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It incorporates the following:

- 1/ Status of the Offices that used barred numeral cancellations.
- 2/ A list of the Sub Offices of major Offices that used barred numeral cancels.
- 3/ The later numeral allocations that were made after barred numerals ceased to be issued.

Dates, codes and times in red are new to the published volumes.

Dates of a change in status are derived largely from the Post Office Guide for January of each year, if a change occurs in say the 1865 edition, it actually took place sometime in 1864.

Status of the Offices

Head Post Offices / Post Town collected, sorted, cancelled and distributed mail from and to a series of Subordinate Offices.

The address of mail sent to a place with a Head Office would end just with the name of the town i.e. Bedford.

Independent Sub Offices evolved in the second half of the 19th Century having an address that was independent of the nearest Head Office, most of their mail could come straight to them.

Mail sent to these addresses ended with S.O. and the county name.

i.e. Shefford S.O. Beds. (from 1873 to 1886)

Railway Sub Offices (R.S.O.)

These were offices that received and sent their mail to a travelling railway post office rather than a conventional head office.

i.e. Shefford R.S.O. Beds. (from 1886 to 1905)

When the term "Railway Sub Office" was abolished in 1905, these became Independent Sub Offices; in 1909 they became Post Towns. Although the term R.S.O. was abolished in 1905 it remained in use in many cds's for several years afterwards.

Subordinate Offices The address of mail sent there had to include the name of the Head Office:-

i.e. Potton, Biggleswade. (1844 to 1854)

i.e. Potton, St Neots. (1854 to 1872)

i.e. Potton, Sandy. (1872 to present)

These normally received and sent most of their mail direct to a Head Office.

In the text the dates given are for the length of time that they were sub offices not the period of use of barred numerals.

A Sub Office in an urban environment, before 1892 was called a Town Receiving Office.

LETTER BOXES.

Pillar Boxes and Wall Boxes, did not normally have their own cancellation, exception were Late Fee Letter Boxes at Railway Stations. The cancellation was applied either in the Travelling Post Office, eg. Euston Square Station with its provincial style 964 cancellation, or in transit the Manchester/Liverpool/Leeds/Bradford Late Box cancellations which were cancelled in London.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE CANCELLATIONS:

1844 type for the single obliterators issued to all the offices in the lists to 1850.



1844

3HOS is a 3 Bar Horizontal Oval Single obliterator

The 3HOS replaced the 1844 type in the 1850's. They can sometimes be very similar in that the 1844's can have three bars at the top and base. The key characteristic to separate these from a subsequently issued 3HOS is the length of the uppermost and lowermost bars. These are long in the 1844 type and short and often convex in the 3HOS. The figure 4 almost always has a serif on the horizontal bar in 1844s and is always sans serif in the 3HOSs.



3HOS



3TH.HOS

4VOS is a 4 Bar Vertical Oval Single obliterator

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Obliterators that were first issued as a 4VOS can through wear and local recutting become a 3VOS or indeed rarely a 2VOS. As these always derive from the original 4VOS they are placed in that category. The evidence is that the size of the figures and letters stay the same despite the reduction in the number of bars. True 3VOS's are separately proofed as such and frequently replace a 4VOS.



4VOS



3VOS



3CD

3 bar Circular oval Duplex



4VOD



3VOD

Spoon and sideways duplex are pre-existing categories that have been used

4 bar Vertical Oval Duplex 3 bar Vertical Oval Duplex

3VODX A distinctive pattern of 3VOD was sent to 21 towns on 10 MAY1873. In the Proof Books the cds and obliterators were separately entered, with the cds often at an angle and some distance from the obliterators. In use the cds and obliterators were also some distance apart, they were the first 3VOD cancellations to be issued. They are often described as a 3VOS in the literature. Of the 21, three are common Birmingham, Manchester and Cheltenham, 11 are very rare, and 7 have never been seen. They might have been for use in an experimental new style of handstamp or cancelling machine. Whatever the nature of the experiment it appears to not to have been successful.

ILLUSTRATIONS

The majority of the illustrations are face different Proof Book entries. These have been photocopied from photocopies held in the Post Office archive.

There are very few examples of the 1844 type in the Proof Books, most examples in the catalogue have been traced from actual examples.

If there are two identical copies of a cancel entered at the same in the Proof Books this can often be shown to be the issue of two different cancels. The official stamping the entry found it easier to make two impressions of the same cancel rather than one of each.

DATE OF ISSUE

The date attached to each illustration is the first date of entry in the Proof Books. Just the month and year are quoted because of the ambiguities in the various possible dates: -

1/ The date a cancellation was sent to a Head Office, this was not always the final destination.

2/ The date in the cds of the cancellation, this is not always the same as the date sent. It can indeed be almost a year out. Volume 15 of the Proof Books consists of cut outs of cancellations, these are often duplicate entries of cancels that are in other Proof Books - however the cds date in volume 15 can often be much earlier in the year than the date in the other Proof Books. The earlier date is certainly the correct one.

3/ The date a cancel was proofed – this is in a column marked “sent” in the Proof Books.

In the literature any of these three sources could have been used for the “date of issue”.

RARITY & PRICE

The rarity index ranges from A = abundant to H = very few recorded. H* has been used for proofed cancels that have only been recorded on loose stamp.

