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Plate II. PETER KEER'S MAP OF SOUT-HAMTONIAE, 1599. [To face page 224
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Dear H.P.H.S Member,

This might be a big surprise for you, but I can't let go of being editor. It will sadden me deeply to see the demise of The Hampshire Postal History Society. I will continue with all my might to keep the Journal running so that you can see something a little different from your own collection. If only you could bring yourself to contribute a story about postal history, it would help me and maybe many others too who collect Hampshire Postal History. Send me your contribution by e-mail, there is no postage involved by this method.

I hope you will send your Annual Subscription to me very soon.

Best regards to all Members,

Peter.

Chairman's Letter

Our Chairman, Malcolm Lacey, said he would write a message to you, but alas, it never surfaced.
Peter.

Winchester again.

P. R. Mills.

30th October 1792.

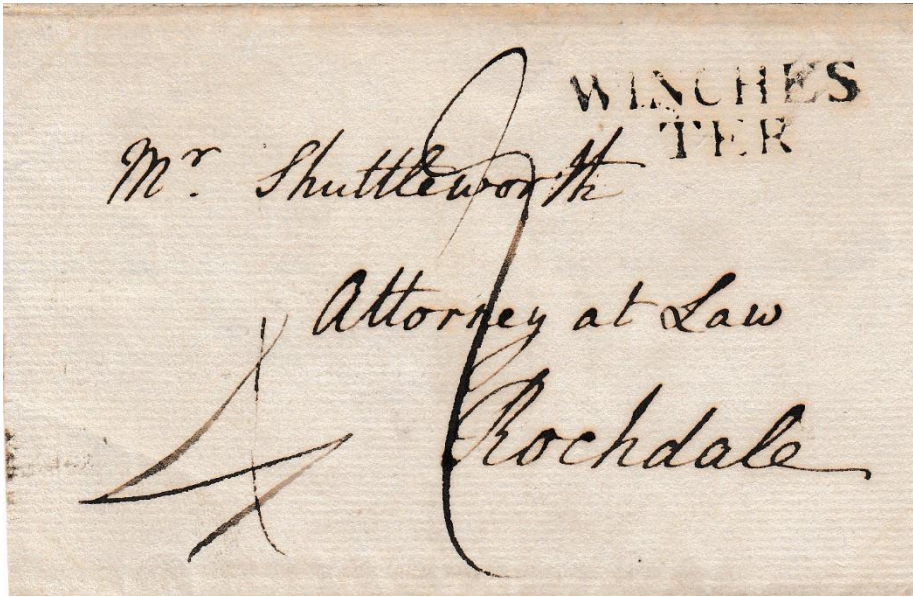
Front and back only probably posted on 29th October 1792 from Winchester to Rochdale. Postage rated at 4d to London, deleted and rerated at 9d to Rochdale.

**WINCHES
TER**

32mm x 12mm



Receiving date stamp at London.



29th April 1792.

