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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 obliterator were separately entered, with the cds often at an angle and some distance from the obliterator. In use the cds and obliterator were also some distance apart, they were the first 3VOD cancels 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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Post Office Archives: Many thanks for all their help in the past, although under the current regime research is becoming increasingly difficult. This follows a general tendency amongst archivists to make preservation the all-pervading priority and making access secondary.

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45 BALDOCK

Head Post Office 1844 to 1890, Railway Sub Office 1890 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to Present.

Baldock was allocated number 45 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
 APR1844



4VOS OC-
 T1871

1844 Used from 19 DEC1844 to 17 OCT1868 Price D £5

1844 in blue Used on 11 MAR1849

1844 in red Used in JAN1845

4VOS Used from 2 NOV1871 to 28 MAR1876 Price F £20



3CD
 JUN1860



4VOD
 OCT1873



3VOD
 JAN1874

3CD Used from 21 SEP1860 to 7 MAY1861 Code: B Price G £30

4VOD Used from 10 JUL1874 to 31 OCT1895 Codes: A B C D E Price B £3

3VOD Used on 6 FEB1885 Price £50+

Squared Circles in use: JUL1886 to DEC1906

HERTFORDSHIRE 64-65

64 CHESHUNT

Allocated number 63 for a limited period between the 1857 and 1874 in the London lists
In the Northern District of London from 1857 to 1865

A Receiving House under Waltham Cross.

64.A 3.9.9.3. single cancel

Issued in OCT1863 Not seen used Rarity G.P.O.



64.A OCT-
T1863

65 BERKHEMPSTEAD

Head Post Office 1844 onwards.

Berkhamstead was allocated number 65 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3VOS NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

1844 Used from 10 MAY1844 to 14 MAR1865 Price B £5

3VOS Used on 2 NOV1934 Price H £25



4VOD
APR1865



4VOD
SEP1873



4VOD
FEB1877



4VOD Time in code Used from 6 SEP1865 to 24 DEC1892 Codes: B C D E H I Price B £3

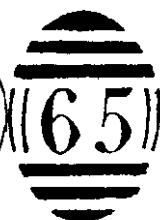
After 9 FEB1877 the spelling in the cds was changed to Berkhamsted.

4VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 27 OCT1894 to 6 SEP1898

Codes: HB*A K*A AC*P AD*P BK*P HB*P I*P K*P MD*P Price C £6



3VOD
DEC1878



HERTFORDSHIRE 65-83

3VOD Time in code Used from 17 JUN1879 to 21 SEP1892

Codes: B C E F H I Price D £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 9 APR1899 to 1 JAN1902

Times: 1215PM 115PM 215PM 230PM 810PM 9PM 10PM Price C £3

Squared Circles in use: APR1889 to JUN1908

83 BISHOPS STORTFORD

Head Post Office 1844 onwards.

Bishop's Stortford was allocated number 83 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

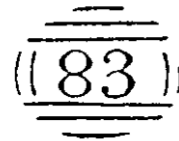
Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- D33 Newport 1844 to 1883.



1844
APR1844



1844A NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS



3HOS
APR1856

1844 (The figures 8 & 3 are 4mm apart) Used from 11 AUG1844 to 9 FEB1856

Price F £15

1844A (The figures are 2mm apart with thick side arcs) Used from 11 AUG1848 to 17 OCT1858

Price F £15

The shape of the three leads it to be read as an eight, particularly if it's a smudgy strike, this is the cause of the so called error of number 88 instead of 83.

3HOS Used from 13 OCT1856 to 8 OCT1857 Price G £25



4VOSA
JUL1867



4VOSB
MAR1872



3VOS
JUL1879

4VOSA (Round top three) Used from 31 JUL1867 to 1 JAN1872 Price G £25

4VOSB (Flat top three) GPO

3VOS Used on 30 DEC1896 Price H £40



3CDA
JUN1859



3CDB
JAN1862

3CDA (Bishop's Stortford in the cds) Used from 11 AUG1859 to 15 FEB1861

Codes: A C Price G £25 Seen in blue

3CDB (Bishops Stortford in the cds) Used from 17 JAN1862 to 2 NOV1869

Codes: A B C Cinv D E 2 3 3inv Price A £3

HERTFORDSHIRE 83-148



4VODA
JAN1870

4VODA (Round top three) Used from 27 JAN1870 to 8 NOV1872

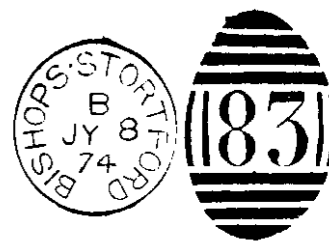
Codes: B C D E Price F £12



4VODB
MAY1872



4VODB
SEP1872



4VODB
JUL1874

4VODB (Flat top three) Used from 6 JUL1872 to 25 OCT1877 Codes: B C D E F Price A £3



3VOD
JUL1879



3VOD
MAR1883

3VOD Used from 16 JUN1879 to 2 MAR1885 Codes: B C D E F Price D £6

Squared Circles in use: MAY1885 to JUL1896

124 Letchworth

Letchworth was allocated number 124 in the 1924 to 1962 lists

128 Boreham Wood

Boreham Wood was allocated number 128 in the 1929 to 1962 lists

148 BUNTINGFORD

Head Post Office 1844 to 1893, Railway Sub Office 1893 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 onwards.