GPO means that the cancel has only been seen in the Proof Books.

Prices for coloured cancels have not been quoted, there is too much variation.

Prices have not been updated from those quoted in the six volume set issued 2011 to 2013 - i.e. they are at least 10 years old.

POST OFFICE LISTS

The list of numeral allocations comes from a combination of several sources:-

1/ The Official Lists held in various forms in the Post Office Archives and several that are privately held.

2/ Individual changes in allocation listed in the Post Office Circular, which was a set of weekly instructions to Postmasters.

The Official Lists that have been used:-

1844 – contained in Dendy Marshall’s book. Thus seen by Brumell.

1845 - 1847 - 1855 - 1856 - 1857 contained in the relevant Post Office Directory.

1874 - 1882 - 1887 - 1892 - currently available in the Post Office Archives, in their file Post 55. The 1882 list is new, it was not seen or mentioned by Brumell.

1899 - Brumell mentions a list that he had not seen that was quoted by Whitworth (Southport 1905) as the “1899” list. Post Office Archives have an 1887 list with manuscript additions up to about 1900. This is certainly Whitworth’s “1899” list.

1902 - seen and listed by Brumell, but there is no longer a copy in the Post Office Archives.

1906 - currently available in the Post Office Archives, in Post 55. This was the last list used by Brumell.

1924, 1929 and 1949 - these have recently become available in the Post Office Archives, in Post 55, called Post Office Form 1013. They were not available to Mackay.

1954, 1959 - listed by George Pearson in his 1959 publication. The lists are not in the Post Office Archives.

1962 - an original list seen and quoted by Mackay. Given by him in 1990 to the Post Office Archives, but no longer available. A privately held copy has been downloaded from the GBPS website.

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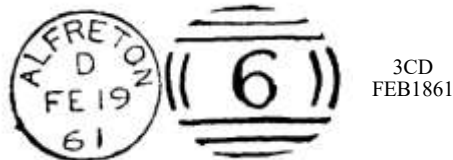
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6 ALFRETON

Head Post Office 1844 to 1939, Sub Office of Derby 1939 to 1992, Post Town 1992 to 1993
 Branch office to Franchised Post office in 1993.

Alfreton was allocated number 6 in the lists from 1844 to 1924 and 10 from 1926 to 1962.
 Number 6 was later allocated to Abergele (Denb) in the 1929 to 1962 lists.

Sub Offices (using barred numerals): 7 Crich 1844 to 1854, 997 Pinxton 1845 to 1919



1844 Used from 5 AUG1844 to 26 JAN1861 Price A £5

1844 in blue Used on 18 APR1848

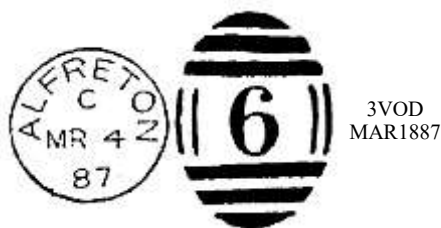
1844 in green Used in JAN1854

3CD Used from 26 NOV1861 to 19 JUL1868 Codes: B C D Price D £8



4VOD Used from 2 JUL1869 to 3 FEB1893 Codes: A B Bin v C D Price B £3

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3VOD Used from 16 DEC1887 to 30 DEC1893 Codes: A C Price D £6
 Squarred Circles in use: DEC1892 to MAR1923

7 CRICH

Sub Office of Alfreton 1844 to 1854, Sub Office of Belper 1854 to 1857,
 Sub Office of Derby 1857 to 1894, Sub Office of Matlock Bath 1894 to 1912,
 Sub Office of Matlock 1912 to present.
 Crich was allocated number 7 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.
 Number 7 was later allocated to Longhope (Glos) in the 1874 to 1906 lists
 and then Aldeburgh (Suff) 1924 to 1962.



1844 Used from 3 JAN1845 to 23 OCT1846 Price H £100+

10 Alfreton
 Alfreton was allocated number 6 in the lists from 1844 to 1924 and 10 from 1926 to 1962.

28 ASHBOURNE

Head Post Office 1844 to 1940, Salaried Sub Office 1940 to present.
 Ashbourne was allocated 28 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
 APR1844



3HOS
 APR1857



3HOS
 MAY1864

1844 Used from 17 MAY1844 to 5 DEC1856 Price B £5
1844 in blue Used from JUL1847 to MAY1849
3HOS Used from 23 SEP1857 to 27 JUL1867 Price F £15



3VOS
 FEB1877



3CD
 OCT1869

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3VOS Used on 18 MAY1881 Price H £40

3CD Used from 21 OCT1859 to 1 APR1869 Codes: A B Price C £3



4VOD Used from 20 MAR1867 to 2 AUG1890 Codes: A B Bin v C D E Price A £3



3VOD Time in code Used from 22 FEB1890 to 3 OCT1895 Codes: B C D Price D £6

3VOD Time in full Used from 4 JUL1896 to 6 FEB1905

Times: 615AM 1015AM 1045AM 145PM 4PM 545PM 645PM 7PM 730PM 845PM Price A £3

Squared Circles in use: DEC1891 to APR1920

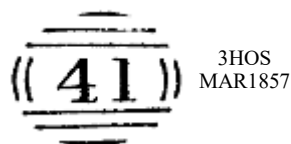
41 BAKEWELL

Head Post Office 1844 to present

Bakewell was allocated 41 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (using barred numerals): 42 Baslow 1844 to 1856, 43 Stoney Middleton 1844 to 1858,