**WINCHES
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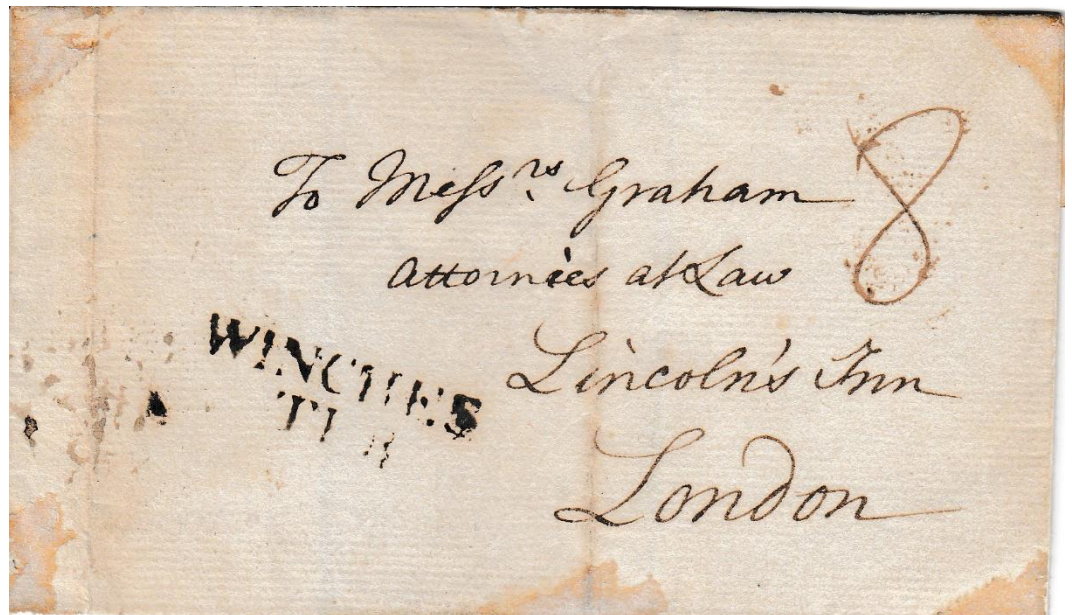
38mm x 12mm

In use from 1789 to 1793

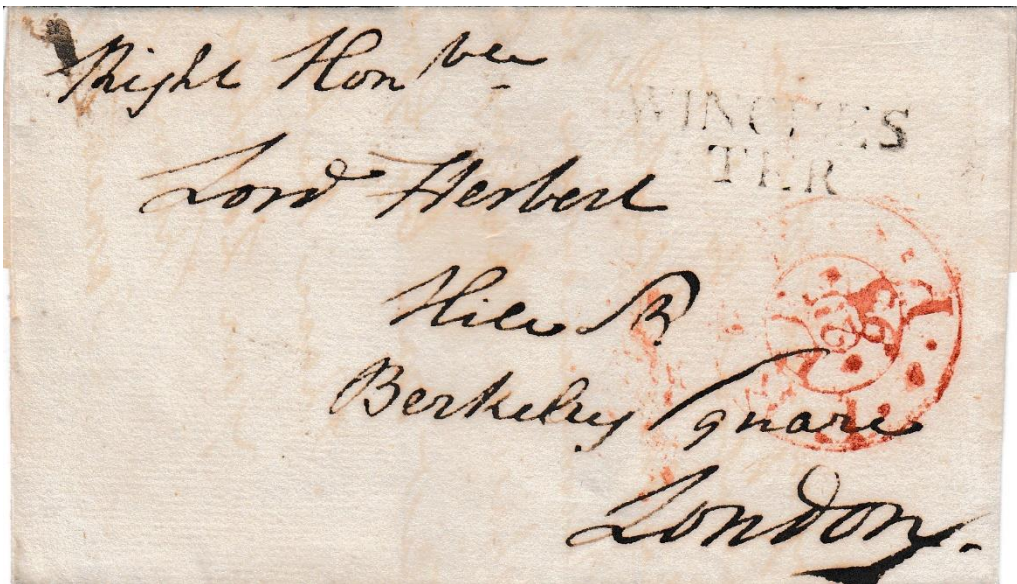
8d for postage to London, double rate.



Receiving date stamp of London 30 April 1792



Front and back only

21st February 1793.

WINCHES TER

38mm x 12mm

Wrapper only to London
franked with

This is recorded as the
First type of a dated FREE
stamp.

A receiving date stamp on the back but very feint for FE/21/93.

2nd October 1793.

