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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,

It is a great shame that so few HPHS Members considered staying paying the annual subscription. Still, to those who decided not to pay their dues will not receive any more copies of the Hampshire Post after December 2022.

Peter.

Christmas Greetings

And an

Exciting New Year

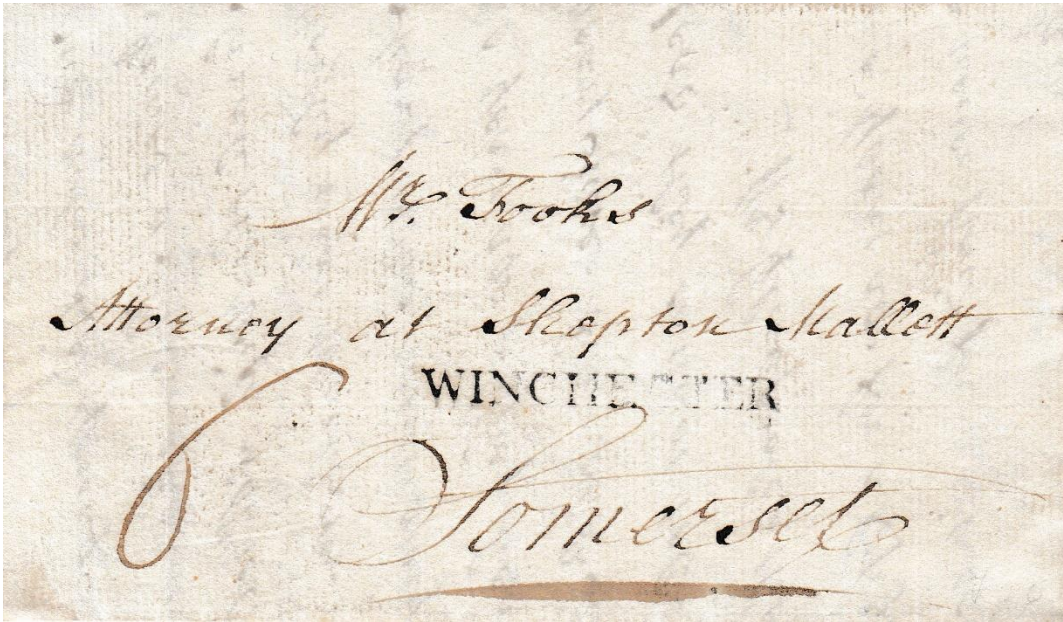
To all

H.P.H.S. Members

Winchester again.

P. R. Mills.

It is my intension to show every item that I have in my collection of Winchester's Postal History. With many items there be repetition with any Postmarks because I believe that this is the only way to discover any minor differences to the Town Postmarks at the time to be recorded.



Entire letter dated 25th March 1799 to Mr. Fooks at Shepton Mallett Somerset. 6d In black for postage and a clear postmark of WINCHESTER Letter refers to " Mr. Knot respecting Mr. Glasspoole's relations".

No other markings on this entire.

WINCHESTER mark measures 47mm x 4mm.

A very long letter from N. Hewlett of St George's Street, Winchester to Mr. Ryall at Rt. Hon'ble the Lord Glastonbury's House. The letter refers to medical matters concerning his family.

This WINCHESTER town postmark is slightly different than earlier examples being 48mm x 4mm.

Postage rated at 6d in black, no other marks on the entire.



Winchester.

P. R. Mills.



Single straight line stamp of WINCHESTER 47mm x 4mm used from 1799 til the end of 1800 Letter from Major Allen of Twyford Lodge near Winchester and sent to London.

Postage rated at 6d. On the back is an indistinct circular red transit of London Office.

Sir, I expect to be in Town next week by which time I hope my Carriage and Horse will finished. I case you are in doubt about any orders respecting then – Mr Parenly willgive you any explanation....”

Straight line WINCHESTER 47mm x 4mm. A large circular FREE handstamp 37 mm diameter dated JU 9 1800 and a red receiving stamp dated JU 12. Cover dated “Winchester June Eighth 1800” and signed “Northesk”, sent to James Dundas in Edinburgh.

*“Dear Sir I have received your letter of the 32st May, enclosing me a draft on Messrs Coutes & Co, for Two hundred Pounds. I am dear Sir, Your Obedient Servant, Northesk.
Rosehill, June 8th 1800.*



This is the 7th Viscount Northesk. Admiral Lord Northesk, distinguished 3rd in Command at the Battle at Trafalgar 1805. He was awarded the Naval Large Gold Medal. A sepia photograph of Rosehill was shown in an earlier publication of The Hampshire Post under the title Owslebury.

Winchester

P. R. Mills.



Alas, this is a front only of an entire, no information can be passed on except for the obvious. Single straight line of WINCHESTER 47mm x 4mm and a large red circular FREE handstamp which is different from the earlier example AUG 18/1800. 37mm diameter.