44 Tideswell 1844 to 1858.



1844 Used from 28 MAY1844 to 24 JUL1856 Price C £5

1844 in blue Used from 6 JUN1846 to 12 APR1852

1844 in green Used in SEP1853

3HOS Used from 20 FEB1858 to 17 NOV1873 Price C £3

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4CD Used from 17 JUN1864 to 30 SEP1867 Codes: C D Price G £40



4VOD Used from 14 MAR1868 to 29 NOV1880 C Cinv D O Price C £3



3VOD Used from 7 MAR1881 to 23 SEP1893 Codes: B C D E Price E £10
Squared Circles in use: JUL1887 to DEC1908

42 BASLOW

Sub Office of Bakewell 1844 to 1856, Sub Office of Chesterfield 1856 to 1893, Independent Sub Office 1893 to 1917, Sub Office of Bakewell 1917 to present.

Baslow was allocated number 42 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 42 was later allocated to Chiswick (Middx) 1874 to 1887 then Log-in (Carm) 1892 to 1906 and finally Bala (Mer) 1924 to 1962.

1844 Used from 20 AUG1844 to 2 APR1856 Price F £60+

Occurs with a Baslow cud. and a Chesterfield cds



43 STONEY MIDDLETON

Sub Office of Bakewell 1844 to 1858, Sub Office of Sheffield 1858 to present

Stoney Middleton was allocated number 43 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 43 was later allocated to Turnham Green (Middx) 1874 to 1882, then Docking (Norf) 1887 to 1906, a charge mark with the number 43 was sent to Leicester in 1920 and finally Birchington (Kent) 1924 to 1962.

1844 Used from 5 MAR1855 to 25 JAN1856 Price H £100++



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44 TIDESWELL

Sub Office of Bakewell 1844 to 1858, Sub Office of Sheffield 1858 to 1885, Sub Office of Stockport 1885 to 1892, Sub Office of Buxton 1892 to present.

Tideswell was allocated number 44 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 44 was later allocated to Resolven (Glam) 1874 to 1906 and Belford (Northts) 1924 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



1844X NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

1844 Used on 6 AUG1844 Price H £100++

1844X (Three side arcs) Used from 27 JUN1850 to 15 AUG1856 Price G £250

Seen in olive brown

Squared Circles in use: MAY1893 to SEP1921

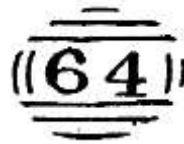
64 BELPER

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Belper was allocated 64 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
APR1857

1844 Used from 21 MAY1844 to 30 MAR1857 Price D £8

1844 in blue Used in DEC1845

3HOS Used from 17 AUG1857 to 26 OCT1868 Price G £25



4VOS
JUL1872



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

4VOS No dated copies recorded Price H* £60+ (Price if found on dated cover)

3VOS No dated copies recorded Price H* £60+ (Price if found on dated cover)

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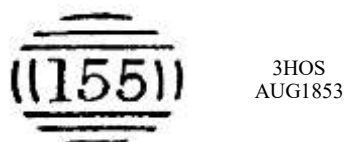


3CD Used from 2 MAR1861 to 9 AUG1878 Code: C Price C £3
3VOD Used from 7 DEC1878 to 23 MAR1885 Codes: B D E Price F £20
 Squared Circles in use: SEP1886 to APR1905

155 BUXTON

Head Post Office 1844 to ? Branch office to Franchised Post Office in 1994.
 Buxton was allocated 155 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (using barred numerals): 156 Chapel en le Frith 1844 to 1848.



1844 Used from 27 AUG1844 to 1 MAR1852 Price F £20
3HOS Used from 2 JUN1854 to 17 SEP1860 Price E £12

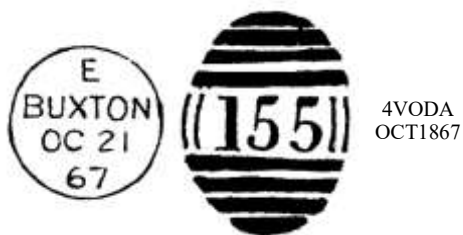


3VOS Used on 6 APR1874 Price H £60+
 Occurs on undated newspaper wrappers £12



3CD Used from 25 JUL1861 to 16 OCT1871 Codes: A B C D E G Price C £3

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4VODA (Straight Buxton) Time in code Used from 25 JAN1868 to 1 SEP1891

Codes: A B C D E F G H I J Price D £8

4VODA (Straight Buxton) Time in asterisk code Used on 14 MAR1894

Code: EC*P Price H £25

4VODA (Straight Buxton) Time in full Used on 3 DEC1893 Time 100PM Price £15

4VODB (Curved Buxton) Used from 7 JUL1874 to 27 OCT1883

Codes: A B C D Dinv E H I J Price C £3



3VOD Time in code Used from 12 FEB1884 to 30 OCT1888

Codes: B C E H I Price E £10

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 26 JUN1894 to 1 NOV1894

Codes: CD*P H*P HI*P Price G £15

3VOD Time in full Used from 31 MAY1895 to 20 NOV1901

Times: 1030AM 1PM 7PM 715PM 730PM 8PM 845PM 9PM Price E £8

Squared Circles in use: DEC1888 to JUL1905

156 CHAPEL EN LE FRITH

Sub Office of Buxton 1844 to 1848, Sub Office of Stockport 1848 to present.