WINCHES TER

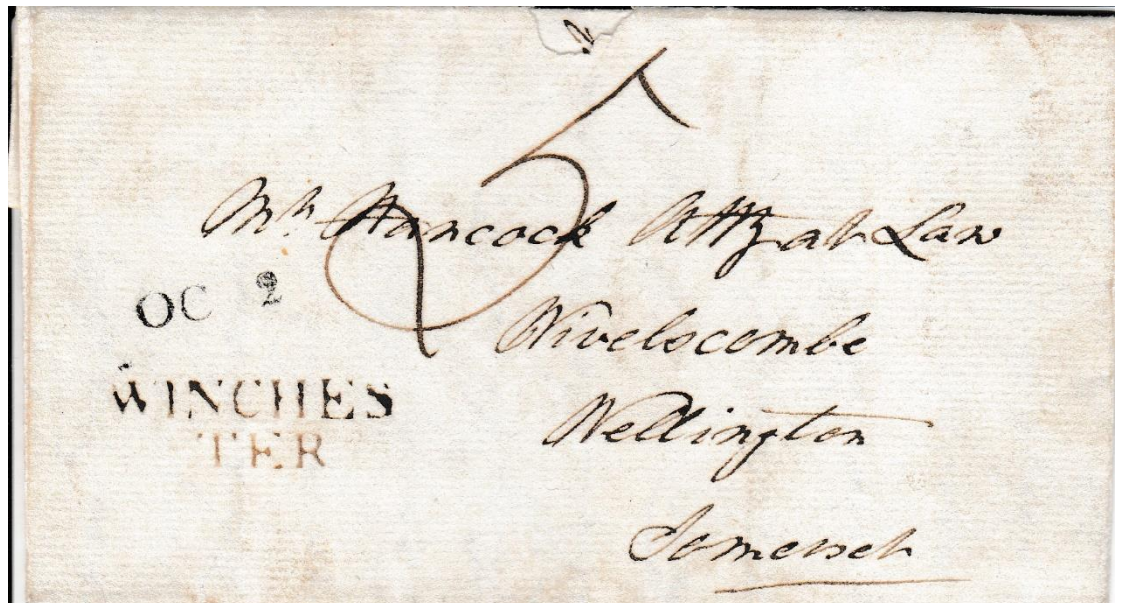
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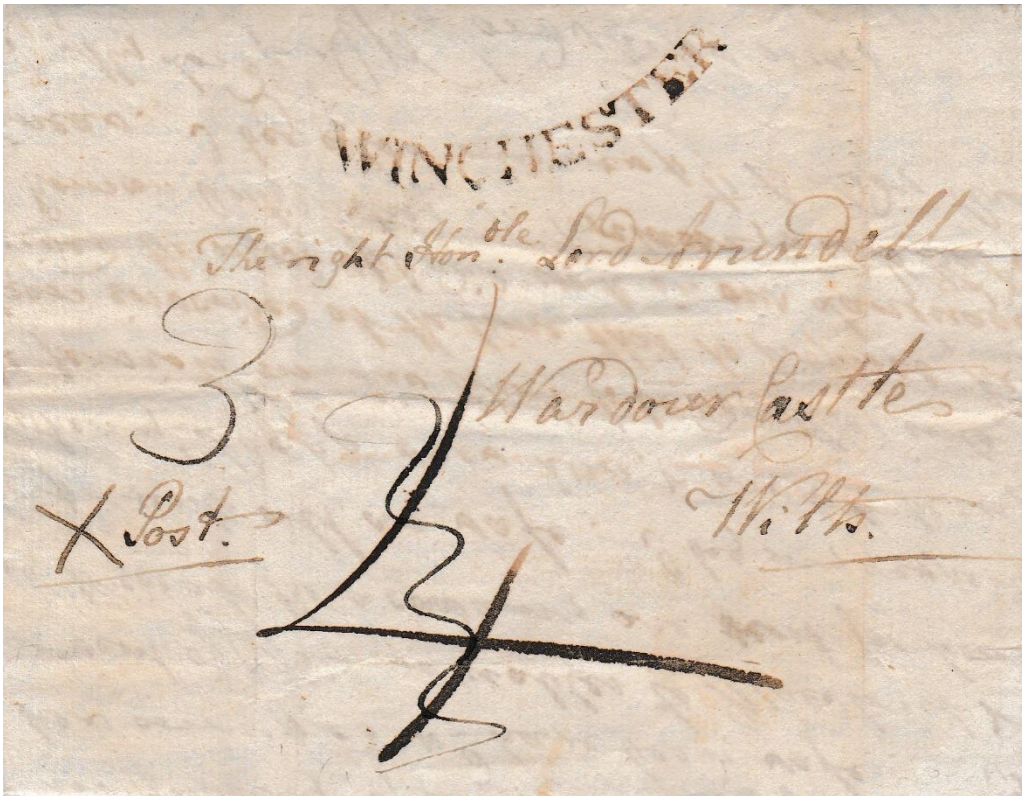
Postage rated 5d
direct to Wellington,
Somerset.

The date stamp of
OC 2 is peculiar
only at Mr.
Hancock's Office.

The letter by Mr.
John Benet at

Winchester reminding Mr. Hancock to send a letter for signing in order to allow his client to settle his outstanding accounts.





8th February 1794.

A curved WINCHESTER town post mark 54 mm x 5 mm in use from 1794 to 1799.

Manuscript X Post and initially rated at 4d but deleted and rerated at 3d.

This a very long letter from Bishop Milner to Lord Arundell at Waldour Castle, Somerset

Thomas Blagdon became Postmaster 1794 and until 1800.

WINCHESTER

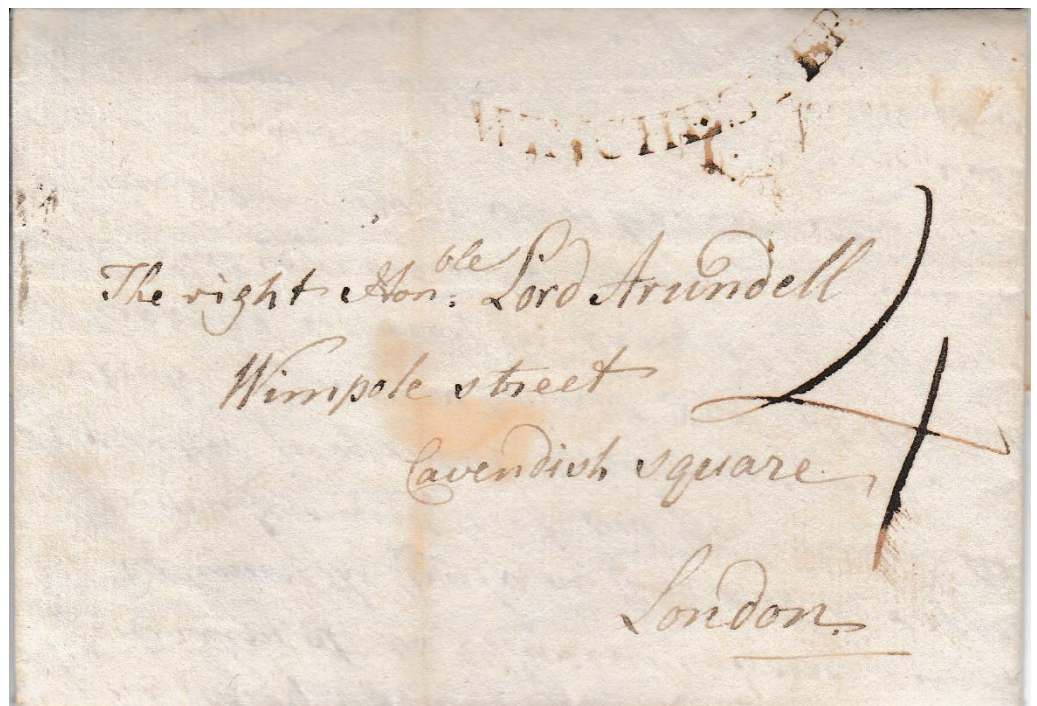
7th June 1794.

Another very long letter from Bishop Milner to Lord Arundell at Wimpole Street, London.

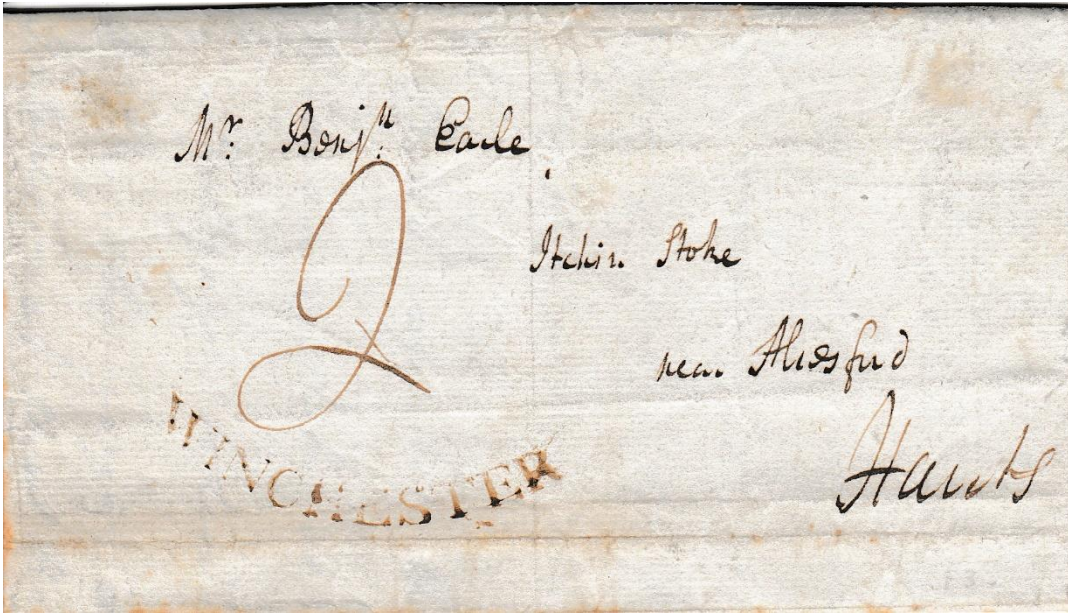
Postage rated at 4d to London with date stamp on the back for JU/7/94...



Curved WINCHES/TER
54mm x 5mm



WINCHESTER



9th September 1794.

An entire letter from Mr. William Collins of Twyford, near Winchester to Mr. Benjamin Earle at Ithin Stoke near Alresford

Postage rated 2d being the rate for local post

The curved WINCHESTER post mark is unchanged.

WINCHESTER

54mm x 5mm.

9th July 1793

A letter written by J. Meares for Mr. Deverell dealing with legal proceedings in Bath, Somerset and sent to Deputy Clerk of the Peace at Chard, Somerset.

Postage rated at 1/- (one shilling).

WINCHESTER

52mm x 5mm.





30 November 1792/95.
No year date on the entire, just day and month.

Letter to Mr. Wooldrige at Winchester from Henry Corbin in Southampton. Postage rated 3d, Local Post.

Double curve post mark of SOUTH/AMPTON. The H is over N. 38mm x 12mm



7th March 1797.

