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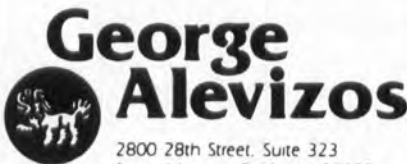
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## MYRA FARLEY'S TESTIMONIAL DINNER

Some 60 members, partners and friends assembled at Minootz Restaurant, Toorak, on 6 May, for a Testimonial Dinner to honour Miss Myra Farley, O.A.M., F.R.P.S.L.

The Dinner, organised following the award to Miss Farley of the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 1993 Queen's Birthday Honours, had been delayed due to her ill-health which had necessitated a lengthy stay in hospital.

The Dinner was hosted by the President, Mr L.W. Buchanan, who welcomed those present and proposed the royal Toast.

An Appreciation of Myra Farley was presented by Mr Peter Jaffé, R.D.P., F.R.P.S.L. Mr Jaffé adapted "The Alphabet of Philately", a verse composed by Joseph Davis, the second Secretary of The Philatelic Society of Victoria, and reprinted in last year in *Century of Happiness*, and provided an alphabetical salute to Miss Farley. His words were ably seconded by Rev. Keith Ditterich, M.B.E. Miss Farley responded, speaking of her love for the Society, and appreciation of members' concerns and messages she received during her recent hospitalisation.

At the close of an enjoyable evening, a flower arrangement, sent from Queensland by Mr Ray Chapman, O.A.M., M.B.E., R.D.P., F.R.P.S.L. and Mrs Chapman was presented to Miss Farley by the Secretary, Mr John MacDonnell.

Photographs from the evening on the following page are from Mr Charles Lawlor.



*Rev. Keith Ditterich supports the appreciation to Myra Farley at the Testimonial Dinner on 6 May.*



*The Secretary, Mr John Macdonnell, making a floral presentation to Miss Farley at the conclusion of the Dinner.*



## AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH 1911 COMPETITION ESSAYS

By G.N. KELLOW

Through the courtesy of Charles Leski I am able to illustrate a previously unrecorded group of 1911 Competition essays.

The 1911 Stamp Design Competition was held to find a design for the Uniform Commonwealth issue. It closed on 31 May 1911 and attracted 1,051 designs from 533 entrants, submitted under pseudonyms. The winning entry was the famous Altmann essay, although the ensuing events led to it being discarded in favour of the Kangaroo and Map design which was developed independent of the Competition, although the kangaroo used was a close copy of that in the competition entry of "Baldy" which was awarded equal second prize.

No official list of entrants has been located, although one may be expected to eventually turn up in the archives. The latest *Australian Commonwealth Specialists' Catalogue* (ACSC) lists some 44 different original Competition entries, a rather small survival considering all unsuccessful designs were returned to the entrants. Many competitors submitted multiple entries and one of the most prolific was E.T. Luke, who worked at the Melbourne *Age* newspaper. Three original pen and ink designs by Luke are listed in the ACSC as E55, E56 and E57. Each entry had to be accompanied by a stamp-size photographic reproduction of the design. Luke, however, was unique (as far as is known) in also preparing printed examples of his designs, his newspaper connection obviously enabling him to do this. These printed designs are listed in the ACSC as Nos. E100-E110, of which two series correspond to the recorded hand-drawn essays E55 and E56. It was never certain that these printed essays were ever submitted in the competition, or indeed even whether they were contemporary with the Competition, but this new find clears up several mysteries.

The new discovery comprises six pen and ink designs mounted on thick board. The designs measure 90 x 115mm including simulated perforations. Below each is mounted a stamp-size photograph as stipulated in the competition rules. Three of the six boards bear the pseudonym "Hæreo" - Luke's pseudonym was previously unknown. The same three boards have at the base either five or six further stamp-size essays printed on thin paper. These are headed "Photographic Examples" and beneath "Pigmented Gum-Bichromate prints by Hæreo".

The source of the previously recorded printed Luke essays is now revealed. The three boards lacking the printed essays all show evidence that these have been removed, and in each case are designs which are recorded in the ACSC.

Details of the six essays are:

**No. 1. Kangaroo in circle.** This is identical to ACSC E100(i). The printed essays are missing, but it is suggested that the six essays listed in the ACSC as E100(i)A-E and E100(ii)F represent the missing set. E100(ii)F is in red and identical to the pen and ink essay. E100(i)A-E lack the numerals of value at top and the bottom tablet is solid; these are in blue, yellow, violet, green and brown (the latter a bromide on thick paper).

**No. 2. Cockatoo in oval, framed by lyrebird tail.** This is very similar to ACSC E102(ii) except that it includes "1" in tablets at top left and right. The printed essays are missing, but it is suggested the five essays listed in the ACSC as E102(i)A-D and E102(ii)E represent the missing set. E102(ii)E is in red; E102(i)A-D lack the words of value on the boomerang, and are in blue, yellow, mauve and green.

**No. 3. King George V facing right in oval, framed by lyrebird tail.** This is identical to ACSC E104 except that there are "1's" in the tablets at top left and right, and "ONE PENNY" in tablet at base. The printed essays are missing, but it is suggested that the six essays listed as ACSC E104A-f represent the missing set. These are in red, yellow, mauve, green, blue and brown-olive (the latter a bromide on thick paper).

**No. 4. King George V full-face portrait in oval framed by lyrebird tail.** This design is previously unrecorded. The six printed essays attached have the numerals of value missing at top and the tablet at base solid. These are in magenta, blue, orange, deep blue, green and brown (the latter a bromide on thick paper).

**No. 5. Map of Australia.** This design is previously unrecorded. The five printed essays attached are in magenta (identical to the pen and ink drawing),



No. 1



No. 2



and blue, orange, mauve and deep green (without figures of value at top, and tablet at base solid).

No. 6. Map of Australia, alternative layout. This design is previously unrecorded. The five printed essays are in magenta (identical to the pen and ink drawing), and deep blue, orange-yellow, mauve and green (without value).



No.3



No. 4



No. 5



No. 6

Since Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are not inscribed "Hæreo" it is possible that these designs, although otherwise similar in appearance to the others, were rejected by Luke and never actually submitted in the Competition. Only the finding of an official list of entries will solve this question. The status of the printed essays is now established, however, and the evidence now suggests that for each design only one set of five or six printed essays was prepared, each in a different colour.

Combining the new find with the information already recorded in ACSC. it is apparent that only two pen and ink designs – those represented by printed essays listed as E101 and E105 – remain to be found. The block of four Luke essays represented by ACSC E107-110 are half-tones and may not have a hand-drawn original.

## NEW HONOUR FOR RAY CHAPMAN

In the Queen's Birthday Awards, Mr Ray Chapman has been appointed a member to the Order of Australia (AM) for his community work over a long period, and also for services to philately. Mr Chapman thus becomes the second Australian in as many years to be honoured in this manner for their philatelic work, following Miss Myra Farley's award of the Medal of the Order of Australia last year. Ray Chapman had previously been awarded an M.B.E. in 1976 for his work with the 3AW Community Trust.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

### *Daytime Meetings*

The Society's first day-time meeting was held on 12 April with eleven in attendance.

At this meeting it was agreed to alter the date and time of future day-time meetings to the **first Tuesday of each month, 1pm to 3pm**, to become effective at the June meeting (Tuesday, June 7).

At each day-time meeting there will be a mini-display, exchange sheets, the opportunity to discuss matters of interest, access to the library, and afternoon tea.

No additional costs are involved, and all members are welcome.

### *Tom Howden*

Mr D.H.M. Clarke writes as follows:

"Reference is made on page 174 of *Century of Happiness* to the death of H.T. Bowden – this should be 'Howden'.

"Tom Howden ran the general store and post office at Sutton Cross, a hamlet near Koroit in south-west Victoria.

"He was my mentor, when I started collecting as a lad, and I still have a 1927

Stanley Gibbons Part One he gave me.

"Tom collected British Commonwealth commemoratives, in complete sets from Canada Diamond Jubilee through to the scarce West Indian and African sets of the 1930's.

"He was also interested in Victoria, and impressed upon me how rare the 6d orange Beaded Oval was. Tom would be glad to know that I own a pair and one on cover!"

### *New Subscription Rate for Philately from Australia*

Following Australia Post's discontinuation of the Registered Publication service and the introduction of Print Post, a new scale of postal charges now affects *Philately from Australia*.

Increases in postage have made it necessary to raise the subscription rate for non-members to \$18 per annum anywhere in Australia.

Rates for overseas subscribers are not affected.

## TASMANIAN WRAPPERS WITH RED LINES

By W.E. TINSLEY, R.D.P., F.R.P.S.,L.

The first issue of postal stationery wrappers of Tasmania were printed with a pair of red lines along each edge. These were issued about 1897 in three values – ½d orange, 1d red and 2d green – in a vertical format 110mm wide and 320mm long (Ingles Nos. W1(a), W2(a) and W3). The paper is brown manilla with a smooth front surface and a rough back surface having a vertical ribbed effect, Small particles are dispersed through the paper.

In 1982 I published the results of a study of these wrappers, based on a review of 15 items. In the intervening time I have had the opportunity of inspecting 19 additional items with the result that there are eight varieties of the red lines, rather than the four originally reported.

Two red lines are printed along each edge, as shown in Figure 1. The lines vary in width and spacing, and there are spots of the same red colour on the wrappers in various locations. I now identify eight varieties: A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H.

The overall width of the lines and the line spacing and width for the eight types are set out in Table 1. The dimensions designated 1 through 7 are shown in Figure 2. All measurements are to the nearest 0.25mm.

The recurring colour spots for the types are as follows, with distances from the top of the wrapper stated in millimetres. A magnifier is useful in locating the spots, but once located, they are visible to the unaided eye:

**Type A.** Horizontal dotted line at 268mm.

**Type B.** Spots in horizontal rows at 58mm and 93mm; spots to left of right lines at 24mm, 110mm and 194mm; spot between right lines at 156mm; spot to



Figure 1.  
The layout of the red  
line wrappers.

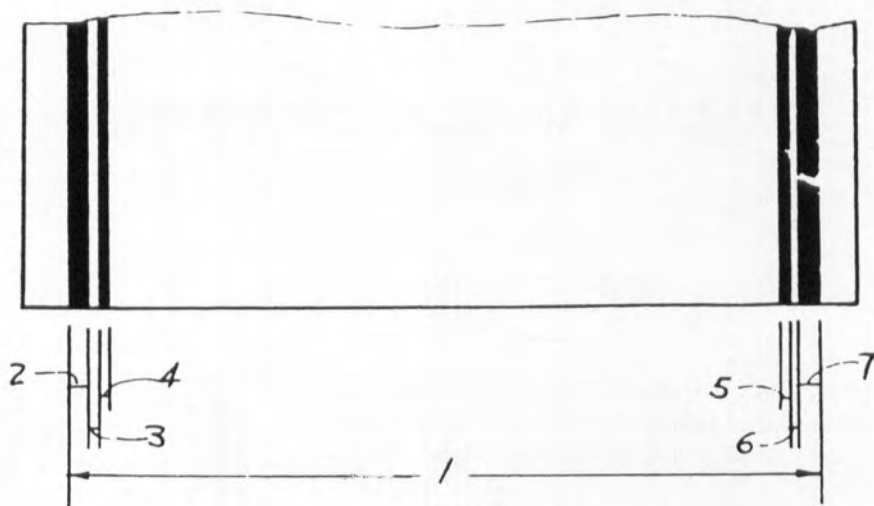


Figure 2. The dimensions used to differentiate the eight types. The numbers refer to the distances tabulated in Table 1 below.

Table 1								
CHARACTERISTICS OF RED LINES								
Type		Dimensions (see Fig. 2)						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A	top	99.75	4.75	1.00	2.25	2.25	1.00	4.50
	bottom	99.75	5.00	1.00	2.25	2.25	1.00	4.50
B	top	99.25	3.25	1.00	1.75	1.50	1.00	3.50
	bottom	99.00	3.00	1.25	1.50	1.50	1.00	3.00
C	top	98.75	3.25	1.00	1.75	1.50	0.75	3.25
	bottom	98.50	3.25	0.75	2.00	1.50	1.00	3.00
D	top	98.00	3.00	1.00	1.50	1.75	1.00	3.75
	bottom	98.00	3.00	0.75	1.75	1.75	1.00	3.75
E	top	99.50	3.50	0.75	1.75	1.75	1.00	4.00
	bottom	99.50	3.50	0.75	1.75	1.75	1.00	4.00
F	top	99.50	4.00	1.00	1.75	2.00	1.00	3.50
	bottom	99.50	4.00	1.00	1.75	1.75	1.00	3.50
G	top	98.75	3.25	0.75	2.00	1.50	0.75	3.00
	bottom	98.50	3.25	0.75	2.00	1.50	0.75	3.25
H	top	97.50	3.75	1.00	1.50	1.50	1.00	3.00
	bottom	98.00	4.00	1.00	1.50	1.50	1.00	3.00

right of left lines at 253mm.

**Type C.** Spots to left of right lines at 37mm, 66mm, 106mm, 166mm, 204mm, 254mm, 262mm and 292mm, the latter two locations nearer the centre; spot between right lines at 66mm, and spots to right of left lines at 10mm and 185mm.

**Type D.** Spots to left of right lines at 124mm, 290mm and 312mm, to right of right lines at 32mm, between right lines at 144mm, and to right of left lines at 261mm. The left edge of the line on the right is erratic.

**Type E.** Spots to left of right lines at 10mm, 12mm, 24mm and 152mm, and four spots at 142mm.

**Type F.** Large spot in centre at 18mm; spot nearer right lines at 24mm; break in narrow line at 70mm.

**Type G.** Large spot in right edge at 288mm; 2mm dash to right of centre at 168mm; 2mm dash to left of centre at 294mm.

**Type H.** Big mark to left of right lines at 112mm; traces of colour entirely across at 50mm.

One 1d Type C with the paper inverted is known. also, one ½d orange Type A with an additional 1d red to the left of the ½d is known.

Two wider wrappers are known, being 150 x 320mm, one a ½d value and the other a 1d (Ingles Nos. W1(b) and W2(b)). The red line characteristics are the same for both and do not correspond to any of Types A to H.

Correspondence regarding the red line wrappers will be welcome at 2210 Moreno Drive, Los Angeles CA, 90039-3044 USA.

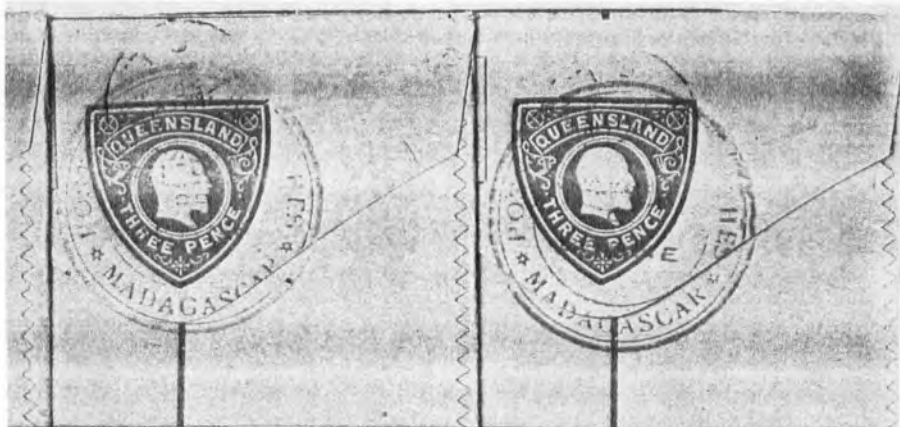
## QUEENSLAND KING EDWARD VII REGISTRATION ENVELOPES

By BERNIE BESTON

In *Philately from Australia*, March 1993, Hugh Campbell describes the finding of a De La Rue envelope dated 20 April 1912, used to Germany, some seven months earlier than that recorded by the late Phil Collas. Further notes on the King Edward VII envelopes were made by Mark Diserio in the June 1993 issue. I had recourse to my collection, and am able to record an earlier date, albeit by only one-and-a-half months. It is an envelope used to Dundedin, New Zealand, on 19 March 1912 from Brisbane with added 2d. This made up the intercolonial rate at the time.

This envelope can be found both with the head embossed and unembossed.

Both the De La Rue and McCorquodale envelopes have steadily come onto the market in auctions, especially in Australia, over the years since the Collas



book was first published. That does not mean that these envelopes are a dime a dozen. I would venture that the known examples of either do not exceed 50 each, both mint and used. If collectors were to write to me I would be happy to record a listing. As most have come onto the market through Macray, Watson, Macray-Watson and West Brisbane auctions, this should not be too difficult. I would welcome input from catalogue watchers.

The earliest use of McCorquodale envelopes is easily evidenced by the Madagascar specimens which I acquired in 1988. These are clearly postmarked at Brisbane on 27 January 1909.

The McCorquodale dates are recorded by me from 27 January 1909 to 21 February 1912. The De La Rue dates are recorded by me from 19 March 1912 to 30 December 1912, which makes one wonder if the De La Rue printing was a stop-gap issue.

The sales of archival material by Australia Post recorded a new design of which only four examples were sold. As a member of the Advisory Committee at the time, I regrettably precluded myself from bidding at the auction; I was however, later able to obtain an example. This is clearly cancelled Melbourne, 9 December 1913. Was this intended to replace the McCorquodale envelope, and was the De La Rue printing just a fill-in, when the Federation of Australia was finally realised by the Queensland Postal Department?



## QUEENSLAND: THE 1d STAMP DUTY OF 1878-79

By KEN SCUDDER

The final chapter relating to the type layout of the "group of four" of the working die used for the production of the electros for the plate, may now be written.

Within weeks of the article on this stamp appearing in the December 1993 *Philately from Australia*, the writer made a lucky acquisition of some 50 of these stamps. This contained three stamps with the elusive side marginal line watermark - a right side single and a left side vertical pair.

The types as described in the December 1993 article are now known to be:

Type I	Type B
Type II	Type A
Type III	Type C
Type IV	Type D

These are now illustrated.



TYPE I



TYPE II



TYPE III



TYPE IV

# THE DE LA RUE CORRESPONDENCE BOOKS

## I. FIJI

Compiled by GEOFF KELLOW

(Continued from March 1994, page 24)

- 6.9.1920 From CA - order for postage stamps.
- 8.9.1920 From DLR - re 6.9.1920, acknowledged. Order for:
- |      |         |    |         |     |        |
|------|---------|----|---------|-----|--------|
| 1/2d | 60,000  | 2d | 360,000 | 4d  | 30,000 |
| 1d   | 240,000 | 3d | 30,000  | 1/- | 60,000 |
- 23.11.1920 From CA - order for 2/6d postage stamps.
- 24.11.1920 From DLR - re 23.11.1920, acknowledged. Order for 60,000 2/6d postage stamps.
- 21.12.1920 From CA - the postage stamps under order 110/20 are urgently required, and we ask that the remainder of the order be ready for the steamer leaving 7.1.1921.
- 22.12.1920 From DLR - re 21.12.1920, the remainder of the order will be delivered tomorrow.
- 7.3.1921 From CA - order for envelopes; the new postage rates will require new dies.
- 14.3.1921 From DLR - re 7.3.1921, acknowledged. Order for envelopes:
- |                                 |       |       |  |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--|
| 2d size 13                      | 4,800 |       |  |
| 4d registration envelope size G |       | 2,000 |  |
- Proofs enclosed from two existing dies showing how we propose to alter values, and appending costs of dies and printing.
- 22.3.1921 From CA - re 14.3.1921, designs approved. Colours are to be advised.
- 23.3.1921 From DLR - re 22.3.1921, acknowledged.
- 7.7.1921 From CA - re 22.3.1921, the 4d registration envelope stamp is to be brown, and the 2d embossed envelope stamp is to be grey.
- 8.7.1921 From DLR - re 7.7.1921, acknowledged.
- 27.7.1921 From CA - order for 5,000 2d envelopes.
- 5.8.1921 From DLR - re 27.7.1921, acknowledged.
- 19.8.1921 From CA - order for 60,000 3d and 120,000 1/- postage stamps.
- 22.8.1921 From DLR - re 19.8.1921, acknowledged. The order states the 1/- stamps are to be singly fugitive. We ask authority to print these doubly fugitive as previous supplies.
- 25.8.1921 From CA - re 22.8.1921, authority given for 1/- stamps to be doubly fugitive.
- 26.8.1921 From DLR - re 25.8.1921, acknowledged.
- 27.1.1922 From CA - order for postage stamps:
- |    |         |    |        |
|----|---------|----|--------|
| 1d | 480,000 | 4d | 48,000 |
| 2d | 600,000 | 6d | 60,000 |
- 1.2.1922 From DLR - re 27.1.1922, acknowledged.
- 1.8.1922 From CA - order for postage stamps:
- |      |        |    |        |
|------|--------|----|--------|
| 1/4d | 96,000 | 5d | 60,000 |
| 1/2d | 96,000 | £1 | 12,000 |

- 3.8.1922 *From DLR* - re 1.8.1922, acknowledged.
- 11.9.1923 *From CA* - order for 1,500 sheets ½d and 6,000 sheets 2d postage stamps.
- 12.9.1923 *From DLR* - re 11.9.1923, acknowledged.
- 18.10.1923 *From CA* - order for 127,200 3d, 18,000 4d and 30,000 1/- postage stamps. The colour of the 3d to be changed to blue on white.
- 19.10.1923 *From DLR* - re 18.10.1923, acknowledged.
- 4.11.1924 *From CA* - order for postage stamps:
- |    |                     |      |                   |
|----|---------------------|------|-------------------|
| ½d | 1,800 sheets of 120 | 6d   | 200 sheets of 120 |
| 1d | 2,500 sheets of 120 | 1/-  | 400 sheets of 120 |
| 2d | 4,000 sheets of 120 | 2/6d | 120 sheets of 120 |
- 411 Specimens of the 2/6d are required.
- 29.9.1925 *From CA* - order for postage stamps, urgently required:
- |    |         |      |        |
|----|---------|------|--------|
| 2d | 480,000 | 2/6d | 24,000 |
| 4d | 60,000  | 5/-  | 13,800 |
- 412 Specimens of the 5/- are required.
- 22.10.1925 *From CA* - re order of 29.9.1925, this is urgently required, and it is requested that it be ready for the mail of 28.10.1925.
- 24.12.1925 *From CA* - order for postage stamps:
- |    |         |    |        |     |        |
|----|---------|----|--------|-----|--------|
| ½d | 120,000 | 5d | 24,000 | 1/- | 72,000 |
| 1d | 420,000 | 6d | 24,000 | 5/- | 36,000 |
| 2d | 240,000 |    |        |     |        |
- 31.12.1925 *From DLR* - re 30.12.1925, acknowledged.
- 30.12.1925 *From CA* - re order of 24.12.1925, the quantities are to be increased to 90,000 1/- and 40,000 5/-.
- 29.7.1926 *From CA* - re order of 24.7.1926, the following quantities should be corrected:
- |     |         |
|-----|---------|
| 1½d | 120,000 |
| 3d  | 40,000  |
| £1  | 6,000   |
- 30.7.1926 *From DLR* - re 29.7.1926, acknowledged.
- 24.7.1926 *From CA* - order for postage stamps:
- |     |           |     |         |             |         |
|-----|-----------|-----|---------|-------------|---------|
| ½d  | 120,000   | 4d  | 144,000 | 2/6d        | 300,000 |
| 1d  | 360,000   | 5d  | 144,000 | 5/-         | 300,000 |
| 1½d | 1,020,000 | 6d  | 300,000 | £1          | 60,000  |
| 2d  | 360,000   | 1/- | 480,000 | 2d envelope | 5,000   |
| 3d  | 360,000   | 2/- | 600,000 |             |         |
- 422 Specimens each are required of the 1d, 1½d and 2/-.
- The 1d to be blue-purple, the 1½d to be red, and the 2/- to be purple and blue on blue. Proofs of dies for the 1½d and 2/-, and colour proofs of the 1d, 1½d and 2/- to be submitted. The 1½d and 2/- are urgently required.
- 2.9.1926 *From DLR* - re order of 24.7.1926, proofs of dies for 1½d and 2/- enclosed.
- 3.9.1926 *From CA* - re 2.9.1926, proofs of dies for 1½d and 2/- approved and returned.
- 4.9.1926 *From DLR* - re 3.9.1926, acknowledged.
- 11.10.1926 *From DLR* - re order of 24.7.1926, colour proofs for 1d, 1½d and 2/- enclosed.
- 12.10.1926 *From CA* - re 11.10.1926, colour proofs for 1d, 1½d and 2/- approved and returned.
- 13.10.1926 *From DLR* - re 12.10.1926, acknowledged.
- 28.5.1927 *From DLR* - enclosing tender for small machine with interchangeable dies for 2d, 6d, 1/-, 1/6 and 2/- for impressing Stamp Duty.
- 11.11.1927 *From DLR* - re 11.11.1927, acknowledged.
- 11.11.1927 *From CA* - re 10.11.1927, proofs of registration envelopes, lettercards and international postcards approved and returned.
- 10.11.1927 *From DLR* - re 9.11.1927, acknowledged. Proofs enclosed of registration envelope with 2d stamp duty + 3d registration, 2d lettercard, and 1½d international postcard.

- 9.11.1927 *From DLR* - re your telephone call regarding size G registration envelopes, please cancel order and substitute 1,000 registration envelopes with 2d stamp duty + 3d registration, to be in brown. 422 Specimens will also be required.
- 17.10.1927 *From DLR* - re 17.10.1927, acknowledged.
- 17.10.1927 *From CA* - re order of 30.9.1927, please increase the following quantities:
- |    |         |     |        |
|----|---------|-----|--------|
| 2d | 780,000 | 6d  | 40,000 |
| 3d | 40,000  | 1/- | 60,000 |
- We agree to your proposal regarding size G registration envelopes.
- 13.10.1927 *From DLR* - re 30.9.1927, acknowledged. Regarding the registration envelopes, we propose to supply G size from the same duty plate as last, but to create a new printing plate, altering the registration fee to 3d from the H2 size.
- 30.9.1927 *From CA* - order for postage stamps and postal stationery:
- |        |                     |                                |       |
|--------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| 1/2d   | 550 sheets of 120   | Embossed envelope: 2d size 13  | 2,500 |
| 1d     | 4,000 sheets of 120 | Registration envelopes:        |       |
| 1 1/2d | 750 sheets of 120   | Size G with 2d registration    |       |
| 2d     | 6,000 sheets of 120 | in brown                       | 1,000 |
| 3d     | 300 sheets of 120   | Size H2 with 2d postage and 3d |       |
| 5d     | 150 sheets of 120   | registration. Stamp duty to be |       |
| 6d     | 300 sheets of 120   | printed in blue                | 1,000 |
| 1/-    | 400 sheets of 120   | 2d Lettercards in grey         | 1,000 |
| 2/-    | 200 sheets of 120   | 1 1/2d postcards in red        | 1,000 |
| 2/6d   | 200 sheets of 120   |                                |       |
| 5/-    | 250 sheets of 120   |                                |       |
- Also 422 Specimens each of size H2 registration envelopes, 2d lettercards and 1 1/2d postcards.
- 3.2.1928 *From DLR* - re 25.1.1928, acknowledged. We gather that the larger of the two machines is required. All the dies can be made to fit the new machine as well as that now in the Colony. Dies required:
- Two steel embossing dies - "Fiji Duty Paid", and "Fiji Fine Paid", pierced for plugs.  
One steel embossing die - "Fiji Exempt from Duty" not pierced for plugs.  
70 steel plugs for dies.
- 25.1.1928 *From CA* - re tender of 28.6.1927, letter of 9.12.1927 from Colony is enclosed. Please forward your observations.
- 19.12.1927 *From Colonial Secretary, Suva to CA* - re our order of 1.7.1927, I am to advise you to accept the tender of De La Rue. What is required is three dies which will fit our present machine.
- 16.2.1928 *From CA* - re 15.2.1928, sketches of embossing dies enclosed.
- 16.2.1928 *From DLR* - re 15.2.1928, acknowledged.
- 15.2.1928 *From CA* - re 3.2.1928, your tender for embossing dies is accepted. Proofs of dies are to be submitted for approval.
- 18.2.1928 *From DLR* - re 17.2.1928, embossing dies will be ready for despatch as requested.
- 17.2.1928 *From CA* - re 16.2.1928, can the embossing dies be ready for despatch with the mail of 5.5.1928?
- 31.3.1928 *From DLR* - re 30.3.1928, it was stated in our letter of 3.2.1928 that the embossing dies will fit both the new machine and the one already supplied. Proofs of the three dies are enclosed.
- 30.3.1928 *From CA* - re the stamping machine on order, the Colony has written that the new machine is not for use with the die for any amount up to £9999/19/11, but with the three new Cheque dies. Please confirm that the new machine is suitable.
- 3.4.1928 *From DLR* - re 2.4.1928, acknowledged.
- 2.4.1928 *From CA* - re 31.1.1928, acknowledged. Proofs of Cheque dies approved and returned.
- 9.5.1928 *From DLR* - re 8.5.1928, acknowledged.
- 8.5.1928 *From CA* - re 4.5.1928, proofs of Duty dies approved and returned.

- 4.5.1928 *From DLR* - proofs of three large Duty dies enclosed.
- 29.6.1928 *From DLR to Colonial Treasury, Suva* - in accordance with instructions from the Crown Agents, we forward the three plugs sent by you on 9.12.1927, and beg apology for not returning these sooner.
- 30.6.1928 *From DLR* - re 29.6.1928, the three plugs have been despatched to Suva.
- 29.6.1928 *From CA* - re embossing dies, we have received a telegram from the Colony that the three plugs they forwarded on 25.1.1928 have not been returned. Please arrange despatch.
- 26.10.1928 *From DLR* - re 25.10.1928, acknowledged.
- 25.10.1928 *From CA* - re order of 22.10.1928, please increase quantities to:
- |     |         |     |        |      |        |
|-----|---------|-----|--------|------|--------|
| 1½d | 40,000  | 5d  | 40,000 | 2/-  | 60,000 |
| 2d  | 280,000 | 6d  | 60,000 | 2/6d | 40,000 |
| 3d  | 60,000  | 1/- | 60,000 | 5/-  | 40,000 |
| 4d  | 40,000  |     |        |      |        |
- 22.10.1928 *From CA* - order for postage stamps and postal stationery:
- |     |         |      |        |                           |          |
|-----|---------|------|--------|---------------------------|----------|
| ½d  | 120,000 | 5d   | 36,000 | Embossed envelope 2d size | 13 3,000 |
| 1d  | 360,000 | 6d   | 48,000 | Registration envelopes:   |          |
| 1½d | 36,000  | 1/-  | 48,000 | 2d + 3d size G            | 1,000    |
| 2d  | 720,000 | 2/-  | 36,000 | 2d + 3d size H2           | 1,000    |
| 3d  | 48,000  | 2/6d | 36,000 | 2d lettercards            | 1,000    |
| 4d  | 36,000  | 5/-  | 36,000 | 1½d postcards             | 1,000    |
- 23.10.1928 *From CA* - Fiji has authorised destruction of the ¼d die and plate, as this value is now obsolete.
- 6.3.1930 *From CA* - order for postage stamps:
- |     |         |    |         |      |         |
|-----|---------|----|---------|------|---------|
| ½d  | 48,000  | 2d | 840,000 | 1/-  | 120,000 |
| 1d  | 360,000 | 4d | 36,000  | 2/6d | 12,000  |
| 1½d | 120,000 | 6d | 36,000  |      |         |
- 11.3.1930 *From CA* - re order of 6.3.1930, please increase quantities of ½d to 60,000, 4d to 40,000, and 6d to 40,000.
- 12.12.1930 *From DLR* - re 11.12.1930, acknowledged.
- 11.12.1930 *From CA* - re order of 4.12.1930, the quantity of 1½d postcards should be changed to 1,000.
- 11.12.1930 *From DLR* - re 10.12.1930, acknowledged.
- 10.12.1930 *From CA* - re order of 4.12.1930, increase quantities of ½d to 90,000 and 1/- to 60,000.
- 4.12.1930 *From CA* - order for postage stamps and postal stationery:
- |    |         |      |        |                              |       |
|----|---------|------|--------|------------------------------|-------|
| ½d | 72,000  | 1/-  | 48,000 | 2d Embossed envelope size 13 | 2,500 |
| 1d | 360,000 | 2/-  | 12,000 | Registration envelopes:      |       |
| 2d | 840,000 | 2/6d | 24,000 | 2d + 3d size G               | 1,200 |
| 3d | 120,000 | 5/-  | 24,000 | 2d + 3d size H2              | 720   |
| 5d | 12,000  | £1   | 12,000 | 1½d postcard                 | 720   |
| 6d | 12,000  |      |        | 2d lettercard                | 2,000 |
- 28.10.1931 *From DLR* - re 27.10.1931, acknowledged.
- 27.10.1931 *From CA* - the Government of Fiji has authorised the destruction of the dies, key plate and five duty plates for ½d, 1d, 2d, 3d and 4d postage due stamps.
- 21.3.1932 *From DLR* - re 18.3.1932, acknowledged.
- 18.3.1932 *From CA* - re order of 15.3.1932, increase the quantities of 1d and 2d to 1,000,000 each, and arrange for a supply of each to be ready for the steamer of 14.4.1932.
- 15.3.1932 *From CA* - order for 960,000 1d and 960,000 2d postage stamps.
- 6.5.1932 *From CA* - re 5.5.1932, we agree to your proposal.
- 5.5.1932 *From DLR* - re order of 4.5.1932 for registration envelopes, we ask permission to produce 1,440 to enable parcelling into 480's.

- 4.5.1932 From CA - order for 1,200 size G and 720 size H2 2d + 3d registration envelopes.
- 16.2.1933 From CA - order for postage stamps and postal stationery:  

½d	60,000	2d	600,000	Registration envelopes:	
1d	240,000	5d	48,000	2d + 3d size G	2,400
1½d	48,000			2d + 3d size H2	2,400
- 21.9.1934 From CA - order for postage stamps:  

1½d	24,000	3d	24,000
2d	480,000	6d	12,000
- 28.5.1935 From CA - order for 60,000 ½d and 12,000 5d postage stamps.
- 26.8.1935 From CA - order for 12,000 6d, 12,000 2/- and 12,000 5/- postage stamps, urgently required.
- 20.11.1935 From CA - re order of 18.11.1935, increase quantity of 3d to 40,000.
- 18.11.1935 From CA - order for 36,000 2d and 36,000 3d postage stamps, and 2,400 2d + 3d size H2 registration envelopes. Urgently required.
- 8.6.1936 From CA - re order of 3.6.1936, increase quantities to 60,000 each of ½d, 1½d and 3d.
- 3.6.1936 From CA - order for postage stamps:  

½d	48,000	5d	24,000
1½d	48,000	6d	24,000
3d	48,000		
- 17.6.1936 From DLR - re 17.6.1936, printing of the 1½d will start tomorrow, and delivery of all items will be not later than 24.6.1936.
- 17.6.1936 From CA - re order of 3.6.1936, the Fiji Government has cabled asking us to expedite delivery of the 1½d stamps.
- 25.9.1936 From CA - order for 600,000 2d postage stamps, required urgently.
- 22.10.1936 From DLR - returning sketches for pictorial stamps lent to us for preparation of new designs.
- 22.10.1936 From DLR - re 21.10.1936, acknowledged.
- 21.10.1936 From CA - re 20.10.1936, the proofs are approved and returned. The THE of THREE should be in alignment with the other letters.
- 20.10.1936 From DLR - enclosing proofs of dies of three values of King Edward VIII stamps, submitted for approval of lettering and values.
- 12.10.1936 From CA - order for King Edward VIII postage stamps:  

1d mauve	444,000
2d grey	1,260,000
3d blue	180,000

Also 416 Specimens of each.
- 23.11.1936 From DLR - re 20.11.1936, acknowledged. The alteration requested has been made.
- 20.11.1936 From CA - re 19.11.1936, proofs of dies are approved and returned. Shading of O of ONE on the 1d should be reduced.
- 19.11.1936 From DLR - re 22.10.1936, enclosing proofs from the transfer dies of the King Edward VII stamps.
- 16.11.1936 From DLR - tender for the new pictorial issue of postage stamps. Designs to be based on locally-prepared sketches. Values and quantities required:  

½d	120,000	6d	66,000	2/6d	12,000
1½d	240,000	1/-	60,000	5/-	12,000
5d	66,000	2/-	12,000		

Plus 416 Specimens of each. ½d to be medium green, 1½d to be pale red, otherwise no special requirements as to colour.  
Estimates of costs for dies, plates and printing detailed.
- 16.11.1936 From DLR - enclosing tender. The designs are prepared to show how the stamps would appear if printed single colour. We would suggest the register is so tight that better results would obtain from single colour rather than two-colour printing. This would also effect considerable economy.



- 6.11.1936 *From CA* - advising that the closing date for tenders for the new pictorial issue has been extended to 16.11.1936.
- 14.10.1936 *From CA* - enclosing a tender form for a new pictorial issue, to be lodged no later than 12.11.1936. The local sketches will be forwarded in a day or two. Eight designs are required from the ten sketches, which may be either one-colour or two-colour designs. Each design is to include a vignette of the King. The ten sketches are:
- |                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Fijian Canoe                | River Scene    |
| Sugar Cane                  | Chiefs House   |
| Native Village              | Fijian Canoe   |
| Native Sailing Canoe        | Map of Islands |
| Spearing Fish by Torchlight | Suva Harbour   |
- 18.12.1936 *From CA* - re order of 12.12.1936, please increase quantity of ½d to 60,000.
- 12.12.1936 *From CA* - order for 48,000 ½d, 12,000 1½d and 12,000 1/- postage stamps.
- 22.12.1936 *From CA* - order for 4,800 each of sizes G and H2 2d + 3d registration envelopes.
- 10.12.1936 *From DLR* - re 2.12.1936, a design for a stamp for registration envelopes will be prepared when we are able to get the letterpress head die engraved.
- 2.12.1936 *From CA* - requesting a design and quotation for 6,000 H2 and 4,800 size G registration envelopes, same as present issue but with the head of King Edward VIII substituted.
- 16.4.1937 *From DLR* - re 9.4.1937, acknowledged. Cost of dies and plates for each value are appended.
- 9.4.1937 *From CA* - re your tender of 16.11.1937 for the pictorial issue, that for the ½d, 1½d, 2d and 6d values is accepted. Details of the stamps required are:
- |     |   |
|-----|---|
| ½d  | as design for 5d, in green                          |
| 1½d | as design for ½d, in red                            |
| 2d  | as design for 2/-, altered as shown, and bicoloured |
| 6d  | as design for 2/-, but in black                     |
- The portrait of the King as approved for Colonial use is to be included. The designs are enclosed, to be returned to us in due course mounted for presentation to the King. The original sketches are also enclosed, to be returned as soon as possible.
- 21.4.1937 *From CA* - re 9.4.1937, a formal order is now enclosed.
- 21.4.1937 *From CA* - order for dies, plates and the following quantities of postage stamps:
- |     |         |    |           |
|-----|---------|----|-----------|
| ½d  | 192,000 | 2d | 1,233,000 |
| 1½d | 276,000 | 6d | 90,000    |
- Also 415 Specimens of each.
- 21.9.1937 *From DLR* - in confirmation of our telephone call, provided the King's head die is approved in the next day or so, the new stamps could be ready for delivery by the end of December.
- 30.9.1937 *From DLR* - re 28.9.1937, acknowledged.
- 28.9.1937 *From CA* - re order of 23.9.1937, increase quantities of ½d to 40,000 and 2/- to 12,000.
- 23.9.1937 *From CA* - order for postage stamps, urgently required:
- |     |        |     |        |
|-----|--------|-----|--------|
| ½d  | 36,000 | 1/- | 12,000 |
| 1½d | 24,000 | 2/- | 6,000  |
- 15.10.1937 *From DLR* - re 14.10.1937, acknowledged.
- 14.10.1937 *From CA* - re 7.10.1937, proof of 6d in black approved and returned, together with approved design.
- 13.10.1937 *From DLR* - re your phone call, enclosing three native designs on which the approved sketch was based.
- 7.10.1937 *From DLR* - enclosing proofs of the 6d die in black, and dark grey, together with the approved design.
- 9.11.1937 *From DLR* - enclosing proofs for die and colour for the ½d and 1½d, together with the approved designs.

- 3.12.1937 *From DLR* - re 2.12.1937, acknowledged. Further proofs will be submitted early next week.
- 2.12.1937 *From CA* - re 9.11.1937, asking when further proofs of the ½d and 1½d stamps with corrections alluded to verbally be submitted.
- 9.12.1937 *From DLR* - re 9.12.1937, acknowledged.
- 9.12.1937 *From CA* - re 8.12.1937, proof of the 1½d approved for die only and returned. Please submit further proofs in alternative red shades. The 2d die is also approved except for the King's head - there seems to be something wrong with the right eye. The colour of the vignette is satisfactory, but the colour of the border should be an exact match of the approved design. Please submit further colour proofs of the 2d. The approved designs are returned.
- 8.12.1937 *From DLR* - enclosing proofs of the revised 1½d, and 2d dies, together with the approved designs.
- 14.12.1937 *From DLR* - re 13.12.1937, acknowledged. As arranged, further proofs of the ½d incorporating the alterations will be submitted.
- 13.12.1937 *From CA* - re 9.1.2.1937, as arranged please send further proofs of the ½d with correction of the King's head vignette. The die proof is approved for die and colour, except for King's head. Colour proofs of the ½d and 1½d sent on 9.11.1937 not approved are also returned.
- 9.12.1937 *From DLR* - enclosing proof of the ½d submitted for die and colour.
- 20.12.1937 *From DLR* - re 20.12.1937, acknowledged.
- 20.12.1937 *From CA* - re 17.12.1937, proofs of ½d and 1½d approved and returned, together with approved designs.
- 17.12.1937 *From DLR* - re 9.12.1937, enclosing further proofs of the 1½d in four shades of red, also further proofs of the ½d in green showing adjustment to King's portrait, together with approved designs.
- 22.12.1937 *From CA* - re 20.12.1937, acknowledged. All values must be delivered in time for the mail of 10.1.1938.
- 20.12.1937 *From DLR* - re 17.12.1937, acknowledged. Proofs of the 6d were submitted 7.10.1937, and approved by you on 14.10.1937. Proofs of the ½d and 1½d were submitted 17.12.1937, and approved the same day. Further proofs of the 2d will follow soon.
- 17.12.1937 *From CA* - re 14.12.1937 memo (missing) we point out that only the die proof of the 6d has been approved, and we await the colour proof. We also await further proofs of the ½d, 1½d and 2d.
- 1.1.1938 *From DLR* - re 31.12.1937, acknowledged.
- 31.12.1937 *From CA* - re 31.12.1937, 2d proof approved and returned, together with the original design.
- 31.12.1937 *From DLR* - re 9.12.1937, enclosing colour proofs of the 2d, together with the approved design. Note that the adjustment of the portrait has been carried out.
- 3.1.1938 *From DLR* - in a memo of 16.12.1937 to your Inspector we stated that we hoped to have supplies ready by 10.1.1938, but were not certain of this. The 6d is printed. The ½d will be delivered by 13.1.1938, and the 1½d and 2d by 17.1.1938.
- 19.4.1938 *From CA* - re 13.4.1938, acknowledged.
- 13.4.1938 *From DLR* - enclosing three approved designs of new issues suitably mounted for Royal Collection.
- 8.7.1938 *From CA* - order for 144,000 ½d and 720,000 2d postage stamps, urgently required.
- 13.6.1939 *From CA* - order for 180,000 ½d and 60,000 1½d postage stamps.
- 19.9.1939 *From DLR* - enclosing tender for 1/5d Air Mail stamp, together with two designs, A (bicoloured) and B (one colour).
- 5.9.1939 *From CA* - enclosing tender form for 1/5d Air Mail stamp, to be submitted by 19.9.1939.

- 19.9.1939 *From DLR* - tender for 1/5d Air Mail stamp. Design to show Coat-of-arms, with head of King George VI. To be in sheets of 60. Quantity required, 54,000. Costs of die, plate and printing detailed.
- 6.9.1939 *From CA* - order for stamp book: 1,500 (8 x 1/2d, 8 x 1d, 12 x 2d), and 500 (10 x 1/2d, 10 x 1d, 27 x 2d). Specimen book prepared in Fiji enclosed.
- 20.9.1939 *From DLR* - re 6.9.1939, acknowledged. It is not possible to make up a book any way except that shown in the Specimen book, because of the different sizes of the stamps. The covers could be printed on satinette board instead of paper.
- 15.9.1939 *From CA* - re order of 6.9.1939, enclosing block for advertisements for Seager, Evans & Co. Ltd. (for back cover).
- 22.9.1939 *From DLR* - re amendments to designs of 1 1/2d, 2d and 6d stamps, the cost of alterations would be £20, and new plates would be £15.
- 3.8.1939 *From CA* - the following amendments are to be made to the current issue when the next order is put in hand:  
   1 1/2d - native to be depicted sitting in canoe  
   2d, 6d - addition of 180° immediately beneath FLJI ISLANDS.  
 Please supply quote.
- 22.9.1939 *From DLR* - re 20.9.1939, enclosing two further designs for the 1/5d stamp. The suggested colour is black and red.
- 20.9.1939 *From CA* - re 19.9.1939, please submit further designs for the 1/5d stamp incorporating a full-face head, and suggest colours.
- 21.9.1939 *From DLR* - re 20.9.1939, acknowledged. Fresh designs will be submitted forthwith.
- 4.10.1939 *From DLR* - re 28.9.1939, acknowledged. We will require 334 sheets 1/2d, and 550 sheets 2d for books, but an extra allowance of 5% should be made. It is noted that the 1d stamps have been ordered from the other contractor.
- 28.9.1939 *From CA* - re 20.9.1939, the use of satinette board for book covers is approved. Let us know how many sheets of 1/2d and 2d stamps will be needed for books. The 1d stamps have been ordered from the other contractor.
- 9.10.1939 *From DLR* - enclosing tender for new issue of postage due stamps. The designs are prepared for two-colour surface-printing.
- 9.10.1939 *From DLR* - tender for postage due stamps:
- |          |        |          |        |             |        |
|----------|--------|----------|--------|-------------|--------|
| 1d green | 72,000 | 4d green | 48,000 | 1/- claret  | 30,000 |
| 2d green | 48,000 | 5d green | 60,000 | 1/6d claret | 30,000 |
| 3d green | 60,000 | 6d green | 36,000 |             |        |
- Also 368 Specimens of each value. Cost of dies, plates and printing detailed.
- 10.10.1939 *From DLR* - enclosing proofs of advertisements and make-up for books.
- 9.10.1939 *From DLR* - proofs of revised 1 1/2d, 2d and 6d postage stamps will be submitted 17.10.1939.
- 29.9.1939 *From DLR* - re 27.9.1939, acknowledged.
- 27.9.1939 *From CA* - re 22.9.1939, tender for alterations to 1 1/2d, 2d and 6d postage stamps accepted. Please inform us when proofs will be submitted.
- 17.10.1939 *From DLR* - re 16.10.1939, acknowledged.
- 16.10.1939 *From CA* - re 19.9.1939, tender for 1/5d postage stamp accepted. The design is selected subject to:  
 (1) words AIR MAIL being omitted  
 (2) coat-of-arms to be on left, King George VI on right  
 (3) portrait used to be replaced by that already used on the 1/2d, 1 1/2d and 2d  
 The colours to be black and red. Designs returned.
- 16.10.1939 *From DLR* - re 11.10.1939, acknowledged.
- 11.10.1939 *From CA* - re 10.10.1939, proofs for books approved, subject to alteration to front cover as shown.

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DATESTAMPS USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DIAMOND NUMERALS

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This subject was dealt with in Chapter 7 of *South Australian Numeral Cancellations*, by Dr Pearce and myself, which was published in 1988 by The Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria. So much has been discovered since, however, most of it reported in *Philately from Australia* (December 1989, September 1990, September 1991, March and September 1992), that it seems desirable to revise the whole chapter in this article. As I am in the process of disposing of my collection of Diamond Numerals, this will probably be the last article I shall write on South Australian postal history.

The first datestamps to be found on covers with the stamps obliterated by numerals consisted of an unframed circle 24–25mm in diameter, with the name round the top, "SOUTH AUSTRALIA" round the foot, and two short bars at each side; in the centre is the date in two lines, with month and day in the first, and the year in full in the second. These (Type 1) were manufactured by S. Mordan & Co. of London, and came into use in 1851, i.e. in the pre-adhesive period, but many of them continued in use in conjunction with the numerals. Those that came into use in 1851 were: ALBERTON, ANGASTON, BALHANNAH, BRIGHTON, CAMPBELL TOWN, CHAIN OF PONDS, CLARE, CURRENCY CREEK, DRY CREEK, ECHUNGA, EDWARD'S TOWN, ENCOUNTER BAY, GAWLER, GLEN OSMOND, GLENELG, HAHNDORF, HINDMARSH, HOPE VALLEY, HOUGHTON, INMAN VALLEY, INVERBRACKIE, KAPUNDA, KENSINGTON, KOORINGA, LITTLE PARA, LOBETHAL, LYNDOKH VALLEY, MACCLESFIELD, McLAREN VALE, MAGILL, MITCHAM, MORPHETT VALE, MOUNT BARKER, MOUNT GAMBIER, MOUNT TORRENS, MYPUNGA, NAIRNE, NOORLUNGA, NORTH ADELAIDE, NORWOOD, O'HALLORAN HILL, PORT ADELAIDE, PORT LINCOLN, RAPID BAY, ROBE, SALISBURY, SHEA OAK LOG, STAUGHTON, STRATHALBYN, STURT, TANUNDA, UNLEY, WALKERVILLE, WATERVALE, WELLINGTON, WILLUNGA, YANKALILLA.

Of these, CAMPBELL TOWN, HOPE VALLEY and STURT have not been seen, while the Type 1's of CURRENCY CREEK and GLENELG have only been seen used in the pre-adhesive period, so presumably continued in use in the 1855–62 period. One would have thought that the whole 1851 batch would be in Type 1, but Mordan apparently had to contract some of them out to fill the order in time, as INMAN VALLEY, PORT LINCOLN and SHEA OAK LOG

are all found in the next type (Type 2); one or two of those not seen could also have been of the same type.

Apparently three of the Type 1 datestamps needed re-cutting fairly soon after the introduction of the numeral obliterations, from PORT ADELAIDE, MORPHETT VALE and YANKALILLA, which then appeared as Type 1a, with a central stop at each side instead of the two short bars. The PORT ADELAIDE one also had a code figure placed sideways under the year.

There were some datestamps issued later (about 1855-56) which were in Type 1, but whether they were obtained from Mordan we do not know. Those we have seen are: APOINGA, BLUMBERG, GREENOCK, KANMANTOO, MEADOWS, MILANG, MOORUNDE, MOUNT PLEASANT, PENWORTHAM, PORT AUGUSTA and RIVERTON.

In April 1853 it was stated that datestamps were required for a further twenty offices, and they were apparently ordered early in 1854 and were received about November of that year, so most of their period of use was in conjunction with the numeral obliterations. They were evidently obtained from England, but we do not know the maker's name, but it was evidently the company to which Mordan had contracted out some of the first order. The datestamps were larger (26 to 28mm) than Type 1, and they read "STH AUSTRALIA" round the foot (Type 2). Those in the batch, of which all have been seen except those marked with an asterisk: ALDINGHA, AUBURN, \*CHERRY GARDENS, CLARENDON, \*COROMANDEL VALLEY, CRAFTERS, CRYSTAL BROOK, ENFIELD, \*GALWER PLAINS, GOOLWA, GUMERACKA, LANGHORNE'S CREEK, MOSQUITO PLAINS, PAYNEHAM, PENOLA, PORT ELLIOT, \*PORT WAKEFIELD, SADDLEWORTH, \*THEBARTON, TRURO. The datestamp for Auburn was lettered "AUBWIN" in error. As mentioned earlier, at least three of the first batch, INMAN VALLEY, PORT LINCOLN and SHEA OAK LOG, and possibly others, had been in Type 2.

In about 1857 another large type (24 to 28mm), with "S-A" between a bar of varying lengths at each side (Type 3) came into use. They were probably locally produced, and continue to be issued, on both sides of the issue of the Type 4's in 1862, up to about 1865. Those we have seen in conjunction with numeral obliterations are: ATHELSTAN, BLINMAN, BRAMFIELD, EAST WELLINGTON, GLENBURN, GRAND JUNCTION, HAMILTON, KAPUNDA, LAKE HAMILTON, MELROSE, MOUNT BARKER, MOUNT TORRENS, OVERLAND CORNER, POINT STURT, PORT ADELAIDE (with code figure sideways), REDRUTH, SECOND VALLEY, STREAKY BAY, TALIA, VICTOR HARBOUR, WANGARY and WILPENA. There was also one lettered "GAWLER" with a space after it, a word having been excised; it was probably lettered "GAWLER PLAINS" or "GAWLER TOWN", the latter being more likely. It is unlikely that more than one datestamp would have been used at Gawler Plains before the change of name to Smithfield, and we know that one was ordered in Type 2.

A considerable number of Type 3's are known as backstamps or used as cancellers, so presumably it should be possible to find them with numerals, though some of the corresponding numerals have never been seen or very rarely, so a "tie" may be virtually impossible to find in such cases. The list is ALLANDALE EAST, BAKER'S GULLY, BEAUTIFUL VALLEY, BLACK



SPRINGS, BULL'S CREEK, BURNSIDE, CALLINGTON, CANOWIE, CHINGFORD, EDEN VALLEY, HAHNDORF, KANYAKA, KENT TOWN, KINGSTON, LITTLE HAMPTON, LOWER MITCHAM, MALLALA, MIDDLETON, MOONTA, MOUNT CRAWFORD, MOUNT MARGARET, NAIRNE, NEW MECKLENBURG, NORMANVILLE, NORTH WEST BEND, NORTON'S SUMMIT, NUCCALEENA, NURIOTPA, ORRIE COWIE, PARROT'S HILL, PENOLA, PORT WAKEFIELD, REYNELLA, SANDERGROVE, SANDY CREEK, SMOKY BAY, ST. JOHNS, STIRLING FLAT, STOCKPORT, STOCKWELL, TALISKER, TARLEE, TARPEENA, TEMPLER'S, TOTHILL'S CREEK, VENUS BAY, VIRGINIA, WARROW, WILLASTON, WOODCHESTER, WOODSIDE, YUDNAMUTANA.



Type 1



Type 1a



Type 2



Type 4



Type 3



Type 4a



Type 5



Type 6



Type 7



Type 8a



Type 8b



Late in 1861 an order for new datestamps to replace those in use was placed with Messrs Perkins, Bacon & Co., who no doubt contracted the work out. The South Australian authorities had requested that they be made as small as possible, suggesting that the Colony's name be abbreviated to "S.A."; this was the same order that indented for numeral obliterations Nos. 171 to 250. The datestamps that were received consisted of unframed circles 22mm in diameter, with the name round the top, "S.A." at foot, and one curved bar at each side; in the centre was the date in two lines, the month and day above, and the year in two digits below (Type 4). A few also included a code figure above the date. The indent was for the following (not in alphabetical order), as well as five lettered "ADELAIDE", and five lettered "G.P.O. ADELAIDE", those we have seen on "tying" covers or pieces being followed by asterisks:

ALBERTON*	FREELING
ALDINGA*	GAMBIERTON*
ALLANDALE	GAWLER (2) (Code)*
ANGASTON*	GILBERTON
ANGIPENA	GLEN OSMOND
APOINGA	GLENELG*
AUBURN	GOLDEN GROVE
BALD HILLS	GOOLWA*
BELAIR*	GRAND JUNCTION
BELVIDERE*	GREENOCK*
BLACK SPRINGS*	GRUNTHALL*
BLANCHE TOWN*	GUMERACKA*
BLUMBERG	HACKHAM*
BRIGHTON*	HAHNDORF
BUGLE RANGES*	HAMILTON
CALLINGTON*	HARROGATE*
CAMPBELLTON*	HINDMARSH (2)(Code)*
CHAIN OF PONDS	HOG BAY*
CHARLESTON	HOUGHTON
CHERRY GARDENS	INMAN VALLEY
CLARE*	KADINA (2)*
CLARENDON*	KANGARILLA*
COROMANDEL VALLEY*	KANMANTOO
COX'S CREEK*	KANYAKA*
CRAFERS	KAPUNDA (2)(Code)*
CURRENCY CREEK	KERSBROOK
DAVEYSTON	KEYNETON
DRY CREEK*	KINGSTON*
EAST WELLINGTON*	KOORINGA (2)
ECHUNGA*	LANGHORNE'S CREEK*
EDWARD'S TOWN*	LEFEVRE'S PENINSULA*
ENCOUNTER BAY	LITTLE HAMPTON
ENFIELD*	LOBETHAL
FINDON	LYNDOCH*
FORESTON*	MACCLESFIELD

McLAREN VALE	RAPID BAY
MAGILL*	REYNELLA
MARRABEL	RIVERTON*
MEADOWS	ROBE*
MELROSE	SADDLEWORTH
MIDDLETON	SALISBURY*
MILANG*	SANDERGROVE
MINTABO*	SELICK'S HILL
MITCHAM*	SEVENHILL*
MODBURY	SHEA OAK LOG
MORPHETT VALE*	SMITHFIELD
MOUNT BARKER (2)*	SOUTH RHINE
MOUNT BURR	SPRINGS TOWN*
MOUNT PLEASANT	STEELTON*
MOUNT TORRENS*	STEVENTON
MYPUNGA	STIRLING
NAILSWORTH	STOCKPORT*
NAIRNE*	STOCKWELL*
NARRACOORTE*	STRATHALBYN(2)*
NOARLUNGA*	STURT
NORMANVILLE*	TANUNDA*
NORTH RHINE	TEMPLER'S*
NORTH WEST END*	THEBARTON*
NORWOOD (2)(Code)*	TOTHILL'S CREEK
NURIOOTPA*	TRURO*
O'HALLORAN HILL	TUNGKILLO*
OAKBANK*	TWO WELLS*
ONE TREE HILL*	UNLEY
OVERLAND CORNER*	VIRGINIA*
PARKSIDE	WALKERVILLE*
PAYNEHAM	WALLAROO*
PENFIELD*	WATERVALE
PENOLA*	WELLINGTON*
PENWORTHAM	WILLIAMS TOWN*
PLYMPTON	WILLUNGA (2)*
PORT ADELAIDE (2)(Code)*	WOODCHESTER*
PORT AUGUSTA	WOODSIDE*
PORT ELLIOTT (2)*	WOODVILLE*
PORT LINCOLN*	YANKALILLA*
PORT MACDONNELL	

In addition, the following have been seen as backstamps: KEYNETON, NAILSWORTH, PARKSIDE, SMITHFIELD And TOTHILL'S CREEK, so could turn up on "tying" covers.

The list was reproduced in The Philatelic Society of South Australia's *The Postage Stamps of South Australia* in the same order as the indent, but with one or two omissions, and a few errors in the number required for each office. The indent was sent in September 1861, and the new datestamps

would have been received some time in 1862, but no record has been found of when they were received or when they were issued to post offices. In No. 16 of *The Shilling Violet* (September 1989) I had an article in which I set out what I could find out about these datestamps. I do not propose to repeat all the details here. There were 170 datestamps ordered, including ten for Adelaide, and ten others received two datestamps. The newest post office to receive one of the new datestamps was FORRESTON (No. 155), opened 1 October 1862, which was after the indent was sent off. That the indent was finished off in a hurry before the names of the last few offices had been finally decided is suggested by the fact that Forreton was ordered as "FORESTON", Grunthal as "GRUNTHALL", and Stirling East was not ordered at all. None were ordered for Rhynie either, but it did receive a Type 4a some time later. The batch was evidently received in the second half of 1862, and when received were despatched to each office with instructions that the datestamps being used should be withdrawn, and the new datestamps introduced at a certain date. I suggest that this date was 1st August, as the latest date I have for an earlier datestamp is for CLARENDON on 25th July, and the earliest dates for the new datestamps I have are 3rd August for WELLINGTON and 8th for MORPHETT VALE, and these two covers have backstamps in the new type for NOARLUNGA, PORT ELLIOTT, STRATH-ALBYN and WILLUNGA. I have seen at least five others used before the end of the year.

Post offices opened after Forreton received locally made datestamps in Type 3, but in 1865-67 another large type, 28mm in diameter, was issued; in this, the lower half consisted of two concentric semi-circles, interrupted to include "S.A.", and the two-line date in the centre has the year in full (Type 5). These were probably of local manufacture. We have seen CAREY'S GULLY, REDRUTH and SWANPORT used with numeral obliterations, but others are known used as backstamps or as cancellers.

Between 1868 and 1872 a series similar to Type 4 was issued, but these were slightly smaller (20-21mm in diameter), and at the foot there is a curved bar between "S" and "A" instead of a stop; these may have been locally made. I call this Type 4a. Those seen are BAGOT'S WELLS, CYGNET RIVER, FARRELS FLAT, GEORGE TOWN, JAMESTOWN, JUPITER CREEK, LOWER LIGHT, MANOORA (Code), OUTAALPA, POINT PASS, RHYNIE, SOUTH PETHERTON, TALISKER, TUMBY BAY, YARDEA. ALBERTON must have had its original Type 4 datestamp lost or destroyed, as it is found in Type 4a in 1877.

In 1872 the first of the framed datestamps were issued, including a good many replacements, and remained the normal type issued up to 1882. The diameter of the circle was originally small, 20.5mm, so the lettering was smaller than in any of the earlier types. At the foot is "S.A." or "S-A", with one curved bar at each side; the two-line date is in two digits, and sometimes there is a code figure above (Type 6). Later examples had diameters up to 24mm. The outer frame wore quickly in some, so that only fragments show. Those we have seen in this type in conjunction with a numeral obliteration are:

ALMA  
 BALACLAVA  
 BLACK SPRINGS  
 BLINMAN  
 BRIDGEWATER (Code)  
 DELAMARE  
 EDEN VALLEY  
 FOWLER'S BAY  
 GILBERT TOWN  
 GLENELG (Code)  
 KAPUNDA (Code)  
 KINGSTON  
 McLAREN VALE  
 MAGILL  
 MALLALA  
 MURRAY BRIDGE (Code)  
 PALMERSTON ("N.T." at foot  
 and "18" above the date)

PAYNEHAM (Code)  
 PENWORTHAM  
 PLYMPTON (Code)  
 PORT ADELAIDE (Code)  
 PORT AUGUSTA  
 PORT LINCOLN  
 PRINCE ALFRED MINE  
 RED HILL  
 REYNELLA  
 RIVERTON (Code)  
 ROSENTHAL  
 SEDAN  
 TEA TREE GULLY  
 TWO WELLS (Code)  
 VICTOR HARBOR (Code sometimes)  
 YANKALILLA

There was also one for GREENOCK, which to date has only been seen as a backstamp.

In 1882 came the experiments designed to do the work of both obliterator and datestamp. There was first the "cog-wheel", with the circular frame surrounded by a circle of heavy dots, but this type, apart from the G.P.O., was used only at Norwood and Sandleton; by this time Norwood was no longer using numeral obliterations, and Sandleton never had one.

Then came the "squared circles", with the circle "squared" by three curved bars at each corner (Type 7), beginning in 1882 and continuing until 1907. Some of them included a code figure above the date. As these were for a dual purpose, in most cases they are not found in conjunction with a numeral obliterator. However, the two can be found together for the following post offices:

ALBERTON (4)  
 BLUMBERG (95)  
 CHARLESTON (97)  
 CHERRY GARDENS (63)  
 CRAFTERS (45)  
 DRY CREEK (136)  
 GEORGE TOWN (308)  
 GLENELG (19)  
 GOOLWA (71)  
 MAGILL (11)  
 MALLALA (216)

MANOORA (203)  
 MEADOWS (99)  
 MILLBROOK (225)  
 MOUNT BARKER (51)  
 NAIRNE (52)  
 PAYNEHAM (13)  
 SALISBURY (23)  
 SELICK'S CREEK (141)  
 WARROW (173)  
 WOODVILLE (82)

The Postmaster-General's Department took over postal matters after Federation, and from 1902 tenders for datestamps were called through this Department, but each State's requirements were let on separate contracts, usually in the State concerned. As far as South Australia was concerned, the issue of "squared circles" continued at least until 1907. In that year

a tender for 60 datestamps, steel, revolving (30 with time) was accepted on 10 June 1907 from Messrs Watson, Ferguson & Co. of Brisbane; this firm had been producing date-stamps for Queensland, and had also had two tenders accepted for Western Australian datestamps. These 60 datestamps were the first for South Australia in what are called "Commonwealth" types, with the date, and sometimes the time, in one line in the centre. These for South Australia consisted of a framed circle 28mm in diameter, with the name round the top. "S<sup>TH</sup> AUSTRALIA" round the foot; in the centre was the date (or time and date) in one line (Type 8a). As by this time very few South Australian offices were still using numeral obliterations, one is lucky if one finds one in conjunction with Type 8a. The only one that I have seen is from BRIDGEWATER (37), dated 21 DE 07, preceded by the time.

In 1909 tenders were called for the supply of datestamps on a Commonwealth-wide basis, including 50 for South Australia. On 31 May 1909 the tender of C.G. Roeszler & Son, 264 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, was accepted. The datestamps produced by Roeszler for South Australia were similar to those of Watson, Ferguson, but the diameter was originally 26 to 27mm, and later as much as 29 to 30mm. There was a curved bar at each side (Type 8b). The only one that I have seen with a numeral id from MORGAN (117), dated 2 NO 10.

This covers all the types of datestamps found in conjunction with numeral obliterations, except for philatelic use of No. 26 (Shea Oak Log), and those numerals used as "killers" or for other special purposes at Adelaide or elsewhere.

There remain the manuscript names and dates used in emergencies in conjunction with numeral obliterations. The only substitutes for Types 1 or 2 datestamps found with Type 1 obliterations are Rapid Bay and Shea Oak Log.

RAPID BAY. Date in the 1850's.

SHEA OAK LOG. This appears as "S.O. Log", dated 3.8.58.

It would appear that in these cases the original datestamps had been destroyed, temporarily mislaid or permanently lost. In the case of RAPID BAY, the loss was evidently temporary, as the Type 1 datestamp is found used again in May 1859. The only dates recorded for the Type 2 of Shea Oak Log are in 1851 and 1860, while several examples of the manuscript markings are known, so the Type 2 datestamp must have been missing for a considerable time.

As the later diamond numerals were ordered in batches from London, in most cases an obliterator was available immediately a new post office was opened, but it took some time for a datestamp to be ordered, manufactured and despatched. The second batch of obliterations, however, Nos. 81-170, was not received until early in 1857, so the post offices opened between Penwortham and Hamilton at first had neither obliterations nor datestamps, so any cancellations used at these offices until early in 1857 would have been in manuscript. It is probable that in many cases mail from these offices remained uncanceled until it reached Adelaide, but a cover from GREENOCK (opened 1/1/56) sent on 21/5/56 is known with a manuscript "Greenock, 21.5.56" and the stamp cancelled with four crossed lines in manuscript. Later post offices had the numeral obliterations, but early letters from them had the name and date in manuscript, e.g.:

HAMILTON (104), opened 30/1/57, cover dated 5/6/57.



SEVENHILL (120), opened 29/4/58, cover dated 17/3/59.

Interspersed in this batch are several re-allocations, including No. 22 - PORT MacDONNELL, opened 6/9/60. A cover is known with name and date in manuscript, "Pt McDonnell, 16/6/62". This was a long time to wait for a date-stamp, but it was soon after the opening date that the 1861 indent for the whole range of datestamps was prepared (one for PORT MACDONNELL) was ordered), so it was probably considered not worthwhile having a locally made datestamp which would be soon replaced.

the next to be considered, ALBERTON in 1866, obviously had nothing to do with the opening date, 1851, and Alberton received a Type 4 datestamp in 1862. This Type 4 datestamp had evidently been lost or damaged, as on 15/2/77 it is found using Type 4a, so until this was available manuscript markings were resorted to.

The final manuscript to be recorded is for DALKEY (243), opened 1/1/67. This cover bears "Dalkey, 2/10/67" in manuscript, so the office was still awaiting its datestamp.

It will be noted that it is only the name and date that are in manuscript (and crossed lines in the case of Greenock), and never the numeral, and it is believed that the post office numeral was never applied in manuscript in South Australia, although quite a number are known from other Australian Colonies. "24" is known in manuscript in red on a 1d yellow-green, perf. 10, issued in November 1878, when many South Australian post offices were no longer using numeral obliterators. It is more likely that "24" is the registration number.

I am indebted to Mr Michael Blake for some of the information on South Australian datestamps.

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### *Victoria*

Mr D.H.M. Clarke travelled from Colac to present a Display of Victoria at the meeting on 17 March.

The Half-Lengths included examples of the first Ham printings of each value, and there were multiples and covers of the later printings.

The various printings of the 2d Queen-on-Throne were also shown.

The Woodblock issues included the experimental perforations of the 6d orange, and the 6d Too Late included a copy of the proof without value, and a rare used pair. The 1/- Registered roulette was also present.

The Emblems issues included many of the scarcer printings.

The Beaded Ovals were highlighted by a used pair of the 6d orange, and

another copy used on cover.

The various issues of the Laureated series were well-represented, with the different watermarks and perforations shown, and an example of the 5/- blue on yellow.

Throughout, covers were selected to illustrate the postal history of the Western District, and particularly Colac.

A specialised study was made of the 2d De La Rue of 1870. There was a die proof in black and a unique plate proof in black. The various perfs. and printings were shown, including mint blocks and covers. Several examples of the spectacular "scarred face" variety were shown.

A highlight of the later issues was the 2/- brown and blue postage due used on cover.



## Forgery Collection

At the meeting on 31 March the Curator of the Society's Forgery Collection, Mr John Trowbridge, presented a varied display of material.

A wide range of forgeries of classic British Empire stamps was shown from a number of countries.

These were supplemented by a number of Sperati forgeries. These included the Australia £2 Kangaroo, the Western Australia £1, Tonga 8d GFB overprint, Cyprus Edward VII 45pi, Gibraltar 1/- (overprint on Bermuda), Lagos Queen Victoria 2/6d, Montserrat 4d blue, and Newfoundland 4d and 1/-.

Australian material was well-represented, with the 1932 2d George V and 2d Sydney Harbour Bridge forgeries mint, the New South Wales 2d Emu forgery used, and a pair of the Jeffries forgery of the 1d Sydney View on cover.

Foreign material included the bogus issues of Sedang, the Principality of Trinidad, Kurdistan and Mesopotamia.

## Dominica

Mr Peter Jaffé displayed his collection of Dominica at the meeting on 21 April.

A profusion of pre-stamp entires included examples of the Dominica fleuron datestamp, and of the Dominica Crowned Circle.

The various issues of the Queen Victoria keyplate series were well-covered, with the various printings identified. The 2½d brown included an example with line perforation which may be a proof from one of De La Rue's Appendix sheets.

The well-known "malformed CE" variety on the 4d was present, as well as a number of other constant varieties in the value plates which are not generally recognised.

The 1882-83 ½d provisionals included some large blocks, as did the 1886 ½d on 6d and 1d on 1/- surcharges.

The introduction of pictorial stamps in 1903 was prefaced with die proofs, and the issued stamps included blocks and SPECIMEN overprints.

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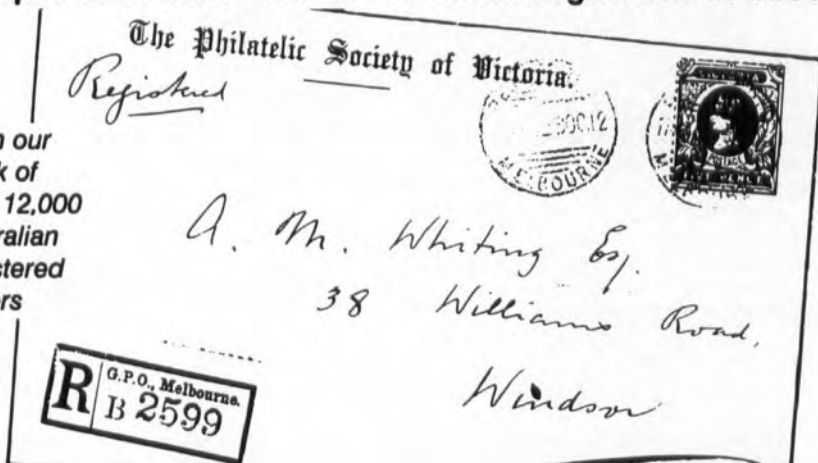
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