Chapel en le Frith was allocated number 156 in the lists from 1844 to 1857 and J67 from 1892 to 1924.

Number 156 was later allocated to Maescwmmmer (Mon) 1882 to 1906,

Hengoed used it in 1922 and Billericay, Essex 1938 to 1962.

1844 Used from 4 JAN1845 to 24 JUL1854 Price G £80+

Occurs with a Chapel en le Frith cud. and Stockport cds



1844
APR1844

186 CHESTERFIELD

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Chesterfield was allocated 186 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (using barred numerals): 42 Baslow 1856 to 1893, 187 Staveley 1844 to present.

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1844
APR1844



3HOS
APR1851



3HOS
JAN1854

1844 Used from 6 JUN1844 to 4 MAR1850 Price E £12 Seen in green
3HOS Used from 13 NOV1851 to 26 NOV1860 Price D £8



4VOS
MAR1868



3VOS
DEC1885

4VOS GPO
3VOS No dated copies recorded Price H* £60+ (Price if found on dated cover)



SDWYS II JAN1856



3CD
MAY1858

SDWYS Used from 17 APR1856 to 2 MAY1864 Codes: A B Bin v C Csdwys D none
Price B £12

SDWYS in blue used on 6 JUN1858

3CD Used from 18 JUN1858 to 30 MAR1864 Codes: B C D Price D £6



4VOD
SEP1864



4VOD
SEP1867



4VOD
MAY1868



4VOD
MAR1871



4VOD
FEB1872



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4VOD Used from 30 NOV1864 to 9 JAN1901 Codes: C D E F G H I J L M N 7 8 Price A £3



3VOD Time in code Used from 11 MAY1880 to 21 SEP1894 Codes: E I J K L M N
Price D £6

3VOD Time in full Used from 23 NOV1897 to 13 APR1905 Times: 715PM 730PM 10PM
Price F £6

187 STAVELEY

Sub Office of Chesterfield 1844 to present.

Staveley was allocated number 187 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 187 was later allocated to Consett, Durham 1882 to 1962.

1844 Used on 9 JUN1847 Price H £100++

Occurs with a Staveley cud. and a Chesterfield cds.



213 WOODVILLE

Sub Office of Burton on Trent 1844 to 1991, Sub Office of Swadlincote 1991 to present.

Woodville was allocated number 213 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 213 was later allocated to Cranleigh, Surrey 1924 to 1962.

4VOD Time in code Used from 30 NOV1874 to 10 SEP1891
Codes: A B Price F £20

4VOD Time in full Used from 2 JUN1896 to 2 JAN1914

Times: 115AM 1115AM 745PM 8PM Price C £3



215 REPTON

Sub Office of Burton on Trent 1844 to 1915, Sub Office of Derby 1915 to present.

Repton was allocated number 215 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.

Number 215 was previously allocated to Colsterworth (Lincs) 1844 to 1857 then later to Corbridge (Northbd) 1924 to 1959 and Luddendenfoot (Yorks) in 1963.

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4VOD
OCT1874



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

4VOD Used from 29 OCT1874 to 22 JUL1901

Codes: A B Bsdwys C Price D £8

3VOD Used from 11 MAY1902 to 22 JUN1914

Times: 10AM 11AM 630PM 65PM 715PM 8PM 830PM 8 none Price A £3

227 SWADLINCOTE

Sub Office of Burton on Trent 1851 to 1991, Post Town 1991 to present.

Swadlincote was allocated number 227 in the lists from 1882 to 1906 and 961 1952 to 1962.

Number 227 was previously allocated to Biddenden, Kent 1844 to 1857 then later to Craven Arms (Salop) 1924 to 1962.



4VOD
OCT1874

4VOD Time in code Used from 1AUG1876 to 28 MAY1894

Codes: B C Price F £10

4VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 28 MAR1895 to 3 JAN1899

Codes: F*A GK*P Price F £12

4VOD Time in full Used from 27 FEB1900 to 28 MAY1906

Times: 9AM 1130AM 130PM 345PM 4PM 445PM 745PM 1130 Price D £6

242 DERBY Any collector of Derby must have a copy of H.Wilson's excellent book the "History of the Post in Derby" British Philatelic Trust, 1990.

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Derby was allocated 242 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (using barred numerals): G31 Castle Donington Leics 1845 to present. 313 Cromford 1875 to 1894. G32 Duffield 1844 to 1992. G33 Kegworth Leics 1844 to present. 243 Melbourne 1844 to Present. F94 Ripley 1862 to 1992. 586 Stapleford Notts 1844 to 1856. 829 Sudbury 1856 to 1864 & 1866 to 1992. 244 Ticknall 1844 to Present. 895 Wirksworth 1875 to 1894



1844
APR1844

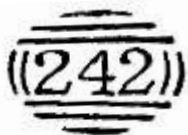


1844
FEB1847

1844 Used from 11 MAY1844 to 9 JUL1850 Price A £5

The Proof Book entry for FEB1847 is now illustrated, it has a serified 4

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3HOS
JAN1851



3HOS
JUN1859



3HOS
OCT1864



3HOS
DEC1865

3HOS Used from 27 FEB1851 to 3 APR1868 Price A £4 Seen in green



4VOS
SEP1866



4VOS
JUL1871



3VOS NOT
ENTERED IN
THE PROOF
BOOKS

4VOS Used from 29 NOV1869 to 27 DEC1883 Price G £40

3VOS Used from 6 OCT1881 to 24 MAR1884 Price H £50



SDWYS II ALL THE PROOF BOOK ENTRIES

SDWYS II Used from 4 JAN1855 to 9 AUG1859 Codes: C D E 3sdwys 7 none Price A £8

SDWYS II in blue Used from 23 MAR1856 to 9 AUG1859

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3CD
JAN1859



3CD OC-
T1866

3CD Used from 2 MAR1859 to 21 NOV1871 Codes: A C D E F H I J K O 7 8 H1 J1 J3
Price A £3



4VODA
AUG1866



4VODA
AUG1868



4VODA
OCT1870

4VODA (Straight Derby) Time in code Used from 3 OCT1866 to 18 OCT1894 Price A £3

There are 18 4VODAs entered in the Proof Books between AUG1866 and OCT1870. At least two are duplicate entries. Four have a single letter code. Thirteen have a double code – these are the most frequently found. I believe that the numeral part of the two part code is the handstamp identification number and the letter is the collection time code. The Proof Book entries don't help because the two apertures in the cds had any combination of letters and numerals put in for proofing – it was later that the handstamp identification numbers were inserted. All the codes for the 4VODA have now been listed by their handstamp identification numbers.

1 / A E F G H J K N O U

2 / D J K M N O P U X

3 / D J N

4 / J N M X Z

5 / D J K L M N O P Sinv X

6 / K L M N O Z

7 / E K N O X Z

8 / J N P T

9 / K P X

10 / J P inv

11 / L P none

Single codes / H I J M O X none

Unexplained codes / T I D K H Z Z

4VODA (Straight Derby) Time in full Used on 6 APR1897 Time: 6PM Price H £20

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4VODB (Curved Derby) Used from DEC1871 to 6 APR1896 Price A £3

The nine Proof Book entries have very similar obliterators, however the cds's vary in height from 20mm to 25mm. All the codes for the 4VODB have now been listed by their handstamp identification numbers:

- 1 / A J K M N O P X Y Z
 - 2 / G H I K N P T U V W 7 9
 - 3 / C D F G J K L M N O P Pinv T U V W X Y Z 6 9 10
 - 4 / G H K L M N P Pinv R W Z 10 none
 - 5 / A F G K N O R U V W X Y
 - 6 / E F G I J K L M N O Q V W Z 4 8 none
 - 7 / I K N P S W Y Z 5 6 none
 - 8 / C E I N O P W X 5 none 12sdwys
 - 9 / E F J L M N O P Q S W Y Z 10
 - 10 / I J N P Z
 - 11 / L P U V W Y Z 6 10
 - 12 / E J L O P Q R U W 2 8 none
 - 13 / K N Z 5 12 none
 - 14 / P Y
- Other Codes/ N U X N L N N Y M d= Ksdwys



3VODX Used from 3 DEC1873 to 8 FEB1874 Codes: N1 N5 N7 O5 Price F £40

Similar 3VODXs were issued to 21 towns on 10 MAY1873. Of the 21, three are common Birmingham, Manchester and Cheltenham, 11 are very rare, and 7 have never been seen. They might have been for use in a new style of handstamp or cancelling machine. Whatever the nature of the experiment it appears to have been a failure.

In the Proof Books the cds and obliterator were separately entered, with the cds often at an angle and some distance from the obliterator. They were the first 3VOD cancels to be issued.



3VOD Used from 2 FEB1882 to 24 AUG1896 Price A £3
 The codes for the 3VOD have now been listed by their handstamp number. These are on the right hand side of the two part code:

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 / F G H K N O Q 7 10 none | 7 / E K L N O P S U W X Z 4 5 6 11 12 13 none |
| 2 / G K L N O Rsdwys T W X 2 10 13 none | 8 / B E H O Q S U V W Y 1 10 13 none |
| 3 / K N U Y Z 2 7 11 13 | 9 / D E L O P W 7 10 12 |
| 4 / B H M V Z 2 7 9 12 none | 10 / E G K O P Q T W X Z 1 3 6 9 11 none |
| 5 / F K L N P S U W Z 4 5 6 9 11 12 13 none | 11 / E F H M P W X Z 9 10 13 none |
| 6 / G K L U V 4 8 | 12 / P T U W X Z none |
| | 13 / N O R Y Z 10 |
| | 14 / K P Z 10 |
| | 15 / 8 |
| | Others / K none |

When time in full came into operation in late 1895, the handstamp identification numbers were cut into the basal bars of the new obliterators as they came into use. These numbers are often smaller when first issued and they become larger in later recuts. Most of these are not separately listed, because the changes though visible are slight.

3VOD1 (1 cut in basal bars) Used from 24 FEB1896 to 12 MAY1903

Times: 945AM 1230PM 1PM 2PM 3PM 320PM 330PM 6PM 630PM 745PM 815PM 9PM 915PM 11PM Price F £12

4VODB2 (2 cut in basal bars) Used from 11 NOV1896 to 13 MAR1906

Times: 915AM 1130AM 1145AM 1210PM 1230PM 1PM 345PM 515PM 6PM 630PM 7PM 745PM 815PM 830PM 9PM 915PM 11PM none Price A on cover £5, on ppc £3

3VOD2 (2 cut in basal bars) This entry has been deleted, they are all 4VOD2s.

3VOD3S (Small figure 3 cut in basal bars) Used from 7 SEP1895 to 23 FEB1904

Times: 915AM 1015AM 1130AM 1115AM 1210PM 1230PM 1PM 2PM 215PM 515PM 6PM 630PM 7PM 745PM 815PM 830PM 9PM 11PM none Price A on cover £5, on ppc £3

3VOD3L (Large figure 3 cut in basal bars) Used from 23 DEC1904 to 19 APR1908

Times: 6AM 630AM 1015AM 1030AM 1110AM 1215PM 1230PM 130PM 230PM 315PM 530PM 6PM 745PM 815PM 9PM 11PM none Price C on cover £5, on ppc £3

3VOD4 (4 cut in basal bars) Used from 2 MAR1896 to 12 MAR1898 Times: 1PM 2PM 215PM 5PM 6PM 915PM 11PM Price E £9

3VOD5 (5 cut in basal bars) Used from 24 DEC1895 to 15 JUN1908 Times: 3AM 945AM

1015AM 1030AM 1130AM 1245PM 1PM 2PM 215PM 230PM 3PM 345PM 6PM 615PM 715PM 745PM 815PM 9PM 95PM 11PM none Price C on cover £5, on ppc £3

3VOD6 (6 cut in basal bars) Used from 30 NOV1895 to 30 NOV1906 Times: 930AM 1230PM

130PM 2PM 215PM 230PM 430PM 6PM 615PM 815PM 830PM 845PM 9PM 915PM 945PM 11PM PM Price C on cover £5, on ppc £3

3VOD7 (7 cut in basal bars) Used from 23 MAR1896 to 23 DEC1909 Times: 1015AM 1PM

2PM 215PM 230PM 3PM 6PM 630PM 815PM 845PM 9PM 915PM 11PM none Price C on cover £5, on ppc £3

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4VODB8 (8 cut in basal bars) Used from 19 MAR1896 to 31 DEC1904

Times: 1015AM 115PM 2PM 230PM 815PM 11PM Price F £12

4VODB9 (9 cut in basal bars) Used from 20 JAN1896 to 1 FEB1899

Times: 1015AM 2PM 215PM 815PM 845PM 9PM 11PM Price F £12

3VOD10 (10 cut in basal bars) Used from 30 SEP1896 to 26 AUG1905

Times: 815AM 930AM 1015AM 1130AM 1230PM 215PM 230PM 330PM 4PM 545PM 6PM
815PM 830PM 845PM 9PM 915PM 11PM Price C on cover £5, on ppc £3

4VODB12 (12 cut in basal bars) Used from 25 NOV1896 to 20 NOV1897

Times: 845PM 915PM 1015PM Price G £15

3VOD13 (13 cut in basal bars) Used from 4 SEP1896 to 18 OCT1904

Times: 215PM 815PM 9PM 11PM Price G on cover £15, on ppc £8

4VODB14 (14 cut in basal bars) Used from 7 MAR1898 to 1 APR1905

Times: 1015AM 4PM 530PM 6PM 815PM 845PM 9PM 11PM Price E on cover £9, on ppc £5

3VOD15 (15 cut in basal bars) Used from 1 APR1897 to 11 MAY1900

Times: 130PM 3PM 7PM 815PM 95PM 915PM Price F £12

3VOD16S (Small figure 16 cut in basal bars) Used from 17 APR1897 to 30 JUN1900

Times: 1PM 130PM 215PM 330PM 4PM 645PM 7PM 11PM Price E £9

3VOD16L (Large figure 16 cut in basal bars) Used from 7 JUL1904 to 18 MAY1907

Times: 1PM 745PM 815PM Price G £15

4VODA17 (17 cut in basal bars) Used from 22 MAR1899 to 21 OCT1902

Times: 1015AM 2PM 11PM Price G £15

3VOD18 (18 cut in basal bars) Used from 27 MAR1898 to 15 JAN1905

Times: 1015AM 6PM 7PM 815PM 830PM 9PM 11PM Price F £12

3VOD19 (19 cut in basal bars) Used from 21 JAN1898 to 20 FEB1908

Times: 945AM 1015AM 121PM 1230PM 1PM115PM 230PM 3PM 345PM 45PM 545PM 6PM
615PM 645PM 715PM 830PM 915PM 10PM 11PM 12 Price C on cover £5, on ppc £3

4VODB20 (20 cut in basal bars) Used from 30 MAY1898 to 24 MAR1902

Times: 1PM 130PM 215PM 230PM 545PM 6PM 615PM 9PM 915PM 11PM Price E £9

3VOD21 (21 cut in basal bars) Used from 10 NOV1903 to 4 DEC1906

Times: 645PM 7PM 815PM 845PM 9PM Price E £9

Squared Circles in use: MAR1881 to SEP1905

242 DERBY DUFFIELD ROAD

Town Receiving House of Derby 1872 to present.

3VODD (Duffield Rd Derby) Used on 22 DEC1885

Code: B Price H £80+



3VODD
DEC1885

242 Derby Midland Road

Midland Road was allocated number 242 in the lists from 1929 to 1962.

DERBYSHIRE 243-313

243 MELBOURNE

Sub Office of Derby 1844 to present.

Melbourne was allocated number 243 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.

Number 243 was later allocated to Dagenham, Essex 1929 to 1962.



1844 Used from 11 NOV1845 to 5 JAN1859 Price D £8

3VODA (Melbourne Derby in cds) Used from 1 JUN1875 to 8 JAN1895

Codes: A B Price F £20



3VODB (Melbourne Derbyshire in cds) Used from 14 JAN1900 to 4 JUN1909

Times: 5AM 815AM 1115AM 145PM 415PM 645PM 715PM 745PM Price A £3

Squared Circles in use: SEP1881 to DEC1896

244 TICKNALL

Sub Office of Derby 1844 to present, Town Office from 1943.

Ticknall was allocated number 244 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 244 was later allocated to Talley (Carm) 1882 to 1906 then

Pontefract (Yorks) 1948 to 1962.

1844 Used from 20 OCT1844 to 25 OCT1853 Price F £60+

Occurs with a Ticknall cud. and a Derby cds



313 CROMFORD

Sub Office of Matlock Bath 1845 to 1875, Sub Office of Derby 1875

(313 4VOD issued in 1875) to 1894, Sub Office of Matlock Bath

1894 to 1912, Sub Office of Matlock 1912 to Present.

Cromford was allocated number 313 in the lists from 1882 to 1902.

Number 313 was allocated to Lea (Heref) 1844 to 1857, later a

charge mark number 313 was sent to Rochdale (Lancs) in 1918,

allocated to Gillingham, Kent in the 1924 list and then

Farnborough (Hants) 1934 to 1962.

4VOD Used from 29 JAN1875 to 20 DEC1892 Codes: A B Price E £30



DERBYSHIRE 421-499

386 Heanor

Heanor was allocated number 386 in the lists from 1925 to 1962.

421 LONG EATON

Sub Office of Derby 1857 to 1863, Sub Office of Nottingham 1863 to 1891, Railway Sub Office 1891 to 1902, Sub Office of Nottingham 1902 to present.

Long Eaton was allocated number 421 in the lists from 1882 to 1962.

Number 421 was previously allocated to Radnor 1844 to 1857.



4VOD Used from 13 AUG1877 to 6 MAY1901 Codes: A B C D E F H none Price D £8

3VOD Time in code Used on 18 SEP1884 Code: A Price H £30

3VOD Time in full Used from 26 MAY1902 to 28 SEP1905

Times: 915AM 1245PM 3PM 530PM 6PM 630PM 7PM 745PM 8PM 9PM 95PM 1045PM 930

Price B £3

499 GLOSSOP

Sub Office of Manchester 1844 to 1897, Head Post Office 1897 to 1919, Salaried Sub office 1919 to present.

Glossop was allocated 499 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 used from 31 JAN1846 to 23 AUG1858 Price G £50

Occurs with a Glossop cud. and an Ashton under Lyne cds

4VODA (Straight Glossop) Used from 2 SEP1869 to 22 DEC1877 Codes: A C Cinv Price G £50



DERBYSHIRE 499-520

4VODB (Curved Glossop) Used from 17 MAR1879 to 2 NOV1894 Codes: A C Csdwys D E
 Price E £20
 Squared Circles in use: FEB1890 to JUL1920

520 MATLOCK BATH

Head Post Office 1844 to 1912, Branch Office of Matlock 1912 to present.
 Matlock Bath was allocated 520 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (using barred numerals): B86 Matlock Bridge 1857 to 1889.



1844
 APR1844



3VOS
 JUN1875

1844 Used from 10 AUG1844 to 27 MAR1873 Price C £5

3VOS Used on 6 DEC1879 Price H £50

Occurs on undated Ed.VIII newspaper wrappers, as such £12



3CD
 SEP1860



4VOD
 MAR1876

3CD Used from 22 FEB1861 to 3 DEC1875 Codes: A B C D Price B £3

4VOD Used from 26 DEC1876 to 3 MAY1881 Codes: A B C D Price D £6



3VOD
 MAY1878



3VOD
 JUN1886

3VOD Used from 13 MAY1881 to 26 OCT1919 Codes: A B C D none Price C £3

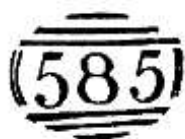
Squared Circles in use: DEC1889 to JUL1901

585 ILKESTON

Sub Office of Nottingham 1844 to 1868, Railway Sub Office 1868 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to present.