Dated "Winchester August Seventeenth My final straight line Tw'n Postmark 1800" and signed "Northesk". Sent to Mr. Booth in Dukes St. London.

My final straight line Town Postmark. WINCHESTER 48 mm x 4mm and large red FREE handstamp dated DEC 11/1800.

Dated Winton December tenth 1800 and signed Chandos Temple. Sent to Aylesbury, Bucks. No content.



Winchester.

P. R. Mills



A very sharp straight-line WINCHESTER with 68 boxed mileage below.

Postage rated at 6d to London.

A red circular transit cds is on the back



An entire Biil for a sum of £1-4-10 fom Mr. Hollis of Winton to Messrs. Cooper & Lowe in London.

Another sharp strike of the WINCHESTER straight-line with 68 boxed mileage. Entire dated 28th January 1802, red transit cds same date on the back and a Scottish receiving cds in red FEB/1802/ 2.

Postage rated 6d deleted, replaced with 1/-.

"Sir, We rec'd yours this day Enclosing Draft on Coutes & Co value Three Hundred Pounds which we have placed to the Acc'ts of The Earl of Northesk and adv'd him by this day Post. We are Sir Your most ob't Serv't Edw'd & James Wools/



Winchester 28 Jan'y 1802."

Winchester.

P. R. Mills.



A poor strike of the postmark of WINCHESTER with the boxed 68 mileage below, 45mm x 11mm. A large red "Apple" shape FREE frank 37mm MAR 15/1802 and smaller receiving cds in red for Edinburgh MR/1802/18. The entire is dated Winchester March Twelfth 1802, re-dated Thirteenth S. Lefevre. Signed S. Lefevre at the bottom left.



Letter written by Mr. Jas Robbins, Printer, March 13.7 1802, Winchester.

"Gents,

I will esteem myself obliged if you will be so good as to return whatever copies of the 1st Vol of Dr. Wilson which you think you may not an opportunity of selling.

Let the parcel be directed to Messrs Crosby & Co. Stationers Court Pater Noster Row London. & if will also send the Parcel by the cheapest Conveyance I shall consider it a Favour – Will you also be so good as to say what number of the you have sold.

Yours very truly
Jas Robbins
Winchester Mar 13
1802

Perhaps Mr Creech will trouble you with a Letter for me – if so will you do me the favor of enclosing it.

Winchester.

P R. Mills.



Redirected letter originally from CIRENCESTER September Twenty six and signed C Codrington, sent to Capt. Codrington, Park Lane, London and deleted re-addressed Try Winchester (deleted) and then Winchfield House and Hartford Bridge. A Straight - line WINCHESTER with a boxed 68 mileage below

Two backstamps applied in black

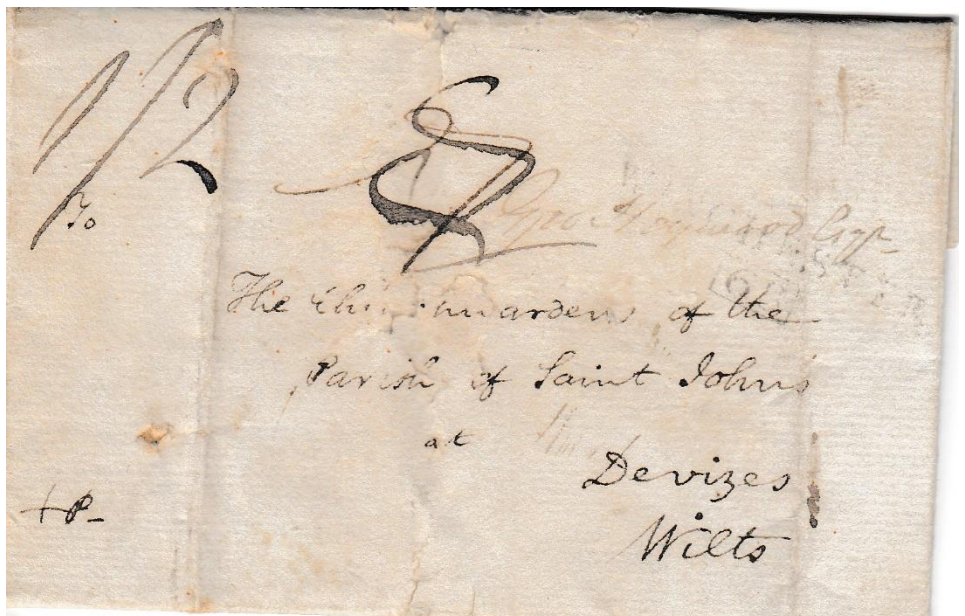


This large FREE stamp is difficult to see but is beneath part of the WINCHESTER mark, part of 1802, Codrington and Winchfield on the front.

antthis. to send you Entire letter to Geo. Haywood at Devizes from Robert Serle in Winchester. A very feint strike of WINCHESTER with boxed mileage below (diagonally top right over Haywood). Postage 7d deleted and recharged double 1/2 because of additional paper. m/s XP, Cross Post. No other marks. "Winchester 27. Sept. 1802.

Gentlemen. Enclosed you receive my Dra't on Messrs. Drummond for Eight Pounds, being Mrs. Imber's Charity. Your very obedt. ServPray send me an answer, acknowledging the receipt of money being the half yearly payment due at Michaelmas.

My late friend and partner Mr. Knott being dead, it desolves on me to send you this. I remain, Gentlemen, Your very obedt. Servant, Robert Serle".



Winchester.

P. R. Mills.



A long letter dated 14th September 1804 to Charles Wooldridge Esq, at Winchester from Mr. J. Smith near DEAL with boxed 74 mileage below.

DEAL
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Postage of 6d deleted and increased to 8d.

London transit cds in deep crimson B/SEP 15/1804. No other marks.



An extremely long letter, with page(s) missing, to William Forbes at Edinburgh. It tells of touring the Isle of Wight return to Portsmouth and visiting Netley Abbey among other things. Originally rated 6d(deleted) then 1/- (deleted) finally at 2/-.

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Winchester.

P. R. Mills.



. They went out pubbing, Letter with content (originally) from James Whitelock at Winchester, Letter is dated Febr'y 19th 1805 and sent to J's Crowdy Esq at the Bolt in Tun. Fleet Street, London. The letter contained a Draft 200£

Post rated at 6d, deleted, at re-rated at 1/-.

WINCHESTER boxed mileage below.

WINCHESTER

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46mm x 11mm.



Inspector's Crown which is over the 6d at the top.



London transit cds.in red.

A very long letter from Edward Cassy at Winchester. Letter dated 25th April 1905. Postage at 6d ,sent to Mr. Henry Ford at Wilton House, Wilts.

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Letter relates to soldiers at the Garrison are 10guineas, got extremely drunk and made havoc everywhere in Winchester. The .guard was called out to enforce law and order back to the city. The writer compared this rampage to Oliver Cromwell's army when raiding Winchester.



SOME HAMPSHIRE TEMPORARY DATESTAMPS

by Roger Harris.

Temporary datestamps are designed for short term use, perhaps when the permanent Post Office stamp is away being repaired, or when a Post Office experiences a high volume of letters, such as Christmas, and an extra datestamp is required.

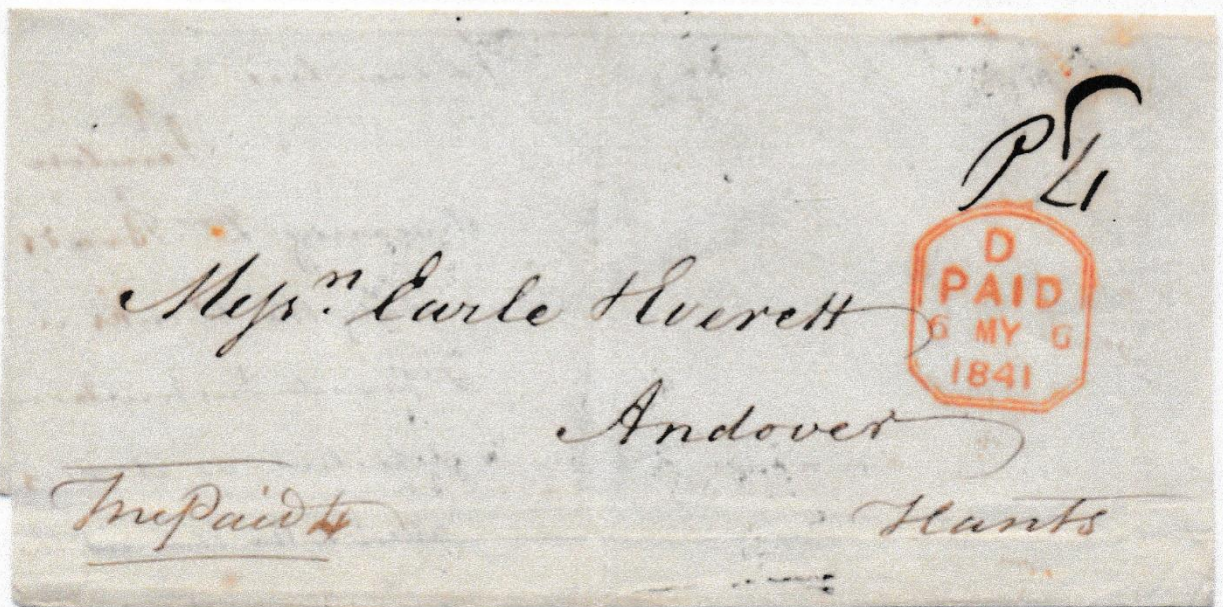
The temporary datestamp consists of a frame to accept loose type, plus a set of alphabet letters and numbers which are simply slotted into the circular frame and clamped in place. When it is no longer needed it can be dis-assembled and sent to another office, or back to Post office stores. With a set of letters and numbers, any place name and date can be made up as required. Needless to say there are varieties known where letters or numbers are misplaced, upside-down or missing entirely.