Buntingford was allocated number 148 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

HERTFORDSHIRE 148



1844
APR1844



3HOS
APR1860

1844 Used from 15 OCT1847 to 30 NOV1859 Price D £5

3HOS Used from 23 JUL1860 to 8 MAY1873 Price D £4



4VOS
JUN1869



3VOS
JAN1876



3VOS
APR1880

4VOS Used from 9 AUG1869 to 7 JAN1876 Price F £15

3VOS Used from 25 MAY1876 to 14 JUL1961 Price G £30 19thC / £15 20thC



4VOD
MAY1869



4VOD
OCT1876

4VOD Used from 31 AUG1876 to 10 JUN1877 Code: B Price G £25



3VOD
FEB1879

3VOD Time in code Used from 22 JUL1879 to 18 DEC1895

Codes: A B C D Price A £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 1 FEB1896 to 12 OCT1908

Times: 315AM 730AM 915AM 945AM 245PM 3PM 310PM 315PM 330PM 345PM 530PM
6PM 7PM 730PM 815PM 845PM 315 730 845 L30PM PM315 Price A £3

Squared Circles in use: JAN1887 to MAR1903

HERTFORDSHIRE 343

343 HATFIELD

Head Post Office 1844 to 1919, Salaried Sub Office 1919 to ?

Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1994.

Hatfield was allocated number 343 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3TH.HOS
JUN1864

1844 Used from 14 SEP1845 to 12 JUN1864 Price C £5

3TH.HOS Used from 25 JUN1864 to 5 JUN1875 Price G £30



3VOS
JUL1875

3VOS No dated copies recorded Price H* £50 (Price if found on dated cover)



4VOD
AUG1875

4VOD Time in code Used from 26 JUL1877 to 10 JUN1888

Codes: B C D E F S Price C £3

4VOD Time in full Used from 1 APR1897 to 5 MAY1906

Times: 6AM 830AM 930AM 1045AM 11AM 1PM 115PM 230PM 415PM 430PM 445PM 5PM
6PM 8PM 810PM 815PM 830PM 845PM 9PM 930PM 1PMAM Price A £3

Squared Circles in use: SEP1885 to APR1917

347 Stevenage

A charge mark with the number 347 was sent to Stevenage in APR 1920, it may have gone to a subordinate office

HERTFORDSHIRE 353

353 HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

Head Post Office 1844 onwards.

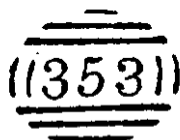
Hemel Hempstead was allocated number 353 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- A22 Boxmoor 1844 to 1860 and 1863 to 1906.

354 Kings Langley 1844 to 1862.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
SEP1853

1844 Used from 15 MAY1844 to 16 FEB1863 Price C £5 Seen in blue

3HOS Used from 9 DEC1853 to 26 JAN1863 Price C £3



4VOS
JUN1868



3VOS
DEC1883

4VOS Used on 17 MAR1870 Price H £40

3VOS Used from 31 MAR1903 to 5 NOV1957 Price G £25



3CD
JUN1861



4VODA
JUN1871

3CD Used from 25 JUN1861 to 1 NOV1869 Codes: A B C D 2 3 4 Price C £3

4VODA (Round top three) Used from 18 MAY1872 to 14 JAN1875 Code: D Price E £10



4VODB
FEB1875



3VOD
JUL1878

4VODB (Flat top three) Used from 9 JUN1875 to 21 FEB1878

Codes: B C D Price G 25

3VOD Time in code Used from 23 JUL1878 to 20 FEB1894

Codes: A B C D E F H Price A £3

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 3 JUN1894 to 9 JUN1901

Codes: G*A I*A IK*A K*A A*P CD*P D*P F*P H*P I*P Price A £6

3VOD Time in full Used from 20 AUG1901 to 20 APR1912

Times: 2AM 330AM 9AM 945AM 1PM 330PM 6PM 8PM 830PM 9PM 930PM Price A £3

HERTFORDSHIRE 354-359

354 KINGS LANGLEY

Sub Office of Hemel Hempstead 1844 to 1862, Sub Office of Watford 1862 to 1883, Railway Sub Office 1883 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to present. Kings Langley was allocated number 354 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3VOD
DEC1882

1844 Used from 23 SEP1844 to 9 DEC1864 Price H £60

Occurs with a Kings Langley straight line mileage mark and a Hemel Hempstead transit cds.

3VOD Time in code Used from 14 FEB1889 to 2 DEC1892 Codes: A C D Price G £15

3VOD Time in full Used from 2 OCT1895 to 25 DEC1904

Times: 1015AM 1230PM 1PM 8PM Price A £4

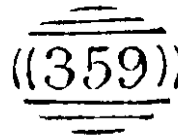
359 HERTFORD

Head Post Office 1844 onwards.

Hertford was allocated number 359 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
AUG1851

1844 Used from 29 OCT1844 to 28 JUL1849 Price D £5

3HOS Used from 7 SEP1851 to 28 APR1859 Price F £10



3VOS
JAN1877

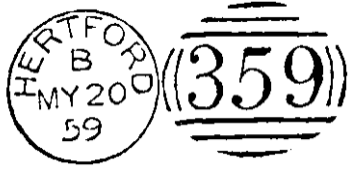


SDWYSII
APR1857

3VOS Used from APR1895 to 15 APR1916 Price E £30 19th C. £15 20th C. the 3VOS was used as a newspaper precancel on wrappers for the Herts Mercury and Herts Guardian.

SDWYS II Used from 19 MAY1857 to 18 MAY1859 Codes: A B Price E £20 Seen in green

HERTFORDSHIRE 359-367



3CD
MAY1859



4VODA
DEC1865



4VODA
DEC1869

3CD Used from 2 JUN1859 to 17 JUL1867 Codes: A B C Price A £3
4VODA (Round top three) Used from 23 MAY1866 to 28 OCT1871 Codes: A B C D
 Price C £3



4VODB
JAN1872



4VODB
AUG1875



4VODB
APR1877

4VODB (Flat top three) Used from 5 JUN1872 to 23 NOV1877 Codes: A B C D Price A £3



3VOD
AUG1878



3VOD
FEB1880



3VOD
DEC1881

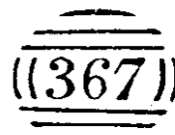
3VOD Used from 24 DEC1878 to 14 SEP1885 Codes: A B C D **E** Price C £3
 Squared Circles in use: FEB1885 to APR1907

367 HITCHIN

Head Post Office 1844 to ? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1994.
 Hitchin was allocated number 367 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



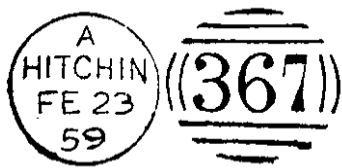
1844
APR1844



3HOS
APR1856

HERTFORDSHIRE 367-369

1844 Used from 8 DEC1844 to 2 MAR1856 Price E £10
 3HOS Used from 29 DEC1856 to 22 JAN1864 Price D £5

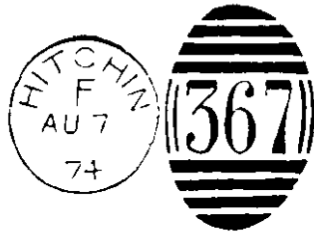


3CD
 FEB1859

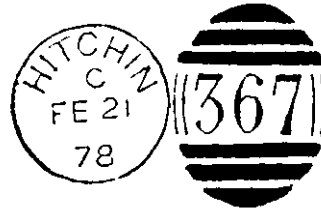


4VODA
 NOV1868

3CD Used from 11 APR1859 to 1 SEP1868 Codes: A B C D E Price A £3 The obliterator part has been seen used by itself, probably caused by overlapping covers when the cancellations were being applied
 4VODA (Straight Hitchin) 28 MAR1869 to 5 MAR1872 Codes: A B D E Price F £15



4VODB
 AUG1872



3VOD
 FEB1878

4VODB (Curved Hitchin) Used from 21 SEP1872 to 15 NOV1885 Codes: A B C D E F G Price B £3
 3VOD Used from 28 APR1879 to 13 DEC1881 Codes: A B D E Price F £8
 Squared Circles in use: JAN1886 to DEC1905

369 HODDESDON

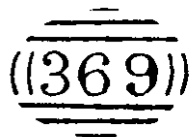
Head Post Office 1844 onwards.

Hoddesdon was allocated number 369 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 429 Broxbourne 1855 to 1880.



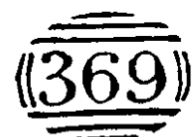
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 APR1844



3HOS
 JUL1855



3HOS
 MAY1860



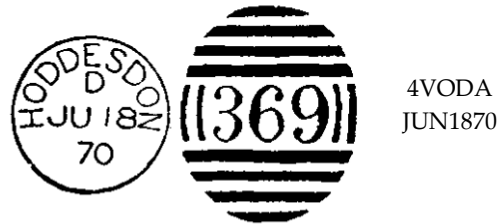
3HOS
 DEC1861

1844 Used from 14 APR1851 to 30 AUG1852 Price F £80 Only seen in blue
1844 in black Used from 25 JUL1844 to 1 DEC1847
 3HOS Used from 8 SEP1855 to 28 DEC1868 Price B £4

HERTFORDSHIRE 369-429



4VODA
DEC1864



4VODA
JUN1870

4VODA (Round top three) Used from 27 AUG1865 to 22 JUL1880 Codes: B C D Price D £5



4VODB
DEC1875

4VODB (Flat top three) Used from 14 FEB1876 to 24 JUN1890 Codes: A C E Price E £8



3VOD
MAY1879

3VOD Used from 11 DEC1879 to 12 NOV1888 Codes: A B C D E Price E £8

3VOD in blue Used in 7 DEC1880

Squared Circles in use: OCT1889 to JAN1907

429 BROXBOURNE

Sub Office of Waltham Cross 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Hoddesdon 1855 to 1880, Independent Sub Office 1880 to 1903, Railway Sub Office 1903 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to present.

Broxbourne was allocated 429 in the 1882 to 1906 lists.

Number 429 was first allocated to Newenden, Kent in the 1844 to 1857 lists then later to Jarrow (Durham) in the 1928 to 1962 lists.

3VOS Used from 12 MAR1877 to 25 FEB1890 Price H £100

Squared Circles in use: SEP1890 to AUG1921



3VOS
MAY1875

461 Harpenden

Harpenden was allocated number 461 in the 1924 to 1962 lists

HERTFORDSHIRE 513-643

513 MARKYATE STREET

Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Dunstable 1855 to 1929,
Sub Office of St Albans 1929 to present.

Market Street to 1854, Markyate Street to 1900, then Markyate to present.

Number 513 was later allocated to Merstham (Surrey) 1882 to 1906.

Mitcham (Surrey) 1924 to 1962.

1844 Used from 19 AUG1844 to 11 JAN1858 Price H £100



1844
APR1844

592 Radlett

Radlett was allocated number 592 in the 1933 to 1962 lists

643 RICKMANSWORTH

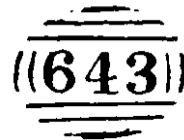
Head Post Office 1844 to 1857, Sub Office Watford 1857 to 1861, Railway Sub Office 1861 to
1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 onwards.

Rickmansworth was allocated number 643 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- K42 Northwood 1889 to 1900.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
JAN1858

1844 Used from 19 DEC1844 to 28 AUG1857 Price G £25

3HOS Used from 26 MAY1858 to 17 OCT1858 Price G £20



3CD
JUL1861

3CD Used from 30 JAN1863 to 2 AUG1877 Codes: A B C Price E £10 Seen used on a cover
where it is used once as a duplex, then seven times as a single obliterator to cancel the eight
stamps on the cover.



4VOD
JAN1871

4VOD Used on 9 DEC1871 Code: B Price H £40

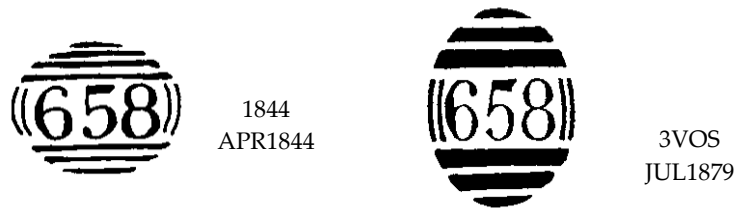
HERTFORDSHIRE 643-658



3VOD Time in code Used from 17 NOV1878 to 17 SEP1896 **Codes: A B C D E** Price C £3
3VOD Time in full Used from 11 MAR1897 to 26 DEC1910
 Times: 145AM 8AM 830AM 1145AM 4PM 6PM 745PM 8PM 845PM Price A £3

658 ROYSTON

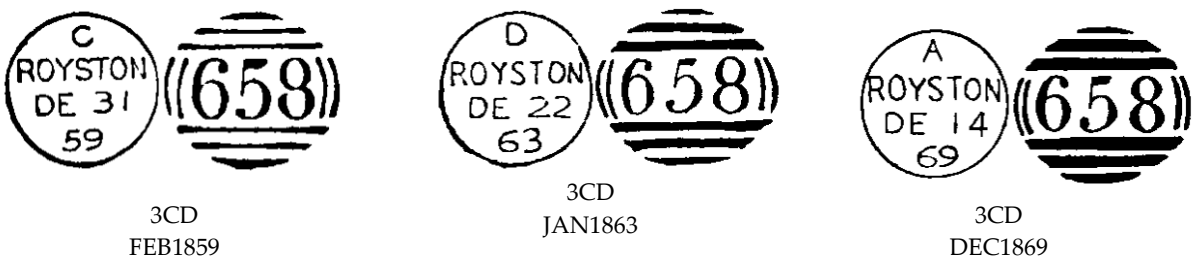
Head Post Office 1844 to ? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1994
 A 3VOD was sent in Sep1881 with Royston Cam, (Cambridge) in the cds.
 In 1896 went from Cambridgeshire to Hertfordshire. Currently most of the town is in Hertfordshire a smaller part in Cambridgeshire
 Royston was allocated number 658 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 Used from 12 JUN1844 to 29 AUG1856 Price C £5
3VOS Used from 7 MAY1908 to 31 JUL1950 Price G £15



SDWYS II Used from 2 MAY1857 to 4 JAN1859 B Price D £25



HERTFORDSHIRE 658-675

3CD 28 MAR1859 to 13 NOV1869 Codes: B Binv Price A £3



4VODA (Straight Royston) Used from 13 MAY1870 to 12 JAN1873 Codes: A B Price B £3
 4VODB (Curved Royston) Used from 11 JAN1877 to 18 FEB1880 Codes: A B C D Dinv
 Price D £6



3VODA (Royston in cds) Used from 9 DEC1873 to 25 DEC1876 Codes: B Binv C D
 Price F £15
 3VODB (Royston Cam in cds) Used from 13 OCT1881 to 13 NOV1884 Codes: B C D O
 Price G £80+
 Squared Circles in use: NOV1896 to JUN1906

675 ST.ALBANS

Head Post Office 1844 onwards.

St Albans was allocated number 675 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



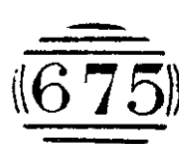
1844
APR1844



3HOS
AUG 1856



3HOS
AUG1860



3HOS
AUG1860



3HOS OC-
T1860

1844 Used from 1 MAY1844 to 28 OCT1852 Price D £5
 3HOS Used from 23 JAN1857 to 16 SEP1862 Price F £12

HERTFORDSHIRE 675



3VOS NOT
ENTERED IN
THE PROOF
BOOKS



3CD OC-
T1862

3VOS Used from 5 AUG1907 to 27 MAY1966 Price G £25 (1960's £8)
The 3VOS was used as a newspaper precancel probably for the St Albans Times.
3CD Used from 13 FEB1863 to 29 NOV1867 Codes: B C D E Price E £12



4VOD
SEP1864



4VOD
NOV1867



4VOD
MAR1871



4VOD
JAN1872



4VOD
JUN1876



4VOD
OCT1877

4VOD Used from 21 MAY1868 to 26 AUG1878 Codes: A B C D E F H I J Price A £3
A total of seven entries of which one is a duplicate.



3VOD
DEC1878

3VOD Time in code Used from 3 JAN1879 to 10 APR1894
Codes: B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Price A £3
3VOD Time in code in blue Used on 4 SEP1880
3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 7 JUL1894 to 12 NOV1895
Codes: HE*A IC*A KK*A CF*P CI*P DA*P F*P GI*P HK*P KB*P MF*P Price E £10
3VOD Time in full Used from 15 NOV1895 to 4 MAY1898
Times: 9AM 1045AM 1130AM 330PM 6PM 745PM 10PM 1215PM Price D £3

HERTFORDSHIRE 689-743

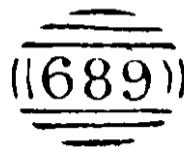
689 SAWBRIDGEWORTH

Head Post Office 1844 onwards.

Sawbridgeworth was allocated number 689 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
MAY1856

1844 Used from 20 JUL1844 to 23 APR1856 Price F £15

1844 in blue Used in 1850

3HOS Used from 12 MAY1857 to 23 JUL1862 Price E £10



4VOS
JUN1869



3VOD
JAN1884

4VOS Used from 1 APR1872 to 23 aug1881 Price G £25

3VOD Used from 19 SEP1884 to 30 JAN1901 Codes: A B C D Price A £3

743 STEVENAGE

Head Post Office 1844 to ? Branch Office to Franchise Post Office in 1994.

Stevenage was allocated number 743 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



4VOS
DEC1865

1844 Used from 9 MAY1844 to 28 APR1864 Price C £5 Seen in blue

4VOS Used from 23 MAR1866 to 15 MAR1870 Price D £8



3VOS
DEC1882



4VOD
AUG1870

HERTFORDSHIRE 743-810

3VOS Used in DEC1961 Price H £15

4VOD Used from 7 OCT1870 to 29 OCT1897 Codes: B C Cinv Price D £6



3VOD
FEB1874



3VOD
DEC1882

3VOD Used from 23 SEP1875 to 8 DEC1891 Codes: B C E F G H Price D £5

Squared Circles in use: JAN1888 to MAR1905

810 TRING

Head Post Office 1844 onwards.

Tring was allocated number 810 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 812 Princes Risborough 1845 to 1883. 867 Wendover 1846 onwards.



1844
APR1844



3VOS
SEP1882

1844 Used from 30 NOV1845 to 20 DEC1876 Price C £5

1844 in red-brown Used on 5 APR1854

1844 in blue Used on 7 MAY1852

3VOS Used in 1950 Price H £15



3CD NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

3CD Time in code Used from 1 AUG1878 to 2 MAR1907 Codes: A B C D E F G Price C £3

3CD Time in full Used from 25 APR1900 to 22 JUN1901 Times: 7PM 8PM 815PM 830PM 1230PM Price G £8



4VODA
JUN1864



4VODB
JUL1872

HERTFORDSHIRE 810-835

4VODA (Straight Tring) Used from 21 DEC1864 to 30 NOV1869 Code : C D Price E £10

4VODB (Curved Tring) Time in code Used from 15 MAR1873 to 6 OCT1891

Codes: C D E F G Price B £3

4VODB (Curved Tring) Time in full Used from 23 APR1895 to 10 JUL1896

Times: 930AM 1230PM 230PM 630PM 830PM Price F £6



3VOD Time in code Used from 9 JUN1882 to 17 MAY1893 Codes: D E F G Price F £8

3VOD Time in full Used from 14 APR1897 to 30 APR1905

Times: 930AM 1230PM 830PM 9PM 10PM 1 6 Price B £3

835 WALTHAM CROSS

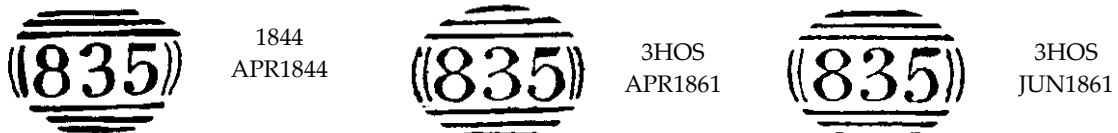
In the General Post and also within the London District Post 1844 to 1857 and then the Northern District 1857 to 1865.

Solely in the Hertfordshire Provincial Area 1865 to present.

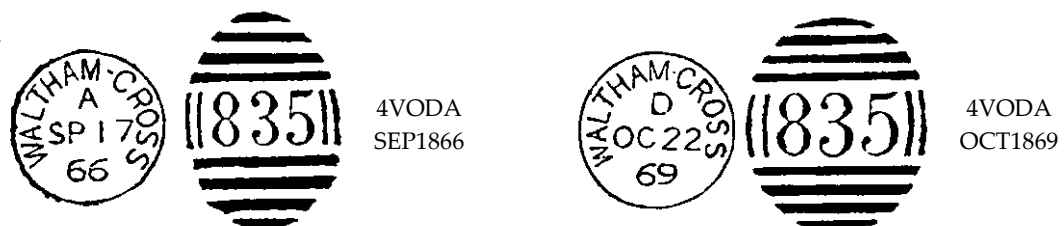
Given the provincial number 835 in 1844.

Only used provincial style numeral cancellations.

Waltham Cross was allocated number 835 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844/3HOS There is no way of telling these apart 27 AUG1844 to 17 APR1866 Price F £25
Seen in blue Used on 10 APR1850



4VODA (Round top three) Used from 17 DEC1866 to 1 MAY1872 Codes: B C D Price G

HERTFORDSHIRE 835-842



4VODB (Flat top three) Used from 23 AUG1873 to 7 OCT1883
Codes: A B C D E Price C £4

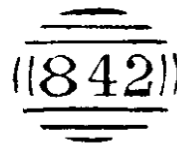


3VOD Time in code Used from 8 AUG1884 to 16 DEC1894 Codes: A B C D E F G 1 2 3 4 5
Price A £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 28 AUG1900 to 31 DEC1903
Times: 1015AM 1215PM 115PM 415PM 845PM 9PM 945PM 1130PM 1130M Price A £3

842 WARE

Head Post Office 1844 to ? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1994.
Ware was allocated number 842 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 Used from 31 AUG1844 to 15 JUN1854 Price A £5
3HOS Used from SEP1854 to 5 JAN1864 Price C £3 The 1883 record is definitely philatelic



HERTFORDSHIRE 842

3VOS Used from 5 MAY1950 to 24 JUL1963 Price E £15

3CD Used from 8 SEP1859 to 22 NOV1863 Codes: A B Price C £3

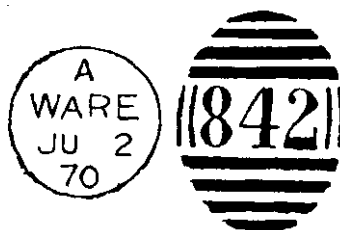


4CD
NOV1863

4CD Used from 4 OCT1864 to 1 JUL1871 Code: B Price F £10

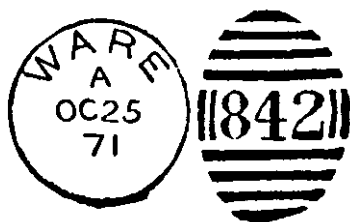


4VODA
DEC1864

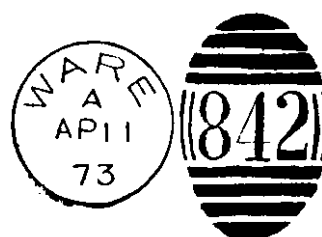


4VODA
JUN1870

4VODA (Straight Ware) Used from 28 DEC1864 to 14 APR1873 Codes: A B Price A £3



4VODB
OCT1871



4VODB
APR1873

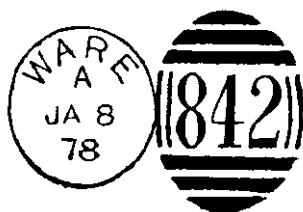


4VODB
SEP1876



4VODB
MAY1877

4VODB (Curved Ware) Used from 29 APR1873 to 15NOV1877 Codes: A B C Cinv
Price B £3 Four different 4VODB's proofed between OCT1871 & MAY1877



3VOD
JAN1878

HERTFORDSHIRE 849

3VOD Used from 13 JAN1878 to 3 JUL1885 Codes: A C D Price B £3
 Squared Circles in use: NOV1885 to MAY1906

849 WATFORD

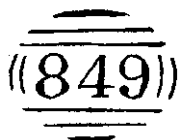
Head Post Office 1844 to ? Branch Office to Franchise Post Office in 1997.

Watford was allocated number 849 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 896 Abbots Langley 1855 to 1886. B52 Hatch End 1861 to 1886. 354 Kings Langley 1862 to 1883. B38 Pinner 1844 to 1880 and 643 Rickmansworth 1857 to 1861.



1844
APR1844

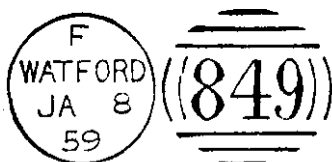


3HOS
SEP1856

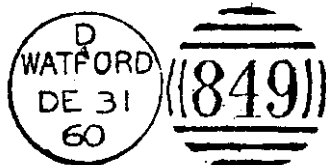


3HOS OC-
T1864

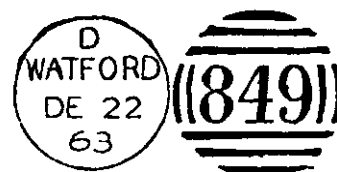
1844 Used from 2 JUL1844 to 17 AUG1855 Price D £5
3HOS Used from 29 SEP1856 to 21 JUL1863 Price F £10
 From 1858 onwards they become very worn.



3CD
JAN1859



3CD
APR1860



3CD
JUL1863

3CD Used from 7 JUN1859 to 20 MAY1864 Codes: B C Price C £3



4VOD
JUN1864



4VODS NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

4VOD Used from 3 AUG1864 to 21 JUL1881 Codes: B C D E F G Price A £3

Six very similar ones proofed between JUN1864 & MAY1869, one is a duplicate.

4VODS (Vertical split in the bars) Used from 10 FEB1879 to 24 JUN1879 Codes: D E F
 Price G £40



3VOD
AUG1879

HERTFORDSHIRE 849-865

3VOD Time in code Used from 14 JAN1880 to 24 MAR1894

Codes: C D E F G H I J K L M N O Price A £3

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 26 APR1894 to 14 OCT1896

Codes: IG*A LI*A AC*P CB*P CF*P CI*P EH*P EI*P GI*P H*P II*P K*P L*P M*P
Price D £8

3VOD Time in full Used from 22 AUG95 to 25 AUG1898

857 Welwyn Garden City

Welwyn Garden City was allocated number 857 in the 1928 to 1962 lists

865 WELWYN

Head Post Office 1844 onwards.

Welwyn was allocated number 865 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
MAR1859

1844 Used from 12 JAN1845 to 17 JUL1874 Price D £6

3HOS Used from 22 MAY1859 to 30 OCT1874 Price G £20



3VOS
NOV1874



3VOS
DEC1874

3VOS Used from 21 MAY1875 to 5 FEB1879 Price F £20



4VOD
MAY1870



3VOD
MAY1879



3VOD
SEP1883

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

3VOD Time in code Used from 9 FEB1880 to 24 OCT1895 Codes: A B C D F Price D £6

3VOD Time in full Used from 7 JUL1896 to 1 FEB1905

Times: 915AM 1245PM 245PM 330PM 430PM 8PM 830PM Price C £3

Squared Circles in use: SEP1888 to AUG1892

HERTFORDSHIRE 896-937

896 ABBOTS LANGLEY

Sub Office of Hemel Hempstead 1846 to 1855, Sub Office of Watford 1855 to 1886, Sub Office of Kings Langley RSO 1886 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1925, Sub Office of Watford 1925 to 1991, Post Town 1991 to present. Abbots Langley was allocated 896 in the 1882 to 1906 lists.

Number 896 was later allocated to Whaley Bridge (Lancs) in the 1929 to 1962 lists.

3VOS GPO



3VOS
MAR1878

937 BARNET

In the General Post and also within the London District Post 1844 to 1857 and then the Northern District 1857 to 1865.

Solely in the Hertfordshire Provincial Area 1865 to present.

Given the provincial number 937 in 1844.

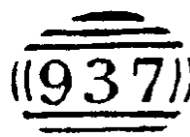
Only used provincial style cancellations

Barnet was allocated number 937 in all the lists from 1845 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- E33 New Barnet 1865 to 1873, D44 Potters Bar 1868 to 1883.



1844
APR+1844



3HOS
MAY1850

1844 Used from 13 DEC1844 to 1 JUL1849 Price G £40

Unlikely to have been sent in Apr1844 as it was not in the 1844 list

3HOS Used from 29 MAY1850 to 31 DEC1867 Price F £20



3VOD NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS



4VODA
SEP1865

3VOS Used from 2 DEC1956 Price H £15

4VODA (Straight Barnet) Used from 10 JAN1866 to 29 MAR1878 Codes: A B C D F
Price C £3



4VODB
MAR1872



4VODB
AUG1872

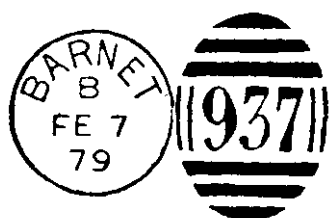
HERTFORDSHIRE 937-C97

4VODB (Curved Barnet) Time in code Used from 26 APR1872 to 7 FEB1894

Codes: A B C D E F H I Price A £3

4VODB (Curved Barnet) Time in full Used from 23 DEC1898 to 9 APR1901

Times: 11AM 245PM 545PM 6PM 645PM 745PM **915PM** Price D £3 These all have single side arcs



3VOD
FEB1879



3VOD
JUL1884

3VOD Time in code Used from 15 JUL1879 to 11 DEC1889 Codes: B C D E F G H I

Price B £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 4 JUL1895 to 6 DEC1907

Times: 515AM 915AM 10AM 1115AM 1130AM 1230PM 1245PM 130PM 245PM 415PM

545PM 6PM 645PM 745PM 915PM 1030PM Price A £3

Squared Circles in use: MAY1890 to SEP1897

A22 BOXMOOR

Sub Office of Hemel Hempstead 1844 to 1860, Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1863, Hemel Hempstead 1863 to 1912, Sub Office of Post Town 1912 to 1928, Town Sub Office of Hemel Hempstead 1928 to present.

Boxmoor was allocated number A22 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.



3HOS
JUN1858



3VOS
JUN1880

3HOS No dated copies recorded Price H* £100+ (Price if found on dated cover)

3VOS Used from 11 OCT1880 to 14 APR1899 Price H £100

Squared Circles in use: JUN1892 to OCT1908

C97 ELSTREE

London District Post 1844 to 1857, North Western District 1857 to 1867, Used 63 in a London style cancellation.

Moved into the Hertfordshire Provincial Area in 1867, Railway Sub Office 1868 to 1905,

Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1916, Town Sub Office of Boreham Wood 1916 to present.

Elstree was allocated number C97 in the 1874 to 1906 lists

HERTFORDSHIRE C97-E33



63.A
SEP1863

London Suburban Oval

63A No dated copies recorded Price H* £250+ (Price if found on dated cover)



4VOS
MAY1867



3VOS
APR1878

4VOS Used from 22 JAN1870 to 5 APR1878 Price G £40

3VOS Used from 26 JAN1880 to 22 MAR1880 Price H £60



3VOD
MAY1880

3VOD Time in code Used from 28 MAY1880 to 13 APR1896 Codes: A B C Price C £6

3VOD Time in full Used from 1 MAY1897 to 10 JAN1905

Times: 1015AM 1030AM 130PM 3PM 730PM Price B £3

E33 NEW BARNET

Sub Office of Barnet 1865 to 1873, Independent Sub Office 1873 to 1885, Railway Sub Office 1885 to 1886, Head Post office 1886 to 1925, Sub Office of Barnet 1925 to present.

New Barnet allocated number E33 in the 1874 to 1924 lists.

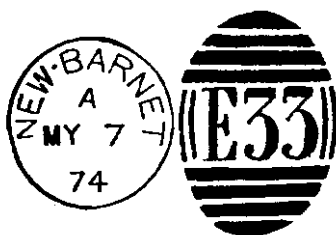


4VODA
APR1869

4VODA (Round top three) Used from 8 APR1870 to 19 JUL1878 Codes: A B C D

Price F £15

HERTFORDSHIRE E33-K42



4VODB
MAY1874



4VODB
JAN1877

4VODB (Flat top three) Time in code Used from 23 MAY1874 to 9 JUL1895

Codes: A B C D E H I K L O Price B £4

4VODB (Flat top three) Time in full Used from 15 NOV1895 to 20 OCT1906

Times: 530AM 9AM 930AM 1115AM 1130AM 115PM 145PM 415PM 430PM 515PM 615PM
7PM 715PM 85PM 815PM 915PM 930PM 1030PM 1115PM 1130PM 1130 Price A £3



3VOD NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

3VOD Time in code Used from 13 JUN1892 to 14 JUN1894 Codes: D J Price F £8

3VOD Time in full Used from 15 JUN1903 to 11 APR1905

Times: 1115AM 115PM 145PM 45PM 415PM 430PM 815PM 915PM 930PM 945PM 1015PM
1130PM Price B £3

K42 NORTHWOOD

Sub Office of Rickmansworth 1889 to 1900, Railway Sub Office
1900 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to present.
Moved from Herts to Middlesex between 1895 and 1905.
Northwood was allocated number K42 in the 1902 to 1924 lists.

3VOD Used from 15 NOV1894 to 7 AUG1900 Codes: A C E
Price H £100+



3VOD NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS