

Self Registration in Ghana

Self Registration Service

“Firms, organisations, etc., habitually posting large numbers of registered items can, on application to their local Postmaster, obtain registered labels and a receipt book in which they can themselves enter the items, and obtain a bulk receipt.”

Ghana Post Office Handbook, 1967 Edition, p.35

Registration at a Post Office 1



Registered letter from Swedru to London, 1959.

Standard blue R etiquette with the name of the office.

Franking includes 3 x 6d cut-outs from aerogrammes.

Registration at a Post Office 2

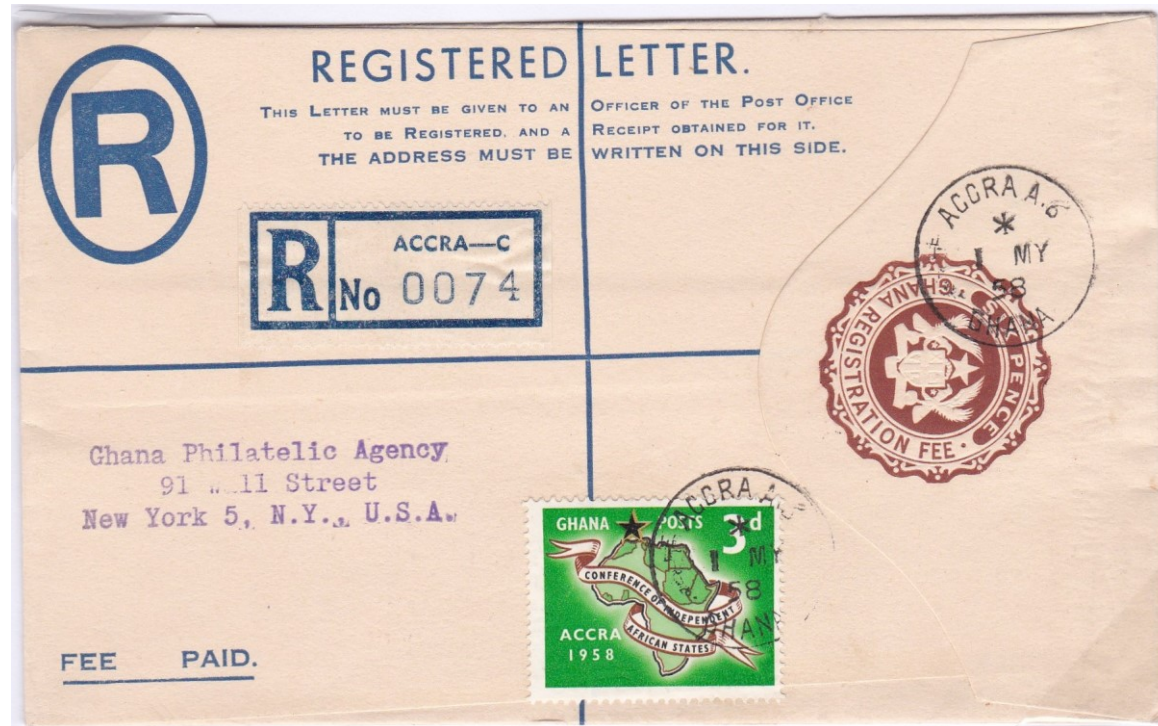


Registered letter from Berekum to London, 1957.

Standard blue R etiquette. but without office name.

Office name inserted by handstamp. Other offices simply wrote the name in pen.

Accra Registration Labels



Apart from Accra, all the Ghana registration labels I have seen have simply carried the office name (or an abbreviation thereof).

Some labels from Accra GPO bear a letter, or letter/number combination. Their significance is unclear, but they do not appear to represent self-registration.

Subordinate offices in Accra used labels with their own name, rather than Accra plus a number.



Accra 2 c label amended to F (1976).

Self Registration 1

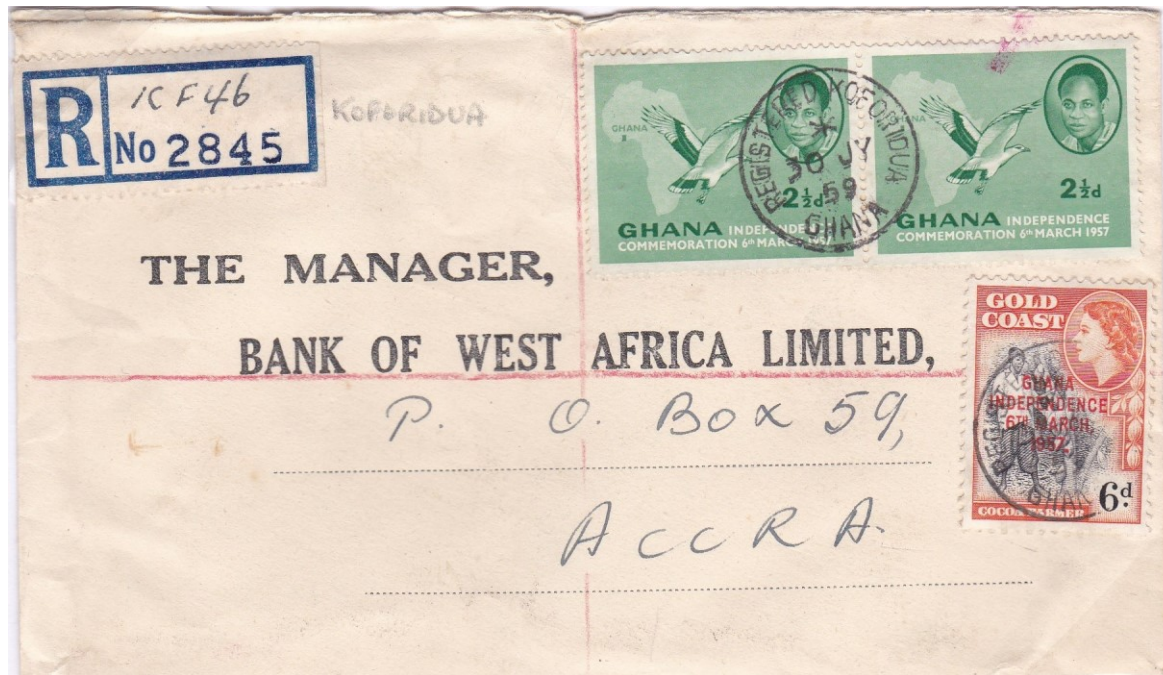


An accumulation of late 1950's covers acquired from Ian Anderson revealed some with unusual registration labels.

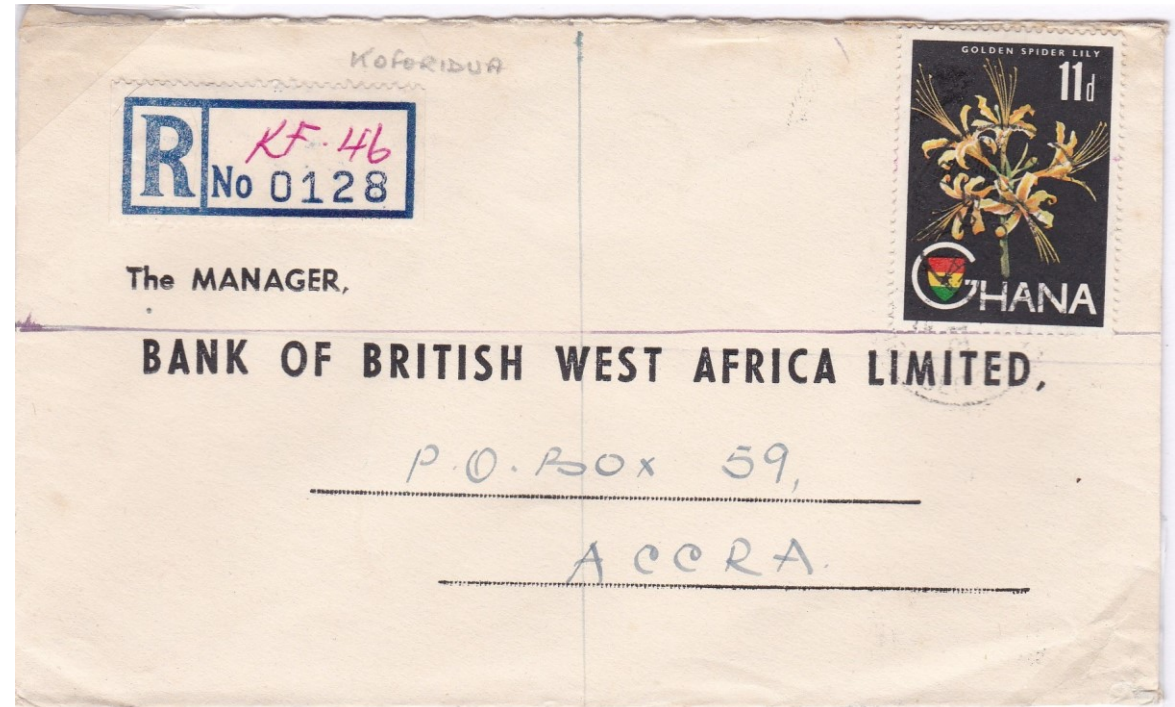
Two 1959, registered covers from Tega to Accra, both with manuscript Tega 2 R labels.

Despite the seal's inscription of **Bank of British West Africa Ltd.**, the company had changed its name in 1957 to **Bank of West Africa Limited**, with which the envelopes are embossed.

Self Registration 2



Two 1959, registered covers from Bank of West Africa, Koforidua, to Accra, both with manuscript KF 46 labels.



The accumulation contained Bank of West Africa covers from 11 different towns, and an A.G. Leventis & Co. cover from Kumasi (KSI 138).

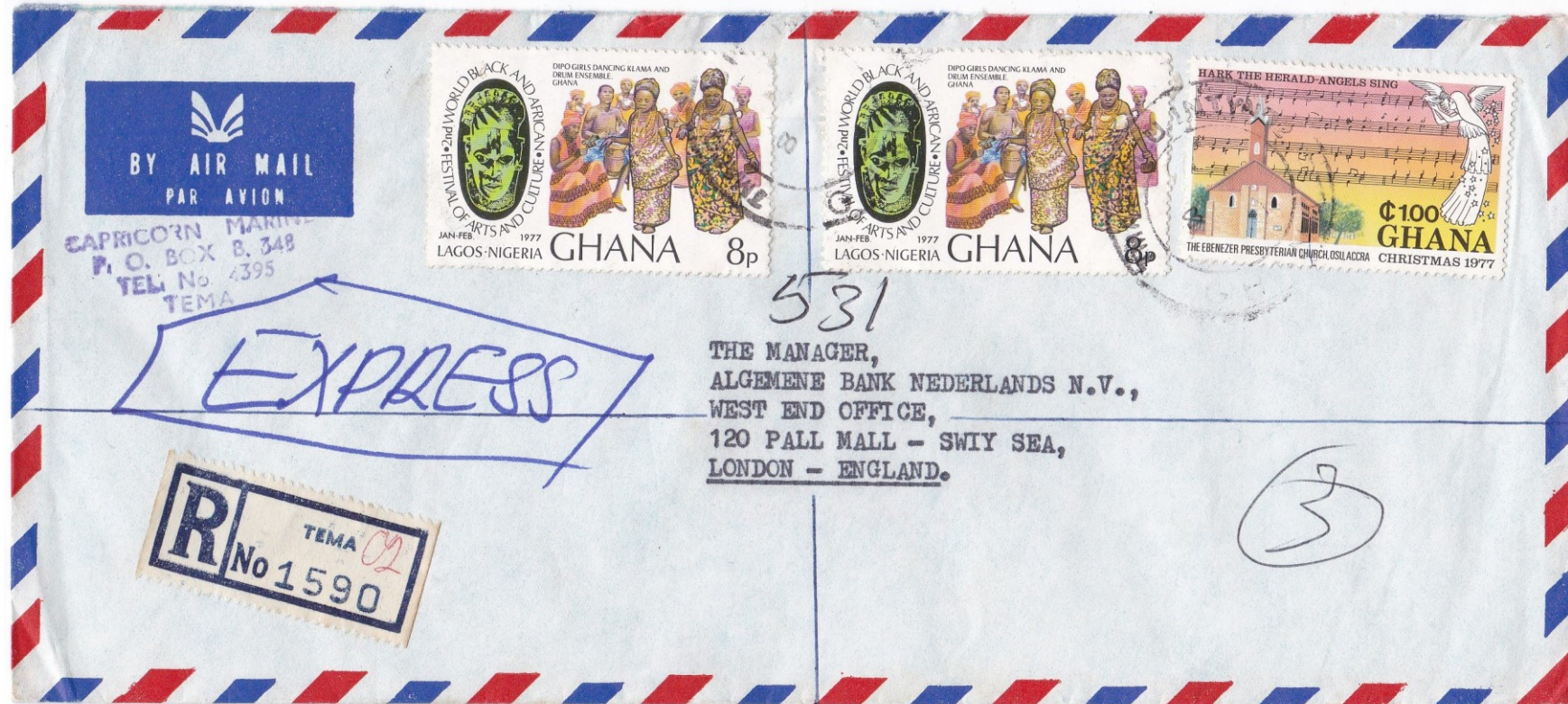
Self Registration 3



A 1959, registered cover from Bank of West Africa, Berekum to Accra.

The Berekum handstamp appears the same as the one in the PO registered cover, but note the typed, red 3 in the upper right corner of the registration etiquette.

Self Registration? Not this one!



A ca. 1978, registered cover from Capricorn Marine, Tema, to London

However, the manuscript addition to this R label is C2, as the cover was posted at the Tema Community No.2 post office.