Temporary datestamps, in use from 1838 to around 1850 are referred to as 'travellers', and they commonly show the office name as forming a horseshoe around the date. There is often a small cross or numeral below the year date. Most travellers have no circular frame enclosing the office name and date, however, from 1850 onward, virtually all temporary datestamps, which are referred to as skeleton's, have the office name and date enclosed within a single ring. Many traveller datestamps are considered to be rare.



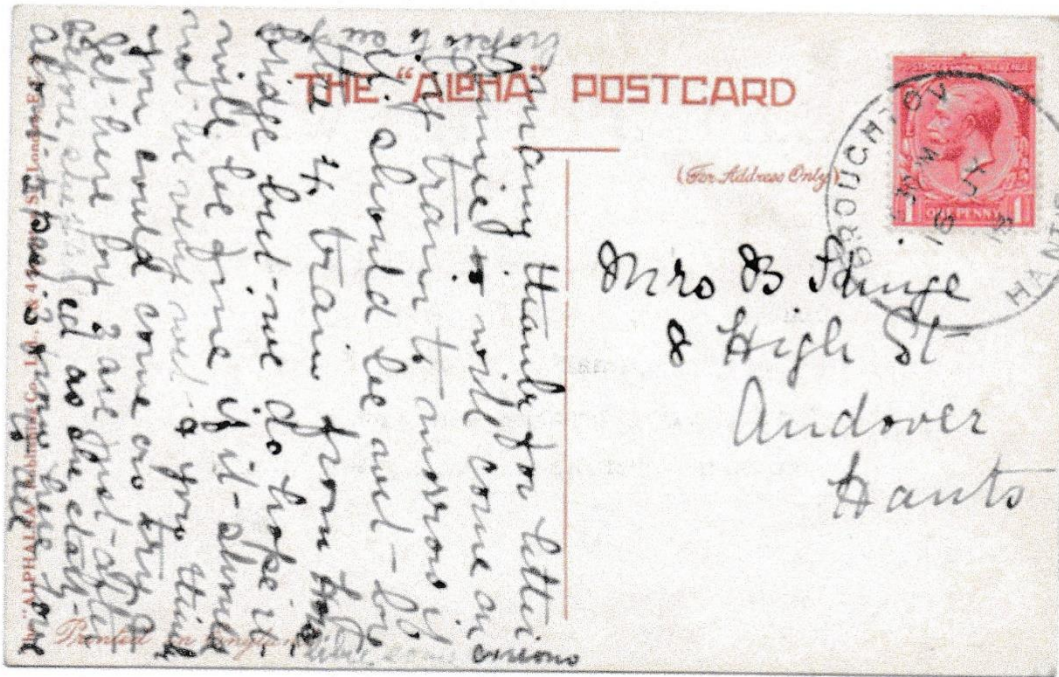
ANDOVER - traveller known in use from May 5th. to May 7th. 1841.

scale in millimeters



SOME HAMPSHIRE TEMPORARY DATESTAMPS

BROUGHTON - 33mm diameter skeleton known in use on July 16th. 1918 only.



BROUGHTON - 29mm diameter skeleton known in use from January 23rd. to 12th. March 1970, the permanent office datestamp having been stolen during a burglary.

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Unregistered Postal Packets (except Parcels)

Sender to enter below the name and address as written on the letter or packet. (See also OVERLEAF).

J. S. NEWCOMB,
3. ST. MICHAELS CLOSE,
BICKLEY,
BROMLEY, KENT,
BR1 2DX

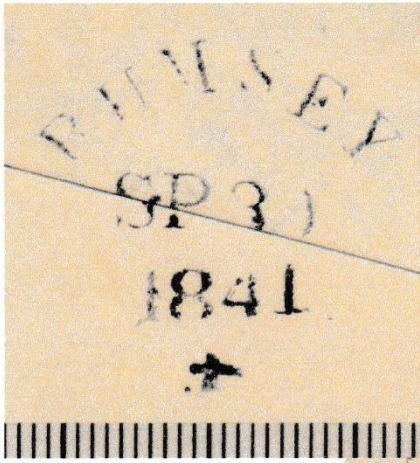


A postage stamp or stamps to the value of 1d. to be affixed in the space above by the sender.

A postcard, not for registration or recorded delivery, addressed as above, has been posted here this day.

Accepting Officer's Initials JS

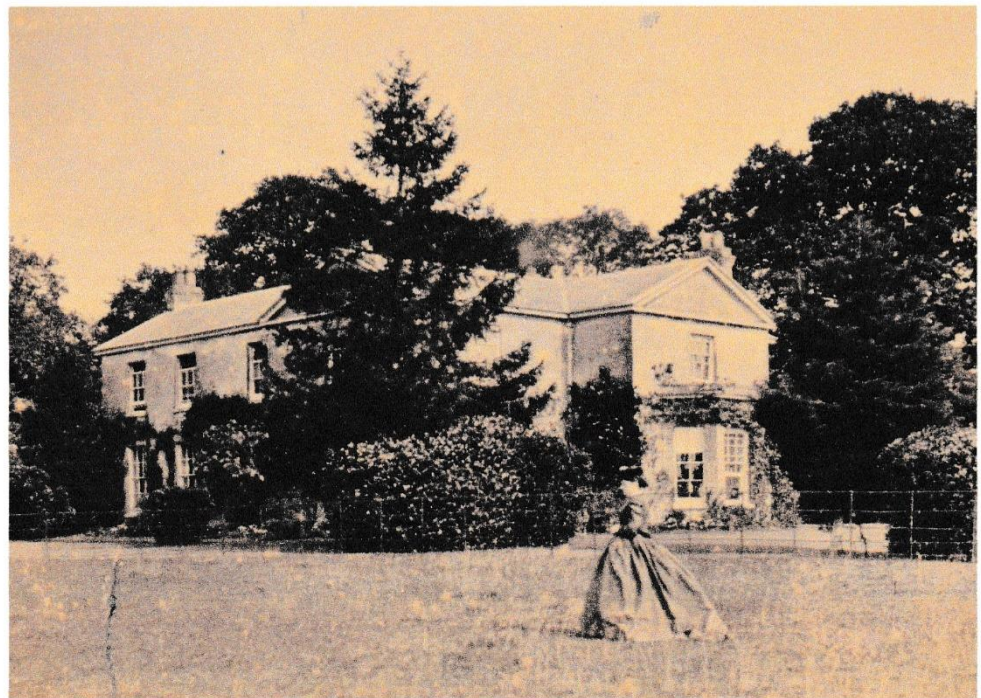
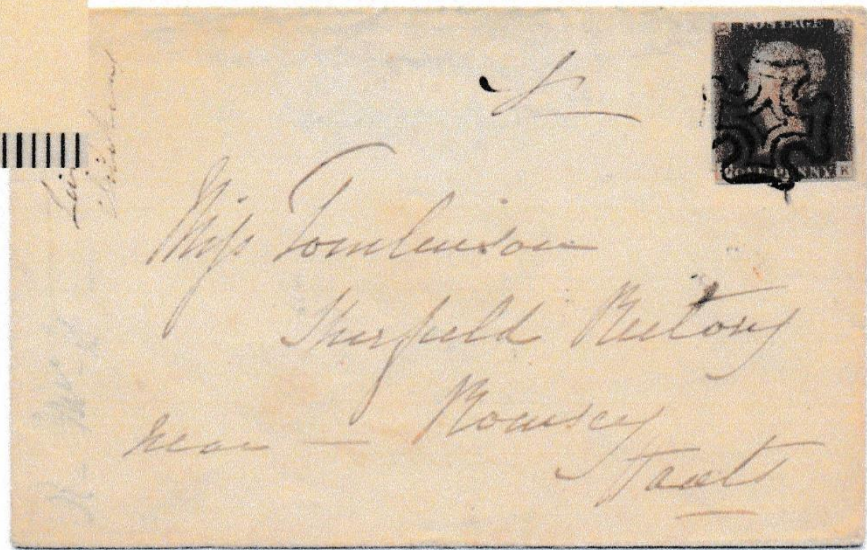
SOME HAMPSHIRE TEMPORARY DATESTAMPS



RUMSEY (Romsey)

traveller known in use from January 31st. to October 1st. 1841.

scale in millimeters

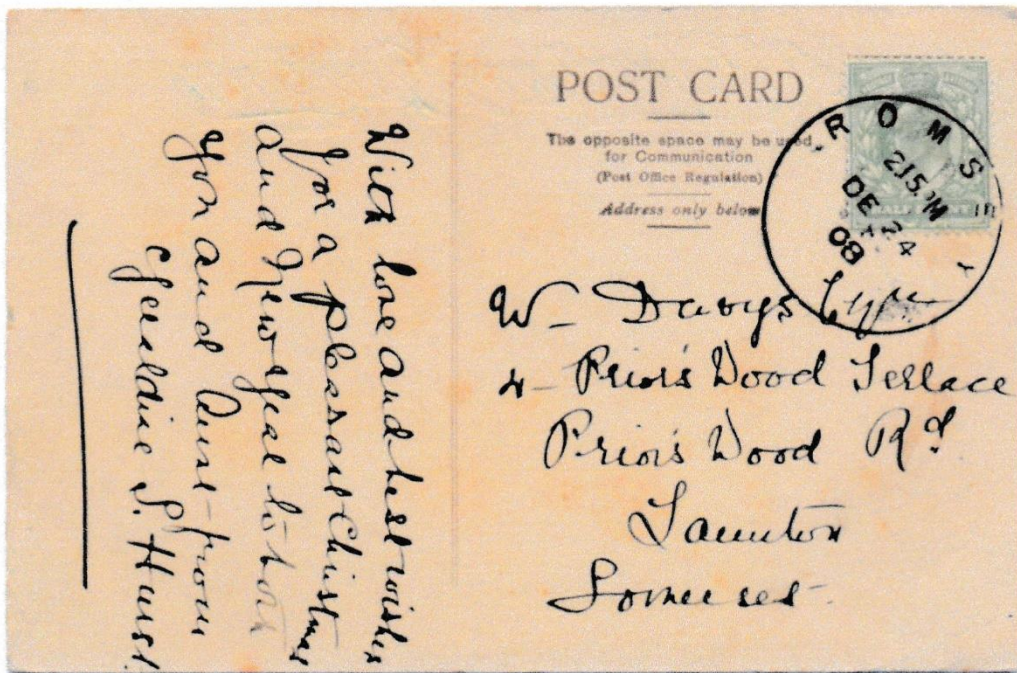


The envelope is addressed to Miss Tomlinson at Sherfield English Rectory, near Romsey, the photograph above shows Cecilia Tomlinson, wife of the Rector, in the Rectory garden.

SOME HAMPSHIRE TEMPORARY DATESTAMPS

ROMSEY

skeleton postmarks varying from 30mm diameter to 32 mm diameter were used twelve times between 1895 and 1929. Sometimes only one day is recorded, as with September 14th 1895, whilst those years where skeletons were regularly in use during the busy Christmas period were 1908, 1909, 1911, 1913 and 1917.



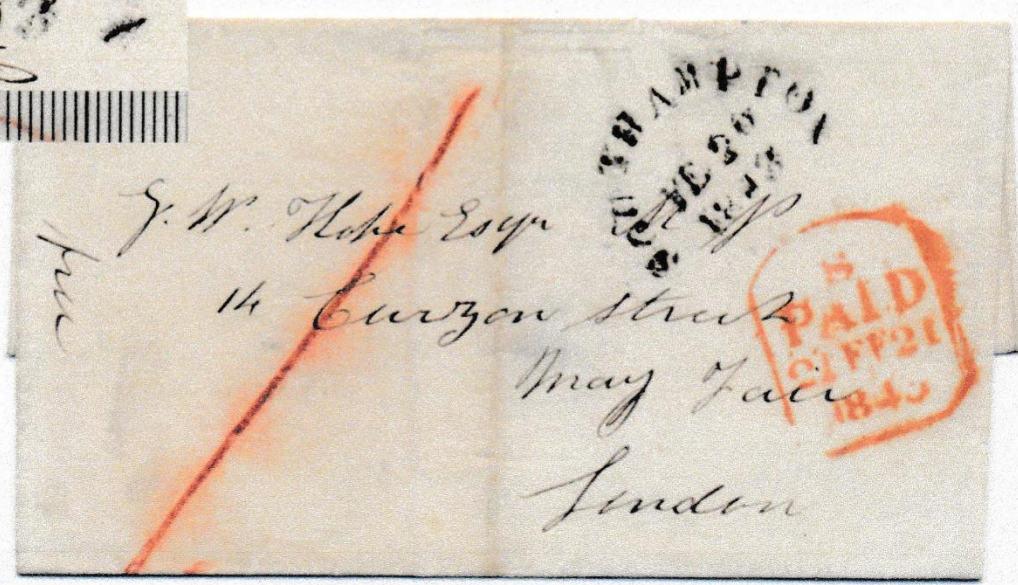
SOME HAMPSHIRE TEMPORARY DATESTAMPS

SOUTHAMPTON

traveller known in use from February 20th. to February 22nd. 1843.



scale in millimeters



BASINGSTOKE

traveller known in use from May 3rd. to May 6th. 1839.



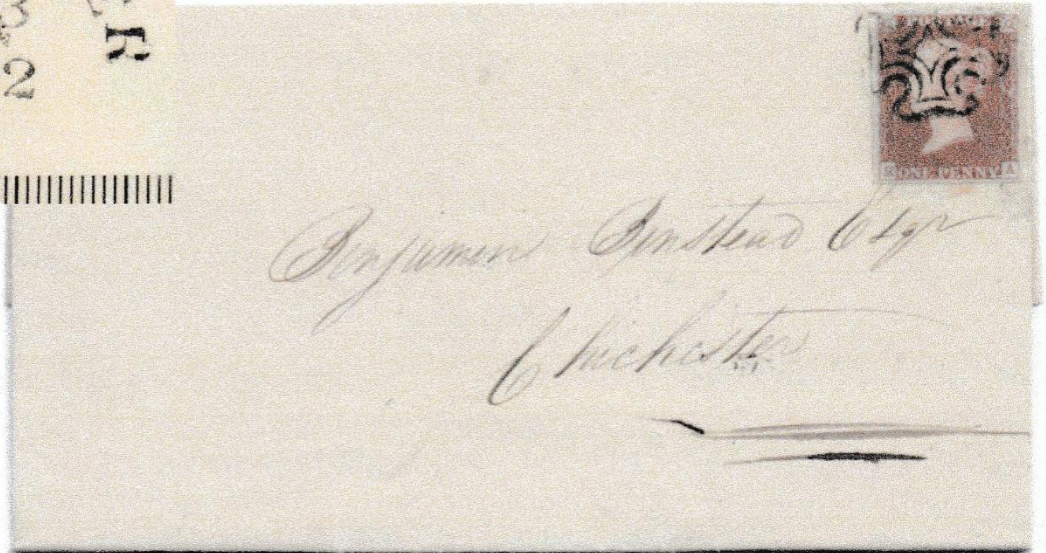
scale in millimeters



SOME HAMPSHIRE TEMPORARY DATESTAMPS



scale in millimeters



WINCHESTER

traveller known in use from May 23rd. to May 25th. 1842



scale in millimeters



WINCHESTER

traveller known in use from April 11th. to April 29th 1848.

* note that the name of CHEESE HILL STREET, location of the Receiving Office where this letter was posted, was later changed to CHESIL STREET, which may have been the local dialect rendering of Cheese Hill Street all along.

Jane Wort, Letter Carrier, Post Woman, of Overton, Hants.

Roger Harris.

JANE WORT,
LETTER CARRIER and POSTWOMAN of OVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

By Roger Harris.



Jane Wort was described by a neighbour as 'one of the worthiest and most respected inhabitants of Overton'. Born in Overton in 1831, she lived in the town for most of her life, and died at nearby Whitchurch at the age of 85. She probably never went far beyond the bounds of Overton and Whitchurch.

Her first employment was at Overton Silk Mill at the age of seven, where she was given a wooden block to stand on at her work due to her short stature. In 1848 she moved to Whitchurch silk mill. Jane married a widower with a young son in 1873, but three years later her husband died, and she supported her step son until his death age seventeen.

Jane Wort.

Roger Harris.

Being widowed in 1876, Jane took employment with the Post Office as a Rural Letter Carrier between Overton and Ashe, which involved walking seventeen miles each day except Sundays. For covering 102 miles a week Jane received nine shillings and three pence, 9/3d in pre-decimal money, or approximately 46p, just a fraction over one old penny a mile.

A rural Letter Carrier at this time was only required to be physically fit, be able to read local addresses on the letters, and be capable of a little simple writing. Jane however, does appear to have been illiterate since she signs the 1911 census document by making her mark. She may have been able to read the addresses, or the few letters she carried may have been set out in order for her by the Overton postmaster. Alternatively, she may have been unable to sign due to injury or infirmity.

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement, or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom; nor warehouse, office, shop.

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature *Jane Wort*

Postal Address *Winchester St Overton Hants*

four

[1911 census record shows Jane's mark instead of a signature]

Jane lived for most of her life in Winchester Street, Overton. In the 1881 census, aged 50, she is recorded as living with her step son, and has three boarders, Anne Paice, a widow aged 48, Philip Marsh a farm labourer aged 54, and Jane Mitchell, a widow aged 70. In the 1891 census she is living in Winchester Street, but with just one boarder, Sarah Ames, a widow aged 69, her stepson having died two years earlier.

A group of local inhabitants thought that 9/3d a week was not a fair payment for her efforts, and that Jane deserved an increase, therefore in 1892 they petitioned the Post Office on her behalf. In order to assess the situation a Post Office surveyor was dispatched from London to walk the round with her, and measure it. Jane was well known for her 'brisk' walking of the round, and after six miles the surveyor had decided that an increase was justified and he went back to London. Jane's payment for her round was immediately increased to 11/6d, or nearly 2d per mile.

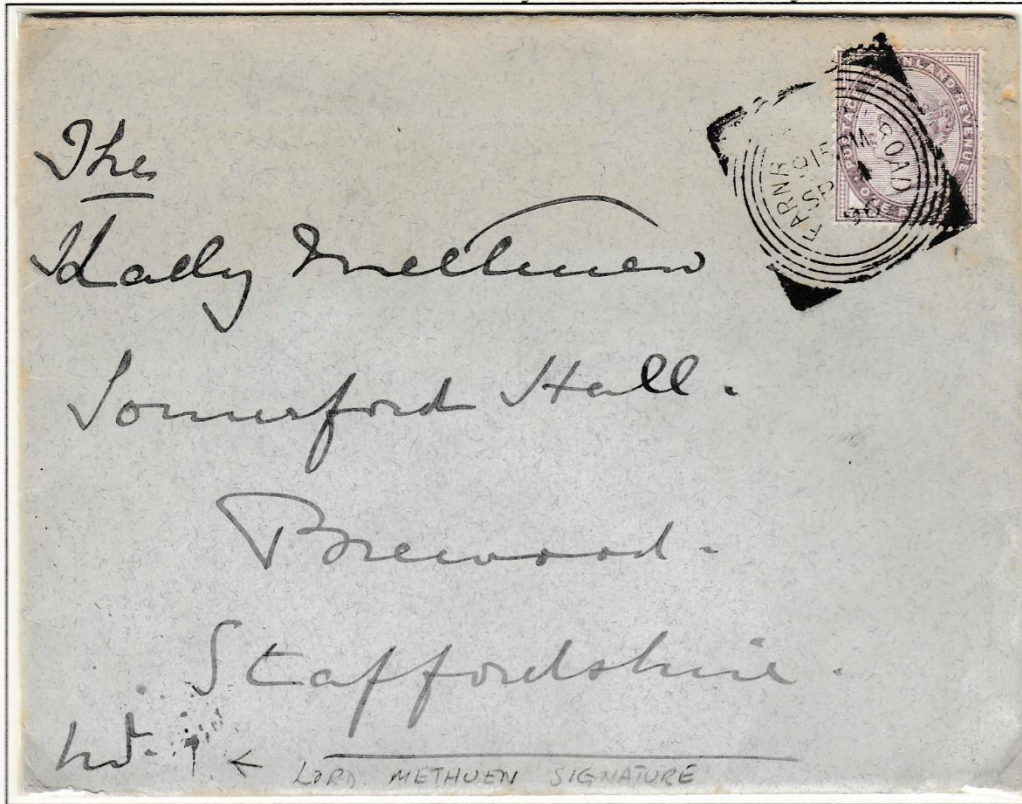
In the winter of 1885 Jane suffered a sprained wrist and ankle, having fallen of the slippery ground, but she still managed to continue her seventeen mile delivery round. However, this was to change in 1904, when her round was reduced to a morning duty of just 8 miles per day, plus additional payment for the delivery of any telegrams in the afternoon.

A letter in the Hampshire Chronicle of June 25th 1904, signed by 'a Neighbour', points out that Jane is now aged 74 but will not be eligible for a Post Office pension when she retires. It continues to say that *'there will surely be many who will be glad to join in making it possible that she shall never have to end her days "in the house;" but that the eventide of her strong, active life may be bright and happy'*. The reference 'in the house' is to the Workhouse, or poorhouse, a grim establishment where the poverty stricken elderly ended their days.

Another newspaper report from March 1907 records that Jane was the first recipient of Farmer's Charity. This was a new charity endowed by Charles Farmer, and left in the hands of the Rector and Churchwardens of Overton. The report notes that *'there were five candidates, and Mrs. Jane Wort, the oldest was chosen'*. It goes on to state that *'no one has striven harder than Mrs. Wort to earn a living. She carried out her duties in all weathers with great diligence and punctuality, and seems to be a very fitting recipient of the Charity'*. Jane died in the autumn of 1916 in Whitchurch.

Squared Circles of Farnborough Road.

Peter Mills.

Recorded used from 28th July 1896 to 7th February 1899

FARNBOROUGH ROAD/915 PM/SP 1/96

Farnborough Road



4.15PM/OC 26/96

This postmark is a re-cut of the original.
The original has been seen used from 2nd April 1894 until 1st July 1896.

Squared Circle of Farnborough Station.

Peter Mills.

Used between 23rd June 1881 and 19th March 1884

FARNBOROUGH.STATION



A/JU 29/81



D/OC17/81



B/JU 2/82



FARNBOROUGH STATION/C/DE 22/82 on a Penny Lilac and alongside.
 Back stamps of FARNBOROUGH STATION/D/DE22/82, ALDERSHOT/DE22/82
 and a receiving Office cds of ABERGELE/DE 24/82.

Posted to S. Camp, Aldershot, redirected to Abergele, N. Wales.

There were no re-cuts of this stamp.

Squared Circle of Farnborough Station.

Peter Mills.



FARNBOROUGH-STATION/B/JA 2/83.
on 2½d blue, plate 22.



FARNBOROUGH.STATION/B/MY 11/83
On a 1d brown Postcard to Bruxelles, received
12/MAI/7-M/1883.

Squared Circle of Farnborough Station.

Peter Mills.



FARNBOROUGH.STATION/B/NO12/83.

Cds back stamps of YORKTOWN/B/NO12/83 and
FARNBOROUGH STATION /E/NO12/83

The next on my list is HORNDEAN.

This will depend on all would-be members paying for their 2022/23 Membership Subs.