 / 78		
OT78	OSWESTRY	20	29MAR1870	Black	25JUN1870 - 02JAN1873
	Codes A C		30 / 4		
OT80	OSWESTRY	19	28APR1870	Black	14MAR1870
	Code A		30 / 20		

Single Circle Datestamps



<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size</u> <u>(mm)</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
OT83	OSWESTRY Codes A B Brev C D No code	22	14MAY1873 SIB 32 / 78	Black	30MAY1873 - 20JUL1881
OT85	OSWESTRY Codes A B C D	21	22JAN1878 36 / 143	Black	05NOV1879 - 22OCT1883
OT87	OSWESTRY Codes A C	20	07JAN1881 40 / 28	Black	19DEC1881 - 19AUG1884
OT89	OSWESTRY Codes B C	20	20APR1884 44 / 23	Black	19AUG1884 - 13OCT1886
OT91	OSWESTRY Codes A D T	20		Black	05MAR1886 - 25NOV1905
OT92	OSWESTRY Codes A B C	22		Black	Probably two similar stamps 25AUG1888 - 01MAR1892
OT93	OSWESTRY Codes A C D E	20		Black	08JAN1891 - 20JAN1902
OT95	OSWESTRY Codes CF*A, CE*A ID*A, AH*P BI*P, DH*P HF*P	21		Black	08AUG1895 - 01MAY1896
OT97	OSWESTRY Times 3.15AM 3.30AM 4.15AM 2.45PM 8.30PM 10PM	21		Black	13MAY1896 - 05APR1897
OT99	OSWESTRY Codes B D	21		Black	16MAY1900 - 31AUG1901 Not illustrated
OT101	OSWESTRY M.O & S.B. Codes B D *	21		Black	15JUN1897 - 16FEB1908 Maybe two similar stamps
OT103	OSWESTRY Times 4.15AM No code	23		Black	10MAR1900 - 27NOV1910
OT105	OSWESTRY Times 1.30PM 3.15PM 8.30PM	19		Black	10MAY1904 - 3APR1917 On parcel post labels and registered envelopes

Spoon Duplexes, 3CD



<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size</u> <u>(mm)</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
OT112	OSWESTRY / 595 Codes A B Binv C	43x22	8NOV1855 SIB 12 / 265	Black	16NOV1855 - 24JAN1861
OT114	OSWESTRY / 595 Codes A B C	19½+23x20	25JAN1861 20 / 127	Black	04FEB1861 - 03MAR1870
OT116 SIB Re-cut	OSWESTRY / 595	19+22x20	28APR1870 30 / 20		Not recorded used

4VOD



OT118

OT120

OT118	OSWESTRY / 595 Codes B C	20+28x22	29MAR1870 30 / 4	Black Grey-blue	04APR1870 - 12APR1873 14DEC1870
OT120	OSWESTRY / 595 Codes B C D	20½+29x19	11APR1873 32 / 60	Black Late use	14APR1873 - 10SEP1881 04DEC1889

3VOD



OT122



OT124



OT126



OT128



OT130



OT132



OT134



OT135



OT136



OT137

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size</u> <u>(mm)</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
OT122	OSWESTRY / 595 Codes A B C D	20+26x20	22OCT1881 SIB 40 / 171	Black	18NOV1881 - 26NOV1884
OT124	OSWESTRY / 595 Codes B C D	20+28x20	15MAY1884 44 / 42	Black	09AUG1884 - 11OCT1888
OT126	OSWESTRY / 595 Codes B C D	20½+27x19		Black	08SEP1888 - 24FEB1891
OT128	OSWESTRY / 595 Codes B C D F	21+28x19		Black	14MAY1891 - 11NOV1893
OT130	OSWESTRY / 595 Codes CK*A, K*A LK*A, C*P, DH*P, ED*P, G*P, HF*P, KF*P	21+29x19		Black	19JUN1894 - 16NOV1895
OT132	OSWESTRY / 595 Codes N L K	20+28x19½		Black	28DEC1893 - 12DEC1895
OT134	OSWESTRY / 595 Times 7PM 8.30PM	21+28x19		Black	22DEC1895 - 14MAY1896
OT135	OSWESTRY / 595 Times 9.15AM 7PM 8.30PM	21+27x19		Black	08JAN1899 - 04APR1902
OT136	OSWESTRY / 595 Times 11.30AM 2.15PM 6.30PM 8.30PM	19+27x19		Black	12OCT1903 - 22JAN1904
OT137	OSWESTRY / 595 Time 8.30PM	21+29x20		Black	26JAN1904 - 08JAN1906

Double Circle Datestamps



OT140



OT142



OT145



OT147



OT154



OT158



OT163



OT171



OT176



OT188



OT194



OT176



OT200

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OT140	OSWESTRY / ✱ Times 5PM 7PM 8.30PM 8.45PM	26		Black	17AUG1896 - 30NOV1898
OT142	OSWESTRY / ✱ Time 7PM	25		Black	16JUL1899
OT145	OSWESTRY / ✱ Times 10AM 8.30PM	25		Black	16JUN1900 - 27SEP1900
OT147	OSWESTRY / ✱ Times 8.30PM 11.45PM	25		Black	24JUN1901 - 10JAN1902
OT154	OSWESTRY / ✱ Time 8.30PM	24½		Black	03DEC1901 - 04NOV1902
OT158	OSWESTRY / ✱ Times 5.15PM 8.30PM	25		Black	26APR1902 - 02OCT1903
OT163	OSWESTRY / ✱ Times 4.15PM 8.30PM	23		Black	15NOV1903 - 20NOV1903
OT171	OSWESTRY / ✱ Times 10AM 8.30PM	23		Black	11JUN1904 - 19NOV1904
OT176	OSWESTRY / ✱ Times 3AM 5AM 4PM 5.15PM 8.30PM 10PM	23		Black	08APR1905 - 19OCT1905
OT188	OSWESTRY / 1 Times 9.30AM 1.30PM 3PM 5.15PM 8.30PM	25		Black	28OCT1905 - 20MAR1909
OT194	OSWESTRY / 2 Times 11.30AM 12.15PM 4PM 5.15PM 7.45PM 8.30PM 10PM	26		Black	20JUL1906 - 13FEB1908
OT196	OSWESTRY / 2 Times 12.15PM 7.45PM 8.30PM 10PM No time	24		Black	20APR1908 - 28AUG1913
OT200	OSWESTRY / 3 Times 3AM 10AM 11.30AM 7.45PM 8.30PM 11.45PM	25		Black	13FEB1908 - 24AUG1916

Instructional Marks



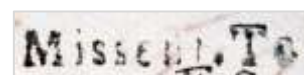
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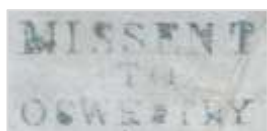
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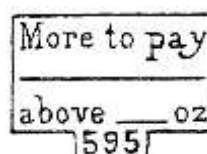
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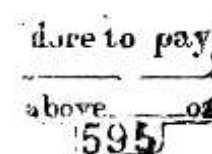
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OT250



OT252



OT253



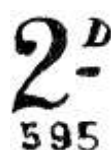
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OT255



OT256



OT258



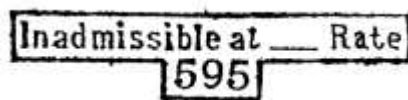
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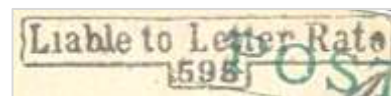
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OT264



OT268



OT269

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
OT240 / SH458	TOO LATE	21		Red	30NOV1820 - 11JUN1823
OT242 / SH459	TOO LATE	20x14		Black	07JAN1837 - 23JUL1839
				Red	04AUG1840
					1834 in BCC not verified
OT244 / SH461	<i>Too Late</i>	30x7	17JUN1841 SIB 5 / 5	Black	25AUG1841 - 21JAN1847
OT246 / SH464	Missent.To	35x4		Blue	09FEB1847 - 07JUL1849
OT248 / SH465	MISSENT / TO / OSWESTRY	30x13		Black	24JUL1844 - 27SEP1844
				Black	27JUN1846
				Blue	12AUG1851 - 05FEB1852
				Green	28FEB1853
OT250	More to Pay	32x4		Black	10FEB1846
OT252	More to pay / above ___oz / 595	26x19	11JAN1878 36 / 125		Not recorded used
OT253	More to pay / above ___oz / 595	27x19		Black	12OCT1922
Larger 595					
OT254 / SH467 & SH468	41	30x10		Red	20APR1843 - 31AUG1843
				Black	4NOV1846
				Blue	18SEP1848 - 08JUN1852
OT255	1/2 / 595			Black	Undated postcard c1915
OT256	1 / 595	17x12		Black	11SEP1903 - 12OCT1922
OT258	2 / 595	17x12		Black	15AUG1928 - 21APR1951
OT260	1 1/2 / TO PAY / 595	21x16	2AUG1918 57 / 145		Not recorded used
OT262	3 / TO PAY / 595	22x15	2AUG1918 57 / 407		Not recorded use
OT264	4 / TO PAY / 595	20x16	6MAY1921 57 / 407		Not recorded used
OT268	Inadmissible at ___ Rate / 595	52x11	23JUN1921 57 / 433	Red	21APR1951
OT269	Liable to Letter Rate / 595	49x9		Black	03SEP1906

Miscellaneous, Registered Datestamps, Rubber Stamps



OT268



OT270



OT272



OT274



OT290



OT295



OT300



OT305

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size</u> <u>(mm)</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
OT268	OSWESTRY / PAID / ½	35		Black	1JAN1906 - 9JAN1906
OT270	OSWESTRY / PAID / 1 ^D	35		Red	31AUG1914
OT272	REGISTERED / OSWESTRY	27½x21		Black	25MAY1903 - 19JUN1907
OT274	REGISTERED / OSWESTRY	27x21		Black	06JUN1917 - 10OCT1933
OT290	OSWESTRY	27	12JUL1886 RIB 1 / 265		Not recorded used
OT295	OSWESTRY	27	19DEC1890 4 / 140		Not recorded used
OT300	OSWESTRY	27	11JUL1892 5 / 88		Not recorded used
OT305	OSWESTRY	27	24MAY1893 15 / 321		16MAY1900 - 1NOV1912 May be more than one stamp



The Allan Line steamer *Nova Scotian* left Liverpool on 4 July, the mail picked up at Moville, the port for Londonderry, where late mails were embarked as the north of Ireland passage was a more convenient summer route to reach the St Lawrence Seaway. The *Nova Scotian* arrived in Quebec on 16 July. Goderich is on the shores of Lake Huron and was once voted Canada's prettiest small town.

OT112: Cover to Goderich, Canada West with the QV 6d lilac, plate 1, SG 68 cancelled by the Oswestry spoon duplex dated 3 July 1860, code B. 6d rate determined by Treasury Warrant (23 March 1854). On the reverse the cover is dated London 4 July 1860, Hamilton 17 July 1860 and Goderich / UC (Upper Canada) 18 July 1860.

SHIFNAL (SN)

Town Marks

The early eighteenth century marks of Shifnal are very difficult to find. The BCC has a record of 27 Aug 1711, originally **SN11 / SH493**. It has been established using transparent overlays that it is identical to **SN3 / SH489** to which it has been added. Two records of **SN19 / SH497** were noted in the 1980s by the late Steph Stobbs in the collection of Ed Druce; they have never been verified but have been included here. One example of **SN27** has been discovered but the earliest and latest dates were also ex-Druce and have not been verified but, again, they have been included. **SN35 / SH512** was removed from the Midland BCC and from this listing; all related items have been added to **SN33 / SH510**. **SN67 / SH530** has also been removed from the BCC due to a misreading of measurements.



SN3



SN7



SN15

Illustration
not available

SN19



SN23



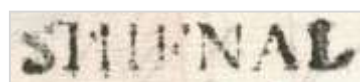
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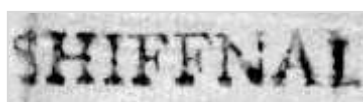
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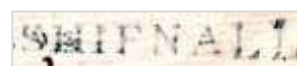
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SN51



SN55



SN59

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SN3 / SH489	SHEFNAL H and E joined	31x4		Black	07AUG1708 - 27AUG1711
SN7 / SH491	SHEFFNALL	34x5		Black	02DEC1710 - 27FEB???? 27FEB no year date
SN15 / SH495	SHEFNALL	36x5		Black	12DEC1719
SN19 / SH497	SHIFFNAL	15x3		Black	14MAY1720 - 26OCT1730 Neither date verified
SN23 / SH499	SHIF / NALL	14x9		Black	14AUG1721 & ???1721 Latter year date only
SN27 / SH504	SHIF / NALL	20x14		Black	07DEC1744 - 10SEP1758 Neither date verified
SN31 / SH508	SHIFF / NALL	21x10		Black	02JAN1762 - 04DEC1775
SN33 / SH510	SHIFFNAL	48x6		Black	28DEC1775 - 16MAR1781
SN37 / SH514	SHIFNAL	41x5		Black	14MAY1781 - 1783
SN39 / SH516	SHIFFNAL	46x6		Black	29MAR1784 - 05NOV1788
SN47 / SH521	SHEFNAL	42x5		Black	29OCT1791 - 30MAR1795
SN51 / SH524	SHIFNALL	31x5		Black	23NOV1795 - 02JAN1797 1800 in BCC not verified
SN55 / SH526	SHIFNALL	44x6		Black	16NOV1797 - 11OCT1798
SN59 / SH527	SHIFNALL	37x3		Black	25JUN1800 - 06JUN1801
			Late use	Black	??DEC1806

Mileage Marks, Mileage Removed, Straight Line Marks



SN61



SN63



SN71



SN74



SN78

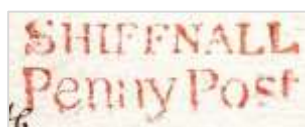


SN82

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SN61 / SH518	137 SHIFF / NAL	32x11		Black	14MAY1785 - 19DEC1785 1784 in BCC not verified
SN63 / SH528	SHIFFNAL / 146	35x10		Black	24JUL1801 - 20JUN1810
Quality of many strikes is poor					
SN71 / SH534	SHIFFNAL / 146	36x11		Red	27JUL1811 - 06NOV1826
				Blue	18AUG1827
SN74 / SH538	SHIFFNAL / 135	25	18NOV1826	Red	1826 (No day / month)
			SIB 1 / 172	Blue	12MAR1827 - 09JAN1830
SN78 / SH540	SHIFFNAL	36x4		Blue	15FEB1830 - 13SEP1830
Mileage removed from SN71. Mostly poor strikes					
SN82 / SH541	SHIFFNAL	34x4		Blue	18OCT1830 - 12APR1832

Shifnal Penny Post

An extensive unofficial Penny Post existed around Shifnal for many years, mostly serving the iron companies of Coalbrookdale, Malinslee and Snedshill. Three larger villages became receiving houses when the Penny Post became official on 6 October 1806, the first to be set up outside the cities. The three receiving houses were at Madeley Wood (allotted No.1, later called Ironbridge), Broseley (No.2) and Wenlock (No.3). The horse post left Shifnal for Madeley Wood from where letters were taken to Coalbrookdale, then made his way across the River Severn, via the iron bridge, to Broseley and Wenlock, paying a toll of 1½d each way, according to the Table of Tolls. Madeley village, distinct from Madeley Wood, was later made a receiving house as was Dawley Green (pages 126 to 132).



SN400



SN401



SN402

The boxed *Shiffnal Penny Post* (SN402) is scarce (9 records) compared to the *Shiffnal Py Post* (150+ records) and was probably kept as a temporary stamp used when the *Shiffnal Py Post* stamp was being cleaned or repaired.

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SN400 / SH550	SHIFFNALL / Penny Post	35x13		Red shades	02NOV1811 - 12OCT1826
SN401 / SH552	<i>Shiffnal / Py Post</i>	38x12		Red	11NOV1826 - 01DEC1839
Red is used early and late, the other colours are grouped				Blue	24JAN1827 - 11NOV1831
				Yellow	25NOV1831 - 09MAY1832
				Black	24MAR1838 - 02MAY1838
SN402 / SH554	<i>Shiffnal / Penny Post</i>	40x13		Blue	16APR1831 - 11NOV1831
				Yellow	22FEB1832 - 22NOV1832
				Red	17APR1833 & One undated

705 - The Number Allocated to Shifnal



SN83



SN84



SN85

SN83	705 - 1844 type		MAY 1844	Black	01AUG1844 - 27SEP1860
				Blue	Undated piece
SN84	705 - 3HOS	23x18	31OCT1860 SIB 20 / 95	Black	02JAN1861 - 26DEC1868
SN85	705 - 4VOS	30x19	05JAN1869 27 / 136	Black	17JAN1869 - 07MAY1871

Serif Datestamps, Skeleton, Small Circle Datestamps



SN86



SN90



SN95

Courtesy, the late Guy Bridges



SN100



SN103



SN107



SN110



SN114



SN117



SN120



SN123



SN127



SN131



SN134



SN137



SN141



SN145



SN148



SN152

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SN86 / SH542	SHIFFNAL	27	19JUN1830	Yellow	20DEC1831 - 14AUG1832
			SIB 1 / 178	Red	08SEP1833 - 07FEB1838
SN90 / SH545	SHIFFNAL	29	15FEB1838	Red	28FEB1838 - 25JAN1841
			2 / 134	Black	01FEB1841 - 27MAR1848
				Blue	11JUN1849 - 08OCT1849
SN95 / SH547	SHIFFNAL / ✱	28		Black	06JAN1843
SN100	SHIFFNAL	25	18APR1848	Black	21APR1848 - 20JAN1849
	Code A		9 / 141	Blue	23JAN1849 - 04SEP1852
				Green	11MAY1853 - 02JUL1853
SN103	SHIFFNAL	25	01MAR1854	Green	05APR1854 - 08JUN1856
	Code A		12 / 30	Blue	22MAY1857
SN107	SHIFFNAL	19½	03OCT1857	Black	25OCT1857 – 13AUG1858
	Codes A D		14a / 42	Grey-blue	17APR1859 - 29JUN1859
SN110	SHIFFNAL	19	19JUL1859	Black	16AUG1859 - 13DEC1865
	Codes A C		18 / 78	Grey-blue	02JAN1861 - 16FEB1861
SN114	SHIFFNAL	20	04JAN1866	Black	22MAY1867 - 29SEP1867
	Codes B C Crev		25 / 55		
SN117	SHIFFNAL	19½	07FEB1866		Not recorded used
			25 / 66		
SN120	SHIFFNAL	20	28JAN1868	Black	04FEB1868 - 17JAN1869
	Codes B C		26 / 138		
SN123	SHIFNAL	20	29JAN1869	Black	26OCT1870 - 09NOV1872
	Codes A B Crev		27 / 149		
SN127	SHIFNAL	22	26JUN1872	Black	24JAN1873 - 04MAR1877
	Code A		31 / 144		
SN131	SHIFNAL	22	13MAR1877	Black	19DEC1877 - 10DEC1881
	Codes A B		35 / 209		
SN134	SHIFNAL	21	04APR1883	Black	26DEC1884 - 02FEB1887
	Code A		42 / 23		
SN137	SHIFNAL	20	09SEP1884	Black	15MAY1888 - 30NOV1888
	Codes B C		44 / 109		
SN141	SHIFNAL	19½		Black	29JUN1893 - 19MAY1919
	Code *				
SN145	SHIFNAL	21		Black	01DEC1895 - 26OCT1900
	Codes A B C D				
SN148	SHIFNAL	20½		Black	04DEC1895
	Code CK*P				
SN152	SHIFNAL	21		Black	25JUL1903 - 13OCT1921
	Times 4AM 2PM				May be two stamps
	3PM 6PM No time				

4VOD



SN184



SN186



SN188



SN190



SN196

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SN184	SHIFNAL / 705 Codes C O		29JAN1869 SIB 27 / 149	Black	06MAY1869 - 18AUG1869
SN186	SHIFNAL / 705 Code C New handle, in SIB		09FEB1870 28 / 146	Black	04APR1870 - 09OCT1871
SN188	SHIFNAL / 705 Codes B C		04NOV1871 31 / 20	Black	07NOV1871 - 25FEB1878
SN190	SHIFNAL / 705 Codes A B		13MAR1877 35 / 209	Black	26MAR1878 - 26DEC1881
SN196	SHIFNAL / 705 Codes A B C D E			Black	16MAY1882 - 16OCT1887

3VOD



SN206



SN210



SN215

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SN206	SHIFNAL / 705 Codes D E			Black	13OCT1887 - 25APR1890
SN210	SHIFNAL / 705 Codes C D E F G			Black	12MAY1891 - 23MAY1894
SN215	SHIFNAL / 705 Codes LC*A, GK*P			Black	16AUG1895 - 03APR1897

Double Circle Datestamps, Skeletons



SN225



SN233



SN237



SN241



SN245



SN250



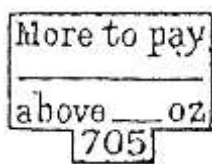
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<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SN225	SHIFNAL / ✱ Times 10.45AM 3PM 6PM 7.45PM 8.30PM	26		Black	07JUL1896 - 31DEC1904
SN233	SHIFNAL Codes B C D I	30		Black	01JAN1905 - 26JAN1905
SN237	SHIFNAL / ✱ Times 9.15AM 10.5AM 10.45AM 2.15PM 6PM 7.30PM 8.30PM	27		Black	06FEB1905 - 07JUL1906
SN241	SHIFNAL / SHROPSHIRE Codes A B C D E F G	30		Black	28JUL1906 - 29AUG1906
SN245	SHIFNAL / ✱ Times 9.15AM 2.15PM 8PM 8.30PM 9.30PM	27		Black	04SEP1906 - 15AUG1911
SN250	SHIFNAL Times 10.30AM 8.30PM	30		Black	05MAR1912 - 07MAR1912
SN254	SHIFNAL / ✱ Times 10.30AM 6PM	26		Black	16JUN1911 - 10SEP1912

Instructional Marks, Rubber Stamps



SN300



SN310

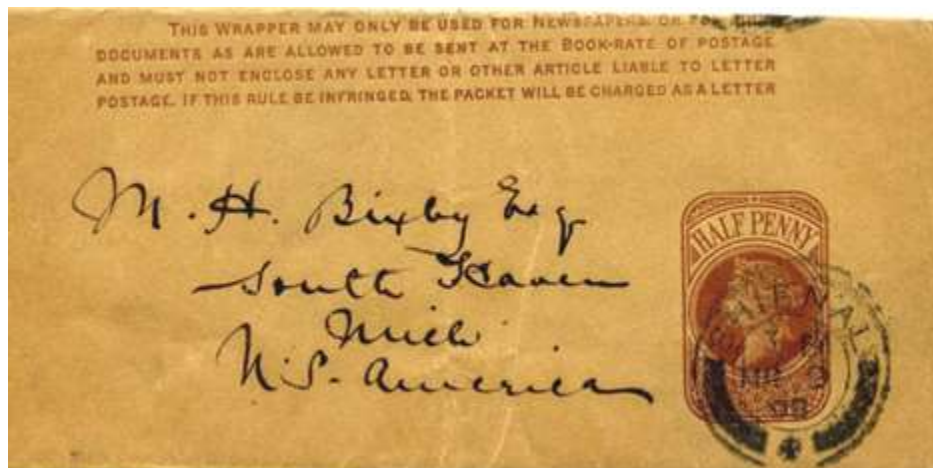


SN322



SN325

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
SN300 / SH 558	MISSSENT to SHIFFNAL Manuscript examples known 3 May & 14 June 1844			Blue Yellow Red Black	29MAY1830 15MAY1832 15OCT1833 - 10JAN1839 24MAY1838
SN310	More to pay / above ___ oz / 705		14JAN1878 SIB 36 / 130		Not recorded used
SN322	SHIFNAL		20APR1886 RIB 1 / 120		Not recorded used
SN325	SHIFNAL		22JAN1902 RIB 11 / 262	Black	05JAN1904 - 09OCT1912 May be two stamps



SN225: ½d newspaper rate for 2oz paid by Post Office wrapper (Huggins WP16) dated 9 March 1898. Arrived South Haven, Michigan USA 21 March 1898.

Carried on Cunard *Campania* arrived New York 19 March 1898.



SN82: 18 October 1830, Shifnal to Shrewsbury, 18 miles. Charged 5d collect, the rate for distances between 15 and 20 miles by Act of 1812. A straight line stamp unusually issued to Shifnal after the mileage removed stamp had become very worn. It was usual for a circular datestamp to be issued rather than another straight line stamp.



SN210: Used to cancel two Queen Victoria 1d lilacs and a QV ½d vermilion on an 1892 cover to Calcutta. In 1896 the addressee, Sir Mortimer Durand, created the Durand Line, now the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan. He had relatives who lived at Ruckley Grange (on reverse of envelope), Tong, near Shifnal. From the Universal Postal Union of April 1879, the rate from the UK to most countries reduced to 2½d per ½oz. Carried on the P&O *Rome* from Brindisi on 7 February, Aden 15 Feb (SEA POST OFFICE / 15 Feb 1892, code B), Bombay 20 Feb, overland to Calcutta.

WELLINGTON (WT)

An unofficial receiving house / post office was operating in Wellington by 1793 and probably earlier. It was served from Shifnal via Haygate on the old Watling Street Road, confirmed by the February 1814 map of the PO District Surveyor.

Town Marks, Mileage Marks, Mileage Removed

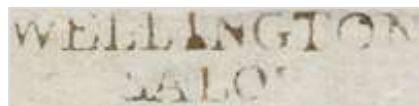


WT2

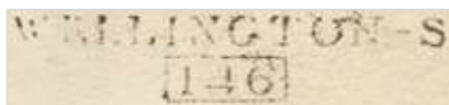


WT4

Courtesy of Jim Ball



WT6



WT8



WT10



WT12



WT14



WT16

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WT2 / SH703	WELLINGTON / SALOP SALOP 29mm x 5mm	52x12		Black	22JAN1794 - 27APR1795
WT4 / SH705	WELLINGTON	54x5		Black	24OCT1796
Illustration scanned from a photocopy. WT2 or WT6 without SALOP? Overlay inconclusive					
WT6 / SH708	WELLINGTON / SALOP SALOP 24mm x 4mm	54x11		Black	03SEP1798 - 16MAY1801
WT8 / SH712	WELLINGTON - S / 146	56x11		Black	25JUN1801 - 15MAY1815
				Red	23JAN1817 - 30JUL1818
WT10 / SH715	WELLINGTON S / 146	56x11		Black	21MAY1819 - 29APR1824
WT12 / SH717	WELLINGTON - S / 146	21		Black	03DEC1824 - 02MAY1827
WT14 / SH721	WELLINGTON / 144	25	25SEP1826 SIB 1 / 200	Black	20APR1827 - 30MAY1828
WT16 / SH727	WELLINGTON / 144 Mileage removed, traces of 144 remain	25		Black	04MAR1829 - 27JUL1838

Illustration of WT4 courtesy of Jim Ball and WT20 (below) courtesy of Jim Hammond.

Serif Datestamps, Skeleton



WT18



WT20

Courtesy of Jim Hammond



WT22

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WT18 / SH729	WELLINGTON - SALOP	29	08SEP1838 2 / 161	Black Red	04OCT1838 - 13APR1840 22JUN1840 - 19JAN1841
WT20 / SH730	WELLINGTON / ✱ Very light strike	31		Black Black	18FEB1841 - 04MAR1841 06MAY1841
WT22 / SH730a	WELLINGTON - SALOP	29	Not found in SIB	Black Blue	01JUL1841 - 02JAN1849 06MAR1849 - 31MAY1849

859 - The Number Allocated to Wellington



WT24



WT26



WT28



WT30



WT32



WT34



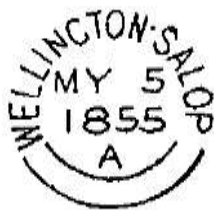
WT36

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WT24	859 - 1844 type	23x19	MAY 1844	Black Blue	21MAY1844 - 03SEP1857 10OCT1850 - 25JAN1851
WT26	859 - 3HOS	21x18	30OCT1857 SIB 14a / 66	Black	20NOV1857 - 07DEC1859
WT28	859 - 3HOS	22x17	27DEC1859 18 / 155	Black	23MAR1860 - 15MAY1861
WT30	859 - 3HOS	21x17	22MAY1861 21 / 5	Black	11JUL1861 - 27AUG1863
WT32	859 - 3HOS	23x17	Late use 02JUL1862 21 / 151	Black Black	18FEB1869 & 16SEP1869 25APR1863 - 25FEB1868
WT34	859 - 3VOS	26x17	25JUL1876 35 / 86	Black	04AUG1890
WT36	859 - 3VOS	25x18	29APR1880 38 / 120	Black	31AUG1905

Sans-Serif Datestamps



WT38



WT40



WT42

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size</u> <u>(mm)</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WT38	WELLINGTON-SALOP Codes A B C Crev O?	25	13JUN1849 SIB 10 / 14	Blue Black Green	13AUG1849 - 17DEC1852 18JAN1853 - 28AUG1854 31MAY1853 - 15SEP1855
WT40	WELLINGTON-SALOP Codes A C	26	05MAY1855 12 / 194	Green Blue	15JUL1855 - 30APR1857 03JUN1858 - 02MAY1860
WT42	WELLINGTON / SALOP Codes A C	23	29APR1857 13 / 225	Black	10JUN1857 - 03AUG1857

Small Circle Datestamps



WT44



WT46



WT48



WT50



WT52



WT54



WT56



WT58



WT60



WT62



WT63



WT64



WT66



WT68



WT70



WT72



WT74



WT76



WT78



WT80



WT82



WT84



WT86



WT88



WT91



WT94



WT97

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WT44	WELLINGTON-SALOP Codes A C	20	18AUG1857 SIB 14a / 9	Black	04JAN1858 - 23JUN1858
WT46	WELLINGTON SALOP Codes A B C O	21½	17MAR1859 18 / 3	Black Blue	29MAR1859 - 04JAN1862 27JUN1859 - 19MAY1860
WT48	WELLINGTON-SALOP Codes A B C	20	18MAY1861 21 / 3	Black	01AUG1861 - 13OCT1861
WT50	WELLINGTON / SALOP Codes A B	22½	27FEB1862 21 / 100	Black	22MAR1862 - 19JUL1864
WT52	WELLINGTON-SALOP Code	20	04JUN1862 21 / 140		Not recorded used
WT54	WELLINGTON SALOP Code	22	02JUL1862 21 / 151		Not recorded used
WT56	WELLINGTON / SALOP Codes A D	22	24FEB1864 23 / 39	Black	05JUL1864 - 11JUN1865
WT58	WELLINGTON / SALOP Codes A C	22	22AUG1865 25 / 20	Black	31OCT1865 - 13AUG1866
WT60	WELLINGTON / SALOP Codes A D	22	23DEC1866 26 / 14	Black	15JAN1867 - 05SEP1867
WT62	WELLINGTON / SALOP Codes A C	22	15OCT1867 26 / 106	Black	01DEC1867 - 24NOV1868
WT63	WELLINGTON / SALOP Code	21	13DEC1869 28 / 119		Not recorded used
Re-cut WT64	WELLINGTON / SALOP Code	22	06APR1870 29 / 105		Not recorded used
WT66	WELLINGTON / SALOP Code	21	04JUL1870 29 / 194		Not recorded used
WT68	WELLINGTON / SALOP Code C	22	05JAN1872 31 / 55	Black	10AUG1872 - 23DEC1872
WT70	WELLINGTON / SALOP Codes A C O?	22		Black	13JAN1873 - 08JUL1874
WT72	WELLINGTON · SALOP Codes A C D	22	10DEC1874 34 / 86	Black	29APR1875 - 20NOV1881
WT74	WELLINGTON / SALOP Code A	23	31JUL1876 35 / 87	Black	06OCT1878
WT76	WELLINGTON / SALOP Code A	21	29APR1880 38 / 119	Black	14JUL1880
WT78	WELLINGTON / SALOP Code A	22	07JUL1881 40 / 126	Black	21JUL1881 – 14JAN1888
WT80	WELLINGTON / SALOP Code C	23	09JUN1884 44 / 54	Black	10MAY1886
WT82	WELLINGTON / SALOP Codes A D	23½	09JUN1884 44 / 54	Black	06JAN1887 – 08FEB1892
WT84	WELLINGTON / SALOP Codes F H	22½		Black	24MAY1893 - 10AUG1894

WT86	WELLINGTON / SALOP Codes E*A, M*P	23	Black	11AUG1895 - 05AUG1896
WT88	WELLINGTON / SALOP Codes A B D E F T No code	23	Black	02MAY1896 - 15AUG1910
WT91	WELLINGTON / SALOP Times 5AM 12.30PM 6PM 12PM	22	Black	15MAY1900 - 10AUG1901
WT94	WELLINGTON / SALOP Times 5AM 7AM 9.30AM 12.15PM 12.30PM	22	Black	25FEB1902 - 23DEC1903
WT97	WELLINGTON / SALOP Times 5AM 5PM 8.30PM 9.30PM 8.15 No time	23	Black	15AUG1912 - 8JUL1921 Possibly two stamps

Sideways Duplexes 3CD



WT100



WT102



WT104

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WT100	WELLINGTON / SALOP / 859 Codes A C Cinv D		29APR1857 SIB 13 / 225	Black	07MAY1857 - 25JUL1862
WT102	WELLINGTON / SALOP / 859 Codes A B C D		11AUG1862 21 / 159	Black	05SEP1862 - 19MAY1865
WT104	WELLINGTON / SALOP / 859 Code D		22AUG1865 25 / 20	Black	10JUL1867 - 23NOV1870

4VOD



WT106



WT107



WT108

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WT106	WELLINGTON-SALOP / 859 Codes B C D		26JUN1865 SIB 25 / 5	Black	27JUN1865 - 01DEC1866
WT107	WELLINGTON-SALOP / 859 Codes C D		23DEC1866 26 / 14	Black	11JAN1867 - 09MAR1867
WT108	WELLINGTON-SALOP / 859 Codes B D		15OCT1867 26 / 106	Black	09NOV1867 - 22NOV1868

It is presumed **WT107** and **WT108** are new stamps. There is no statement in the proof books as to whether they are re-cuts of **WT106**.

4VOD (Continued)



WT110



WT110a



WT110b



WT110c



WT110d

<u>SPHS</u> <u>No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size</u> <u>(mm)</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WT110	WELLINGTON-SALOP / 859 Codes C D		10DEC1868 SIB 27 / 122	Black	21DEC1868 - 16SEP1869
WT110a	WELLINGTON-SALOP / 859 Code D		16OCT1869 28 / 101	Black	19OCT1869 - 06JAN1870
WT110b	WELLINGTON-SALOP / 859 Code D		19JAN1870 28 / 141	Black	25JAN1870 - 25APR1870
WT110c	WELLINGTON-SALOP / 859 Code D		07MAY1870 30 / 25	Black	27MAY1870 - 20JUL1870
WT110d	WELLINGTON-SALOP / 859 Code D		26JUL1870 30 / 59	Black	28JUL1870 - 24OCT1870

Entries in the proof books suggest that the five duplexes above may have started out as the same stamp (**WT110**). Entries for **WT110a**, **WT110b** and **WT110c** have 'new handle' next to them and **WT110d** has what may be 'new handle' but it is unclear. Was **WT110** sent for a new handle, which broke several times? It also begs the question as to what was used to cancel the postage stamps while the hammer was being repaired, there is nothing obvious. One possibility is **WT30** used on 16SEP1869, the last recorded use of **WT110**. The duplexes are similar but there are small differences, it is possible the stamps were re-cut when the handles were repaired / replaced.



WT112



WT113



WT114



WT116



WT118



WT122

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WT112	WELLINGTON-SALOP / 859 Codes B C D		24NOV1870 SIB 30 / 109	Black	29NOV1870 - 25JUN1873
WT113	WELLINGTON-SALOP / 859 Code D			Black	15MAY1873 - 07JUL1873
WT114	WELLINGTON-SALOP / 859 Codes B C D		25JUL1873 32 / 109	Black	26JUL1873 - 21JUN1875
WT116	WELLINGTON / SALOP / 859 Code D		28JUN1875 34 / 166	Black	08JUL1875 - 06NOV1876
WT118	WELLINGTON / SALOP / 859 Codes B C (or G) D		31JUL1876 35 / 87	Black	02AUG1876 - 05AUG1878
WT122	WELLINGTON / SALOP / 859 Codes H & Indecipherable			Black	26NOV1879 - 27APR1880

3VOD



WT128



WT130



WT132



WT134



WT136



WT138



WT140



WT145



WT148



WT151



WT154



WT155

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WT128	WELLINGTON / SALOP / 859 Codes G H		17AUG1878 SIB37 / 64	Black	11NOV1878 - 26DEC1878

WT130	WELLINGTON / SALOP / 859 Codes B G H	25FEB1879 37 / 135	Black	31MAR1879 - 24JUL1879
WT132	WELLINGTON / SALOP / 859 Codes B F H	29APR1880 38 / 119	Black	03MAY1880 - 18SEP1882
WT134	WELLINGTON / SALOP / 859 Codes B E F	23AUG1883 42 / 109	Black	20OCT1883 - 1MAY1887
WT136	WELLINGTON / SALOP / 859 Codes B D E	09JUN1884 44 / 54	Black	01JUL1884 - 06AUG1886
WT138	WELLINGTON / SALOP / 859 Codes B E F Fside	27APR1887 45 / 282	Black	07MAY1887 - 26MAY1891
WT140	WELLINGTON / SALOP / 859 Codes F G H I K L No code		Black	12OCT1891 - 21OCT1893
WT145	WELLINGTON / SALOP / 859 Codes C E K O		Black	03JAN1894 - 05NOV1895
WT148	WELLINGTON / SALOP / 859 Codes D E F H I K M N O P		Black	21DEC1895 - 13APR1899
WT151	WELLINGTON / SALOP / 859 Codes E H K M O P R		Black	16SEP1899 - 08NOV1901
WT154	WELLINGTON / SALOP / 859 Times 2AM 9.30AM 10AM 10.15AM 11.30AM 12.30PM 1PM 1.15PM 2PM 4.45PM 5PM 6PM 6.15PM 6.30PM 8PM 9PM 9.30PM 9.45PM 10PM		Black	02JAN1902 - 24OCT1904
WT155	WELLINGTON / SALOP / 859 Times 10.5AM 10.15AM 4.45*P 4.45PM 6PM 6.30PM 8PM 9.30*P 9.30PM 10PM		Black	16DEC1904 - 08NOV1905

Small Circle Datestamps, Skeletons, Double Circle Datestamps



WT156



WT157



WT158



WT163



WT166



WT169



WT172



WT175



WT178



WT181



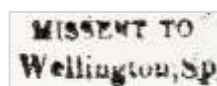
WT184



WT187

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WT156	WELLINGTON / SALOP Times 9.30AM 10.30AM	22		Black	22FEB1902 - 24FEB1902
WT157	WELLINGTON / SALOP Code G	21		Black	18NOV1904 - 23DEC1905
WT158	WELLINGTON / SALOP Times 5AM 6PM 12*P 8*P 9.30*P 12.15PM 5PM 8PM 9.30PM 10.30PM	24		Black	12NOV1904 - 12SEP1905
WT163	WELLINGTON / SALOP Times 4PM 8P 9.30PM	26		Black	02JAN1905 - 20NOV1906
WT166	WELLINGTON / SALOP Times 9.30AM 4P 8P 9.30	23		Black	31JAN1907 - 21AUG1907
WT169	WELLINGTON / SALOP Times 4.45PM 6PM 8PM 9.30PM	25½		Black	29MAR1907 - 20AUG1907
WT172	WELLINGTON / SALOP Times 9.30AM 10.15AM 11.30AM 12.30PM 1.15PM 2PM 4PM 6PM 6.30PM 7.30PM 8PM 9.30PM	36		Black	15SEP1907 - 14OCT1907
WT175	WELLINGTON / SALOP Times 6PM 9.30PM 10.3PM	25		Black	03MAY1908 - 24AUG1908
WT178	WELLINGTON / SALOP Times 4AM 9.30AM 10.15AM 12.30PM 1.15PM 2.15PM 4.45PM 8PM 9.30PM	31		Black	17APR1909 - 18MAY1909
WT181	WELLINGTON / SALOP Times 4.45PM 8PM 9.30PM 10PM	25		Black	16JUL1909 - 03SEP1911
WT184	WELLINGTON / SALOP Times 8 3AM 9.45AM 11.15AM 12.15PM 6PM 8.30PM 9.30PM	23		Black	10AUG1908 - 10AUG1917
WT187	WELLINGTON-SALOP / 1 Times 3AM 8PM 9.30PM No time	24	22DEC1909 49 / 156	Black	23DEC1910 - 11DEC1911

Instructional Stamps



WT204



WT207



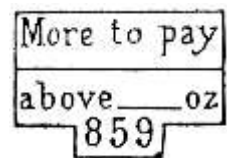
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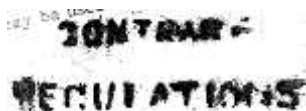
WT211



WT212



WT214



WT216



WT217



WT219



WT222

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WT204 / SH733	MISSENT TO / Wellington,Sp	26 x 8		Black	22AUG1842
WT207	1 ^D / TO PAY			Black	09FEB1905 - 29JUN1906
WT210 / SH732	2	17 x 11		Black	23AUG1843 - 17NOV1846
			Re-use	Black	05MAY1870 - 05APR1871
WT211	2	16 x 10		Black	22JUL1844
WT212	2	16 x 11		Black	04FEB1845
WT214	More to pay / above oz / 859		15JAN1878 SIB 36 / 134		Not recorded used - also issued 9APR1908 (49 / 2)
WT216	CONTRARY (TO?) REGULATIONS			Black	09FEB1905
WT217	Liable to Letter Rate / 859			Black	21SEP1908 & 20OCT1908 Two records
WT219	1 ^D / 859		16APR1908 49 / 3	Black	29JUL1908 - 19MAY1932
WT222	2 ^D / 859		16APR1908 49 / 3	Black	24JUN1908 - 24DEC1946

Rubber Stamps



WT240



WT244

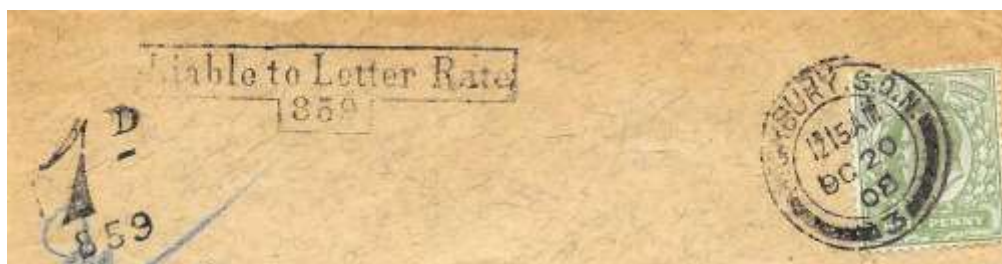


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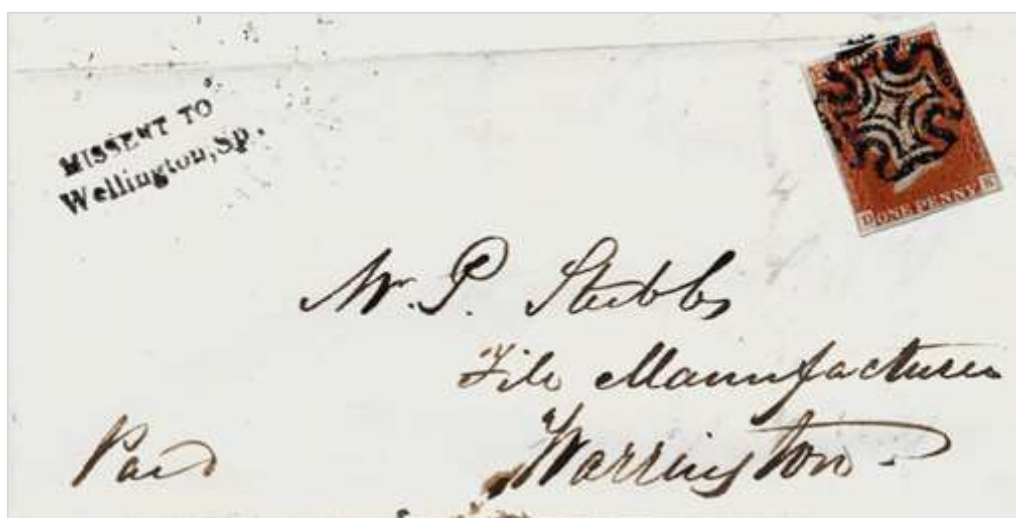


WT249

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WT240	WELLINGTON, SALOP		20APR1886 RIB 1 / 124		Not recorded used. Also issued 17NOV1887 (RIB 2 / 221) & 10JUL1890 (4 / 244)
WT244	WELLINGTON, SALOP		02MAY1890 RIB 4 / 34		Not recorded used. Also issued 10JUL1890 and 10OCT1891 (RIB 4 / 244)
WT247	WELLINGTON / SALOP		20DEC1894 RIB 6 / 340		Not recorded used
WT249.	WELLINGTON / SALOP.		23APR1901 RIB 11 / 168	Black	28JUL1901 - 15AUG1910



WT217 & WT219: One of two records of **WT217** and an early record of **WT219** on a piece



WT204: The cover entered the mails at Worcester on 20 August 1842 addressed to Warrington, which was misread as Wellington, arriving there on 22 August. It was stamped Missent and forwarded to Warrington, arriving on 23 August. The Missent stamp appears to be a non-standard form of lettering, with the **Sp**, presumably short for Salop. Was it locally made? It is the only known example but why is it so rare?



WT16: Entire letter from Coventry dated 29 July 1837 and charged 1/8d, double the 10d rate for distances between 120 and 170 miles by Act of 1812 (52GEOIII CAP88). Addressed to Messrs. Fox Brothers, Wellington Somersetshire, it was 'Missent to WELLINGTON Salop' using the mileage removed stamp. Much of the mail meant for Fox Bros, Somerset went in error to Wellington, Shropshire with the post office clerks producing a variety of ways of explaining the error but no Missent stamp has been found on Fox Bros missent mail!

WEM (WM) - a sub-office of Shrewsbury

Town Mark, Mileage Mark, Mileage Removed, Undated Circle



WM2



WM4



WM6



WM8

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WM2 / SH735	WEM	18x4		Black	29APR1811 - 19MAR1812
WM4 / SH737	WEM / 163	25		Red, 1 Albino	28MAR1814 - 10JAN1825
				Red shades	15FEB1825 - 11JAN1828
				Albino	31DEC1828
WM6 / SH739	WEM	25		Red shades	10FEB1829 - 22OCT1833
	Mileage removed			Albino	11JAN1834 - 16JUN1834
WM8 / SH741	WEM	23	09AUG1836 SIB 2 / 157	Red shades	23JAN1837 - 30SEP1837
				Black	26DEC1837 - 13FEB1849
				Blue	31JAN1843

711 - The Number Allocated to Wem



WM10



WM11

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WM10	711 - 1844 type	19x18	MAY 1844	Black	08JUN1844 - 12MAY1856
	Said to exist in blue			Green	1849 (Not verified)
			Late use	Black	01OCT1862
WM11	711 - 3VOS			Black	12NOV1897

Sans-Serif Datestamp, Small Circle Datestamps, Rubber Stamp



WM12



WM14



WM16



WM18



WM20



WM22



WM24



WM26

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WM12	WEM Codes B Brev	25	20FEB1849 SIB 9 / 222	Blue Black Green shades	19MAR1849 - 13NOV1860 09SEP1850 - 06DEC1861 19JUN1850 - 14MAR1857
WM14	WEM Code C	20	17JAN1862 21 / 87	Black	02SEP1862 - 06FEB1863
WM16	WEM Codes B No code	25	Temporary re- use of WM12	Black	03MAY1863 - 08MAY1863
WM18	WEM Codes A C	20	09JUN1863 21 / 254	Black	22JUN1863 - 16JAN1875
WM20	WEM Codes A Ainv C Crev Brev J (J on mail via Crewe Station)	21	18JAN1875 34 / 103	Black	30JAN1875 - 02DEC1877 Seen without date slugs on Parcel Post label
WM22	WEM Codes A C Crev J	21	19MAR1878 37 / 9	Black	01JUL1878 - 05JUL1884
WM24	WEM Codes A No code	21	05SEP1887 45 / 339	Black	30MAY1891 - 06JAN1922
WM26	WEM / SHREWSBURY	26	17SEP1904 RIB 12 / 362	Black	26DEC1906

Squared Circle, 3VOD, Skeletons, Double Circle Datestamps



WM28



WM30



WM32



WM34



WM36



WM38



WM40



WM42



WM44



WM46

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WM28	WEM Codes A Ainv B C D No code	21x21	19FEB1881 SIB 40 / 47	Black	09MAR1881 - 03AUG1893
WM30	WEM / 711 Codes A Ainv B Brev E		14SEP1882 41 / 158	Black	03OCT1882 - 11JUL1884
WM32	WEM Code C	29		Black	2?NOV1890
WM34	WEM / 711 Codes D E & Times 9.45AM 11.30AM 5.5PM 6.45PM 7.45PM 9.45PM			Black	16OCT1894 - 03AUG1904 Uses letter code and time code, which is unusual
WM36	WEM / SHREWSBURY Codes A B C D Drev E F	29		Black	05AUG1904 - 21SEP1904
WM38	WEM / 711 Times 5.30AM 9.30AM 9.45AM 11.30AM 3.45PM 5PM 6.45PM 7.45PM 9.45PM			Black	10OCT1904 - 24DEC1907
WM40	WEM Codes A D E F	29		Black	17JAN1908 - 14FEB1908
WM42	WEM / SHREWSBURY Times 11.30AM 5PM 6PM 6.45PM 7.45PM 9PM	26		Black	29MAY1908 - 01MAY1910
WM44	WEM / SHREWSBURY Times 11.30AM 6.45PM 7.45PM 9.45PM	32		Black	23MAY1910 - 19JUN1910
WM46	WEM / SHREWSBURY Times 9.30AM 11.30AM 6PM 6.45PM 7.45PM 8PM 9.45PM 10PM	26		Black	12AUG1910 - 15MAY1915



WM18: WEM datestamp is on the reverse as it was a sub-office of Shrewsbury. The back flap of the cover has an embossed advertisement for the same company. In trade directories for Shropshire two entries in the Wem sections are shown for Puleston; Elias Puleston & Co., described as a grocer and tea dealer of High Street and Crown Street (but not Mill Street, note) and Elias Puleston as maltster in first Noble Street, and later High Street (Kelly's Directory 1885)

WHITCHURCH (WC)

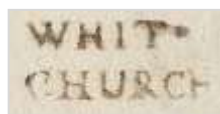
Early Marks, Mileage Stamp and Undated Circle. WC8 is a new mark, WC9 was WC8



WC2



WC4



WC6



WC8



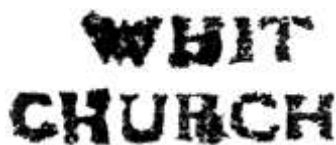
WC9



WC10



WC12



WC14



WC16



WC18



WC20

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WC2 / SH748	W-CHURCH CH not visible on 1719 entire (see above)	40x5		Black	03MAR1707 – 13MAY1719
WC4 / SH750	WHIT / CHURCH X Cross Post	34x11		Black	13OCT1713 – 24NOV1714
WC6 / SH751	WHIT- / CHURCH	24x10		Black	19JAN1721 – 10SEP1726 1730 in BCC not verified
WC8 / SH755	WHIT / CHURCH W over H of CHURCH	31x11		Black	10FEB1749 – 12MAR1749 1746 in BCC not verified
WC9 / SH758	WHIT / CHURCH W over CH of CHURCH	32x11		Black	15MAY1749 – 02MAR1768
WC10 / SH768	WHITCHURCH The WHITCHURCH 'Arc'	39		Black	28MAR1769 – 16FEB1783
WC12 / SH771	WHIT / CHURCH.S .S of WC12 not struck?	50x16		Black	03SEP1785 – 30JUL1792
WC14 / SH773	WHIT / CHURCH Two records only	41x16		Black	20OCT1789 – 26JAN1790
WC16 / SH776	WHITCHURCH-S. Dot after letter S	37		Black	17SEP1794 – 26NOV1800
WC18 / SH780	WHITCHURCH-S / 185	55x11		Black	21SEP1801 – 25OCT1827
WC20 / SH783	WHITCHURCH-S	24	29OCT1827 SIB 1 / 202	Black	10DEC1827 – 19DEC1839

Whitchurch Penny Post



WC22

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WC22 / SH790	Whitchurch.S. / Penny Post	50x11		Black	09APR1829 - 27MAY1836

An account of letters from Malpas in December 1828 showed that a Penny Post would bring a profit of £24 a year. In early 1829 the Post Office Surveyor established a foot messenger from Whitchurch and appointed a receiver at Malpas (Cheshire) at a salary of £6 a year plus £6 for delivering the letters. Malpas was also made a receiving house in the Chester Penny Post. On 30 November 1835 a similar arrangement was approved for Handley (seven miles beyond Malpas towards Chester) with the receiving house established on 6 January 1836 but the receiver was paid only £4 for the 'distinct service of delivering the letters'.

Uniform Fourpenny Post Mark, Skeleton, Serif Datestamp, Sans-Serif Datestamps

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WC24



WC26



WC28



WC30



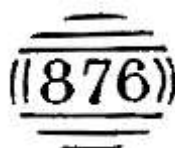
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<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WC24 / SH792	4 Manuscript 4 in red recorded on 17DEC1839	10x9		Black	09DEC1839 - 30DEC1839
WC26 / SH785	WHITCHURCH SALOP / +	31		Black	20JAN1840 - 22JAN1840
WC28 / SH786	WHITCHURCH-SALOP	29	23JAN1840 SIB 4 / 108	Black Red Green Blue	24JAN1840 - 21JAN1849 22MAY1840 - 02JUN1840 19DEC1848 26FEB1849 - 26OCT1850
WC30	WHITCHURCH-SALOP Codes A B C Crev	25	26DEC1850 10 / 129	Black Blue Green	05JAN1851 - 26MAY1851 15MAR1851 & 15OCT1852 02FEB1851 - 11JUL1856
WC32	WHITCHURCH-SALOP Code C	26	14OCT1856 13 / 82	Green Grey	23OCT1856 - 01APR1857 22MAY1858

876 - The Number Allocated to Whitchurch



WC34



WC36

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WC34	876 - 1844 type	24x19	MAY 1844	Black Blue	06MAY1844 - 11JUL1856 25SEP1846 & OCT1850
WC36	876 - 3HOS	21x18	14OCT1856 SIB 13 / 83	Black Greenish?	28OCT1856 - 13DEC1860 21NOV1856

Small Circle Datestamps



WC38



WC39



WC40



WC42



WC44



WC46



WC48



WC50



WC52



WC56



WC58



WC60

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WC38	WHITCHURCH / SALOP Codes A B C	22	10SEP1858 SIB 16 / 33	Blue Black	25OCT1858 - 31DEC1858 21MAR1859 - 19JUL1864
WC39	WHITCHURCH / SALOP Codes 1 2 A	22		Black Late use	02JAN1866 - 22NOV1871 03SEP1875
WC40	WHITCHURCH / SALOP Code	22	02APR1870 29 / 101		Not recorded used
WC42	WHITCHURCH / SALOP Codes A B	24	04SEP1875 34 / 193	Black	22OCT1875 - 28SEP1881
WC44	WHITCHURCH / SALOP. Codes A D	23	25MAR1881 40 / 68a	Black	10AUG1881 - 13NOV1895 May be two stamps?
WC46	WHITCHURCH / SALOP. Code A	23	03DEC1881 40 / 190	Black	23JAN1884 - 21MAR1888
WC48	WHITCHURCH / SALOP Codes A C D	22	21AUG1886 45 / 127	Black	25JAN1889 - 17NOV1896

WC50	WHITCHURCH / SALOP Times 2.30AM, 4.15AM, 6.45PM 8PM	24	Black	05JAN1897 - 17JAN1903
WC52	WHITCHURCH·SALOP / M.O.S.B. Code *	22½	Black	29APR1901 - 02MAY1917
WC56	WHITCHURCH / SALOP No code	24	Black	09FEB1903
WC58	WHITCHURCH / SALOP Time 7AM	23	Black	04JUL1907 On redirected postcard
WC60	WHITCHURCH Times 10PM No code	23	Black	06JUL1909 30NOV1916 On Parcel Post labels

3CD, 4VOD, 3VOD



WC62



WC64



WC66



WC68



WC70



WC72



WC76



WC78



WC79

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WC62	WHITCHURCH SALOP / 876 Code A	22+24x21	11JAN1861 SIB 20 / 124	Black	22JUL1861 - 05AUG1864
WC64	WHITCHURCH SALOP / 876 Codes 1 2 3	22+28x20	07SEP1864 23 / 90	Black	13FEB1865 - 04JUN1875
WC66	WHITCHURCH SALOP / 876 Codes A B C	23+24x19	06SEP1875 34 / 195	Black	31OCT1875 - 25JUL1880
WC68	WHITCHURCH SALOP / 876 Code ?	22+26x21	01FEB1881 40 / 36	Black	14JUL1881
WC70	WHITCHURCH SALOP / 876 Codes A D	21+27x20	06MAY1882 41 / 85	Black	12JAN1883 - 04JUL1884 Full stop after P
WC72	WHITCHURCH SALOP / 876 Codes A C D E F	23+27x19	27DEC1884 44 / 178	Black	03FEB1885 - 26NOV1889 Full stop after P
WC76	WHITCHURCH SALOP / 876 Codes B C E F H P	22+30x19		Black	01MAY1890 - 04MAY1893
WC78	WHITCHURCH·SALOP / 876 Codes B C E F G H Hside I P	21+29x19		Black	23AUG1893 - 04JUN1896
WC79	WHITCHURCH SALOP / 876 Times 10.30AM 8PM 9PM 10PM	21+28x19		Black	13OCT1896 - 03SEP1908

Double Circle Datestamps, Skeleton



WC80



WC82



WC84



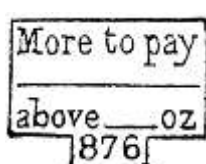
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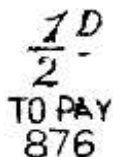
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<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WC80	WHITCHURCH / SALOP Times 1.30AM 1.30PM 2.30PM 8PM 10PM 10.15PM	26		Black	18JUL1896 - 06JAN1904
WC82	WHITCHURCH / SALOP Time 2.30PM	30		Black	12AUG1904
WC84	WHITCHURCH / SALOP Times 9.30AM 11.45AM 1.45PM 3.30PM 8PM 9PM 10PM	26		Black	05JUL1903 - 01JAN1906
WC86	WHITCHURCH / SALOP Times 9.30AM 11.30AM 11.45AM 2.30PM 3.30PM 8PM 10PM	25		Black	03MAY1906 - 01JUN1908
WC90	WHITCHURCH / ✱ Times 8PM 10PM Seen on postcard with 1 ^D / 876, Whitchurch postage due (WC98 below)	26	07SEP1908 SIB 49 / 42	Black	12SEP1908 - 26FEB1910

Instructional Marks, Registered Stamps



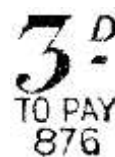
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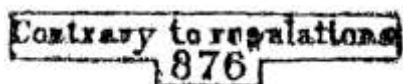
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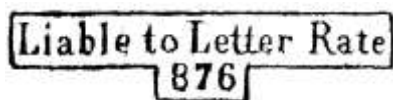
WC98



WC99



WT100



WC102



WC115

WC115: The figure 1 closely resembles a standard type illustrated in Robson Lowe (*The Encyclopaedia of British Empire Postage Stamps*, Volume 1, pages 72 & 87) and Walker (see References, pages 3 & 32). Robson Lowe measures it at 40mm, Walker at 41mm, the actual example measures 42mm. They further state an example is known in 1840; it has not been verified.



WC119



WC122



WC132

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WC96	More to pay / above __oz / 876		16JAN1878 SIB 36 / 153		Not recorded used
WC97	½ ^d / TO PAY / 876		09JUL1918 57 / 135		Not recorded used
WC98	1 ^d / 876			Black	19NOV1903 - 21JAN1955
WC99	3 ^d / TO PAY / 876		09JUL1918 57 / 135		Not recorded used
WC100	Contrary to regulations / 876			Black	19NOV1903 - 21JAN1955
WC102	Liable to Letter Rate / 876			Black	08NOV1909 - 24DEC1909
WC115	1	42x1		Red	1840 - 02MAR1845 1840 not verified
WC119	2	19x15		Black	13FEB1865
WC122	WHITCHURCH / REGISTERED / SALOP	30x19		Red	06MAY1878
WC132	R (in oval) / FEE PAID		13DEC1897 RIB 9 / 22		Not recorded used

Rubber Stamps



WC140



WC142



WC144



WC146



WC148



WC150

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WC140	WHITCHURCH		20APR1886 RIB 1 / 124		Not recorded used
WC142	WHITCHURCH / SALOP		25AUG1887 RIB 2 / 168		Not recorded used
WC144	WHITCHURCH, SALOP		01MAR1889 RIB 3 / 173		Not recorded in use RIB notes 2 supplied
WC146	WHITCHURCH / SALOP		10MAR1902 RIB 11 / 280		Not recorded used
WC148	WHITCHURCH / SALOP			Black	SALOP small Seen on undated piece
WC150	WHITCHURCH		17JUL1902 RIB 11 / 330		Not recorded used



WC20 & WC24: This simple letter to Chester dated 19 December 1839 shows the undated WHITCHURCH-S as well as one of the scarcest British postal history marks, the hand struck 4 used at Whitchurch during the Uniform Fourpenny Post period, six are known.



WC64: Letter from John Owen, Whixall dated 3 April 1875 with ‘Returning Securities’ inside the back flap; endorsed *Registered at Whixall*. Whixall is six miles south of Whitchurch. An office was open by July 1859 when an undated WIXHALL / SALOP (note spelling) stamp was issued but it is unrecorded. There is no Whixall (modern spelling) stamp on the cover. The datestamps on the reverse show a Crewe Station (3 APR) mark and Stafford Station (4 APR). There is no Shrewsbury datestamp but it probably went from Shrewsbury to Newtown (4 APR) on the Cambrian Railway. Postage cost 1d and the registration fee was 4d, paid by five penny red stamps (plate 147, SG 43/44).

WOORE (WO) - originally subordinate to Stafford, to Market Drayton from July 1837

Situated on the 18th century post road from London to Chester and Holyhead, the village of Woore was important because Market Drayton mail was dropped there for onward forwarding or picked up for delivery in Market Drayton. A straight line stamp (WO2) has been recorded for 1799. It was also one of the few towns issued with a distinctive 'fleuron' stamp (WO5). For these reasons it has been included.

Town Marks (including Fleuron), Undated Circle, 510 - The Number Allocated to Woore, Small Datestamps

WOORE

WO2



WO5



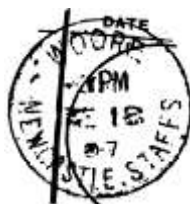
WO9



WO15



WO21



WO26

<u>SPHS No</u> <u>/ BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size</u> <u>(mm)</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WO2 / SH799	WOORE	36x6		Black	10DEC1799 - 05SEP1812
WO5 / SH802	WOORE (fleuron)	20		Black	13JUN1829 - 19JAN1850
WO9	WOORE	25	15DEC1848 SIB 9 / 199	Black	01MAY1850 - 1854
WO15	510 - 1844 type		MAY 1844	Blue	20JAN1859
WO21	WOORE	19		Black	28AUG1847 - 20JAN1859
	Code A			Black	07NOV1888
WO26	WOORE / NEWCASTLE.STAFFS Times 6PM, 9PM, PM No time	23		Black	10AUG1906 - 07AUG1915



WO5: An entire letter from Woore dated 12 December 1839 charged 4d for ½oz, sent under Uniform Fourpenny Post rate to Congleton, showing the WOORE fleuron, not always a good strike.

The charge was reduced to 1d for ½oz on 10 January 1840 (Uniform Penny Post).

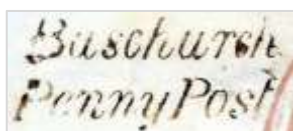
Village Receiving Houses of the Penny Posts

Penny posts connecting larger towns to outlying villages were established at Bridgnorth, Ironbridge, Ludlow, Oswestry, Shifnal, Shrewsbury and Whitchurch at various times. Receiving houses for the receipt of incoming and outgoing mail were opened at villages served from the main town. Malpas and Handley, both in Cheshire, were receiving houses in the Whitchurch Penny Post and they are not considered here. Most of Oswestry's receiving houses were in Wales, which are not considered either, but Llanyblodwel and Whittington are included. Cleobury Mortimer, the only receiving house in the Bewdley Penny Post (and later the Ludlow Penny Post) is listed, though Bewdley (Worcestershire) is not.

Receiving Houses of the Shrewsbury Penny Post

BASCHURCH (BA)

Baschurch is seven miles northwest of Shrewsbury. In 1838 Robert Aglionby Slaney, MP for Shrewsbury, applied for a Penny Post from Shrewsbury to Baschurch and Ruyton XI (Eleven) Towns. Slaney lived at Walford Manor, southwest of Baschurch. A deficiency was estimated but Slaney agreed to guarantee the expense. The Penny Post was established later that year. Although a *Baschurch / Penny Post* stamp was issued in July 1838, it is not recorded until July 1840. It is surmised that the messenger picked up Slaney's letters on his way back from Ruyton to Shrewsbury, through Baschurch, as they all have the *Shrewsbury / Penny Post* mark.



BA1



BA3



BA5



BA7



BA9



BA11



BA13

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
BA1 / SH9	<i>Baschurch / Penny Post</i>	34x15	26JUL1838 SIB 2 / 18	Black Green	20JUL1840 - 13JUN1853 27MAR1854 - 23APR1855
BA3	BASCHURCH	25	15JUN1855 12 / 213	Green Black	22AUG1855 - 21JUL1857 17JUL1858
BA5	BASCHURCH Codes C Clef90° C right90° No code	19½	16OCT1858 16 / 61	Blue Black	22FEB1858 - 01JUL1858 01DEC1858 14MAR1860 - 23MAY1878
BA7	BASCHURCH Code C	20	18JUL1878 37 / 55	Black	11APR1879
BA9	BASCHURCH Codes B C No code	20½	02JAN1882 40 / 216	Black	12JAN1882 - 18OCT1904
BA11	BASCHURCH No code	29		Black	06JAN1905 - 19JAN1905
BA13	BASCHURCH Times 9AM 7PM PM	20½		Black	30JUN1905 - 03SEP1912

RUYTON XI TOWNS (RT)

Ruyton XI Towns is two miles west of Baschurch. The village acquired its unusual compound name in the 12th century when a castle was built, and it became the major manor of eleven local townships. The receiving house opened officially at the same time as that of Baschurch.



RT2



RT4



RT6



RT10

Courtesy of Jim Ball

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
RT2 / SH481	<i>Ruyton / Penny Post</i>	35x13	26JUL1838 SIB 2 / 18	Black Brown Green	03MAY1839 - 09APR1855 31JAN1844 & 28FEB1845 07APR1856 - 07JUL1856
RT4	RUYTON	25	07APR1857 13 / 208	Blue Green	20SEP1857 02NOV1857
RT6	RUYTON•ELEVEN •TOWNS Codes A C Cinv	23	01JUL1874 34 / 11	Black Black	11FEB1859 06SEP1874 - 12NOV1911
RT10	RUYTON ELEVEN TOWNS Time 7PM (Skeleton)	28		Black	21MAY1912

WESTBURY (WB)

Halfway House is 11 miles southwest of Shrewsbury on the old turnpike road to Welshpool. Westbury is two miles southeast of Halfway House. On 22 August 1833 Mr Turner, the innkeeper of the Halfway House Inn, requested a post office at the inn, pointing out the Shrewsbury to Newtown mail coach dropped a mailbag there twice a day. Turner charged 1d for delivery of each letter to Westbury. The Post Office Surveyor suggested £5 a year for the receiver (Turner) and £10 for delivery of letters to Westbury. The arrangement was approved by the Postmaster General on 30 Sept 1833. Westbury also became a receiving house in the Welshpool Penny Post, through which a boxed N°2 was probably issued; there is no evidence the N°2 was issued through Shrewsbury.



WB1



WB2



WB3



WB5



WB7



WB9



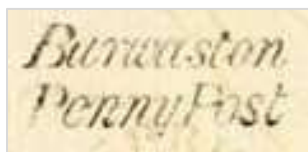
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<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WB1	Nº 2			Black	28JAN1834 - 04APR1843
WB2 / SH744	<i>Westbury Salop / Penny Post</i>	36x14	27AUG1838 SIB 7 / 161	Black	15OCT1838 - 20AUG1850
WB3	WESTBURY- SALOP	25	24APR1851 10 / 191	Yellow Blue	07OCT1852 - 1854 11MAY1855 - 02MAY1856
WB5	WESTBURY / SALOP	19	07JAN1859 16 / 134		Not recorded used
WB7	WESTBURY No code	20	16MAR1878 37 / 7	Black	14JAN1879 - 10DEC1894
WB9	WESTBURY / SHREWSBURY No code	31		Black	21AUG1911 - 29AUG1911
WB11	WESTBURY / SHREWSBURY Code Crev No code	24		Black	22APR1905 - 21SEP1920 May be two stamps?

Receiving House of the Bridgnorth Penny Post

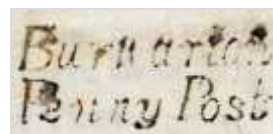
On the 30 July 1839 the Post Office Surveyor put forward a proposal for a Penny Post from Bridgnorth to Burwaston (sic) as an experiment for one year, which a Mr Hamilton (probably Gustavus Hamilton, 6th Viscount Boyne of Burwarton House) was prepared to guarantee. A receiver was appointed at a salary of £5 a year. The issued handstamp was misspelt as Burwaston, later changed to Burwarton with non-standard lettering.

BURWARTON (BW)



BW2

Copy of Burwaston /
Penny Post courtesy of
Jim Hammond



BW4



BW6



BW8



BW12

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
BW2 / SH99	<i>Burwaston / Penny Post</i> Error of spelling	34x15	15NOV1839 SIB 4 / 11	Black	1839 - 07APR1840 1839 in BCC not verified
BW4 / SH100	<i>Burwarton / Penny Post</i>	33x14		Black	20AUG1841 - 09NOV1852
BW6	BURWARTON	25	14OCT1853 11 / 244	Green Yellow Blue	17NOV1853 - 27FEB1854 27JUL1854 - 13NOV1856 05MAY1857 - 02JUL1858
BW8	BURWARTON	22	10JUN1875 45 / 146		Not recorded used
BW12	BURWARTON Codes C No code	20	06OCT1886 45 / 146	Black	24MAY1895 - 08JUL1924

Receiving House of the Bewdley (Worcestershire) and Ludlow Penny Posts

CLEOBURY MORTIMER (CM)

Cleobury Mortimer is 8 miles west of Bewdley. A Penny Post was set up from Bewdley in 1818 and extended to Ludlow in August 1839 with only one letter from Cleobury to Ludlow known, dated 10 Oct 1839 with a *Cleobury / Penny Post* stamp.



CM2



CM4



CM6



CM8



CM10



CM12



CM14



CM18



CM20

<u>SPHS No</u> <u>/ BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size</u> <u>(mm)</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
CM2 / SH114	<i>Cleobury / Penny Post</i>	34x14	27OCT1838 SIB 2 / 171	Black Blue	20NOV1838 - 29APR1851 09OCT1850
CM4	CLEOBURY-MORTIMER Code A	25	21MAY1851 10 / 200	Green Red Black	21OCT1851 - 11DEC1857 04JUN1853 - 02MAR1857 19JAN1858 - 01APR1858
CM6	CLEOBURY-MORTIMER Code A	25	26MAR1859 18 / 10	Black	16NOV1869 - 29NOV1869
CM8	CLEOBURY-MORTIMER Codes A B C No code	21		Black Blue	20MAR1859 - 25SEP1876 24APR1859 & 21SEP1868
CM10	CLEOBURY MORTIMER Codes A B C	21		Black	01JUN1880 - 27JUL1900
CM12	CLEOBURY-MORTIMER / G71 Codes A B C		19APR1883 42 / 30	Black	08FEB1888 - 21MAY1892
CM14	CLEOBURY-MORTIMER / G71 Codes A B C			Black	22DEC1894 - 19AUG1901
CM18	CLEOBURY-MORTIMER / G71 Times 10AM 2PM 5PM 6.45PM 7PM 6.45			Black	28DEC1901 - 24MAY1912
CM20	CLEOBURY-MORTIMER Code *	21		Black	17MAR1904 - 22JUL1931 Possibly two stamps

The *Cleobury / Penny Post* stamp is known used as the office stamp on two registered letter receipts dated 4 July 1844 and 15 February 1845, both signed by William Jefferies, the postmaster. It has also been reported used as a similar stamp on a receipt in 1856, signatory unknown.

Parmenter records duplex letter codes A, B, C, D, F and G but he takes no account of re-cuts and his records are not specific to duplexes **CM12** and **CM14**, which is probably a re-cut of **CM12**. Codes D, F and G were not recorded by the Shropshire Postal History Society during its survey of Shropshire postmarks.

Receiving Houses of the Oswestry Penny Post

LLANYBLODWEL (LB)

Although sounding distinctly Welsh, Llanyblodwel is firmly in Shropshire, in the Tanant valley, 7 miles west of Oswestry and just over a mile from the border with Wales. It was given a boxed N^o4 in the Oswestry Penny Post when a receiving house was opened there in August 1833. The modern spelling has one L at the end.



LB2



LB4



LB6



LB8

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
LB2	Nº 4	18x9		Red	One undated example
LB4	LLAN-Y-BLODWELL Issued through Shrewsbury	29	13SEP1842 SIB 5 / 115	Black	11JUN1847
LB6	LLANYBLODWELL Issued through Oswestry	25	OCT1853 11 / 230		Not reported used
LB8	LLANYBLODWELL	27	17JUL1886 RIB 1 / 222	Purple	05OCT1899

It should be noted that the boxed No 4 was also used at Chirk in 1829/30.

WHITTINGTON (WH)

In August 1839 a Penny Post was set up from Oswestry to Whittington, 2½ miles northeast of Oswestry. It was only the second receiving house in the Oswestry Penny Post not in Wales. It was issued with a *Penny Post* mark rather than a boxed number.



WH2



WH4



WH6



WH10

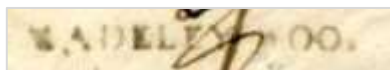
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WH2 / SH798	Whittington / Penny Post	35x14	15NOV1839	Black	28DEC1839 - 05FEB1847
WH4	WHITTINGTON	25	SIB 4 / 78 15FEB1850	Blue	29OCT1847 - 30APR1849
			10 / 66	Blue	14MAR1850 - 07JUL1856
WH6	WHITTINGTON / SALOP Code B	23	24SEP1880	Black	30SEP1899
			38 / 187		
WH10	WHITTINGTON / SALOP Times 9AM No time	22½		Black	14FEB1908 - 17SEP1926

The Receiving Houses of the Shifnal Penny Post

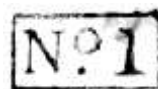
In 1806 the three original receiving houses of the Shifnal Penny Post were either issued with a straight line town name, as at Broseley and Madeley Wood, or a mileage mark as at (Much) Wenlock, which was given the same mileage as that of Shifnal. In 1811 open boxes were installed at the receiving houses so letters could be posted unpaid at any time and each office was issued with a number (see below) and Shifnal with its first Penny Post stamp. Later receiving houses were opened at Madeley (Jan 1837) and Dawley Green (Aug 1839), subsequently renamed Dawley in 1848.

MADELEY WOOD (MW) - later IRONBRIDGE

Sometime around 1820/30 Madeley Wood became known as Ironbridge - see notes under Ironbridge on page 54.



MW2



MW4

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
MW2 / SH326	MADELEY WOOD	54x4		Black	10DEC1806 - 17JUL1811
MW4	N° 1	20x10		Black	02NOV1811 - 24DEC1832

BROSELEY (BR)

In the 18th and 19th centuries Broseley developed into a major centre for coal mining, iron manufacture, earthenware manufacture and the production of clay tobacco pipes. It lies south of the River Severn, 1 mile from Ironbridge. The opening of the iron bridge in 1779 aided the communication of Broseley with Shifnal and Coalbrookdale, thereby making the distribution of the mail much easier.



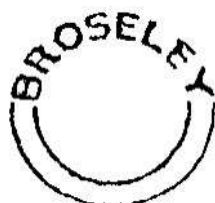
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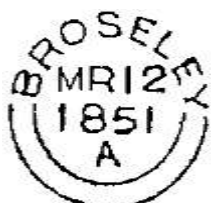
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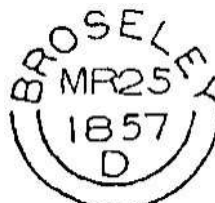
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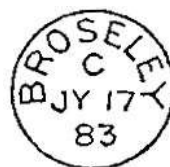
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BR21



BR24



BR28



BR32



BR35



BR38



BR41



BR46



BR51

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
BR2 / SH89	BROSELEY	43x4		Black	05FEB1807 - 17JUN1811
BR4	N° 2	19x10		Black	APR1812 - 07NOV1837
BR8	BROSELEY	26	15FEB1838 SIB 2 / 16	Black	26FEB1838 - 02FEB1844
BR10	BROSELEY	25	01MAY1844 7 / 50	Black	03JUN1844 - 08MAR1851
BR12	BROSELEY Codes A B	25	12MAR1851 10 / 170	Black Blue Green	10JUN1851 - 24JUN1854 02AUG1853 - 20OCT1857 29MAY1857
BR14	BROSELEY Codes A B Binv	26	26MAR1857 13 / 196	Green Black Blue	18DEC1857 - 27FEB1861 07DEC1859 - 27FEB1861 03MAY1860 - 10OCT1860
BR18	BROSELEY Codes A B C	19	15APR1861 20 / 157	Black	15MAY1861 - 09FEB1874
BR21	BROSELEY P.O.S.B Codes A B	20		Black	24AUG1869 - 06DEC1876
BR24	BROSELEY Code A	19½	05JUL1879 37 / 188	Black	27MAY1881 - 06OCT1881
BR28	BROSELEY Codes A B C	20	18JUL1883 42 / 69	Black	04APR1884 - 23DEC1896
BR32	BROSELEY / 268 Code B		5JAN1875 34 / 94	Black	01FEB1875 - 03MAY1877
BR35	BROSELEY / 268 Code B			Black	08MAY1880 - 20FEB1882
BR38	BROSELEY / 268 Codes A B		18JUL1883 42 / 69	Black	25NOV1884 - 31JAN1896
BR41	BROSELEY / 268 Times 9.15AM 8.15PM 9.15PM 9.45PM			Black	27APR1898 - 31DEC1911

BR46	BROSELEY Times 8.15 2.30PM 8.15PM No time	22	Black	16JAN1900 - 07AUG1917? More than one stamp?
BR51	BROSELEY / SALOP Times 8.30AM 6.30PM 6.45PM 8.15PM	25	Black	05SEP1912 - 19DEC1925

MUCH WENLOCK (WK)

Much Wenlock lies 4 miles southwest of Broseley. The horse post crossed the River Severn on the iron bridge once a day serving Broseley before going on to Much Wenlock.



WK2



WK4



WK6



WK8



WK10



WK12



WK14



WK15



WK16



WK18



WK20



WK22



WK24



WK26



WK31

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WK2/SH326	WENLOCK / 146	34x11		Red shades	15NOV1806 - 25SEP1811
WK4	N° 3	19x10		Red Black	14NOV1811 - 14DEC1836 28AUG1837
WK6/SH330	WENLOCK	25	15FEB1838 SIB 2 / 159	Red Blue Black	08MAR1838 - 20APR1838 09MAY1838 - 07JAN1841 06FEB1841 - 22APR1845
WK8/SH332	MUCH-WENLOCK	29	28SEP1843 5 / 183	Black Black	05OCT1843 - 16SEP1844

WK10	MUCH-WENLOCK No code	25	14OCT1844 7 / 100	Black Blue Green	29DEC1844 - 03SEP1857 03DEC1856 - 27OCT1859 01OCT1857
WK12	MUCH-WENLOCK No code	19½	29MAR1860 SIB 20 / 22	Black Blue	11MAY1860 - 04JUN1869 25SEP1860 - 13JAN1861
WK14	MUCH-WENLOCK Codes A B Bside No time	20	05JAN1878 36 / 119	Black	23APR1878 - 24DEC1904
WK15	MUCH WENLOCK Times 6AM No time	21		Black	06AUG1896 - 09AUG1905
WK16	276 - 3VOS	26x19		Black	11JUL1878 - 02JAN1894
WK18	MUCH-WENLOCK / 276 Codes A B C		07JAN1875 34 / 95	Black	02DEC1876 - 24NOV1892
WK20	MUCH WENLOCK / 276 Codes A B C No time			Black	15MAY1893 - 18AUG1905
WK22	MUCH-WENLOCK Times 8.15 6AM 8.30AM 4PM 7PM 8.15PM No time	22		Black	08NOV1901 - 07AUG1905
WK24	MUCH-WENLOCK Times 6AM 7PM 7.45PM 8PM 8.15PM	22		Black	20AUG1905 - 25SEP1916
WK26	MUCH-WENLOCK-S.O / SHROPSHIRE Times 8.30AM 10AM 7PM 8PM 8.15PM	25		Black	30NOV1905 - 04SEP1914 Possibly two very similar stamps
WK31	MUCH WENLOCK / WELLINGTON (SALOP)	28	03MAR1896 RIB 8 / 162		Not recorded in use



WK2: Earliest known Wenlock mileage on an entire dated 15 Nov 1806. As it was a receiving house Wenlock was issued with a mileage mark using the Shifnal mileage (146). At this time the penny for the Penny Post was paid by the sender when handing the letter to the receiver for dispatch; **the paid 1d was not marked.**

The Penny Post to Shifnal was established in October 1806. Letter charged 7d from Shifnal via Shrewsbury, Welshpool, Montgomery and Bishops Castle to Ludlow (68 miles 1805 Act).

MADELEY (MA)

On 27 January 1837 approval was given for Madeley to become the fourth receiving house in the Shifnal Penny Post but an undated circle (MA2) was not issued until 15 February 1838.



MA2



MA4



MA8



MA13



MA20



MA30



MA35



MA40



MA45

<u>SPHS No</u> <u>/BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size</u> <u>(mm)</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
MA2 / SH284	MADELEY	26	15FEB1838	Black	25MAY1838 - 06DEC1848
MA4	MADELEY	25	SIB 2 / 92	Green	18FEB1847 - 06JUN1847
	Codes A B		24MAY1851	Black	20JUN1853 - 12SEP1858
			10 / 203	Blue	07NOV1860
MA8	MADELEY / SALOP	20	11MAR1861	Black	27FEB1862 - 11MAR1875
	Codes A B		20 / 143		
MA13	MADELEY / SALOP	20		Black	13DEC1876 - 10NOV1881
	Codes A B				
MA20	MADELEY / SALOP	21	15NOV1884	Black	01MAY1885 - 20NOV1895
	Code B		44 / 149		
MA30	281 - 3VOS	25x20	31DEC1874	Black	11MAR1875 - 07AUG1890
			34 / 94		
MA35	281 - 3VOS	25x16		Black	14APR1905 - 24OCT1906
	Figures of 281 a different size and the 2 a different shape				
MA40	MADELEY / SALOP / 281			Black	29DEC1893 - 24DEC1906
	Codes A B Brev C				
MA45	MADELEY / SALOP	24		Black	05FEB1903 - 23JUL1929
	Times 6.45AM 8.45AM 9.15AM 6.45PM 7.15PM 9PM 9.15PM				

DAWLEY GREEN (DG)

On 8 August 1839 Dawley Green was made a receiving house in the Shifnal Penny Post with the inhabitants guaranteeing to make good any shortfall in the expense, namely an annual salary of £5 for the receiver and the weekly wage for a messenger who served the office from Madeley.

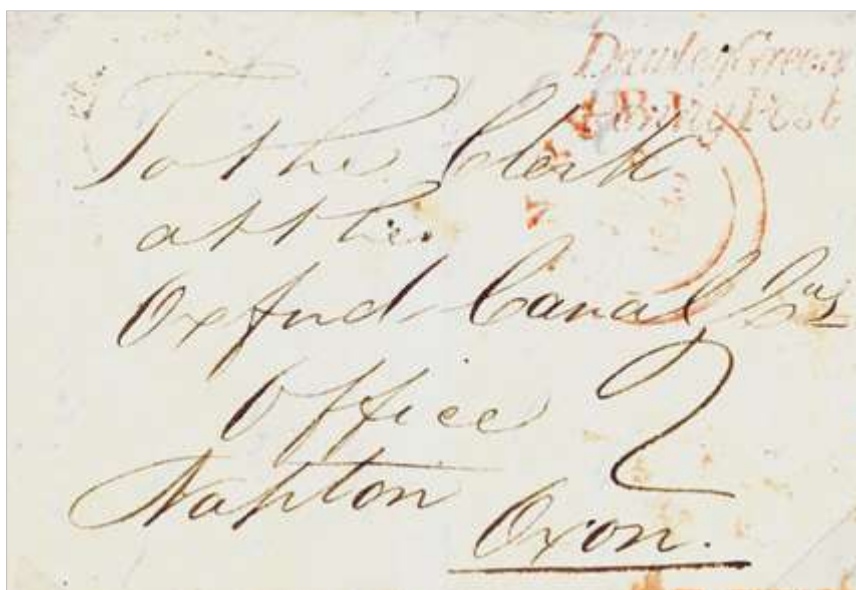
*DawleyGreen
PennyPost*

DG2



DG4

<u>SPHS No / BCC</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
DG2 / SH120	<i>DawleyGreen / Penny Post</i>	35x15	15NOV1839 SIB 4 / 92	Red Black	15NOV1839 - 03FEB1847 29OCT1845 1839 in BCC not verified
DG4	DAWLEY - GREEN	25	03SEP1847 9 / 76	Yellow Brown Black	19JAN1848 - 18MAR1848 10MAR1848 - 1857 03AUG1848



DG2: Unpaid part entire letter from Dawley Green to Napton, dated 16 July 1840 and charged 2d postage due (double the 1d ½oz rate) under Uniform Penny Post as the postage was not prepaid.

DAWLEY (DY)

In 1848 the Dawley Green office was renamed Dawley, a sub-office under Shifnal. In 1874 it was issued with number 282 when it became a Railway Sub-Office. The office is still open in a local shop.



DY2



DY4



DY6



DY9



DY12



DY15



DY18



DY22



DY18: The scarce DAWLEY / 282 duplex on a piece dated 27 September 1880, code C.

One of 4 known examples, all code C.

Illustration courtesy of Jim Ball

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
DY2	DAWLEY	25	11OCT1848 SIB 9 / 186	Black Red Yellow	09NOV1848 - 21DEC1848 10NOV1848 - 24DEC1849 01MAY1849 - 05 FEB 1851
DY4	DAWLEY Code A		12MAR1851 10 / 170	Green Black	27MAY1851 - 15JAN1856 09JUN1859 - 24AUG1861
DY6	DAWLEY		04OCT1861 21 / 47	Black	16JUN1867 - 4APR1877
DY9	DAWLEY Codes A Brev C		15NOV1884 44 / 148	Black	08MAR1884 - 26APR1905
DY12	DAWLEY Codes A B			Black	15AUG1888 - 07APR1890
DY15	282. Dot after 2		31DEC1874 34 / 94		Not recorded used
DY18	DAWLEY / 282 Code C		12MAY1876 35 / 66	Black	22JAN1877 - 20APR1881 (Scarce, 4 records)
DY22	DAWLEY / SALOP Codes A B Brev C No code	27x22		Black	08JAN1894 - 10JAN1910 (24 records)

An office at Dawley Bank opened under Wellington in 1855 when an undated circle was issued. It transferred to Dawley RSO in 1874. An office at Little Dawley trod a similar path to that of Dawley Bank.



Issued 02MAY1855
SIB 12 / 192

**Three recorded 12 DEC 1857 &
27 APR 1859 (Green) and 09
JUN 1859 (Blue)**



Issued 02MAY1855
SIB 12 / 192

Not recorded used

Some of the information for Dawley, Dawley Bank and Little Dawley and other small offices was taken from <https://sites.google.com/site/ukpostofficesbycounty/>, the excellent website maintained by Ken Smith.

Villages Issued with a Post Office Number Prior to 1892 but not included above

1892 was chosen as an end date for this group of villages as it was the latest date stated by Brumell in his book *British Post Office Numbers 1844 – 1906* involving Shropshire village post offices. No Shropshire village was given a number between 1892 and 1906, the latest date used by Brumell.

ASTON-ON-CLUN (AC) is 10 miles northwest of Ludlow and 1 mile northwest of Broome station on the Heart of Wales Line.

1844 (17 May) under Ludlow, udc ASTON issued
 1851 William Pugh, postmaster
 1885, Sarah Whitefoot, sub-postmistress, letters by rail at 5am, dispatched at 8pm
 1905 (1 August) Independent Sub-Office
 2002 (2 March) Cleobury North Mobile (Wed.pm)

1850 (30 April) transferred to Shrewsbury
 1857 became RSO, Number **077** allocated.
 1935 (1 May) sub-office of Craven Arms
 2008 (18 August) Closed

Undated Circles and Sans-serif Date Stamps



AC2



AC4



AC6



AC8

077 – The Number Allocated to Aston-on-Clun



AC10



AC13



AC17

Single Circle Date Stamps, Rubber Stamp



AC21



AC24



AC28



AC32



AC35

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
AC2	ASTON Issued through Ludlow	25	17MAY1844 SIB 7 / 62	Black	16APR1845 – 29MAY1850
AC4	ASTON-ON-CLUN Issued through Shrewsbury	26	11JUN1850 10 / 92	Black	18JUN1850 – 08MAY1851

AC6	ASTON	25	21MAY1851 10 / 200		Not recorded used
AC8	ASTON-ON-CLUN Code A	26	04JUL1851 10 / 214	Blue Green	23OCT1851 – 22FEB1857 06MAY1857 – 19APR1858
AC10	077 – 3HOS	28x11	03 DEC 1857 14a / 115	Black	25JAN1861 – 14OCT1878 4 known, 2 on loose stamps
AC13	ASTON-ON-CLUN / 077 Codes A, B		01JAN1880 38 / 53	Black	03APR1880 – 09APR1906
AC17	ASTON-ON-CLUN / 077 Times 8PM, 8.15PM			Black	17NOV1898 – 17AUG1908
AC21	ASTON-ON-CLUN Code A	20	05JUN1858 14a / 274	Black	12JAN1859 – 16APR1886
AC24	ASTON-ON-CLUN Code indecipherable	20	10AUG1886 45 / 125		21SEP1887
AC28	ASTON-ON-CLUN Time 8PM	19		Black	13AUG1901 – 08SEP1902
AC32	ASTON ON CLUN-S.O / SALOP Times 8PM, 8.15PM	26	06OCT1898 49 / 47	Black	12OCT1908 – 14OCT1930
AC35	ASTON-ON-CLUN R.S.O. / SALOP		17SEP1904 RIB 12 / 345	Black	Not recorded used



AC23: An early example of the ASTON-ON-CLUN clear time duplex cancelling a postal stationery card (Huggins CP29b) to Shrewsbury.

After Aston-on-Clun was designated an RSO, it became a collecting area for a number of nearby village post offices including Clun (from 1 August 1876), Clunbury (1886), Clungunford (1893), Clunton (1878), Newcastle-on-Clun (1878), Edgton (1903) and Hopeshay (1906) with the above card entering the mails at Clungunford. From Aston-on-Clun the mail was put on the train at Craven Arms for Shrewsbury. Mail can be found where letters from south-west Shropshire to Ludlow have been put onto the train to Shrewsbury, cancelled there and then placed on a train going down the same line from Shrewsbury through Craven Arms to Ludlow!

BROMFIELD (BF) is 2 miles northwest of Ludlow at the confluence of the Rivers Teme and Onny. The nearby Oakly Park was once held by the family of Clive of India.

1819 Robert Henry Clive, MP, Oakly Park
 1850 (30 April) transfer to Shrewsbury
 1885 William Teague Blacksmith & Post Office
 1912 (1 June) transferred to Ludlow

1846 (27 June) office under Ludlow
 1858 RSO, Number **079** allocated
 1905 (1 August) Independent Sub-office
 2020 (31 August) shop and Post Office closed

Undated Circles



BF2



BF5

Split-ring Date Stamp, Single Circle Date Stamps



BF9

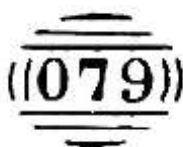


BF12



BF15

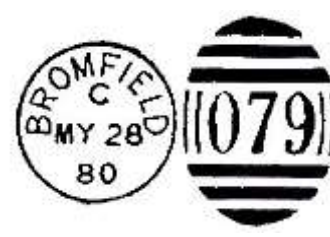
079 – The Number Allocated to Bromfield



BF19



BF24



BF29

R.S.O. Date Stamp(s), Rubber Stamp



BF35



BF38

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
BF2	BROOMFIELD	25	27JUN1846 SIB 7 / 246	Green Black Blue Red	22AUG1848 – 11DEC1855 18JUL1849 – 23SEP1853 11FEB1853 29DEC1853 – 28JAN1857
BF5	BROMFIELD	22	13JUN1857 13 / 258		Not recorded used

BF9	BROMFIELD Code A	20	23DEC1857 14a / 109	Black	31OCT1858 – 11JAN1866
BF12	BROMFIELD Code C Note wide spacing of letters	19	?	Black	16JAN1867 – 30JUN1869
BF15	BROMFIELD Code C	21	24OCT1877 36 / 82	Black	19AUG1886 – 15JAN1887
BF19	079 – 3HOS	21x18	30DEC1857 14a / 115	Black	31AUG1858 – 30JUN1869
BF24	BROMFIELD 4VOD Code Crev	19½+29x18	14JAN1874 32 / 179	Black	29SEP1879
BF29	BROMFIELD 3VOD Codes A C	20+27x19	31MAY1880 38 / 134		17DEC1880 – 25MAY1901
BF35	BROMFIELD R.S.O. / SALOP Times 4.45AM, 8.15PM, 9.15PM No time	23½		Black	10MAY1904 – 04JAN1923 Possibly two stamps
BF38	BROMFIELD R.S.O. / SALOP	26	17SEP1904 RIB 12 / 345		Not recorded used



BF12: BROMFIELD 16
JAN 1867, code C



MELBOURNE
16 MAR 1867

Postal Guide, January 1866: To all (Australian) Colonies via Southampton & Suez 6d per ½oz.

BF19: The cover was forwarded at the double rate of 1/- per oz paid by two 6d lilac, plate 5 (SG96), cancelled by the **079** of the Bromfield R.S.O. office.

The cover was carried by:

P&O Pera	Southampton 20 Jan 1867, Alexandria 2 Feb	Overland to Suez
P&O Simla	Suez 4 Feb, Galle (Ceylon, Sri Lanka) 20 February	
P&O Avoca	Galle 20 Feb, Melbourne 16 March 1867	

BUCKNELL (BK) is 15 miles west of Ludlow. The village has the Ps identified by *Country Life* as essential to a successful village, viz: a pub, a post office, a place of worship, a primary school and public transport!

1858 office under Shrewsbury

1862 RSO, Number **B58** allocated.

1905 (1 August) Independent Sub Office

1858 transferred to Aston-on-Clun RSO

1885 James Everall, receiver

2020 (23 March) Temporary closure, reopened?

Undated Split-ring and B58, The Number Allocated to Bucknell



BK2



BK4



BK6

Single Circle Date Stamps, Skeleton Date Stamp and Rubber RSO Stamp



BK8



BK11



BK15



BK19



BK23



BK28



BK31

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
BK2	BUCKNELL Issued through Shrewsbury	22	27JAN1858 SIB 14a / 132		Not recorded used
BK4	B58 – 3HOS	22x17	11SEP1861 21 / 38	Black	08OCT1861 2 records, including 1 undated
BK6	B58 – 3VOS	25x18	24DEC1879 38 / 52	Black	01JUL1882 – 05DEC1898 5 records, including 1 undated
BK8	BUCKNELL Code A	20	11SEP1861 21 / 38	Black	08OCT1861
BK11	BUCKNELL	21	06AUG1875 34 / 180		Not recorded used
BK15	BUCKNELL Codes B C	20	16JUN1881 40 / 107	Black	01JUN1882 – 21DEC1897

BK19	BUCKNELL R.S.O. Time 8PM, No time	23	Black	13MAY1904 – 19AUG1906
BK23	BUCKNELL / SALOP Skeleton - Larger gap between letters	29	Black	10DEC1906 – 09JAN1907
BK28	BUCKNELL.S.O Code *	23	Black	16JAN1907 – 22DEC1922
BK31	BUCKNELL R.S.O. / SALOP Rubber stamp		17SEP1904 RIB 12 / 345	Not recorded used



Postcard to Kingsland, Hereford dated 15 July 1907 showing the thatched post office on the left of the bridge



BK15
on the reverse

BK6: 3VOS cancelling a 1d lilac on a cover via Shrewsbury to Ludlow
5 recorded examples

CHIRBURY (CB) is situated in the Vale of Montgomery just over one mile from the Welsh border which almost surrounds it.

1838 office under Welshpool
 1845 (5 April) transferred to Shrewsbury
 1852 (5 June) transferred back to Welshpool
 1864 (1 April) RSO, Number **C07** issued
 1905 (1 August) Independent Sub-Office

1844 Number **855** issued
 1851 William Gough, Shopkeeper and Postmaster
 1853 (10 Dec) transferred back to Shrewsbury
 1885 Edward Powell, sub-postmaster
 1924 (6 June) transferred to Montgomery.

Undated Circles, 855 & C07 Numbers allocated to Chirbury



CB2



CB5



CB8



CB11

<u>SPHS</u> <u>No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size</u> <u>(mm)</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
CB2	CHIRBURY	26	13MAR1838 SIB 2 / 27	Black Blue Green	30DEC1844 17JUN1849 – 24JUL1849 26JAN1850 – 21JAN1857
CB5	CHIRBURY	19	24SEP1858 16 / 48	Blue	29SEP1859
CB8	855 – 1844 Type		MAY 1844	Black	19AUG1850 – 09AUG1855
CB11	C07 – 3TH.HOS 3-barTHick.HOS - Thick lines	26x12	29JAN1864 23 / 30	Black	??NOV1868 – 28NOV1898 1868 day date unclear

Single Circle Date Stamps, Double Circle Date Stamp



CB15



CB19



CB25

CB15	CHIRBURY Codes A C	19½		Black	27SEP1868 – 14JAN1874
CB19	CHIRBURY Code A No code	21	16MAR1877 35 / 210	Black	02MAR1879 – 14JAN1914
CB25	855 – 1844 Type	25	MAY 1844	Black	19AUG1850 – 09AUG1855



CB11: Cancelling a 1d lilac on a September 1895 cover from Chirbury to Newtown, Montgomeryshire.

CB19: On the reverse of the cover.



CLUN (CN) is approximately 18 miles west of Ludlow via Craven Arms. The population of Clun was 680 in 2011.

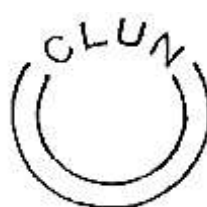
Possible Receiving House under Bishops Castle from 1793
 1850 (30 April) transferred to Shrewsbury
 1858 RSO, No.080 allocated
 1885 William Cooper Cooke Carpenter & Postmaster, RSO
 1935 (1 May) transferred to Craven Arms

1827 (1 August) transferred to Ludlow
 1851 Eliza Thomas, Grocer & Postmistress
 1876 (1 August) transferred to Aston-on-Clun RSO
 1905 (1 August) Sub-Office / Post Town
 2014 (21 June) Post Office Local

Undated Circles

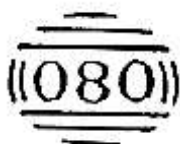


CN2



CN4

080 – The Number Allotted to Clun



CN6



CN8



CN11

Sans-Serif Date Stamp, Small Circle Date Stamps, Rubber Stamp



CN13



CN17



CN20



CN24



CN28



CN32

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size</u> <u>(mm)</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
CN2	CLUN	25	17MAY1844 SIB 7 / 62	Black	04 MAY 1845 – 16 AUG 1853
CN4	CLUN	26	22MAR1856 12 / 325	Black	Not recorded used
CN6	080 – 3HOS	21x18	23DEC1857 SIB 14a / 115	Black	24 AUG 1859 – 30 MAY 1867

CN8	080 – 3VOS	20x26	13FEB1880 38 / 80		Not recorded used
CN11	CLUN / 080 Codes A B C	19+26x19	13FEB1880 38 / 80	Black	17 MAR 1890 – 22 MAR 1913
CN13	CLUN	25	07FEB1857 13 / 138	Black	24 AUG 1859 – 26 AUG 1866
CN17	CLUN Code A	20		Black	05 MAY 1883 - 3 APR 1888
CN20	CLUN Codes A B *	21½		Black	09 SEP 1893 - 29 JUN 1920 Seen cancelling stamps
CN24	CLUN / SALOP Code A 'Enhanced' illustration from very poor strike. Small skeleton?	23		Black	03 JAN 1910
CN28	CLUN / SALOP Times 9AM 6.30PM 6.45PM	23	18JAN1910 49 / 164	Black	15 SEP 1913 – 10AUG 1928
CN32	CLUN R.S.O. / SALOP	26	17SEP1904 RIB12 / 345		Not recorded used



CN13



SB596



EM27

CN6: 080 cancelling the 1d red (not tied but vertical crease across stamp aligned with paper crease) on an entire dated 24 February 1862 from Clun (CN13) via Shrewsbury (SB596) to Ellesmere (EM27).

COALBROOKDALE (CD) is a village in the Ironbridge Gorge which played a significant part in the history of iron ore smelting using easily mined ‘coking coal’.

Unofficial Receiving House probably opened in the unofficial Shifnal local post

1851 Benjamin Wright, Commercial Inn ‘Posting House’ 1852 (July) udc issued through Wellington

1874 RSO, Number **289** issued

1885 Anne Fox, Sub-Postmistress, letters arrive 4am

1905 (1 August) Independent Sub Office

1926 (16 June) transferred to Ironbridge

1969 (2 April) transferred to Telford (Town Sub-Office) 1984 (29 February) Office Closed

Undated Circle, Single Circle Date Stamps



CD2



CD5



CD7

289 – The Number Allotted to Coalbrookdale, Double Circle Date Stamp



CD9



CD11



CD13

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
CD2	COALBROOKDALE	25	JUL1852 SIB 11 / 82	Black Green Blue	20JAN1853 – 17AUG1859 06FEB1856 – 19DEC1856 29MAY1858 – 22DEC1858
CD5	COALBROOKDALE Codes A B C	21	25FEB1873 32 / 38	Black	28JAN1875 – 16NOV1885
CD7	COALBROOKDALE	19½	16DEC1885 45 / 06	Black	07FEB1889 – 15SEP1903
CD9	289. – 3VOS	28 x 20	31DEC1874 34 / 94	Black	25JAN1875 – 30OCT1890
CD11	COALBROOKDALE / 289 Codes A B	21+28½x19		Black	15JUN1891 – 01JUL1907
CD13	COALBROOKDALE.S.O Times 10.30AM 7.15PM 7.30PM 9PM	25½	07SEP1908 49 / 42	Black	26MAR1910 – 12APR1914



CD11: Cancelling a 1d lilac on a piece.

The stamp has the perfin DALECO, of the Coalbrookdale Company.

HINSTOCK (HS) is approximately halfway between the towns of Newport and Market Drayton.

1847 office under Market Drayton
c1891 RSO, Number **J20** allocated
1893 Squared Circle used

1851 Samuel Cooper, Falcon Inn & Postmaster
1885 James Wright, Receiver, Painter & Decorator



HS2



HS5



HS8



HS11

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
HS2	HINSTOCK	25	16DEC1847 SIB 9 / 107	Black Green	10FEB1851 – 14JUL1853 22FEB1858
HS5	HINSTOCK Codes A B	20	22DEC1886 45 / 213	Black	29APR1891 – 10MAY1934
HS8	J20 – 3VOS			Black	29APR1891
HS11	HINSTOCK Code C	26x20		Black	28AUG1893 – 31JAN1917



HS8: The only recorded example of the **J20** cancel on a cover from Hinstock to Ware, Herts.

HS5: HINSTOCK cds on the reverse, 29 April 1891, code B.



HORSEHAY (HH) village on the western outskirts of Dawley, now part of Telford.

1855 office under Wellington

1885 James Dabbs sub-postmaster letters arrive 3.30am

1924 (16 April) transferred to Wellington

1969 (2 April) transferred to Telford

1874 RSO, Number **299** allocated.

1905 (1 August) Independent Sub-Office

1968 (15 January) transferred to Dawley

2021 (5 June) Office closed



HH2



HH5



HH8



HH12



HH15



HH19

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
HH2	HORSEHAYS	25	02MAY1855 SIB 12 / 192	Black	29APR1857 – 01APR1858
HH5	HORSEHAY Codes A B	20	22DEC1874 34 / 91	Black	22AUG1877 – 22OCT1906 Later may be different stamp
HH8	299. – 3VOS	27x20	06JAN1875 34 / 95	Black	19OCT1877 – 29NOV1907
HH12	HORSE AYE / SHROPS I E Code B Letters missing	31		Black	10DEC1906
HH15	HORSEHAY Times 11AM 9PM	20		Black	19MAY1907 – 13JUL1908
HH19	HORSEHAY.S.O / SALOP Times 1.30PM 7PM 9PM	26	07SEP1908 49 / 37	Black	15AUG1909 – 22JUL1929



HH8: Cancelling ½d green on a 1905 postcard to Wellington, Salop. Note the wear removing the top and bottom third bar - 20 examples recorded.

HH5: Probable late use of HH5 dating the postcard.

JACKFIELD (JF) lies on the south bank of the River Sever in the Ironbridge Gorge, downstream from Ironbridge.

1855 office under Wellington
 1878 transferred to Ironbridge RSO
 1888 (2 January) RSO, allocated Number **J15**
 1914 (1 December) transferred to Ironbridge

1874 Railway Sub-Office (no number allocated)
 1885 Miss Selina Harper, Receiver
 1905 (1 August) Independent Sub-Office
 1966 (11 May) office closed (Post Office circular)



JF3



JF6



JF9

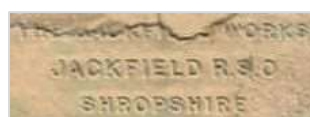


JF13

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
JF3	JACKFIELD	25	26DEC1855 SIB 12 / 287	Black	Not recorded used
JF6	JACKFIELD Codes B C	20	09AUG1883 42 / 94	Black	04MAY1891 – 12NOV1908
JF9	JACKFIELD / J15 Codes A B C	21+28x18	02JAN1888 ?	Black	27MAY1889 – 12OCT1911
JF13	JACKFIELD Times 7PM 8.45PM	20		Black	18APR1913 – 15AUG1916



JF9: Cancelling a February 1899 cover to Kildare, Ireland



Enhanced embossing on reverse of cover.

LITTLE BRAMPTON (LB) is a hamlet in south Shropshire, located between Purslow and Aston on Clun. It is situated on a notable crossroads in the Clun valley, where the B4385 (from Lydbury North) and B4368 (between Clun and Craven Arms) roads meet, as well as the lane down to the village of Clunbury.

1852 office under Shrewsbury
Closed 1878 (last entry in PO Guide).

1857 (28 December) RSO, Number **083** issued



LB2



LB5

Note spelling of LB2 and LB5 as LITTLE BROMPTON



LB8

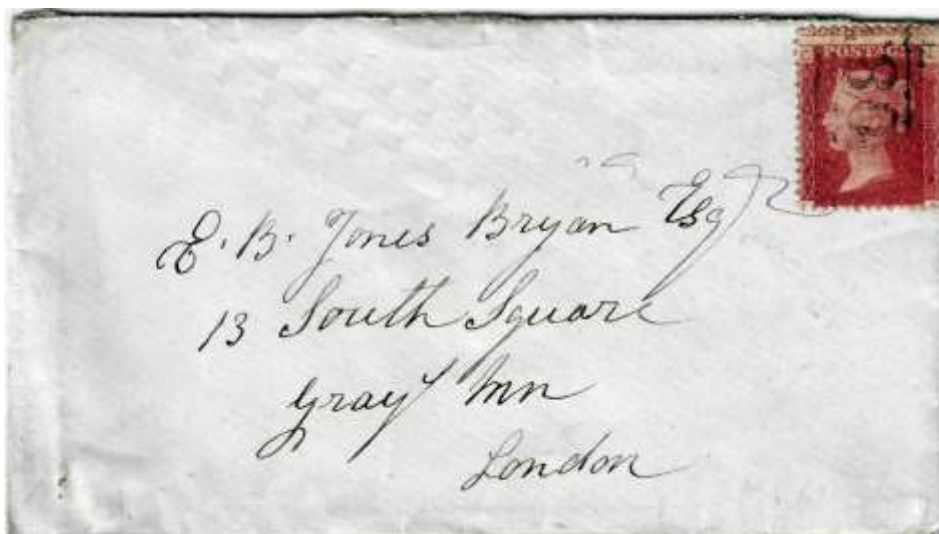


LB12



LB15

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
LB2	LITTLE BROMPTON	25	DEC1852 SIB 11 / 124	Black	15NOV1857
LB5	LITTLE BROMPTON	25	28FEB1853 11 / 147	Black	20MAR1856 – 28MAY1856 2 Recorded
LB8	LITTLE·BRAMPTON Codes A B	20	23DEC1857 14a / 109	Black	07MAY1858 – 26FEB1875 4 Recorded
LB12	083 – 3HOS	22x17	30DEC1857 14a / 115	Black	30DEC1859 – 10DEC1866 4 recorded
LB15	LITTLE-BRAMPTON	23	03SEP1875 34 / 193	Black	Not recorded used



LB12 & LB8: LB12 cancels 1d red and LB8 dates a 13 February 1866 cover to London.

LYDBURY NORTH (LN) is a village in south Shropshire lying in the southwest corner of the county near to Clun and Bishop's Castle.

1844, office under Ludlow
 1858 RSO, Number **084** issued
 1905 (1 August) Independent Sub-Office

1850 (30 April) transferred to Shrewsbury
 1885 Henry Tovey Sub-Postmaster



LN2



LN5



LN9



LN13



LN17



LN21



LN24



LN29



LN33



LN37



LN41

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
LN2	LYDBURY NORTH	29	18MAR1844 SIB 7 / 41	Black	28JUL1845 – 03MAR1851
LN5	LYDBURY NORTH	25	22MAR1856 12 / 325		Not recorded used
LN9	LYDBURY Code A	20	23DEC1857 14a / 109	Black	25JAN1859 – 02APR1866
LN13	LYDBURY-NORTH	22x17	24APR1872 31 / 118	Black	15JUN1905 – 14AUG1922 Use only in 20 th century
LN17	LYDBURY – NORTH Code C	23	15OCT1874 34 / 63A	Black	08MAR1876 – 03JAN1895

LN21	084 – 3HOS	22x17	30DEC1857 14a / 115	Black	08DEC1860 – 18NOV1883
LN24	084 – 3VOS		23JAN1884 42 / 207	Black	30JAN1884 – 24APR1890 3 Recorded
LN29	LYDBURY NORTH / 084	21+19x28		Black	03JUN1894 – 04JUL1912
LN33	LYDBURY NORTH / ✱	26	01AUG1913 49 / 339		Not recorded used
LN37	LYDBURY NORTH / SALOP No code or time	26		Black	11AUG1920
LN41	LYDBURY NORTH R.S.O / SALOP	25	17SEP1904 RIB 12 / 345		Not recorded used



LN17: Cover from TORONTO / CANADA dated 18 OCT 1882, addressed to Ledbury, Herefordshire but *Missent to* Lydbury North (cds 31 October 1882) via Shrewsbury.

Carried on the ALLAN Line mail steamer *Samartian* from Quebec departed 21 October, arrived Moville (the port for Londonderry) at 11.40am 30 October 1882 with 167 passengers. The mails were landed at Moville and the ship proceeded to Liverpool. The mails got into the delivery system for the rest of Britain quicker by ferry and overland than by sea.



2d erased for redirection (top left)? 1d written in same ink as 2d erasure (under stamp) but it was also erased by crayon. Payment for redirection not needed as mistake by the Post Office.

UPU rate from Canada paid by 5¢ black small queen.

MONTFORD (MF2) and MONTFORD BRIDGE (MB) village is 4½ miles north-west of Shrewsbury just east of the A5. The original name of the village was MONTFORD. The bridge was Thomas Telford's first bridge design, built by John Carline and John Tilley between 1790 and 1792. The village was renamed MONTFORD BRIDGE in 1867.

1849 MONTFORD under Shrewsbury	1851, Ann Groom, Post Office
1851 William Jones, branch post office, The Swan Inn, Montford Bridge	
1867 MONTFORD BRIDGE under Shrewsbury	1878 RSO, Number 811 allocated
1887 (1 October) confirmed under Shrewsbury	2009 (16 February) office closed
2009 (24 March) Hosted Outreach, Old Shop	2010 (24 December) office finally closed



MF2



MB5



MB8a & 8b

<u>SPHS</u> <u>No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size</u> <u>(mm)</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
MB2	MONTFORD	25	24JAN1849 SIB 9 / 207a	Black	07MAR1857 – 22NOV1858 2 recorded
MB5	811. – 3VOS	26x19	15JUN1877 36 / 37		31JAN1879 – 14FEB1879 2 recorded
MB8a, MB8b	MONTFORD BRIDGE Codes for 8a B C for 8b A & No code May be two very similar stamps, overlays inconclusive	21	(8a) 07JUL1877 36 / 46	Black	8a) 31JAN1879 – 09JAN1893 8b) 06FEB1905 – 15MAY1932



Illustration courtesy of Jim Ball

MB5 & MB8a: Showing one of the two known uses of the 3VOS 811 on a cover from Montford Bridge via Shrewsbury to Llangollen, dated 14 February 1879, plus an early use of the date stamp **MB8a**, code B.

ONIBURY (OB) is a village on the River Onny in south Shropshire, about 4 miles northwest of Ludlow. It still has a railway station on the Shrewsbury to Hereford line.

1842 office under Ludlow

1857 RSO, Number **084** issued through Shrewsbury

1867 transferred to Craven Arms RSO

1850 (30 April) transferred to Shrewsbury

1858 transferred to Newton RSO

1870 office closed but re-established 1887

1999 (4 November) office finally closed



OB2



OB4



OB7



OB11

OB11 could be two, even three stamps, overlays are inconclusive. The recorded dates are:

16JUL1903 – 9NOV1906, codes B C

19AUG1911, time 6.15PM

15NOV1909 – 17AUG1920. No code



OB14

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
OB2	ONIBURY	29	07NOV1842 SIB 5 / 123	Black	05NOV1844 – 06JUL1855
OB4	087 – 3HOS	22x17	30DEC1857 14a / 115	Black	10MAR1858 – 26MAR1859 2 recorded
OB7	ONIBURY	20	18JAN1858 14a 125	Black	10MAR1858 – 26MAR1859
OB11	ONIBURY Codes B C No code Time 6.15PM	20½		Black	16JUL1903 – 17AUG1920
OB14	ONIBURY.CRAVEN ARMS / SHREWSBURY		07FEB1889 Rib 3 / 160		Not recorded used



OB4 & OB7: OB4 cancels two 1d reds paying the 1oz rate on a cover to Ludlow. **OB7** date stamp is on the reverse.

WEST FELTON (WF) is in north-west Shropshire, 4½ miles south-east of Oswestry, just east of the A5.

1845 FELTON office under Oswestry
 1874 (13 July) RSO, Number 174 allocated
 1887 (1 October) transferred to Oswestry
 2020 (25 March) closed, virus

1851 Thomas Roberts, The Lion, sub-postmaster
 1885, Miss Caroline Murray, Receiver
 2008 (24 Sept) closed, then hosted (Wed/Fri.Sat.9-12)
 2020 (12 October) Reopened c/o Trefonen.



WF2



WF5



WF8



WF11



WF14



WF17



WF21

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WF2	FELTON Issued through Oswestry	25	08MAY1845 SIB 7 / 142	Blue	19FEB1847 – 25AUG1855
WF5	WEST – FELTON Issued through Shrewsbury	25	14OCT1856 13 / 85	Blue	01MAY1857
WF8	174. – 3VOS	27x19	13JUL1874 34 / 17	Black	12FEB1875 – 05FEB1887 8 recorded
WF11	WEST – FELTON Code A	23	08DEC1871 31 / 37	Black	09AUG1872 – 04JUN1879
WF14	WEST · FELTON Codes A C	21	08DEC1883 42 / 176	Black	02JUL1885 – 12OCT1911
WF17	WEST FELTON / OSWESTRY	34		Black	28JUN1912 Illustration courtesy late Guy Bridges
WF21	WEST · FELTON Time 7.15PM No time	21		Black	27FEB1913 – 22AUG1919



WF11: Cover (reduced) from Penmaenmawr on the north Wales coast, correctly addressed to West Felton RSO. WEST FELTON date stamp for 26 August 1874.

WISTANSTOW (WS) is 5 miles south of Church Stretton, 8½ miles north of Ludlow and 2 miles north of Craven Arms, just west of the A49 main Shrewsbury to Hereford road.

1847 office under Shrewsbury
1858 RSO, Number **090** allocated
1885 Elisha Edwin Owen sub-postmaster

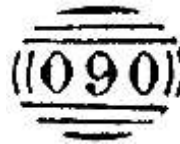
1851 Richard Home sub-postmaster
1873 transferred to Craven Arms RSO
1989 (December) closed



WS2



WS5



WS9



WS13



WS17



WS20



WS24



WS27



WS30

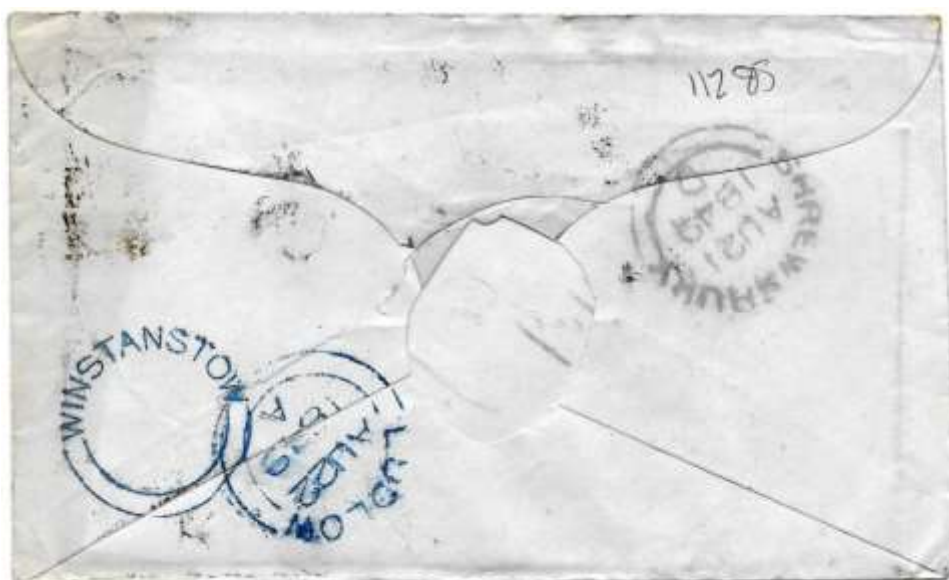
Illustration courtesy of Jim Ball



WS33

Illustration courtesy
late Guy Bridges

<u>SPHS No</u>	<u>Handstamp</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Recorded dates</u>
WS2	WINSTANSTOW Error of spelling	25	12NOV1847 SIB 9 / 97	Blue Green	21JUL1848 – 08OCT1849 04JAN1849
WS5	WISTANSTOW	25	26SEP1849 10 / 42	Blue Green	25JAN1850 – 23JAN1853 22MAR1854 – 27FEB1855
WS9	090 – 3HOS	22x17	30DEC1857 14a / 115	Black	02OCT1860
WS13	090 – 3VOS	28x20	15JAN1873 32 / 19	Black	05JUN1873
WS17	WISTANSTOW	20	23DEC1857 14a / 109		Not recorded used
WS20	WISTANSTOW	23	10AUG1871 30 / 218		Not recorded used
WS24	WISTANSTOW	20½	15JAN1873 32 / 20		05JUN1873 – 03APR1875
WS27	WISTANSTOW / SHREWSBURY		10JUN1893 RIB 5 / 338	Black	Not recorded used
WS30	WISTANSTOW / CRAVEN ARMS S.O. / SALOP			Black	11JUN1908
WS33	WISTANSTOW / CRAVEN ARMS / SALOP			Black	05DEC1911 – 25JUN1912



SB245: 1844 type **708** cancelling the 1d red, plate not known, on the front of the letter.

WS2; A late use of the undated **WINSTANSTOW**, the incorrect spelling, on a cover via Shrewsbury to Ludlow dated 21 August 1849. It was replaced by the undated **WISTANSTOW** issued on 26 September. From Wistanstow the above cover went by cart to Craven Arms and then by train to Shrewsbury where the 1d red was cancelled by the **708** obliterator and the date stamp struck on the reverse. It was then *sent down the same line*, through Craven Arms, to Ludlow.



WS13 & WS24: Only recorded example of **WS13** cancelling a ½d postal stationery card to Bishops Castle plus one of two recorded examples of **WS24**, dated 05 June 1873, code A on the reverse.

As expressed elsewhere, most of the information about each village was taken from *UK Post Offices by County* (<https://sites.google.com/site/ukpostofficesbycounty/home>), an excellent website maintained by Ken Smith. Also used were Bagshaw's 1851 Directory of Shropshire, Slater's 1859 Directory and Kelly's Directories for 1885 and 1926.