Ilkeston was allocated 585 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

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1844
APR1844



4VOD
OCT1873

1844 Used from 25 FEB1847 to 22 APR1859 Price G £40
4VOD Time in code Used from 4 APR1876 to 8 AUG1888 Codes: B C D none Price G £15
4VOD Time in full Used from 30 MAR1899 to 5 JUN1901
 Times: 630PM 745PM 830PM 930PM Price F £15



3VOD
MAR1878

3VOD Time in code Used from 28 OCT1878 to 19 APR1894 Codes: A B C D E F Price D £6
3VOD Time in full Used from 25 MAY1895 to 20 DEC1905
 Times: 9AM 1030AM 1115AM 115PM 4PM 430PM 445PM 6PM 615PM 630PM 645PM 8PM
 830PM 9PM 915PM 930PM Price B £3

647 Ripley

Ripley was allocated number F94 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and 647 from 1924 to 1962.

684 Sandiacre

Sandiacre was allocated number 684 in the lists from 1924 to 1962.

829 SUDBURY

Sub Office of Uttoxeter 1844 to 1853, Sub Office of Derby 1853 to 1864, Sub Office of Stoke 1864 to 1866, Sub Office of Derby 1866 to 1992, Sub Office of Ashbourne 1992 to present.

Sudbury was allocated number 829 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.

Number 829 was later allocated to Uttoxeter (Staffs) 1924 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



4VOD
OCT1873

1844 Used from 11 NOV1847 to 18 MAR1855 Price G £40
 Occurs with a straight line Sudbury and a Derby cds.
4VOD Used from 7 SEP1877 to 10 OCT1911 Codes: A B Binv Einv Price A £3

DERBYSHIRE 895

895 WIRKSWORTH

Head Post Office 1844 to 1875, Sub Office of Derby 1875 to 1894, Independent Sub Office 1894 to 1908, Sub Office of Matlock Bath 1908, Post Town 1908 to 1925, Sub Office of Derby 1925 to 1992, Sub Office of Matlock 1992 to present.

Wirksworth was allocated number 895 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.

Number 895 was later allocated to Hampton (Middx) 1928 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3VOS
JUL1875

1844 Used from 1 OCT1844 to 4 NOV1869 Price A £5

1844 in brown Used from MAR1846 to FEB1852

1844 in green Used on 11 SEP1850

3VOS GPO



3CD
JUL1861

3CD Used from 13 JAN1871 to 24 MAY1872 Code: B Price G £40



4VOD
JUL1872



4VOD
FEB1868

4VOD Used from 16 APR1868 to 2 FEB1888 Codes: A B Price E £20

Squared Circles in use: JUN1881 to MAY1908

961 Swadlincote

Swadlincote was allocated number 227 in the lists from 1882 to 1906 and 961 1952 to 1962.

DERBYSHIRE 997-F94

997 PINXTON

Sub Office of Alfreton 1845 to 1919, Sub Office of Nottingham 1919 to present.

Pinxtton was allocated number 997 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.

Number 997 was first allocated to Shillingstone (Dor) 1855 to 1857, then later to Isleworth (Middx) 1928 to 1949 and finally to Chessington, Surrey in 1959 to 1962.

3VOS GPO Mail was cancelled at Alfreton



3VOS
SEP1878

B86 MATLOCK BRIDGE

Sub Office of Matlock Bath 1857 to 1906, a Town Receiving House from 1889 to 1906, Renamed Matlock in 1906.

Matlock Bath was allocated number B86 in the lists from 1874 to 1902.



3HOS
JUN1863



4VOD
AUG1872

3HOS Used from 15 OCT1864 to 19 JUN1872 Price F £40

4VOD Used from 10 SEP1872 to 2 SEP1877 Code: B Price F £40

F94 RIPLEY

Sub Office of Alfreton 1844 to 1862, Sub Office of Derby 1862 to 1992, Post Town 1992 to present.

Ripley was allocated number F94 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and 647 from 1924 to 1962.



3VOS
AUG1880



4VOD
DEC1872

3VOS GPO

4VOD Time in code Used from 21 FEB1873 to 23 JUN1893 Codes: A B C D none
Price D £8

4VOD Time in full Used from 5 OCT1895 to 10 AUG1904

Times: 145AM 9AM 910AM 145PM 4PM 745PM 910PM 912PM 4M Price C £4

DERBYSHIRE F94-J67



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

3VOD Used from 31 AUG1904 to 23 DEC1907

Times: 915AM 945AM 1115AM 145PM 4PM 6PM 645PM 745PM 910PM 915PM 945PM
1115PM Price C £3

G32 DUFFIELD

Sub Office of Derby 1844 to 1992, Sub Office of Belper 1992 to present.

Duffield was allocated number G32 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

4VOD Used from 31 DEC1875 to 4 JAN1909

Codes: A B C Cinv D E F Price A £20 on cover, £3 on ppc



4VOD
NOV1873

J67 CHAPEL EN LE FRITH

Sub Office of Buxton 1844 to 1848, Sub Office of Stockport 1848 to present.

Chapel en le Frith was allocated number 156 in the lists from 1844 to 1857 and J67 from 1892 to 1924.

3VOS Used from 28 MAR1891 to 13 MAY1894 Price G £80+



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS