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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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An interesting collection of information on the history of stamp issues and an index of people, places and items associated with British Postal history. Contains a good annotated bibliography.

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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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53 BATH

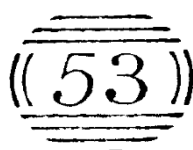
Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Bath was allocated number 53 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

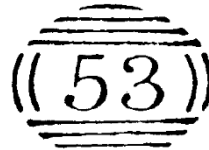
Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 948 Bruton 1844 to 1873, 949 Castle Cary 1844 to 1873, D66 Gillingham Dorset 1855 to 1873, 311 Glastonbury 1856 to 1860, 361 Heytesbury (Wilts) 1860 to 1874, 984 Mere (Wilts) 1855 to 1904, 358 Radstock 1844 to present and 883 Wincanton 1855 to 1873 & 1904 to 1906.



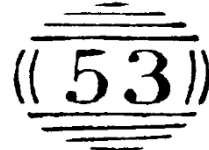
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MAY1845



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FEB1846



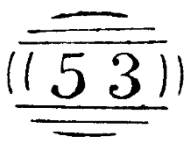
1844
NOV1847

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1844 Used from 1 MAY1844 to 13 JAN1850 Price A £5



1844 OC-
T1849



3HOS
NOV1855



3HOS
SEP1860



3HOS
DEC1864

3HOS Used from 19 FEB1850 to 3 NOV1869 Price A £5

3HOS in green Used in 1855



4VOS
NOV1870



4VOD
NOV1870

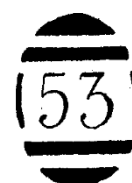
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3VOS
DEC1874



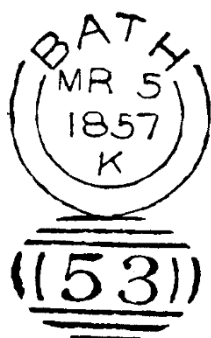
3VOS
APR1881



3VOS NOT
ENTERED IN
THE PROOF
BOOKS

3VOS Used from 24 OCT1879 to 28SEP1888 and 26 MAR1962 Rarity H on dated covers, rarity C on undated material and on loose stamps Price £20 £8 on undated wrappers.

Seven were proofed between DEC1874 and APR1881, many later subtypes were not proofed.



SDWYS II
FEB1855



SDWYS II
MAR1857



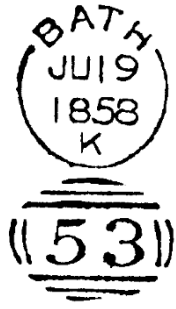
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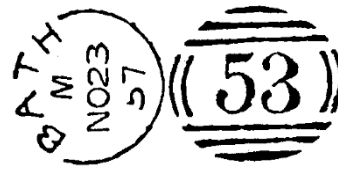
SDWYS II
JUN1857

SDWYS II Used from 24 FEB1855 to 18 NOV1857 Codes: A B D E F H J K M O Price A £6

SDWYS II in green Used from 9 OCT1855 to 7 MAY1856

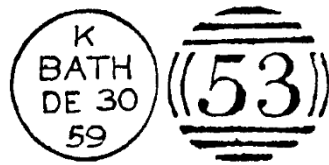


SDWYS Va
JUL1857



SDWYS VIII
NOV1857

SDWYS Va Used from 16 JUL1857 to 12 SEP1860 Codes: C E G H J K O Price C £6
SDWYS VIII Used from 24NOV1857 to 31 DEC1872 Codes: B D E H J K M O X Z Price B £6



1844
APR1844

3CD Used from 4 JUN1858 to 12 SEP1872 Codes: B C D E H I J K M O S X Z Price A £3
 A total of 22 were proofed of which 3 are duplicates.



4VODA
MAY1871

4VODA (Round top three) Used from 19 AUG1871 to 21 MAR1881
 Codes: D I K O P S W X Y Z none Price £3

Woodford Green Essex used a 4VOD with the number 53 from 20JUN1867 to 27FEB1871 this is earlier than the issue of 4VODA to Bath. It is normally assumed that the Woodford Green duplex is a error of type. However this could be a short listed allocation of a London number 53, that was allocated to and removed from Woodford Green between the 1857 and 1874 lists. Its was used when Woodford Green was in Essex, having left London in 1867.



4VODB
DEC1871

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4VODB (Flat top three) Used from 18 DEC1871 to 18 OCT1891

Codes: B C D E H I J K M O S X Y Z A1 1A J1 K1 M1M2 O1 X2 Z1 Price A £3

From 1876 a handstamp identification number 1 or 2 was used.

Only two examples have been recorded in use after 24 DEC1883.



3VODX
MAY1873

3VODX Used on 6 DEC1875 Code Z1 Price H £100++

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. What ever 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
DEC1880

3VOD Time in code 6 DEC1880 to 5 DEC1894 Codes: A B E F G J K L M N O P X Y Z

C1 E1 G2 J1 J2 K1 LI L2 M1 M2 N1 OI PI P2 X1 X2 X3 X4 XV Y1 Y2 Y3 none Price A £3

Numbers 1,2 and 3 were used as handstamp identification numbers, single codes were used as well these were always centrally placed. Many examples have a code letter and a blank either on the left or right where the handstamp identification number should have been. I am sure that the same subtype exists with and without the handstamp identification number.

There are many subtypes - so far I have identified 34 If I looked at more material there would be many more. The Proof Books do not help as there were only five proofed in 1885.

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 17 JUL1894 to 5 DEC1894

Codes: L*A CF*P FB*P HF*P KF*P L*P Price G £15

3VOD Time in full 24 DEC1894 to 12 DEC1900

Times: 11AM 830PM 930PM 945PM 1030PM 11PM Price C £3



3VODS NOT
ENTERED IN
THE PROOF
BOOKS

SOMERSET 53-123

3VODS (Single side arcs) Time in code 31 MAR1891 to 14 JAN1894

Codes: I J X Y J1 K1 L2X1 X4 Y1 Price F £10

3VODS (Single side arcs) Time in asterisk code Used from 30 JUL1894 to 21 APR1895

Codes: L*A KF*P MI*P Price H £25

3VODS (Single side arcs) Time in full Used from 13 MAY1896 23 DEC1898

Times: 430PM 830PM 930PM 11PM Price G £10

3VOD3 (figure 3 cut in basal bars) Used from 10 APR1900 to 12 JUL1900

Times: 830PM 10PM 11PM Price G £10

3VOD6 (figure 6 cut in basal bars) Used from 18 NOV1898 to 31 DEC1902

Times: 830PM 10PM 103PM 11PM 1130PM none Price C £3

Squared Circles in use: APR1881 to MAR1902

123 BRIDGEWATER

Head Post Office 1844 to present (a Portacabin in Northgate)

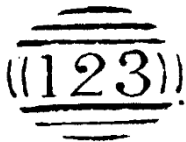
Bridgewater was allocated number 123 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 581 Burnham 1844 to 1887 and G08 Highbridge 1844 to 1887.

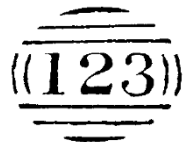


1844
APR1844

1844 Used from 1 MAY1844 to 1 JUN1852 Price B £5



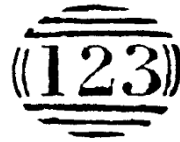
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FEB1853



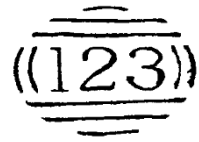
3HOS
JUN1856



3HOS
APR1859



3HOS OC-
T1861



3HOS OC-
T1861

3HOS Used from 30 MAR1853 to 9 JAN1869 Price B £3



4VOS
NOV1870



3VOS
MAR1877

4VOS Used from 10 OCT1872 to 15 MAR1876 Price H £50

3VOS in blue Used from 21 OCT1881 to 28 FEB1882 Price G £80+ (price in blue)

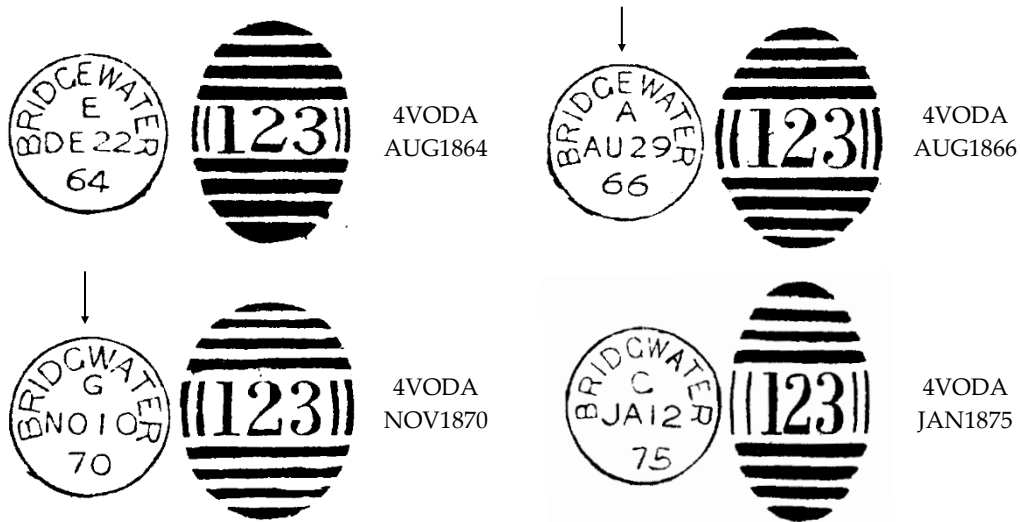
3VOS in black it only occurs on ½d stamps and undated newspaper wrappers

Price H* £15

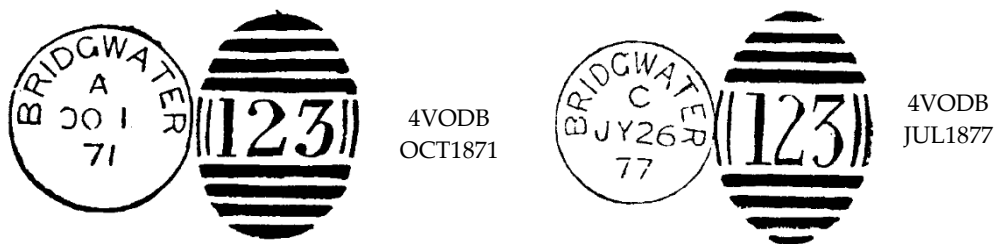
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3CD Used from 22 APR1861 to 17 MAY1864 Codes: B D E Price B £3



4VODA (Round top three) Used from 13 SEP1864 to 23 AUG1880
 Codes: C Cinv D E F Price A £3
 4VODA can be divided into a pre 10 NOV1870 group with an E in Bridgewater and afterwards without an E.



4VODB (Flat top three) Used from 27 MAR1872 to 20 OCT1880
 Codes: B C D E F H Price A £3



3VOD Used from NOV1884 to 31 OCT1885 Codes: D H I Price F £20
 Squared Circles in use: NOV1880 to SEP1906

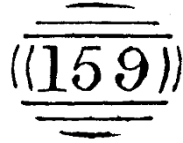
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159 CHARD

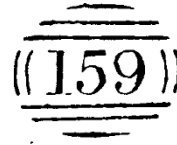
Head Post Office 1844 to 1920. Salaried Sub Office 1920 to present.
Chard was allocated number 159 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
OCT1856



3HOS
JAN1859

1844 Used from 1 MAY1844 to 21 JUL1855 Price B £5

1844 in blue Used in 1851

3HOS Used from MAR1857 to 14 DEC1864 Price D £6

3HOS in blue Used on 20 FEB1861



4VOS
JAN1867



3VOS
JAN1874

4VOS Used from 9 MAR1868 to 20 JUN1872 Price G £30

3VOS Used from 15 JUL1874 to 39 OCT1879 Price H £45



4VODA
MAY1868

4VODA (Straight Chard) Used from 20 JUL1868 to 24 FEB1873 Codes: C D G Price E £15



4VODB
MAY1875

4VODB (Curved Chard) Used from 10 MAY1875 to 25 MAY1880 Code: D Price D £6

SOMERSET 159-230



3VOD
NOV1873



3VOD
MAR1879



3VOD
MAY1880

3VOD Used from 17 NOV1873 to 6 JAN1898

Codes: C D E F G H O Price B £4

Three were proofed - now illustrated Many later subtypes which were not proofed
Squared Circles in use: FEB1881 to JUL1890

170 Clevedon

Clevedon was allocated number 020 in the lists from 1882 to 1906 and 170 from 1924 to 1962.

230 CREWKERNE

Head Post Office 1844 to 1920, Salaried Sub Office 1920 to present.

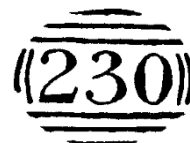
Crewkerne was allocated number 230 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
OCT1853



3HOS
OCT1853

1844 Used from 22 MAY1844 to 13 DEC1889 Price B £5 Seen in blue

3HOS Used from 29 NOV1855 to 10 DEC1872 Price D £6



4VOS
DEC1870



3VOS
MAY1874

4VOS Used from 6 JAN1872 to 4 FEB1878 Price E £20

3VOS Used from 10 AUG1880 Price H £40 Becomes a 2VOS through wear and recutting



4VOD
APR1870

SOMERSET 230-306

4VOD Used from 6 AUG1870 to 13 DEC1892 Codes: A C D E Price A £3



3VOD
AUG1879

3VOD Time in code Used from 3 SEP1879 to 14 AUG1898 Codes: A B C D E F Price C £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 18 MAY1900 to 17 DEC1908

Times: 645AM 930AM 11AM 2PM 230PM 530PM 540PM 7PM 8PM 830PM Price A £3

306 FROME

Head Post Office 1844 to present. Branch Office to Scale Payment Sub Office in 2004.

Frome was allocated number 306 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
OCT1857

1844 Used from 11 MAY1844 to 8 JUN1857 Price C £5

1844 in blue Used from NOV1850 to NOV1852

3HOS Used from JAN1858 to 1 NOV1860 Price G £20



4VOS
FEB1867



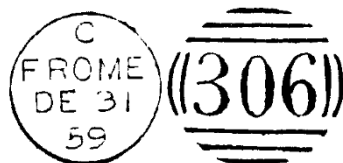
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JUL1871



3VOS
SEP1880

4VOS Used on 21 OCT1887 Price H £30

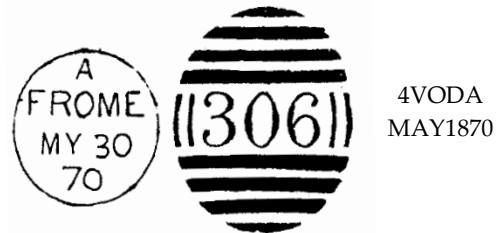
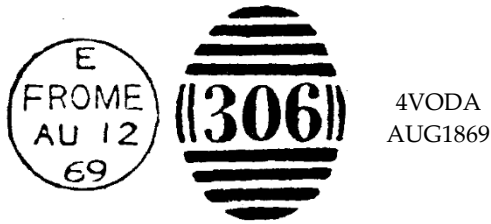
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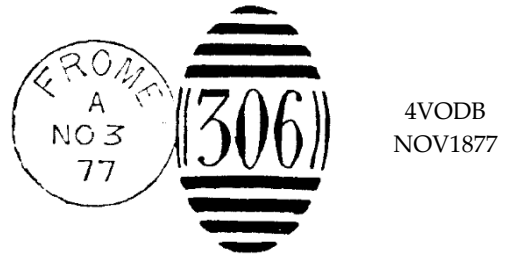
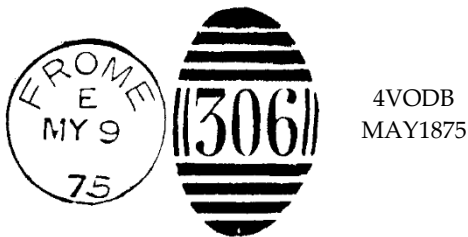
3CD
JUN1859

3CD Used from 10 MAR1860 to 13 NOV1868 Codes: B C D Price B £3

SOMERSET 306-311



4VODA (Straight Frome) Used from SEP1869 to 13 MAR1874 Codes: B C D Price A £3



4VODB (Curved Frome) Used from 14 MAY1875 to 7 MAY1879 Codes: B C D E F
Price C £4



3VOD Time in code Used from 27 APR1874 to 7 JAN1898 Codes: A B C D E F G H I J
Price A £3 Four proofed between APR1874 and NOV1886

3VOD Time in full Used from 11 APR1898 to 18 JUN1915

Times: 5AM 715AM 815AM 9AM 930AM 1110AM 1130AM 130PM 215PM 330PM 430PM
515PM 530PM 630PM 645PM 715PM 830PM 845PM 9PM Price A £3

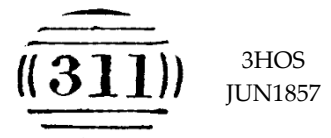
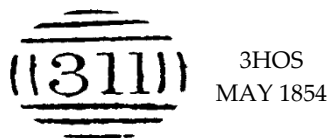
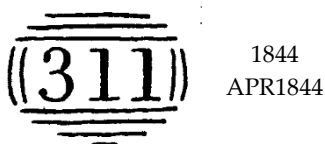
Recut with thin bars in 1904

Squared Circles in use: NOV1880 to APR1887

311 GLASTONBURY

Head Post Office 1844 to 1856, Sub Office of Bath 1856 to 1860, Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1873, Head Post Office 1873 to 1907, Salaried Sub Office 1907 to 1990, Modified Scale Post Office 1990 to present.

Glastonbury was allocated number 311 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



SOMERSET 311-358

1844 Used from 5 MAY1844 to 1 NOV1853 Price B £5

3HOS Used from 25 OCT1854 to 3 OCT1872 Price E £10

3HOS in blue Used on 10 DEC1859



4VOSA
NOV1865



4VOSB NOT
ENTERED IN
THE PROOF
BOOKS

4VOSA (Round top three) Used from DEC1865 to 4 AUG1871 Price E £20

4VOSB (Flat top three) Used from 6 FEB1867 to 3 OCT1872 Price G £30



4VOD
FEB1873



4VOD OC-
T1874



4VOD
NOV1877



4VOD Used from 9 JUN1873 to 31 AUG1893 Codes: A B C D Price A £3



3VOD
JUN1880



3VOD Time in code Used from 5 APR1881 to 18 NOV1895 Codes: A B C D E O
Price A £3 Three proofed between Jun1880 and Feb1887

3VOD Time in full Used from 23 JUL1896 to 23 DEC1910

Times: 7AM 10AM 1015AM 1145AM 12PM 1220PM 230PM 3PM 330PM 5PM 7PM 720PM
730PM 9PM 1145PM Price A £3

Recut with thin bars in 1905/6

358 RADSTOCK

Sub Office of Bath 1844 to 2001, Head Post Office 2001 to present.

First issued in SEP1869 and used until 1906, incorrectly listed as void in the 1874 list.

Radstock was allocated 358 in the lists from 1882 to 1906 and 972 from 1929 to 1962.

Number 358 was allocated to Eardisley (Som) in the 1844 to 1857 lists and later to Houghton le Spring (Durham) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

SOMERSET 358-399



3VOS
JUN1879



4VOD
APR1875

Prior to 1875 mail was cancelled in Bath

3VOS Used on 1 SEP1921 Price H £50

4VOD Time in code Used from 7 JUN1875 to 14 SEP1894

Codes: B C D F G H Tsdwys Price A £3

4VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 26 DEC1894 to 5 MAR1902

Codes: DL*P IF*P HC*P HG*P ME*P Price D £8

4VOD Time in full Used from 27 MAY1902 to 12 DEC1906

Times: 830AM 1045AM 1230PM 5PM 730PM 830PM 915PM Price A £3

362 Highbridge

Highbridge was allocated number G08 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and 362 from 1924 to 1962.

399 ILCHESTER

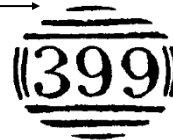
Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Taunton 1855 to 1923, Post Town 1923 to 1931, Sub Office of Taunton 1931 to 1940, Sub Office of Yeovil 1940 to present.

Ilchester was allocated number 399 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.

Number 399 was later allocated to Hyde (Ches) in the 1925 to 1962 lists.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
JUL1863

1844 Used from 9 JUL1844 to 9 SEP1858 Price C £5

1844 in blue Used from SEP1850 to 26 DEC1850

3HOS Used from 14 NOV1868 to 26 DEC1873 Price D £6

Looks like the 1844 type but the length of the third bar is diagnostic.



3VOS
SEP1874



3VOS
MAR1875

3VOS Used from 2 APR1877 to 19 MAY1881 Price G £30

SOMERSET 399-401



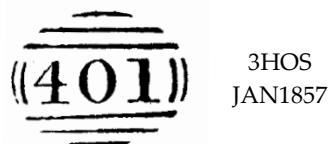
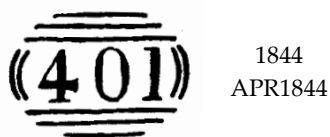
3VOD Used from 5 JAN1886 to 21 APR1897 Code: C Price E £15

401 ILMINSTER

Head Post Office 1844 to 1907, Salaried Sub Office 1907 to present.

Ilminster was allocated number 311 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 726 Martock 1851 to 1864, 725 South Petherton 1845 to 1885 and J19 Stoke under Ham 1855 to 1892.



1844 Used from 3 MAY1844 to 1 SEP1863 Price E £12

1844 in red-brown Used on 13 FEB1850

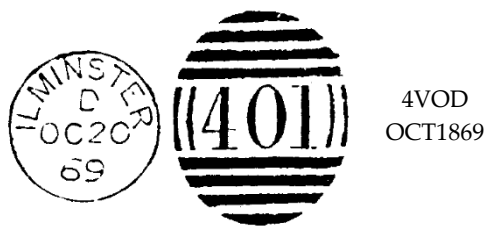
1844 in blue Used on 15 JUN1852

3HOS Used from 4 NOV1857 to MAR1865 Price D £8

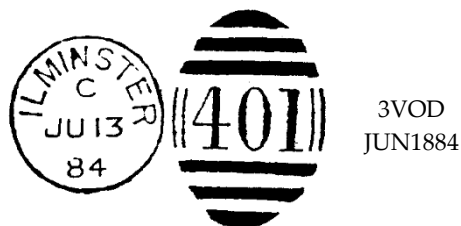


4VOS Used from 1 FEB1866 to 2 MAY1871 Price F £20

3VOS Used from 27 JUN1873 to 15 MAY1880 Price G £30



4VOD Used from 19 DEC1869 to 17 NOV1876 Code: C E Price F £20



3VOD Used from 24 NOV1880 to 1 JAN1905 Codes: A B E Price D £10

Squared Circles in use: FEB1881 to AUG1900

SOMERSET 581-701

581 BURNHAM

Sub Office of Bridgewater 1844 to 1887, Railway Sub Office 1887 to 1905,
Independent Sub Office 1905 to Present.

Burnham was allocated number 581 in the lists from 1882 to 1962.

Number 581 was previously allocated to Scottow (Norf) in the 1844 to 1857
lists.

3VOS Used from 29 SEP1876 to 3 MAY1889 Price H £100++

Squared Circles in use: OCT1889 to JAN1905



3VOS
NOV1875

600 Portishead

Portishead was allocated number 600 in the lists from 1924 to 1962.

701 SHEPTON MALLET

Head Post Office 1844 to 1965, Salaried Sub Office 1965 to ? BO replaced by "Town Street" in
1991.

Shepton Mallet was allocated number 701 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
JAN1855

1844 Used from 9 JUN1844 to MAR1854 Price D £8

3HOS Used from 13 NOV1857 to 29 MAY1873 Price G £15



3VOS
DEC1881



3CD
JAN1859

3VOS GPO

3CD Used from MAR1859 to 26 MAR1877 Codes: B C D E Price B £3



4VOD
NOV1868



4VOD
FEB1875

4VOD Used from 23 DEC1868 to 13 MAR1882 Codes: B C D E F Price A £3

SOMERSET 701-720



3VOD Time in code Used from 11 JUL1883 to 16 JAN1895 Codes: A E F G Price A £3
3VOD Time in full Used from 12 DEC1896 to 26 OCT1900
 Times: 9AM 415PM 630PM 745PM 8PM 830PM 845PM Price C £3

703 QUEEN CAMEL

Sub Office of Sherborne 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Taunton 1855 to 1885, Sub Office of Bath 1885 to 1904, Independent Sub Office 1904, Sub Office of Bath 1904 to 1925, Sub Office of Yeovil 1925 to Present.

Queen Camel was allocated number 703 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.
 Number 703 was later allocated to Hatherleigh (Devon) in the 1882 to 1906 lists and Shaw (Lancs) 1924 to 1962.

1844 Used from 26 JUN1844 to 17 MAR1847 Price F £50+

Occurs with a boxed No3 receiving house mark of the Sherborne Penny Post or later with a Queen Camel cud. and a Sherborne transit cds.



1844
APR1844

720 SOMERTON

Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Taunton 1855 to 1884, Sub Office of Langport 1884 to 1885, Independent Sub Office 1885 to 1895, Sub Office of Langport 1895, Independent Sub Office 1896 to present.

Somerton was allocated number 720 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.
 Number 720 was later allocated to Shoeburyness (Essex) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 721 Langport 1844 to 1855.



1844
APR1844



3VOS
JAN1875



3VOS
JUL1881

1844 Used from 6 MAY1844 to 8 MAR1874 Price A £5
1844 in blue Used from 14 SEP1849 to 9 JAN1852
3VOS Used from 5 JUN1876 to 22 FEB1884 Price F £20

SOMERSET 720-725



3VOD
JUN1884

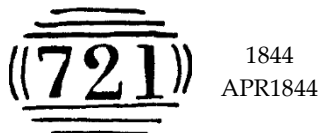
3VOD Used from 24APR1888 to 5MAY1888 Code: B Price G £40
Squared Circles in use: AUG1889 to MAY1924

721 LANGPORT

Sub Office of Somerton 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Taunton 1855 to 1865, Railway Sub Office 1865 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to Present.

Langport was allocated number 721 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 720 Somerton 1884 to 1885 & 1895.



1844
APR1844



3VOS
MAY1875

1844 Used from 6MAY1844 to 21FEB1875 Price A £5

Occurs with a Langport mileage mark and a transit cds of Bath; also occurs with a Bruton backstamp

3VOS Used from JUL1905 to 22JUL1906 Price H £40



4VOD
AUG1869

4VOD Used from 14DEC1870 to 9MAY1881 Codes: A C E F G none Price C £4

Squared Circles in use: NOV1881 to MAY1909

725 SOUTH PETHERTON

Head Post Office 1844, Sub Office of Ilminster 1845 to 1885, Independent Sub Office 1885 to Present.

South Petherton was allocated number 725 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.

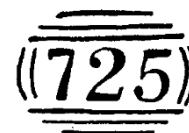
Number 725 was later allocated to South Bank (Yorks. in the 1924 to 1967 lists.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 726 Martock 1844 to 1851.

1844 Used from 8NOV1844 to 25APR1881 Rarity C £12

1844 in blue Used from MAR1850 to 2AUG1852

Squared Circles in use: SEP1881 to JUL1920



1844
APR1844

SOMERSET 726-776

726 MARTOCK

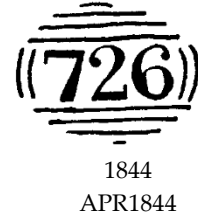
Sub Office of South Petherton 1844 to 1851, Sub Office of Ilminster 1851 to 1864, Railway Sub Office 1864 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to present.
Martock was allocated number 726 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

1844 Used from 11 OCT1844 to 16 JUL1879 Price D £15

Occurs with a Martock cud. and a transit cds. of Yeovil

1844 in blue Used from 1849 to 1850

Squared Circles in use: JUL1881 to FEB1914



729 Bridgwater A charge mark with the number 729 was sent to Bridgwater in Apr1920. It was probably then sent on to a subordinate office

776 TAUNTON

Head Post Office 1844 to present. Branch Office to Company Franchised Post Office in 2005.
Taunton was allocated number 776 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 778 Dunster 1844 to 1870, 399 Ilchester 1855 to 1923, 721 Langport 1855 to 1865, 779 Minehead 1844 to 1870, 720 Somerton 1855 to 1884, 970 Washford 1844 to 1870 and 777 Williton 1844 to 1870 & 1895 to 1909.



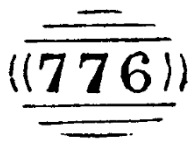
1844 Used from 1 MAY1844 to 14 NOV1851 Price A £5

1844 in blue Used from APR1849 to DEC1850

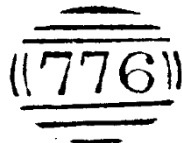
1844 in green Used in DEC1849



3HOS
MAR1852



3HOS
NOV1854



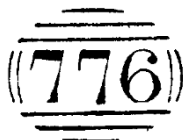
3HOS
MAY1856



3HOS
FEB1857



3HOS
APR1859



3HOS
MAY1859



3HOS
AUG1863



3HOS
DEC1863

3HOS Used from 24 OCT1852 to 2 DEC1868 Price A £3

SOMERSET 776



4VOS
AUG1869



BY 1872 THIS
HAD WORN
TO BECOME
A 3VOS

4VOS Used from 30 OCT1869 to 24 OCT1876 Price F £20



3VOS
JAN1873



3VOS OC-
T1876

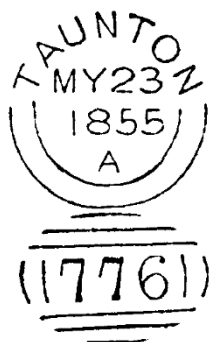


3VOS
NOV1876



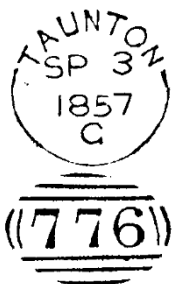
3VOS
MAY1879

3VOS Used on 30 MAR1905 Price H £30 Revised date, the earlier records were all 4VOS. Was used as a newspaper wrapper precancel, probably for the Western Gazette.



SDWYS II
APR1855

SDWYS II Used from 13 JUN1855 to 23 FEB1858 Codes: C E H Price D £20



SDWYS Va
SEP1857



3CD
APR1858

SDWYS Va Used from 8 SEP1857 to 2 JUN1870 Codes: C E F G H I J 2 7 Price B £8

SDWYS Va in blue Used from 8 SEP1857 to 10 DEC1857

3CD Used from 21 JUN1858 to 30 DEC1875 Codes: C E F G H I J O 4 6 7 Price A £3

SOMERSET 776-778



4VOD
APR1866

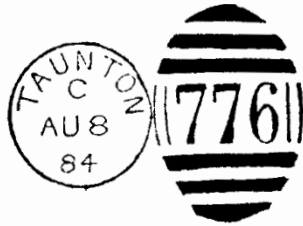


4VOD
AUG1869



4VOD
JUL1870

4VOD Used from 2 MAY1871 to 4 MAR1896 Codes: C D E F G H I J L M 7 Price A £3



3VOD
AUG1884

3VOD Time in code Used from 9 APR1885 to 21 SEP1894 Codes: G H I J K N Price A £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 23 DEC1895 to 24 JUL1902

Times: 1215PM 1PM 230PM 5PM 7PM 8PM 9PM Price C £3

Squared Circles in use: MAR1881 to JUN1907

777 WILLITON

Sub Office of Taunton 1844 to 1870, Railway Sub Office 1870 to 1895, Sub Office of Taunton 1895 to 1909, Post Town 1909 to 1911, Sub Office of Taunton 1911 to present.

Williton was allocated number 777 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.

Number 777 was later allocated to Shirley (Warwks) in the 1938 to 1954 lists.



1844
APR1844



3VOS OC-
T1875

1844 Used from 6 MAY1844 to 9OCT1874 Price A £5

Occurs with a Williton cud. and a Taunton Penny Post 3 line date stamp

1844 in blue Used from APRI850 to 16 JUNI852

3VOS Used from 25 APR1876 to 25 APR1881 Price D £12 (Philatelic usage on 3 SEP1921)

778 DUNSTER

Sub Office of Taunton 1844 to 1870, Railway Sub Office 1870 to 1895, Sub Office of Taunton 1895 to 1909, Post Town 1909 to 1911, Sub Office of Taunton 1911 to 1932, Sub Office of Minehead 1932 to present.

Dunster was allocated number 778 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.

Number 778 was later allocated to Gorseinon (Glam) in the 1946 to 1962 lists.

SOMERSET 778-803



1844
APR1844

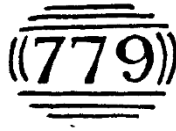


3VOS
JUL1876

1844 Used from 1 AUG1844 to 8 OCT1867 Price E £20
Occurs with a Dunster cud. and a transit cds of Taunton
3VOS Used from 8 APR1877 to AUG1886 Price F £40
Squared Circles in use: SEP1887 to OCT1911

779 MINEHEAD

Sub Office of Taunton 1844 to 1870, Railway Sub Office 1870 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to ? Head Post Office to Salaried Sub Office in 1969.
Minehead was allocated number 779 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
OCT1862

1844 Used from 26 MAY1844 to 23 APR1871 Price D £8
1844 in blue Used from 1 JAN1853 to NOV1854
3HOS Used from 3 OCT1865 to 30 APR1874 Price E £10
Many copies have thicker bars than the illustration above.



3VOS
JUL1876

3VOS Used from 16 SEP1876 to 14 DEC1908 Price E £20
Squared Circles in use: JUL1888 to JAN1909

787 Templecombe

Templecombe was allocated number 787 in the lists from 1925 to 1962.

803 DULVERTON

Sub Office of Tiverton 1844 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/ Post Town 1905 to present.

Dulverton was allocated number 803 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

SOMERSET 803-860



1844
APR1844



3HOS
NOV1859

1844 Used from 8 JUL1844 to 2 AUG1855 Price E £10
3HOS Used from 15 JUN1860 to 11 APR1864 Price E £10



4VOS
NOV1866

4VOS Used from 26 AUG1867 to 20 AUG1876 Price D £10



3VOS
FEB1878



3VOS
MAY1882

3VOS Used from 15 SEP1878 to 7 SEP1893 Price D £10

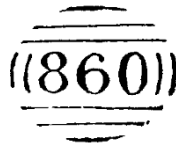
860 WELLINGTON

Head Post Office 1844 to present. Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1993.
Wellington was allocated number 860 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 862 Milverton 1844 to 1874, 903 Wiveliscombe 1854 to 1874.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
APR1858



3HOS
FEB1863

1844 Used from 4 JUN1844 to 6 NOV1857 Price E £8
1844 in blue Used from FEB1849 to NOV1851
1844 in yellow Used on 8 APR1851
3HOS Used from 19 APR1859 to 28 MAR1867 Price C £4



3VOS
JUN1873

SOMERSET 860-862

3VOS Used from 9 MAR1875 to 1924 Price F £30



SDWYS II
AUG1855

SDWYS Used from 11 SEP1855 to 19 FEB1871 Codes: B C D Price C £12



4VOD
APR1871



4VOD
MAY1874



4VOD
DEC1876

4VOD Used from 14 MAY1871 to 17 MAR1881 Codes: A C D none Price A £3



3VOD NOT
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THE PROOF
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3VOD Time in code Used from 25 APR1892 to 11 MAY1899 Codes: A B C D E Price B £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 27 MAY1899 to 10 AUG1905

Times: 945AM 1245AM 1245PM 3PM 330PM 345PM 430PM 5PM 715PM 730PM 745PM 8PM
9PM 915PM 945PM Price A £3

Squared Circles in use: JUL1881 to SEP1915

861 Westbury on Trym

Westbury on Trym was allocated number 861 in the lists from 1924 to 1962.

862 MILVERTON

Sub Office of Wellington 1844 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1919, Sub Office of Taunton 1919 to present.

Milverton was allocated number 862 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.

Number 862 was later allocated to West Kirby (Ches) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

SOMERSET 862-864



1844
APR1844



3VOS
SEP1874

1844 Used from 11 JUL1844 to 6 MAR1871 Price D £8
3VOS Used from 21 OCT1874 to 30 NOV1891 Price F £20

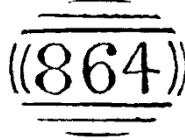
864 WELLS

Head Post Office 1844 to 1965. Salaried Sub Office 1965 to 2008, Company Franchised Post Office 2008 to present.

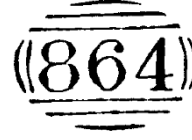
Wells was allocated number 864 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
JAN1856



3HOS
APR1857

1844 Used from 25 JUN1844 to 17 DEC1855 Price A £5
1844 in blue Used in AUG1849 to 4 OCT1849
1844 in green Used from 24 FEB1850 to MAR1860
3HOS Used from 8 JUN1856 to 24 DEC1864 Price G £12



4VOS
SEP1867



SDWYS VIII
OCT1857

4VOS Used from 4 MAY1874 to 28 NOV1906 Becomes a 3VOS through wear and recutting
 4VOS Price H £40 3VOS Price H £25
SDWYS Used from 23 NOV1857 to 24 AUG1867 Codes: A B BinV Price B £8



4VODA
SEP1867

4VODA (Somst at the side of the cds) Used from 24 FEB1868 to 14 NOV1871 Codes: A B C
 Price C £4

SOMERSET 864-871



4VODB (Som^t at the base of the cds) Used from 24 JAN1872 to 17 SEP1885
Codes: A B C D E Price A £3



4VODC (Som at the base of the cds) Used from 2 MAY1877 to 11 APR1885
Codes: A B D E F Price B £3



3VOD Used from 26 SEP1885 to 7 JAN1887 Codes A B D E Price F £25
Squared Circles in use: APR1887 to JUN1894

871 WESTON SUPER MARE

Head Post Office 1844 to ?. Branch Office to Franchised Post Office in 2005.

Numbers 871A and 871B were used in triangular machine marks in the 1960's, their allocation is unknown, but were undoubtedly close to Weston Super Mare which always had number 871.

Weston super Mare was allocated number 871 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 994 Axbridge 1857 to 1873.



1844 Used from 23 AUG1844 to 16 JAN1849 Price E £10

The 1844 type has a longer 3rd bar than the 3HOS, they are very similar, the 13 DEC1849 date of first entry of the 3HOS in the Proof Books can be used to divide them.

3HOS Used from 14 JAN1850 to 28 OCT1857 Price F £10

3HOS in blue Used from FEB1851 to OCT1852

SOMERSET 871



3VOS
NOV1872

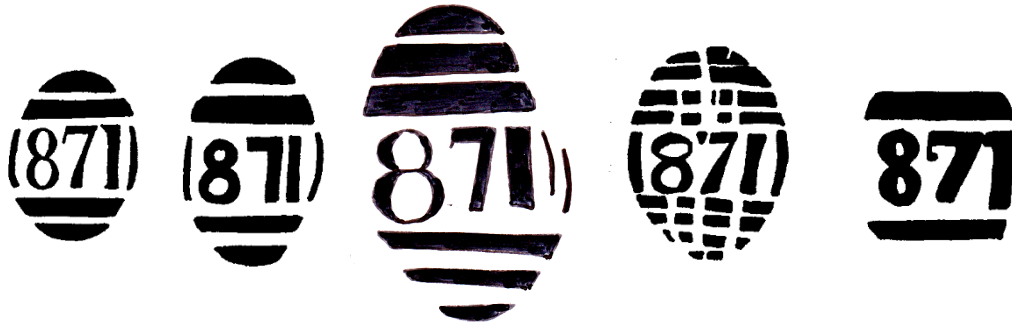


3VOS
MAY1877



3VOS
MAY1879

3VOS GPO



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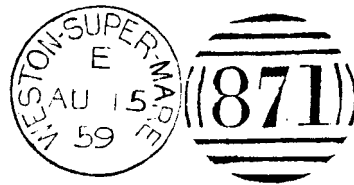
4/3/2/1VOS Price H* £5+ on stamp

A very variable type, they occur either on ½d or high value stamps and newspaper wrappers



SDWYS VIII
OCT1857

SDWYS VIII Used from 19 JUL1857 to 23 JUN1867 Codes: B C D Divv E F Price B £8



3CD
AUG1859

3CD Used from 10 AUG1861 to 14 JAN1873 Codes: B C D E F L Price A £3



4VOD
NOV1872



4VOD
MAY1877

SOMERSET 871-883

4VOD Time in code Used from 29 MAY1873 to 29 AUG1894 Codes: B C D E F G H I J K L Z
Price A £3
4VOD Time in full Used from 3 FEB1895 to 22 JUL1897 Times: 630AM 1030AM 1215PM
215PM 245PM 315PM 415PM 515PM 530PM 830PM 10PM 1015PM 1030PM 1045PM
Price C £3



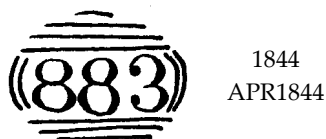
3VOD Used from 22 NOV1883 to 14 FEB1898 Codes: B C D E F G H I J K L S Price A £3
Squared Circles in use: MAR1881 to NOV1883

883 WINCANTON

Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Bath 1855 to 1873, Railway Sub Office 1873 to 1875, Sub Office of Bath 1875 to 1904, Independent Sub Office 1904, Sub Office of Bath 1904 to 1906, Independent Sub Office/Post Town present.

Wincanton was allocated number 883 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 884 Henstridge 1844, 984 Mere Wilts 1844 to 1855 and 1885, 885 Milborne Port 1844 to 1850.



1844 Used from 2 MAY1844 to 27 JUN1872 Price A £5



3VOS Used from 27 JAN1874 to 20 NOV1879 Price C £10
Becomes a 2VOS through wear and recutting.



SOMERSET 883-885

3VOD Time in code Used from 5 MAY1880 to 18 JUL1894

Codes: A B C Cinv D Price C £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 29 JUL1895 to 27 APR1911

Times: 930AM 1245PM 330PM 715PM 730PM 745PM 8PM Price A £3

884 HENSTRIDGE

Sub Office of Wincanton 1844, Sub Office of Sherborne 1845 to 1847, Sub Office of Blandford 1847 to 1909, Post Town 1909 to 1920, Sub Office of Blandford 1920 to 1935, Sub Office of Templecombe 1935 to Present.

Henstridge was allocated number 884 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 884 was later allocated to Aberbeeg Monm in the 1882 to 1906 lists, Westgate on Sea Kent 1924 to 1959 and Winscombe in 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
APR1858

1844 Used from 17 MAR1845 to 4 NOV1851 Price E £40

3HOS GPO

884 Winscombe

Winscombe was allocated number 884 in the 1962 list.

885 MILBORNE PORT

Sub Office of Wincanton 1844 to 1850, Sub Office of Sherbourne 1850 to present.

Milborne Port was allocated number 885 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 885 was later allocated to Abertillery (Monm) in the 1882 to 1906 lists and Whitstable Kent in 1927 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS SEP1857 SENT
TO ABERTILLERY
MONM.

1844 Used from 1 APR1845 to 16 FEB1856 Price F £50+

Occurs with a Milborne Port cud. and a Sherborne transit cds

3HOS Was sent to Abertillery (Monm) in SEP1857 not to Milborne Port

Squared Circles in use: APR1881 to JAN1927

SOMERSET 903-929

903 WIVELISCOMBE

Head Post Office 1844 to 1854, Sub Office of Wellington 1854 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1919, Sub Office of Taunton 1919 to present.

Wiveliscombe was allocated number 903 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.

Number 903 was later allocated to Whitecroft Glos in the 1935 to 1962 lists.



1844
APR1844



4VOS OC-
T1870



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1844 Used from 24 AUG1844 to MAY1864 Price B £5

4VOS Used from 11APR1872 to 23 MAY1891 Price E £25

3VOS Used on 23 JUN1894 Price H £50

929 YEOVIL

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Yeovil was allocated number 883 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
APR1862



3HOS
MAY1867

1844 Used from 13 MAY1844 to 31 JUL1881 Price A £5

3HOS Used from 31 AUG1863 to 29 JUN1865 Price F £10



4VOS
JUL1868



3VOS
JAN1880

4VOS Used from 25 JAN1869 to 9 DEC1870 Price G £30

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

Was used as a newspaper wrapper precancel for the Western Gazette.



4VODA
JAN1870



4VODB
SEP1874

SOMERSET 929-948

4VODA (Straight Yeovil) Used from 30 JUN1870 to 12 FEB1874 Codes: C D E F Price D £4

4VODB (Curved Yeovil) Time in code Used from 18 OCT1874 to 26 JUL1894

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

4VODB (Curved Yeovil) Time in asterisk code Used from 6 NOV1894 to 15 NOV1894

Codes: C*P FI*P Price H £25

4VODB (Curved Yeovil) Time in full Used from 24 JUL1895 to 31 MAR1899

Times: 10AM 125PM 2PM 430PM 515PM 630PM 645PM 730PM 745PM 830PM Price C £3



3VOD Time in code Used from 11 MAR1884 to 28 APR1894

Codes: B C I J K M N P R U Price A £3

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 1 JAN1895 to 15 MAR1895

Code: FI*P MAinv*P Price H £25

3VOD Time in full Used from 2 SEP1895 to 22 JAN1898

Times: 815AM 3PM 630PM 645PM 7PM 745PM Price E £4

943 Street

Street was allocated number 943 in the lists from 1936 to 1959.

948 BRUTON

Sub Office of Bath 1844 to 1873, Railway Sub Office 1873 to 1876, Independent Sub Office 1876 to 1898, Railway Sub Office 1898 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1920, Sub Office of Bath 1920 to 1941, Post Town 1941 to present.

Bruton was allocated number 948 in the lists from 1847 to 1924.

Number 948 was later allocated to Horsforth (Yorks) in the 1946 to 1962 lists.



1844 Used from 3 OCT1845 to 29 APR1871 Price D £10

Occurs with a Bruton cud. and a Yeovil transit cds

There is a late date recorded cancelling a postage due on 16 JUN1921

1844 in blue Used from 21 JAN1850 to 29 JUN1852

3VOS Used from 4 NOV1873 to 9 SEP1881 Price B £8

Squared Circles in use: DEC1881 to JUL1911

SOMERSET 949-970

949 CASTLE CARY

Sub Office of Shepton Mallet 1844, Sub Office of Bath 1844 to 1873, Railway Sub Office 1873 to 1876, Independent Sub Office 1876 to 1898, Railway Sub Office 1898 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1920, Sub Office of Bath 1920 to 1941, Post Town 1941 to present.

Castle Cary was allocated number 949 in the lists from 1847 to 1906.

Number 949 was later allocated to Kenley Surrey in the 1929 to 1962 lists.



1844
MAY1845



3HOS
APR1856

1844 Used from JUL1845 to 9 APR1873 Price A £5

1844 in blue Used from 15 JUL1849 to 11 APR1850

3HOS Entered in the Proof Books with the annotation "in hand for official purposes not sent away"



3VOS
APR1873

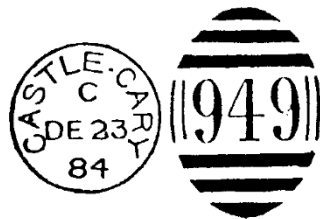


3VOS
NOV1878



3VOS NOT
ENTERED IN
THE PROOF
BOOKS

3VOS Used from 18 MAY1874 to 24 SEP1881 Price A £8



3VOD
APR1883

3VOD Time in code Used from 9 AUG1883 to 27 APR1897 **Codes: A B C none** Price A £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 24 SEP1897 to 7 JUL1906

Times: 1045AM **100PM** 2PM 530PM 8PM 830PM 1045PM Price A £3

970 WASHFORD

No numeral cancellation recorded.

970 was only used at Lynmouth (Devon) in an 1844 type.

Washford was a Sub Office of Taunton 1844 to 1870, Railway Sub Office 1870 to 1895, Sub Office of Taunton 1895 to 1909, Head Post Office 1909 to 1911, Sub Office of Taunton 1911 to 1932, Head Post Office 1932 to 1940, Sub Office of Watchet 1940 to present.

Washford was allocated number 970 in the lists from 1849 to 1906. Number 970 was later allocated to Hayling Island (Hants) in the 1959 to 1962 lists.

Squared Circles in use: JAN1894 to JAN1924



USED AT
LYNMOUTH

SOMERSET 994-006

972 Radstock

Radstock was allocated number 358 in the lists from 1882 to 1906 and 972 from 1929 to 1962.

994 AXBRIDGE

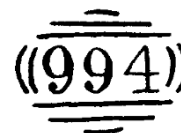
Sub Office of Wells 1844, Sub Office of Weston super Mare 1845, Sub Office of Wells 1846 to 1857, Sub Office of Weston super Mare 1857 to 1873, Railway Sub Office 1873 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to present.

A cover has been recorded used in 1892 that was posted in Axbridge but cancelled at Weston super Mare.

Axbridge was allocated number 994 in the lists from 1855 to 1857.

Number 994 was later allocated to Treallaw (Glam) in the 1882 to 1902 lists, Yiewsley (Middx) 1924 to 1934 and Yeadon (Yorks) 1954 to 1962.

3HOS Used from 2 JUL1859 to 5 MAR1863 Price F £50+



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BOOKS

999 PAULTON

Sub Office of Bristol 1844 to present.

Paulton was allocated number 999 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.

Number 999 was later allocated to Sheringham (Norf) in the 1928 to 1962 lists.

3VOS Used on 24 FEB1884 Price H £100++

All the other recorded examples are philatelic pieces

Price £10 per piece



3VOS
SEP1878



3VOS
MAY1884

001 PENSFORD

Sub Office of Bristol 1844 to present.

Pensford was allocated number 001 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.

Number 001 was later allocated to Sutton on Sea (Lincs) in the 1962 list.

3VOS Used from 3 MAR1883 to 3 AUG1886 Price H £100+



3VOS
SEP1878

006 TEMPLE CLOUD

Sub Office of Bristol 1844 to present.

Temple Cloud was allocated number 006 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.

Number 006 was later allocated to Chislehurst (Kent) in the 1928 to 1962 lists.

3VOS Used from 24 SEP1879 to 20 SEP1921 Price F £50+



3VOS
SEP1878

SOMERSET 008-020

008 CLUTTON

Sub Office of Bristol 1844 to present.

Clutton was allocated number 008 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.

Number 008 was later allocated to Barking (Essex) in the 1928 to 1962 lists.

3VOS Used on 23 SEP1890 Price H £100++



3VOS
SEP1878

009 FARRINGTON GURNEY

Sub Office of Bristol 1844 to early 1990s, closed early 1990s.

Farrington Gurney was allocated number 009 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.

Number 009 was later allocated to Bethesda (Carn) in the 1959 to 1962 lists.

3VOS Used from 25 FEB1879 to 26 AUG1880 Price H £100++



3VOS
SEP1878

011 HALLATROW

Sub Office of Bristol 1844 to present.

Hallatrow was allocated number 011 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.

Number 011 was later allocated to Waterlooville (Hants) in the 1959 to 1962 lists.

3VOS Used from 7 NOV1879 to 23 JAN1880 Price H £100+



3VOS
SEP1878

012 Watchet

Watchet was allocated number 012 in the 1962 list.

017 UPPER CLEVEDON

Sub Office of Bristol 1844 to 1861. Renamed Clevedon in 1861.

Upper Clevedon was allocated number 017 in the lists from 1855 to 1874.

Number 017 was later allocated to Rainham (Kent) in the 1882 to 1906 lists.

Rainham (Essex) in the 1956 to 1962 lists.

3HOS Used from 20 APR1855 to 13 DEC1859 Price G £80+



3HOS
AUG1853

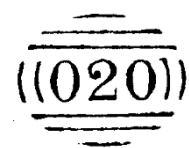
020 LOWER CLEVEDON

Sub Office of Bristol 1849 to 1860, closed 1860.

Lower Clevedon was allocated number 020 in the lists from 1855 to 1874.

3HOS Used from 14 NOV1858 to 1860 Price C £12

See also 020 Clevedon below:



3HOS
AUG1853

SOMERSET 020

020 CLEVEDON

Originally called Upper Clevedon.

Clevedon a Head Post Office 1861 to 1919, Salaried Sub Office 1919 to 1989, Modified Contract Sub Post Office 1989 to present.

Clevedon was allocated number 020 in the lists from 1882 to 1906 and 170 from 1924 to 1962.



3HOS
DEC1860

3HOS Used from 1860 to 7 MAR1864 Price C £8

Occurs with a Clevedon cud. and Bristol transit cds Seen in blue



3VOS
MAY1879

3VOS Used on 17 FEB1911 Price H £50



4VOD
JUL1864



4VOD
FEB1868



4VOD OC-
T1870



4VOD OC-
T1874

4VOD Used from 23 DEC1864 to 28 AUG1890 Codes: A B C D F I none Price A £4

All four proofed 4VODs are now illustrated



3VOD
MAY1879



3VOD
JAN1882

SOMERSET 020-B23

3VOD Time in code Used from 14 AUG1879 to 14 SEP1895 Codes: A B C D E F Price A £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 2 MAR1897 to 7 JUN1923

Times: 10AM 1015AM 1215PM 1245PM 115PM 4PM 445PM 5PM 515PM 630PM 815PM
845PM 9PM 945PM 10PM none Price B £3

B20 NAILSEA

Sub Office of Bristol 1844 to 1859. Railway Sub Office 1859 to 1895, Bristol 1895 to present.

B20 3HOS was issued in 1859 when Nailsea became a RSO.

Nailsea was allocated number B20 in the lists from 1874 to 1906



3HOS
DEC1859



3VOS
JUL1884

3HOS Used on 31 MAY1862 Price H £100++

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

The previously listed 17 SEP1901 date was from a manufactured piece

An apparent 4VOD has been seen on a single penny red

B21 YATTON

Sub Office of Bristol 1844 to 1859, Railway Sub Office 1859 to 1895,
Sub Office of Bristol 1895 to present.

3HOS issued in 1859 when Yatton became a RSO.

Yatton was allocated number B21 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

3HOS Used from 1 APR1871 to 9 FEB1879 Price H £100+



3HOS
DEC1859

B22 CONGRESBURY

Sub Office of Bristol 1844 to 1859, Railway Sub Office 1859 to 1895,
Sub Office of Bristol 1895 to present.

B22 3HOS issued in 1859 when Congresbury became a RSO.

Congresbury was allocated number B22 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

3HOS Used from 21 MAR1864 to 31 DEC1905

Price E £30 on cover, £20 on ppc.

Seen in blue on a loose stamp



3HOS
DEC1859

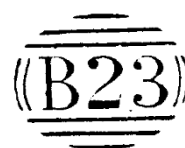
B23 WRINGTON

Sub Office of Bristol 1844 to 1859, Railway Sub Office 1859 to 1895, Sub
Office Bristol 1895 to 1906+

3HOS issued in 1859 when the office became a RSO.

3HOS Used from 22 APR1862 to 21 NOV1877 Price F £50+

Squared Circles in use: DEC1880 to DEC1915



3HOS
DEC1859

SOMERSET B24-B44

B24 LANGFORD

Sub Office of Bristol 1845 to 1854, Sub Office of Heytesbury 1854 to 1856, Sub Office of Bristol 1856 to 1862, Railway Sub Office 1862 to 1895, Sub Office of Bristol 1895 to Present, closed 1945/48.

Langford was allocated number B24 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

3HOS Used from 29 DEC1885 to 15 NOV1905 Price F £50+



3HOS
DEC1859

B25 BURRINGTON

Sub Office of Bristol 1847 to 1860, Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1894, Sub Office of Bristol 1894 to 1974, closed 1974.

B25 3HOS issued in 1859 when the office became a RSO.

Burrington was allocated number B25 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

3HOS Used from 28 JUN1865 to 6 DEC1903 Price G £80+



3HOS
DEC1859

B26 BLAGDON

Sub Office of Bristol 1844 to 1861, Railway Sub Office 1861 to 1895, Sub Office of Bristol 1895 to present.

Blagdon was allocated number B26 in the lists from 1874 to 1906



3HOS
DEC1859



3VOS
JUN1882

3HOS Used from JUN1866 to 11 DEC1878 Price G £80+

3VOS Used from 17 NOV1891 to 5 JUN1902 Price G £80+

B44 FLAX BOURTON

Sub Office of Bristol 1848 to 1860, Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1895, Sub Office of Bristol 1895 to 1989, closed 1989.

B44 3HOS issued in 1860 when Flax Burton became a RSO.

Flax Bourton was allocated number B44 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.



3HOS
DEC1860



3VOS
JUL1873

3HOS Used from 1 SEP1866 to 22 NOV1872 Price F £50

3VOS Used from 1 NOV1879 to 11 SEP1930 Price F £50 (late date is philatelic Price £15)

SOMERSET B45-K45

B45 WEST TOWN

Sub Office of Bristol 1844 to 1864, Railway Sub Office 1864 to 1895, Sub Office of Bristol 1895 to 1951.

Replaced by Backwell in 1951.

West own was allocated number B45 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.



3HOS
DEC1860



3VOS
JUL1873



3VOS
MAY1877

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

3VOS Used on 18 APR1880 Price H*£100++

G08 HIGHBRIDGE

Sub Office of Bridgwater 1844 to 1887, Railway Sub Office 1887 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to present.

Covers are recorded used in 1888 and 1889 posted in Highbridge but cancelled in Bridgwater.

Highbridge was allocated number G08 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and 362 from 1924 to 1962.

3VOS 20 JUL1881 to 6 JUN1888 Price G £80+

Squared Circles in use: OCT1890 to OCT1913



3VOS
MAY1873

J19 STOKE UNDER HAM

Sub Office of Yeovil 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Ilminster 1855 to 1892, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1892 to present.

Became Stoke sub Hamdon in 1957.

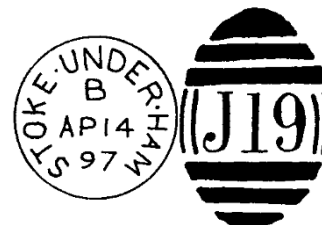
Stoke under Ham was allocated number J19 in the lists from 1892 to 1906

3VOD Time in code Used from 11 FEB1888 to 22 SEP1903

Codes: A B C Price C £8

3VOD Time in full Used from 2 MAY1904 to 24 JUN1913

Times: 230PM 815PM 915PM Price B £4



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K45 SALTFORD

Sub Office of Bath 1844 to 1862. Sub Office of Bristol 1862 to 1866. Railway Sub Office 1866 to 1895, Independent Sub Office 1895, Sub Office of Bristol 1895 to present.

Saltford was allocated number K45 in the lists from 1902 to 1906.

3VOS Used on 29 MAR1905 Rarity H Price £100++



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