Along letter from Mr. Nowell at "Fluer de Lys" Winchester and posted to Skipton, Yorkshire.

Postage at 6d deleted rerated at 8d.

Curved WINCHESTER ...

WINCHESTER

52mm x 5mm

And receiving date stamp of



London.



6th June 1796

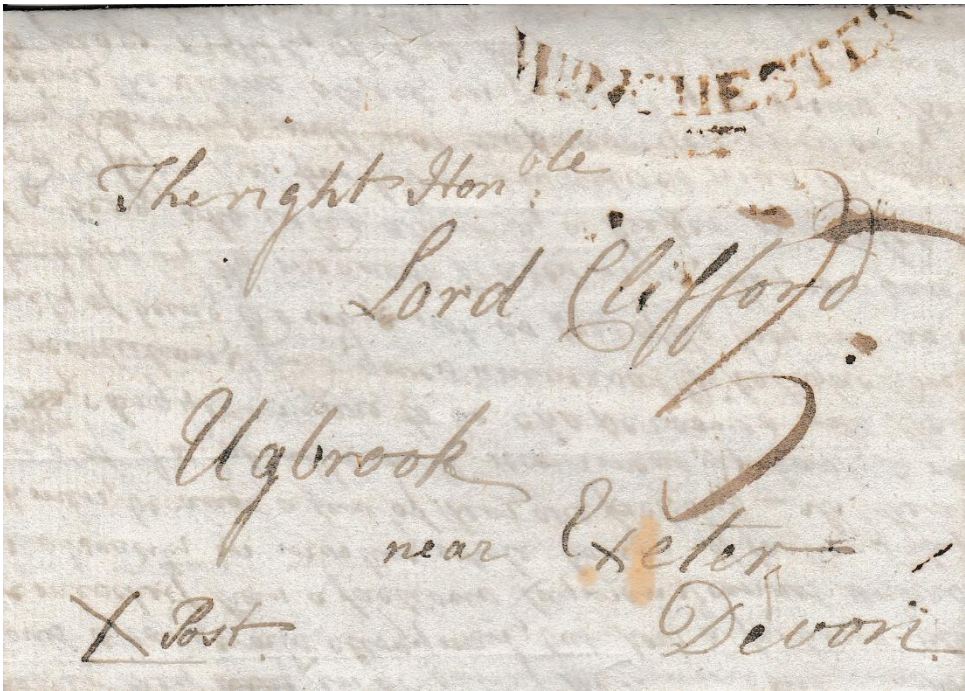
A very long letter from Bishop Milner in Winchester to Lord Clifford at Ugbrook, Devon.

Manuscript "X Post" and postage at 5d.

Curved post mark for ...

WINCHESTER

54mm x 5mm

23rd June 1797

This what is left of an entire, the main part has been ree removed leaving three lines but no signature. The letter within does not tally with the address, which is Joshua Smith, the letter begins "Dear Augustus".

Curved WINCHESTER ...

WINCHESTER

No postage, no other marks.



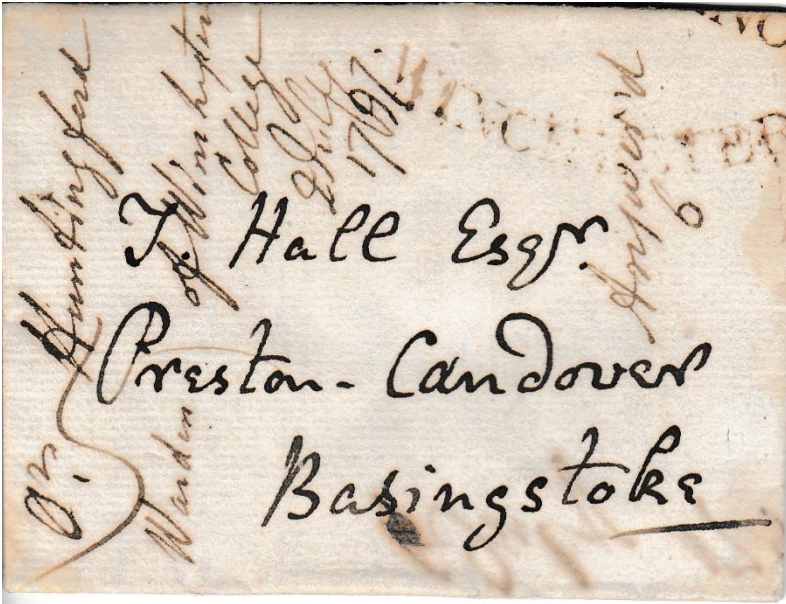
2nd July 1797.

WINCHESTER

54mm x 5mm

Letter from G.I. Huntingford and Warden of Winchester College to T. Hall at Preston Candover, offering ... the timber rather than sending it to auction ...

Postage at 5p. No other marks.



27th December 1797.

On the back is a curved WINCHESTER post mark..

WINCHESTER

54mm x 5mm

And a receiving date stamp



From Mr. Ridging to John Blandy in Reading concerning Rent.





6th August 1798.

Letter from a boy at Winchester College to his mother at Dorking. Rated 6d, deleted and raised to 7d. Stamped with a curved WINCHESTER and a London transit date stamp.

WINCHESTER

53mm x 5mm



14th March 1799.

A short unreadable letter to Lt. Col. Lee at Windsor.

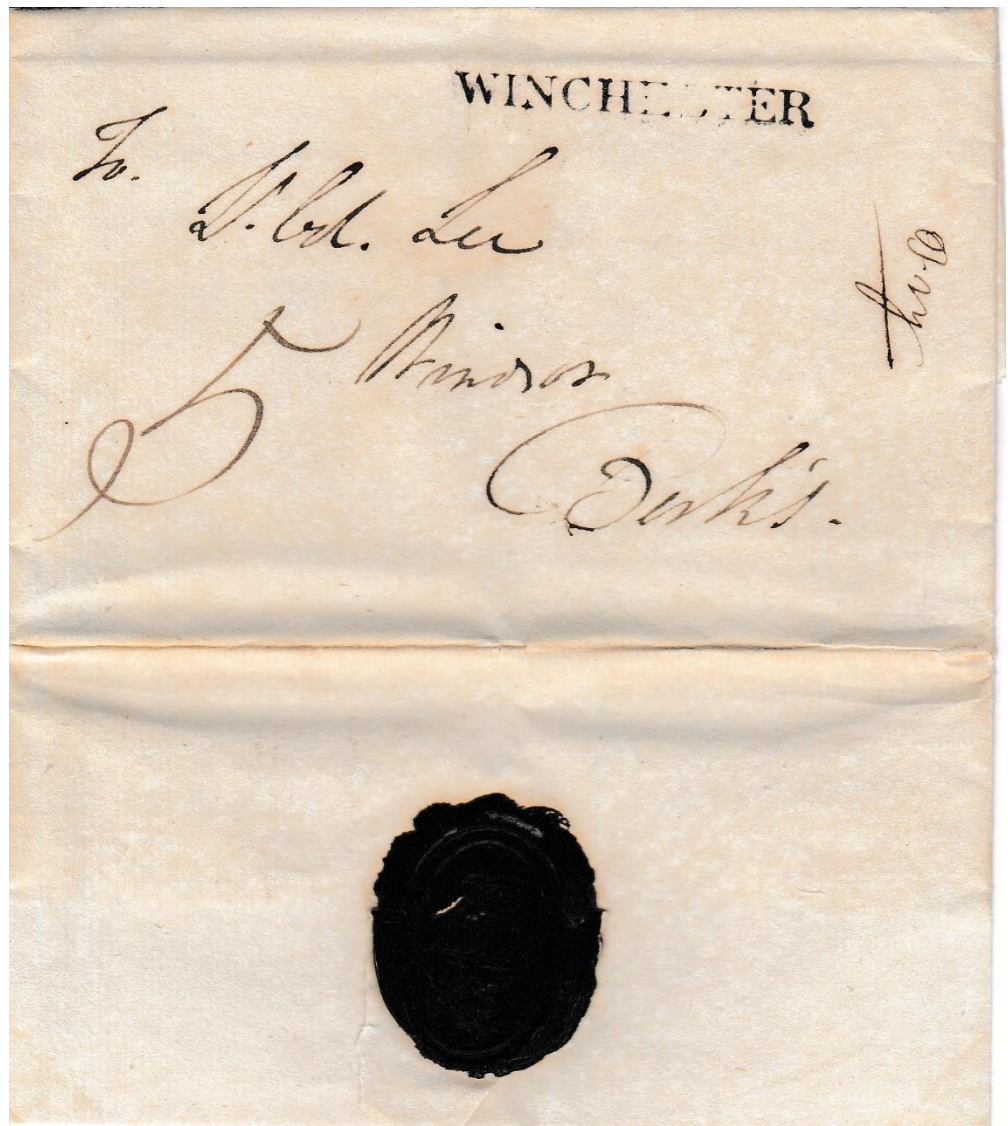
Postage at 5d and postmarked with a single straight-line

WINCHESTER

48mm x 4mm

In use from early 1799 to December 1800.

A complete black wax seal is on the back.



Oakhanger, "After the Fire".

By Colin Harding.

"I thought that fellow members of the society would be interested in a discovery made in our village of Oakhanger, near Bordon. We used to have a Post Office, but this closed several years ago and the building was gutted by fire. The site was purchased 4 or 5 years ago, and the owners have just discovered a box containing a handstamp seal showing what looks the St Edwards Crown with OAKHANGER above it. Together in the box with the handstamp is a can of ink to be used for "Metal Stamps Only", so obvious for use with the Oakhanger date stamp which is sadly was not in the box.

I can't find any records of when the Oakhanger Post Office was opened, nor when it was closed. The handstamp is similar to some I have seen used to produce mail-bag wax seals, or as a wax seal added to a registered letter. I have also seen early post office wax seals used in lieu of postmarks on some small Scottish Islands such Ulva, with the adhesives cancelled in the parent post office. If anyone has any information on this recent discovery and some idea of its date of issue, I would love to hear from them, and would be delighted to send them an impression of the wax seal as a thank you!

Colin Harding".

Eds, comments: Oakhanger had a post office Rubber Stamp in 1903 under ALTON, was under BORDON 1-6-1911, S,B. discontinued 3-7-1954. Closed 30-5-1988. Maybe John Button can enlighten further.

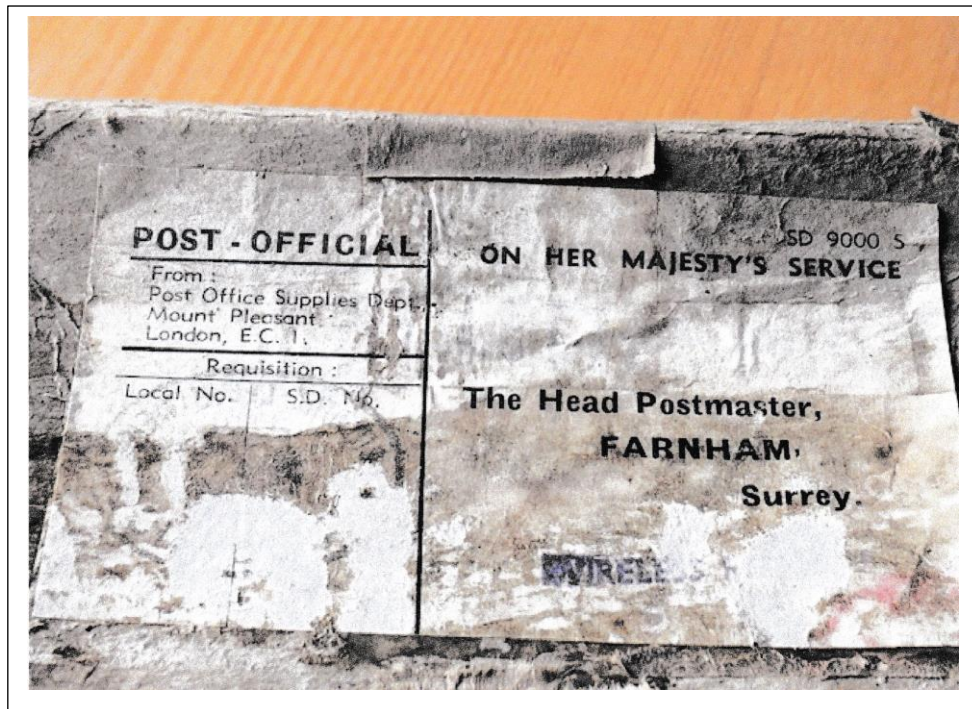
Pictures of the discovery follow.

Oakhanger Discovery.

By Colin Harding



Box and content.



Address Label.



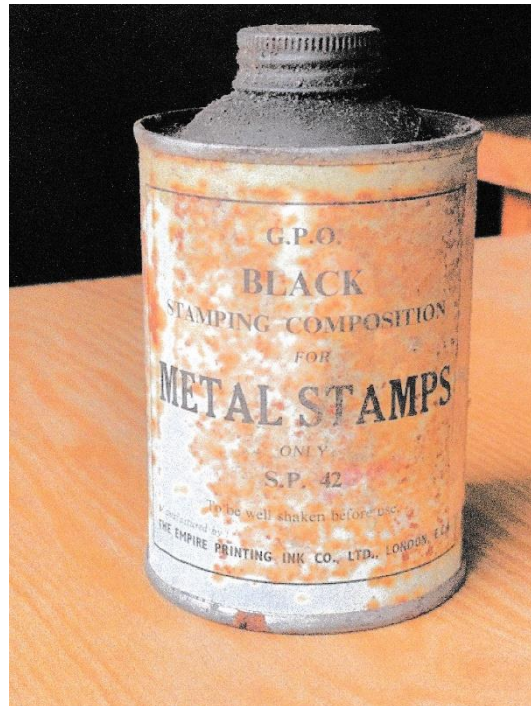
Hammer and wax seal.



The Hammer Die.



Wax seal impression.



Can of Black Ink.

OooooOooooOoooo

Gladys M. Stone.

By Chris Dudeney.

“Following my recent article “Lockdown with Gladys” I thought that I should bring you up to date with a little more that I have discovered. I have not been able to work through all the material I have, to be truthful I have only been able to deal with that postmarked Chichester. My main interest is “Cyprus” where the study circle’s auctioneer is retiring with no one feeling able to replace him. Consequently, I bought more than usual in his last auction and so have to spend time organizing that. Another factor is that I mixed in the Gladys Stone material I found a lot of Chichester items that Chichester Society first President, Brigadier George Viner OBE, had given me. He first interested several of our members in postal history and introduced me to Commander Sinfield of the Portsmouth Society from whom I learnt more. After the Brig. died his daughter gave the Chichester Society the balance of his papers concerning the postal history of the area and I got to know of his correspondents in following up matters that he was exploring. One in particular was David Allen of Petersfield who taught me much about the district in particular “The Petersfield Penny Post” (being mostly in West Sussex) as well as the area around Rogate. Sorry to carry on a bit but it is nice to be able to recall friends and hope to meet some of them at Wickham.

Now to Gladys Stone. I can report that again the Chichester items there is a gap for much of WWII where nothing for the years 1939 to 1947. I did mention her brother Hubert being 29 in 1914 but being able to find out how he spent WWI. I have now found a card from Hubert dated 1st October 1918. He was living at 13 St Martin’s Street, Chichester and wrote saying “I know that you will be pleased to hear I was passed Grade 3 as before so don’t think I will have any more trouble”. Obviously he was not fit enough to join the forces. He

mentioned 3 more pupils starting which indicates how he earned his living. From other sources I learnt that he played the Organ at St George's Church, Whyke, Chichester and for a while he was a schoolmaster.

Sorting the Chichester material has much improved my knowledge of the machine postmarks in the years between 1922 and the 1970's. Firstly I now have a total of 36 slogan postmarks including 13 different years advertising the Chichester Festival Theatre. Then I have the three-line datestamp with 5 deep wavy bars continuous impression machine postmarks from March 1922 to November 1931 followed by the single circle datestamp with 5 continuous wavy bars from July 1932 to December 1937 and finally the single datestamp with 7 broken 3 part wavy bars from August 1938 to March 1949. Obviously, there are gaps, but I now know what I am looking for.

That is all I have learnt so far, but I may have no further opportunity to update you if the HPHS closes down in which case all the best to you all.

Chris Dudeny".

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Is This Hampshire?

By Peter Mills.



Entire letter to Lyon with a 4d orange, plate 7, franked with barred oval 46 within a diamond.



Waterloo area London. In use between 12-65 to 9-66.
 PD in a red oval and a double circle receiving stamp.
 For 8/MARS/66.



Back of entire with a lozenge type receiving stamp of LONDON/MR7/66.
Two other double cds's for 8 and 9 MARS/66.

The letter is headed Bishopstoke 6 March 1866. It is signed of by R J Gilman who was employed as a tea taster in Hong Kong. He eventually started his own business there as a trader and helped to found both the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank which subsequently became known as HSBC. He returned to England and bought Stoke Hill Cottage in Bishopstoke and got married and enlarge the building.

Bishopstoke Post Office was still under Winchester in 1866 so either Richard James Gilman took the letter with him to London or perhaps he was already there.

This letter has a lot to do Hampshire!

Incidentally, I found this Letter amongst the masses of paperwork that Gillian had amassed over the years of her time with Fishing Industry of Great Britain. She had purchased it from Yorkshire Cover Auctions on 26 September 2015, it was still in its envelope and last week was the first time of seeing it. Perhaps she was disappointed with it.

For more and better information visit [**Bishopstoke History Society website.**](#)

Original



Recorded used from 22nd January 1881 until 19th April 1888.



JA 5/81 code C



AU 12/82 code C.

17th May 1883

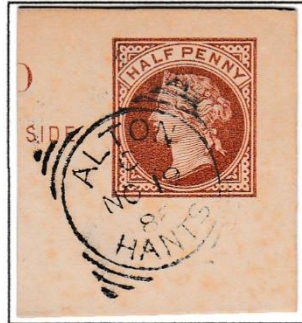


One Penny Lilac on a Two Pence Blue Registered envelope, franked with ALTON HANTS/C/MY 17/83.

1st Recut



Recorded used from 17th May 1888 to 13th October 1892



ALTON HANTS/C/NO 19/88



AU 12/90 code D

2nd Recut.



In use from 12th December 1892 to 30th June 1895



MY 15/94 code J



JA 22/ 95 code F

Next issue I will try to display Farnborough!