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**EDITORIAL**

1884 HALFPENNY Surcharge and  
1890 Keyplate 1½d.  
Both handstamped SPECIMEN

See article on page 24 *2P*



This issue has quite a mix of articles, including two on picture postcards, and more on Specimen overprints and another early letter. Trevor Hearl has once again provided a constant supply of material for consideration, but I have had to hold some back for the time being. I thank him, and the other contributors for making my task so much easier.

I have initiated two short items, which are intended to be the start of mini-series, on pages 4 and 11. There are a number of similar subjects which I can use from my own sources, but hope that some of you will be able to contribute something from your collections. In future I will not publish any names for these articles in order to preserve anonymity.

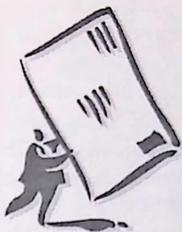
The printers of the Supplement, Sarsen Press of Winchester, have been very helpful in trying to improve the quality of the printing, particularly the illustrations. This is the first issue to be printed directly from a digital source, but as I have not yet seen the result, can only hope you will see an improvement. If this is successful, I hope in future to be able to publish articles where the quality of the illustrations is of some importance e.g. varieties.

Last year will be remembered for all the wrong reasons. Let us hope that 2002 will bring a more peaceful and happier world for all of its citizens to live and travel in.

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## YOUR LETTERS



Your comments on any letters and articles, or on the style and content of the Supplement are most welcome, as also is correspondence on any philatelic subject which may be of interest to our readership. Please respond via the editor, by letter or e-mail. My addresses are on Page 2.

### 1863 One Penny Surcharges

Dear Barry,

With reference to the article in the last Supplement on the 1863 Penny imperforate, I thought I should mention that I have:

Short Surcharge SG 3 1 unused block of 4, positions 207-208, 219-220.  
2 unused singles, unplated.  
1 used single, unplated.

Long Surcharge SG 4 1 unused pair, positions 46-47.  
1 unused single, unplated.  
2 used singles, unplated.

Roger Morgan  
Liphook  
Hampshire

*Editor's note:*

*If the reader refers to Supplement 36, page 19, it can be seen that a block of four of the shorter surcharge from these positions is already represented. Roger's block may be this same block, or it could be from a different sheet. I have received several (favourable!) comments on this article, but so far no-one has offered any confirmation or alternatives to the views expressed.*

### The George Correspondence

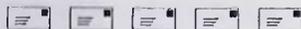
Dear Barry,

The George Correspondence continues to produce its surprises then! (Supplement 36, page 25). It amazes a non-philatelist that so much can be squeezed out of a collection of letters, but it certainly makes the history of St Helena more interesting as a result. I hope that we shall be able to crack this one, having got so far, and discover what R. Marven George was doing at Bamboo Hedge.

Your 'part letterhead' illustrated on page 26 is interesting, and perhaps unique in that it is addressed not to Mrs Edmund George but to her husband. I do not think I have seen another referred to. But also it was sent, not to The Limes, but to his place of work at the Corn Exchange, or Market House, in the centre of Salisbury. It is still there - indeed it is now the Central Library with all the city's archives; a noble classical building. Corn was obviously more important in those days, and Edmund George was the Market House Manager. It looks as if he was being sent a copy of the *St Helena Guardian* for 25 July 1901, so this is quite early in the correspondence. It would carry news about the Boer Prisoners of War on the Island, presumably - there were up to 5,800 of them. With the garrison (including the Wiltshire Regiment for a time) the population of the Island was trebled. I wonder if the Georges at Bamboo Hedge met any of their friends in the Wilts Regt.?

What a pity there are no letters inside some of these George covers. It looks as if there may have been as many as **four** different handwritings on the covers to Salisbury - so R.M. George may have been living at Bamboo Hedge with his wife and two older children?

Trevor Hearl  
Prestbury  
Cheltenham



## BETWEEN THE SHEETS 1

### Payment in Stamps

**Barry Burns**

The full title should be along the lines of *From Between the Album Sheets in my Collection*, but the shortened version sounds more interesting! Together with the *Did You Know?* article on page 11, I hope this will be a fairly regular feature showing some of the more unusual covers, stamps or ephemera that most of us have lurking in our collections and which otherwise would see little exposure. By necessity, these first examples are of my own doing, but I invite contributions from readers for either article - and in order to preserve anonymity - undertake not to publish identities if so requested.

I believe this first item (illustrated opposite) is self explanatory, but I would be interested if a reader could provide any information upon the trade that Stephen Cullen was operating from Woodcot. Perhaps the name and address of the recipient suggests the flax industry? The stamps are fresh mint, but hinged to the letter using the sheet selvedge!



"Woodcot",  
 Island of Saint Helena,  
 South Atlantic Ocean,  
 11th. October, 1915.

To,  
 The Bradford Manufacturing Co., Ltd.,  
 Yorkshire, England.

Dear Sirs,

Your invoice for goods to hand and the parcel  
 will probably be in the next months mail.

I note a balance of 2/1d. is due to you and  
 that you accept foreign unused stamps so am sending some  
 St. Helena Stamps to that amount.

I remain, Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

*Stephen Bullen*



1c 8  
 1c 6  
 1c 4  
 1c 3  
 1c 2 1/2  
 1c 2  
 1c 1 1/2  
 1c 1  
 1c 1/2  
 -----  
 2/4 1/2

## WHAT'S IN A NAME? Why St Helena Needs a Family History Society

**Trevor Hearl**

"THROW a stone and hit a Thomas", is an old Island saying born of the remarkable frequency with which that name has occurred at St Helena throughout living memory. Whoever the original Mr. Thomas was, he certainly deserves a place in Island history! But are Thomases still top of the poll as St Helena enters the 21st Century? The latest and probably most reliable source of evidence is the Electoral Register compiled in February 2001, having 2481 entries, with 132 family names between them, providing a sample of over 40% from a total of some 6000 'Saints' enumerated in the 1998 Census.

On this evidence the Thomases need not worry for, with 193 registered voters, their lead is unassailable. Indeed, they actually command 8% of the poll, their nearest 'rivals' being Henry (146), Yon (137), Williams (136) and Peters (128). But any 'family' with more than fifty members - or over 2% of the electorate - must be significant, and these include Benjamin (96), Leo (88), Stevens (79), George (69), Crowie (63), Fowler (58), Francis (58) and Joshua (54). A similar frequency of names can be found in the Telephone Directory, a more socially skewed source, but where again Thomas outstrips other names by far, followed by Yon .

Some of the best known Island surnames now have surprisingly small electoral representation. Those of Bagley, Bizaare, Corker, Dillon and Truebody are in single figures, as are also such venerable names as Mercury, Plato and Scipio, though Hercules (5) and Jonas (8) have the advantage of being concentrated in their 'home' districts, Levelwood and Half Tree Hollow respectively. Many other families continue to live and vote in their historic areas - for example the Caesars (14) in Sandy Bay, the Youdes (12) in Levelwood, the Andrews (22) in Half Tree Hollow - and yet the community is clearly far less fragmented into family groups than formerly. today there are Fowlers, Thomases and Williams's in every one of the Island's eight electoral districts, while the names of Benjamin, Francis, Green, Henry and Peters, can be found in seven of the eight.

The fact that every 'Saint' is an immigrant by birth or descent adds the fascinating dimension to Island names that they all have a pre-Island heritage somewhere in the world. Some, like the Greentrees, will date from East India Company days (pre-1834), but most, like the Strouds (not from Gloucestershire, but Berkshire), came in more recent colonial times, many with Her Majesty's St Helena Regiment (1842-63). Each has - or had - its geographical roots on the Island, broadly either Town or Country - Caswell, Lawrence and Maggott might claim to be among the former, and March, Mittens and Vanguard among the latter - and then more specifically by districts of settlement. The Electoral Register still reflects the original home districts of some families, even among those whose names are now Island-wide, such as the Crowies, two-thirds (41) of whose registered members still live in Longwood.

The few new names in the Register are easily spotted. There are fewer than a dozen, some as a result of a recent relaxation in immigration restrictions. As 'incomers' have, throughout the Island's history, provided the driving force of its fragile economy, this lack of inward investment in people, as well as capital, might be seen as a danger signal to the economic and social health of the community. Nevertheless there have been dramatic changes in family movement within the Island in recent years, most noticeably into Half Tree Hollow. Fifty years ago a fairly sparse population was scattered among the prickly pear, yet today it is the Island's most densely populated district at 1,877 persons per square mile - even Jamestown has only 617 - and it is also the most cosmopolitan, having the broadest mix of family names. Outsiders may find it strange that a small, 42-square mile island - one-third the size of the Isle of Wight - should have developed distinctive country communities with recognizable dialect differences and district loyalties strong enough to survive rural depopulation and expanding suburbanisation. But for how much longer will dwindling districts maintain their social and political identity? It is sadly significant that Blue Hill and Sandy Bay have both lost their schools, but as the figures show, Sandy Bay's population has fallen to 254 (with 25 family names), and Blue Hill's to only 176, with fewer than 20 family names on the Electoral Register.

The periodical Register of Electors and Population Census are both vital tools for the good government of the Island, and help researchers to keep abreast of the ever-changing social scene. But no outsider can ever be as sensitive to the implications of family location and origins as the 'Saints' themselves. And that again emphasises the need, on much broader grounds, for a St Helena Family History Society, on the lines of those presently proliferating throughout the English-speaking world. Only then is the contribution of ordinary folk likely to be rescued from its present oblivion to become part of 'our Island story'. Unless the life and work of the people is studied and released, St Helena past and present will always be seen only through the eyes of its colonial masters - or worse still, its unwilling guests!

Sources:

*St Helena Government Gazette: List of Electors.* February 2001. Office of the Chief Secretary, The Castle, Jamestown. £15.00

*The 1998 Population Census of St Helena.* August 1999. Statistics Office, 1 Main Street, Jamestown. Or from: Miles Apart, 5 Harraton House, Exning, Newmarket, CB8 7HF or 5929 Avon Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, USA. £14.00



## FOOTNOTE TO A ST HELENA 'DISCOVERY' F.D.C.

Trevor Hearl



Collectors of St Helena's official First Day Covers will be disappointed, and disciples of the Napoleonic legend dismayed, to find a cardinal error in the notes accompanying the FDC of the fourth (19th century) set of '500th Anniversary of Discovery' stamps, dated 23 May 2000. It appeared, surprisingly, in comments on the 30p stamp commemorating 'Napoleon - Arrival 1815 / Departure 1840'.

Collectors are told that Napoleon lodged *at the house of Mr. Henry Porteous in Jamestown ... until he could occupy Longwood*. But as every St Helena-watcher knows, he stayed there for only one night (16/17 November 1815) before moving to The Briars until 10 December. What makes this no trivial omission is the importance of The Briars Pavilion on today's tourist trail, the fairly recent establishment of a Napoleonic Museum there, and the fame of the exile's antics with the teenage daughter of the owner, William Balcombe. After all, the Betsy Balcombe story has spawned a small shelf of books all of its own including, as recently as 1997, a children's picture book, *My Napoleon* by Catherine Brighton, praised by reviewers as the best in its class that year.

The FDC's notes are right to report the melancholy demolition of Porteous's historic house in 1937. Dr. Philip Gosse, author of *St Helena 1502 - 1938*, actually witnessed it in March that year, to make a motor garage on the site, 'an inglorious ending to a famous building, and one of the finest still standing in the street in spite of its having been gutted by a fire lighted by an incendiary in 1865'. But Bob Broadway, who lived almost next door, while regretting the eyesore the site had become thirty-odd years later, told me that at the time they were more pragmatic about it adding, with a touch of irony, that in 1937 Jamestown needed a good garage more than a derelict ruin! Whether that was the most appropriate use for the prime site in Main Street, next to the Castle Gardens, was not then considered.

For much of its life Porteous' House (as it is always known) served as a boarding-house. Built

towards the end of the 18th century it was the home of the Company's Head Surgeon, John Charles Dunn, until 1811 when it was bought by William Balcombe, and quickly sold again to Henry Porteous, the Company's Botanic Gardener. On his death in 1819 it remained in the Porteous' estate under its Trustee, Thomas Baker, who let it to Andrew Eyre as a boarding-house until it fell, almost inevitably, into the hands of Saul Solomon as his 'hotel'. After his death (at Portishead, near Bristol), shares were offered in it, but not successfully it seems as the Colonial Treasurer, John Gabriel Doveton bought it and sold it on to Robert Pooley, the commercial agent who later became US vice-consul (1872-76). By 1863 he had sold it to George Moss, the French vice-consul, partner in the firm of Solomon, Gideon & Moss. In his history Gosse gives a photograph of George and Isaac Moss (1796-1864), taken on 10 February 1863, sitting in the garden behind the house with Baron de Rougemont who had landed from the French war-steamer *Cassini*. The front of the house is shown in *Views of St Helena* published that year by J.E. Fowler, taken from a photograph by Barrackmaster John Isaac Lilley, showing Chief Justice William Wilde standing on the mansion steps. Two years later, on Sunday 2 April 1865, 'the finest house in Main Street' was reduced to a fire-ravaged shell by an unknown arsonist.



Illustration from J.E.Fowler's *Views of St Helena* (1863) showing Lilley standing on the steps of the mansion with the top-hatted Chief Justice.

Castle Gardens on the left, and the single steps to the front door of Broadway House on the extreme right.

## QUEEN VICTORIA ONE PENNY ON COVER

**Bob Deakin**

Some members will recall that a couple of years ago I started to compile lists of the early St Helena stamps (prior to the CA watermarked issue introduced in 1884) used on cover. I wrote to a number of collectors known to have an interest in this period, and received replies from them all. From this, it became obvious that the One Penny value is very scarce - even rare - on cover.

I then spent hours looking through old auction catalogues, especially Harmers of which I have kept over many years. Of course the same cover may have been sold several times, although I tried to extract any such covers. I also checked Stanley Gibbons, Christies, and various other Auction Houses - but the results have been disappointing as very little conclusion can be arrived at. However, my findings are as follows:

### **1863 Imperforate, shorter surcharge. SG 3**

Only two covers recorded, one of which was a block of four!

### **1863 Imperforate, longer surcharge. SG 4**

Only one cover; Harmers auction September 1993.

### **1864 Perforated 12½, thin bar. SG 6**

One cover in private collection, plus seven at auction, of which five are Soldiers' Letters.

### **1868 Perforated 12½, thick bar. SG 7**

Three covers in private collections, plus eleven at auction, of which seven are Soldiers' Letters.

### **1871 Perforated 12½, long bar. SG 8**

Three covers at auction.

### **1876 Perforated 14 x 12½. SG 21**

Only one cover; Stanley Gibbons auction 1986.

### **1880 Perforated 14. SG 27**

One cover in private collection, plus 3 at auction, of which one is a Soldiers' Letter.

This summary demonstrates the surprising rarity of the One Penny on cover, SG 6 and SG 7 being the commonest as such. Bernard Mabbett tells me that most were used for newspapers, and hence usually destroyed by the recipient.

Perhaps the publication of these figures may prompt others to supply more information - in confidence of course. The trouble is, will such information encourage a massive increase in dealers prices!



## DID YOU KNOW? 1

### The Wharf Design

Barry Burns

Whilst browsing some old magazines recently, I came across this short article in *Stamp Collecting* for 15 August 1942. I have not seen this information elsewhere, so thought it worth reproducing here. It is entitled *Seen on Stamps / St Helena*.



In the background of the view of 'The Wharf' that appears on both the Edwardian and early Georgian stamps of St Helena may be described two ships, concerning which an interesting story is told by Mr. Basil Lubbock in his book *Coolie Ships and Oil Sailors* (published in America in 1935).

Writing in a recent number of *Philatelic Gossip* (USA), Mr. F.C.Stoos declares that 'the two ships in the harbour are identified as the *Elbe* and the *Erne*, iron Russell-built ships of 2,350 tons. These ships were coolie ships and are distinguished as being the last ships to carry stunsails'. To quote from the book: "The ships left Calcutta with coolies aboard and were never more than five miles apart all the way to St Helena, where they arrived sixty-seven days out. Captain D. Lardner was in command of the *Erne* and Captain A.J.Fenner was in command of the *Elbe*. The *Elbe* actually reached anchorage first. The picture shows her at anchor and the *Erne* just coming to anchor. This is a record for two ships being at sea together for such a long voyage".

The picture, which is reproduced in miniature upon the stamps, was taken at the end of the race in 1894.

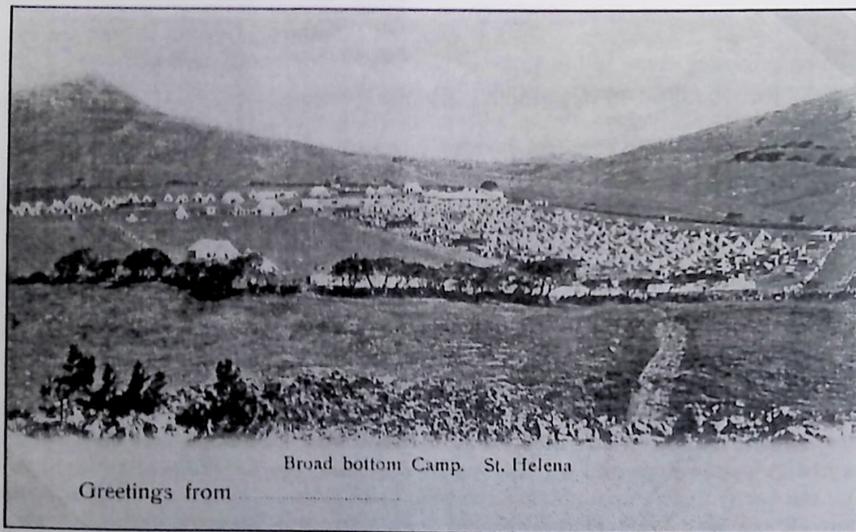


## ADDITIONAL THOMAS JACKSON POSTCARDS

**Robert Richardson**

My previous article on the Picture Post Cards of Thomas Jackson was published in Supplement 33 (page 11), and a letter from Ian Matheison in Supplement 34 (page 4) listed a further 10. I can now provide illustrations of nine additional cards. (Could PPC 21 *Jamestown from Sea* be the same as the *Jamestown from the Sea* noted by Ian ? - Ed).

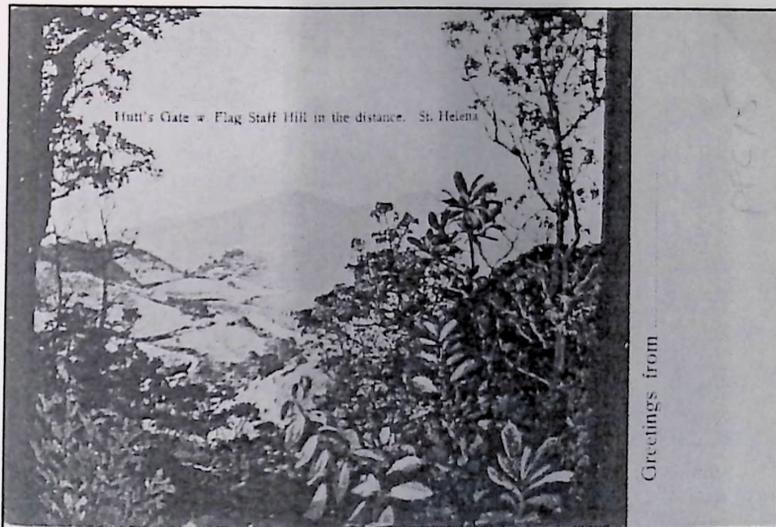
All the cards listed here were printed by C.G. Roder of Leipzig.



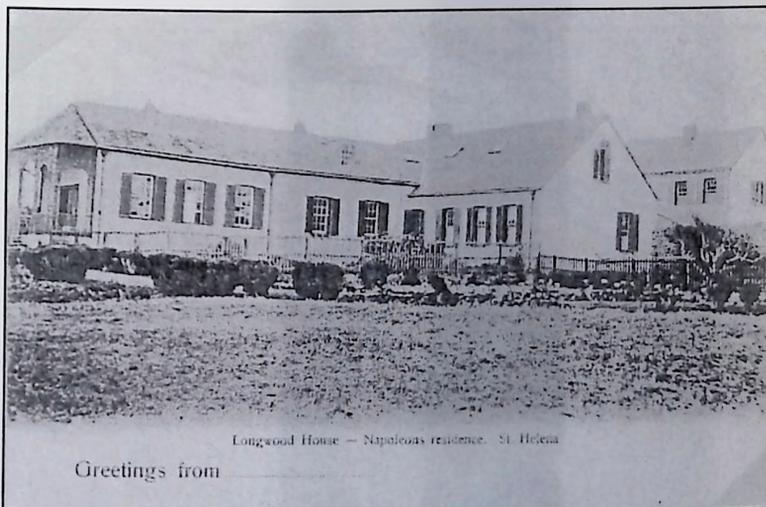
PPC 15

Broad bottom Camp. St. Helena

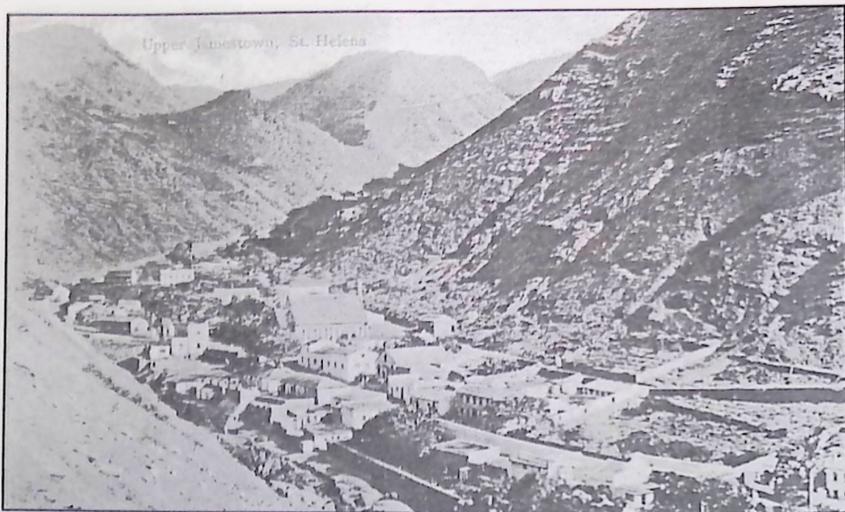
(Black and White)



PPC 15      Hutt's Gate w. Flag Staff Hill in the distance. St. Helena      *(Black and White)*



PPC 15      Longwood House — Napoleons residence. St. Helena      *(Black and White)*



PPC 20 Upper Jamestown, St. Helena 155 / 204298 (Black and White)



PPC 20 Sandy Bay, St. Helena 155 / 149375 (Black and White)



PPC 21

Jamestown from Sea, St. Helena

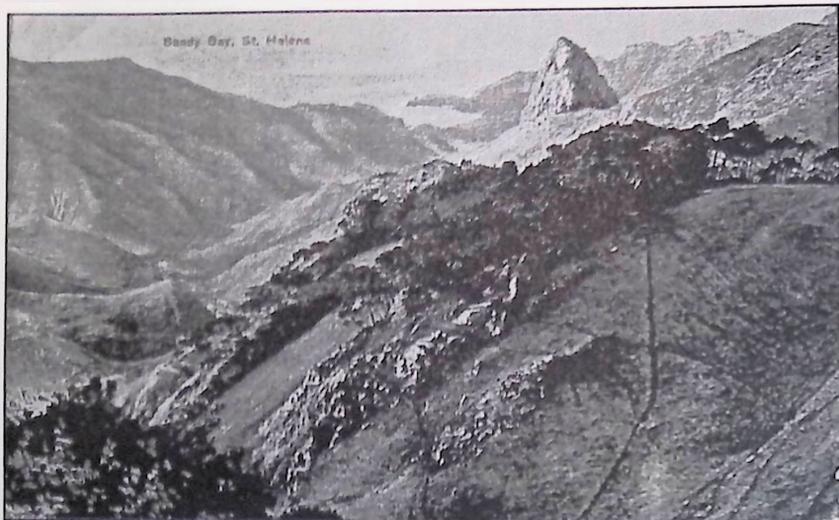
*(Black and White)*



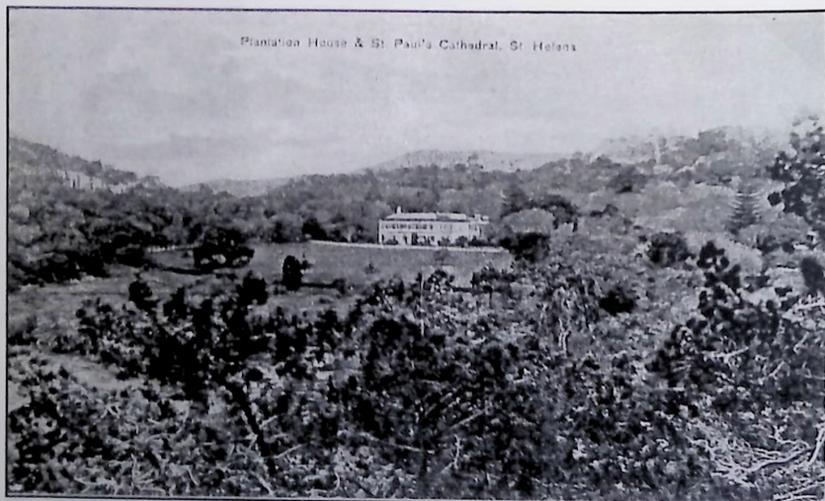
PPC 21

Tree Ferns on Dianas Peak, St. Helena

*(Colour)*



PPC 23 Sandy Bay, St. Helena (Colour)



PPC 24 Plantation House & St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Helena (Black and White)



## RECENT ST HELENA PICTURE POSTCARDS

Trevor Hearl

Supplement 29 (page 21) illustrated a series of fifteen cards that I published between the years 1988 and 1996. I have now had two more produced, which are illustrated on these two pages. As before, the text from the reverse of the card is reproduced underneath.



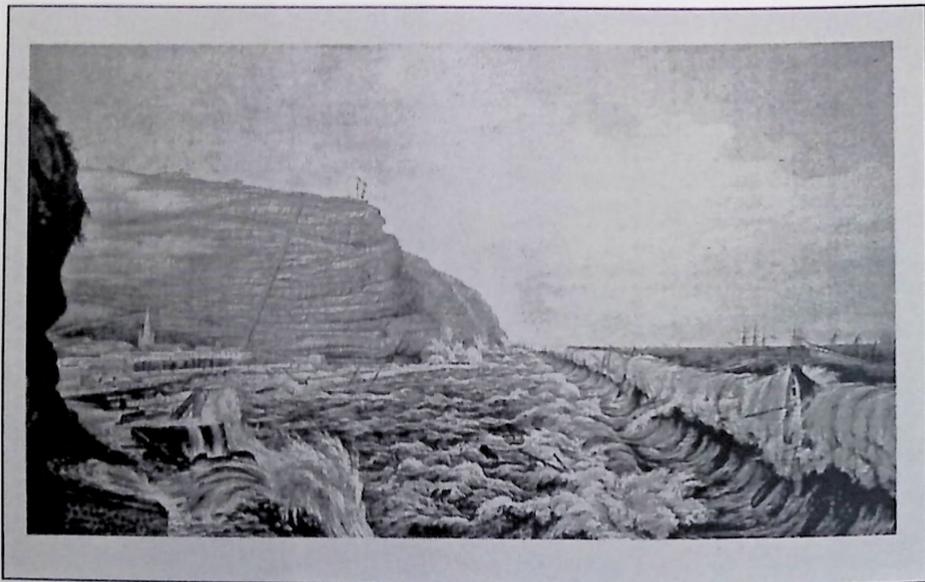
EAST INDIAMEN LEAVING ST. HELENA 1788  
(Black and White)

The NEPTUNE Indiaman (809 tons) at St. Helena, homeward bound from China.  
From an aquatint by ROBERT DODD (1748-1816), published by Robert Sayer, Fleet St., 1 May 1788.  
(Photo: Trevor Hearl 1999)

*Editor's note: Readers may recognise this from Supplement 36, page 23. However, that illustration was taken directly from Trevor's photograph. The actual postcard shown above exhibits slightly different 'cropping'.*

When I started doing postcards, the idea was to publicise St Helena illustrated material along certain themes - Natural History, Fortress St Helena and Picturesque St Helena. An attractive book could be written on the theme of 'the Picturesque' artist at St Helena, as so many prints were published following the fashion which was still in vogue when Napoleon was there and there was a popular demand for knowing what the place was like.

I take the photographs myself and get 1,000 printed by *The Thought Factory* at Leicester, and when they are sold, that's the end of it. Most now go to Ian Mathieson at *Miles Apart*, as it's too much hassle these days to get them posted to the Island en masse, or even to the ship, myself. When I started producing them, tourists were complaining that there were none to buy. I put the dates on my later cards - I should have done it for all of them! The card entitled *Public Gardens* (Supplement 29, page 24) should have been *Castle Gardens* - but until I published it, the place was always called Public Gardens!



'THE ROLLERS', JAMESTOWN, ST. HELENA

(Colour)

17th February 1846. Drawn from Nature by Lt. Frederick Rice Stack, HM St. Helena Regt., "Thirteen Vessels (mostly captured Slavers) were wrecked by this Extraordinary Phenomenon and property to the value of £10,000 destroyed. 500 yards from the shore, the sea was perfectly calm".

(Photo; Trevor Hearl 2000)

Readers interested in purchasing any of the cards (although some may now be unavailable) should contact Ian Mathieson at: Miles Apart, 5 Harraton House, Exning, Newmarket, CBS 7HF or 5929 Avon Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, USA.



## THE 1998 'MARITIME HERITAGE' DEFINITIVES Perforation Varieties

Barry Burns



My attention was drawn to this set by a letter to the Questions and Answers column in the March 2001 edition of *Stamp Magazine*, in which a reader sought information on two copies of the 15p *Witte Leeuw* value, of perforation  $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14$  and perforation 14. Although Gibbons list this set as  $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14$ , according to the Crown Agents the perforation specified by Walsall Security Printers was 13.7 all round.

*Stamp Magazine* requested photocopies of the two stamps, which appeared in the September 2001 edition, where the perforations were quoted as  $13.7 \times 14$  and  $14 \times 13.7$ . As I have several copies of some values of this set, I checked the perforations using my somewhat old but trusty 'Instanta' gauge, with rather uninteresting results.

I have only one single mint set, but with additional values of the 10, 15 and 20 pence. All measured  $13.7 \times 13.9$  - presumably equating to the  $13.7 \times 14$  measured by *Stamp Magazine*, allowing for instrument variation. In addition, I have been able to measure the following numbers of each value on the original covers, all with this same perforation :- 10p (3); 15p (2); 20p (5); 25p (2); 30p (4); 40p (1); 50p (11); 75p (5); 80p (3) and £2 (2).

When I came to measure 2 single sets of used values, however, they all measured  $13.8 \times 13.9$ . Presumably in removing the gum (by floating or immersing in water?) the paper has shrunk somewhat, causing an apparent change in perforation. Although minor, this point should be noted by those trying to identify printings from small variations in perforation (particularly relevant to wartime KG VI issues from various countries). To illustrate, I have enlarged overlapping mint and used copies of the 15p value. Note the relative position of the right edges of the design.



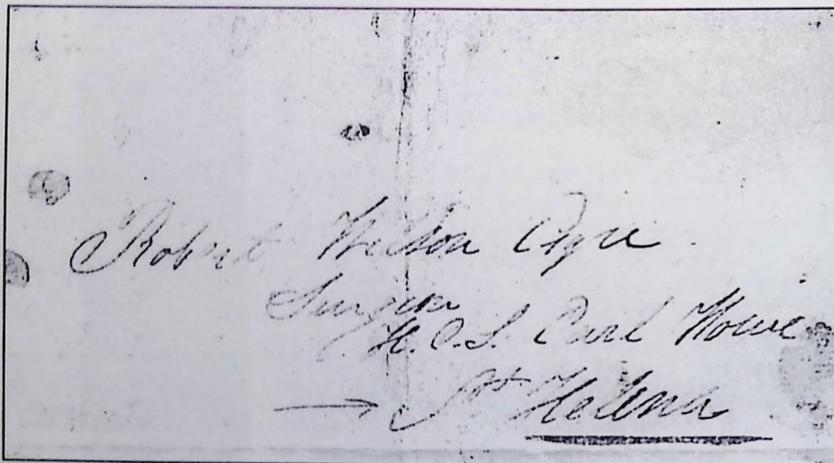
Further information on the perforation varieties of this set will be welcome.



## 1810 LETTER TO ROBERT WILSON ON *H.C.S. EARL HOWE*

Roger Morgan and Trevor Hearl

Following Trevor Hearl's article on page 21 in the last Supplement regarding East Indiamen at St Helena, I thought this letter (of no philatelic value but does have relevance to the subject) might be of interest to some readers. The letter was written by Surgeon George Lamb in *H.C.S. Penang* to his friend and Surgeon Robert Wilson in *H.C.S. Earl Howe* in 1810, and is flimsy and very faint. I have discovered that the *Earl Howe* was of 876 tons and made eight voyages between 1794 and 1811, but the Maritime Museum had no information on the *Penang*. I should perhaps add that the note does reveal a certain haphazardness in the sailing of such convoys not apparent in later wartime years in the age of steam!



I have tried my best to interpret the letter as follows:

Robert Wilson ?  
Surgeon  
H.C.S. Earl Howe  
St. Helena

*P.S. I must close my letter without being able to give you the information expected(?). Several of the ships are under way (and) the Commodore is firing(?) for the others to follow his example. The Capt is not come on board ?? perhaps get(?) off when he comes ? shall not much like to go home in my/any(?) present close ?ment(?).*

Adieu, I hope I shall see you in England soon, or at all(?) events in Scotland.

I on (?) the ? I remain as ever My dear Wilson

Yours very truly

Geo Lamb

H.C. Ship Penang

St Helena 12<sup>th</sup> May 1810

P.M.

O. I. I must close my letter as I am not being  
 able to give you the information you desire.  
 I am sure you will be under some  
 anxiety for the others to follow in  
 the Packet is not come on board &  
 perhaps will not off when he comes  
 much better to go home in my  
 interest.

Adieu. I hope I shall see you in  
 soon, or at all events in Scotland.  
 I am the same I remain as ever  
 Yours very truly  
 Geo Lamb

H. C. Ship Penang  
 St Helena 12<sup>th</sup> May 1810  
 P.M.

*Trevor Hearl adds the following comment and information:*

You will notice from the *Earl Howe* data that the ship arrived at St Helena on 24 June, when presumably Robert Wilson picked up the letter.

But who was Robert Wilson? I cannot find one in the Indian Medical Service who was on the *Earl Howe* except the one listed as (c.) below. It is dangerous to assume too much about names, but I wonder if Farrington's Biographical Data has made **two** Robert Wilson's out of one, because if you notice the Robert Wilson given as (a.) by Crawford, appearing again as (b.) by Farrington, has a gap in his career between 1802 and 1815 - and that gap is exactly filled by the Robert Wilson listed as (c.). It is strange that nothing is known about the medical qualifications of this second Robert Wilson.

Another possibility about the significance of this voyage is that the *Penang* was an Indian-built ship that was taken up out there to bring home cargo of the *Asia* which was 'lost in the Bengal river' because, if you notice, Captain Tremenheere went out on the *Asia* and home on the *Penang* (about which nothing else is known, which is odd). Presumably the same went for the crew - it certainly did for George Lamb, as you can see by his career. Tremenheere is an interesting character; a reference to his family can be found in *DNB* [4] under his famous nephew, Hugh Seymour Tremenheere, who is best known in history for his various official reports, especially as an early Inspector of Schools. From *DNB* it looks as if Captain Henry Pendarves Tremenheere succeeded to the family estates near Penzance and died in 1841 when they passed to the aforesaid nephew.

You will also see that this was the last of many voyages for Captain Eastfield of the *Earl Howe*. Whether Tremenheere was not looking forward to going home in 1810 to face the Directors for the loss of the *Asia* is a possible interpretation of his late arrival on board at St Helena!, though in fact he was given command of the replacement *Asia* and made three more voyages in it, so the owners must have had confidence in him. It would be interesting to know where the Logbook of the *Penang* went, as it is not at the India Office Collections with the others. I notice that Lamb addressed his letter from *HCS*Ship *Penang*, not *HCC*Ship (Honorable Company's **Chartered** Ship). It would be worth finding out what happened to it - the ship, as well as its logbook. The Company did not take it up again, to send it back to India. They seem to know nothing about it at the India Office by the look of the entry in Farrington.

#### *Asia (4)*

Built by Humble at Liverpool, launched 1798, 3 decks, length 146 ft, breadth 36ft, 819 tons. Managing Owner (1803-1809): Henry Bonham. Captain (1808-1809): Henry Pendarves Tremenheere. [Ref. 3]

17 September 1808 Portsmouth - Lost 1 June 1809 'in the Bengal river'. [Ref. 3]

#### *Earl Howe*

Built by Batson, launched 1794, 3 decks, length 146 ft, breadth 37 ft, 876 tons. Managing Owner (1806-1812): Robert Burrowes. Captain (1808-1810): John William Eastfield. [Ref. 3]

28 April 1809 Portsmouth - 8 May Madeira - 15 September Madras - 23 October Diamond Harbour - 29 December Saugor - 24 June 1810 St Helena - 5 September Downs. [Ref. 3]

### **Penang**

Arrived in England July 1810. Captain: Henry Pendarves Tremeneheere. [Ref. 3]

### **Eastfield, William John**

Captain's servant *Earl Talbot (1)* 1787-1788 & 1789-1790; midshipman *Earl of Wycombe* 1791-1792; purser *Sir Edward Hughes* 1793-1794; purser *Sir Edward Hughes* to West Indies 1795; purser *Sir Edward Hughes* 1796-1797; 3rd mate *Sir Edward Hughes* 1800-1801; 2nd mate *David Scott (2)* 1801-1802; Captain *Huddart* 1803-1804; Captain *Admiral Gardner* 1806-1807 & 1808-1809; Captain *Earl Howe* 1808-1809. [Ref. 2]

### **Lamb, George**

Surgeon, *Asia* 1808-1809, lost in Bengal river, 1 June 1809. [Ref. 1]

Surgeon, *Asia (4)* 1807-1808, *Penang* 1810. [Ref. 2]

### **Tremeneheere, Henry Pendarves**

Captain *Asia (4)* 1803-1804 & 1807-1808; Captain *Penang* 1810; Captain *Asia (6)* 1811-1812, 1813-1814 & 1815-1816. [Ref. 2]

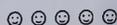
### **Wilson, Robert**

- a. C.C.S. 1776. Surgeon *Hawke* 1779-1780. Surgeon *Blandford* 1781-1783. Assistant Surgeon 18 January 1783. Surgeon 18 March 1802. S.S. 4 January 1815. M.D.K.C. Ab. 1815. Retired 6 June 1819. Died in London 17 April 1822. (A.J. May 1822). [Ref. 1]
- b. Surgeon *Hawke (4)* 1778-1779, *Blandford* 1780-1781; Bengal Assistant Surgeon 18 January 1783; Surgeon, 18 March 1802; Superintending Surgeon 4 January 1815; MD Aberdeen 1815; Retired 6 June 1819; died 17 April 1822 London. [Ref. 2]
- c. Surgeon *Glory* 1804-1805, *Earl Howe* 1806-1807, *Admiral Gardner* 1808-1809, *Earl Howe* 1808-1809, *James Sibbald* 1810-1811, *Union (4)* 1812-1813. [Ref. 2]

*Editor's note: I have edited some of the irrelevant information given in these references for the ships and personnel involved.*

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## GPO POSTAL NOTICES - UPDATED INDEX

**Barry Burns**

I am sure that many of you have already purchased the excellent *West African GPO Postal Notices of the Nineteenth Century* by Philip Beale and Frank Walton, published by our Study Circle in 2001. If not, I can thoroughly recommend it. The index, however, appears to be incomplete for Ascension and St Helena, and I update these entries below. Page numbers in *italics* indicate references either in footnotes, or of potential interest e.g. Union Castle Line.

**Ascension** 23, 52, 58, 65, 66, 69, 70, 73, 78, 79, 81, 82, 90, 91, 93, 95, 101, 102, 104, 105, 112, 122, 127, 128, 129, 136, 138, 161, 162, 176, 181, 190, 194, 195, 197, 202, 204, 210, 212, 213, 216, 221, 227, 230, 235, 239, 240.

**St Helena** 22, 23(2), 27, 29, 30, 44, 51, 55, 57, 58, 60, 61, 65, 70, 71, 73, 74, 76, 78, 79, 81, 82, 87, 89, 90, 91, 93, 95, 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 112, 122, 127, 128, 129, 131, 136, 138, 160, 161, 162, 174, 181, 190, 194, 195, 197, 202, 204, 210, 212, 213, 216, 221, 227, 230, 231, 232, 235, 239, 240.



## FROM THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

### News and Views

This section has been compiled from information received from Trevor Hearl, Bernard Mabbett, St Helena Herald, Stanley Gibbons Ltd. and Warwick and Warwick Ltd.

### KE VII 1d Inverted Watermark

Warwick & Warwick Ltd. included a previously unrecorded (to me, at any rate) variety in their auction on 5 December 2001. Lot 898 was described as: *1903 1d. with wmk. inv. F.U. Pulled perf. at base but a rare item unlisted by S.G. (SG 56 var.) Estimate £150.*

It was unsold, and re-offered (Lot 680) in their auction of 6th February, at a reduced estimate of £100. There may still be time to bid! Has any reader recorded this variety before?

### New Gibbons Listing

An addition to the 2002 Stanley Gibbons Part 1 catalogue is the 1871 One Penny surcharge with long bar, watermark inverted and reversed - now listed as SG 8y. This variety has already been recorded in the Supplement.

## Ascension Prince William Miniature Sheet

Stanley Gibbons included a free miniature sheet commemorating Prince William's 18th Birthday with their issue of Gibbon Stamp Monthly for June 2001. I believe various colonies were involved, as mine was for Falkland Islands. However, in the September issue, a letter from a grateful recipient recorded that his copy from Ascension Island had a perforation shift which left the country name completely missing from four stamps on the sheet. The fifth stamp has the name at the top instead of near the base. A colour illustration of this spectacular error can be found on page 82 of the magazine.

## May 2002

Most readers will know that St Helena celebrates the Quincentenary of its Discovery on 21 May 2002, and that five of us hope to be there to join in the celebrations, and have lots of spicy tuna fishcakes washed down with copious quantities of Castle beer! Our planned itinerary on the RMS is:

Cape Town	dep.	Wednesday	8 May
St Helena	arr.	Monday	13 May
St Helena	dep.	Saturday	25 May
Ascension	arr.	Monday	27 May

Details of our return from Ascension Island are not yet confirmed, as it depends on the flights to be arranged by the R.A.F.

If any member wishes us to bring any *philatelic* items back, or to post letters or cards either from the ship or the Islands, will they please contact the editor in good time, preferably by mid April at the latest. We will do our best, but cannot promise or guarantee to fulfil any request.

As we do not expect to return to the U.K. until the beginning of June, the next Supplement will probably be delayed. Any contributors can help by submitting material as soon as possible, so that I can make a start *before* our visit to the South Atlantic.

## South Atlantic Display at WASC Meeting

Following my appeal in the last Supplement, I was delighted to hear from five volunteers willing to display material from their St Helena and Ascension collections. We hope to have the afternoon session of the Study Circle's meeting at the 'Royal' in London on Saturday 9 November 2002. I will be in touch with potential displayers sometime before the March meeting. If anyone else would like to contribute, I am sure we can fit you in! As it is now several years since we got together as a group, I hope many of you will make a special effort to attend - you are assured a warm welcome.

## Postmarks and Postal Markings of St Helena

Bernard Mabbett has almost completed his forthcoming publication, and it should hopefully be available before the next Supplement. I believe the book will now contain details of postal rates etc., so will be a 'must have' for every St Helena collector's bookshelf.

### Mrs Jessica March MBE

In the *St Helena Herald*, Number 4 for 22 June 2001 there is a news item concerning a party held at the Consulate Hotel on 16 June in honour of HM the Queens Official Birthday. HE Governor Hollamby said that he had a special announcement to make, concerning the award of OBE to Mr John Wainwright Newman and MBE to Mrs Jessica Cavell March (who were both present at the event) for Services to St Helena. These were published in the 2001 Birthday Honours List published in London on this date. After outlining the contributions made by Mr Newman, the Governor went on to say that Jessica March is renowned for her lace making and embroidery skills. Formerly she was employed by the Education Department as a Needlework and Embroidery Teacher. Her works of art have over the years formed splendid gifts for members of the Royal Family and other VIP's, the last being a beautiful tray cloth that was embroidered with the national flower, the Arum Lily, which was sent to Her Majesty Elizabeth the Queen Mother on the occasion of her 100th Birthday. Mrs March takes great pride in her work, which has adorned many exhibition stalls on the Island and most recently it has been used in offshore promotional activities to raise awareness of the Island. His Excellency noted that her exceptional skills had been acknowledged in the 1940's when her photograph appeared on the one penny stamp.



The stamp in question was actually the 2d value of the 1953 QEII definitive set, although HE may have been aware of the unissued KGV1 set in the same designs - essays for which were approved in June 1951 - so the photographs could have dated from the 1940's.

*Trevor Hearl adds:*

I tried many years ago to find out who was featured on the 'lace worker' stamp as, in those days I understood that only the Sovereign could be shown - and here was an ordinary worker! The photograph from which the stamp was designed seemed to have been taken on the pavement outside Wellington House steps, but I could never get any St Helenian to confirm this, nor to tell me who the lace worker was. The photo I believe was taken by Frank Gammer of the PWD (I think I got that information from the Crown Agents). I don't know how Governor Hollamby knew, but perhaps he's a philatelist (*he should join the WASC! -Ed.*), or he would not have known of the existence of the stamp. Of course Jessica March could have told him, but somehow that seems unlikely.

## SURFACE MAIL TO ASCENSION FROM THE U.K.

Autumn 2001

Trevor Hearl has sent me the following article which appeared in *The Islander* published in Ascension on 18 October 2001. Consignia appears to be under attack from all quarters!

### ROYAL MAIL FROM UK

I know that the lack of surface mail from UK has been a matter of great concern recently. The Post Mistress has been pursuing this with the postal authorities in UK. You may be interested in the following response that I received from Consignia on 12 October:

*I should first of all explain that the re-tendering process of our shipping contracts was delayed and also ownership of the routes to the South Atlantic changed. Andrew Weir took over from Curnow (St Helena) and Ariel took over from EASL services (Ascension & Port Stanley) and this has added to the confusion. Additionally, we are informed by Ariel that a couple of small companies have gone bust and the vessels that are currently in service are having to call at other ports which has disrupted the schedules.*

*The despatch of 20th August consisting of 22 bags was conveyed on "St Helena" arriving in Ascension on 11th September. You don't mention this in your e-mail; I would be grateful for your confirmation that this despatch has arrived. Despatches 6 & 7 of 10th & 17th September should have been on the vessel "Anne Boye" but she did not call at UK in September as scheduled. A replacement vessel (Baltimar Orion) departed 2nd October but I have been unable to establish why these despatches were not included.*

*We fully appreciate the seriousness of this situation and the impact on the Island's residents. To help remedy the situation, I am now making arrangements for these two despatches (total 15 bags) to be sent by air instead of waiting for the next vessel. I will write to you next week to confirm whether this has been possible and the expected arrival time. The next scheduled vessel will be the "Kochnev" which is due to sail on 1st November and arrive in Ascension on 14th November. I'm sure we will then be back to normal service. Please accept our sincere apologies for this severe breach in service.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Alan Newing  
Pipeline Manager - Asia*

The Post Mistress and I will continue to press Consignia to maintain a proper service.

Geoffrey Fairhurst  
13 October 2001

## HANDSTAMPED 'SPECIMEN'

Roger Morgan



Figure 1

Some months ago I was offered by a dealer a set of the 1922 Badge Issue handstamped SPECIMEN, complete with photocopies. I did not buy the set because I already had one, but on studying the photocopies I was intrigued to note the similarity between the two sets, notably the following:

- (a) Neither set included any of the 1927 or later issues, i.e. no 5d, two shilling and sixpence or five shilling - the latter two with Script watermark.
- (b) The halfpenny (Figure 2) of both sets had a markedly diagonal handstamp, the twopenny and threepenny a moderately diagonal, and the remaining stamps a vaguely horizontal handstamp. I also possessed another halfpenny copy, with the broken mast variety, and this too had a markedly diagonal handstamp (Figure 3).



Figure 2



Figure 3

This led me to believe that for some reason a small number of sets had been handstamped by the same person some time between 1923 and 1927. In his accompanying letter the dealer remarked as follows:

*This St Helena 1922 set of original mixed watermarks shows a rubber handstamp which we have seen previously on other countries and the stamps are in similar condition. We do not know whose archives they came from but judging by the slight overall toning it was probably from a warmer clime than the U.K.*

Having had a quick look at many other handstamped Specimens in my collection I expressed the view that the stamping originated from St Helena, but in the weeks following I thought I should examine this matter further.

I remembered that in Supplement 1, page 10, Philip Beale had reported how the Postmaster was allowed to retain part sheets of stamps which had been superseded, and handstamp them SPECIMEN. These he was able to dispose of at his own discretion. This would account for the small number of sets and individual stamps so handstamped coming on to the market. In the particular case of the Badge stamps under discussion, however, it would perhaps account for those lower values being superseded but not for those higher values remaining current. These might have been handstamped later and the two lots brought together by collectors; but if so, what about the missing values? I don't know if these 1927 values do exist handstamped SPECIMEN and would be interested to hear if they are known, but my guess is that all are very rare.

In order to confirm or otherwise the origin of these stamps I have examined further all the others of a similar nature in my collection. These range from a small number of Queen Victoria pre-1884 (Figure 1) and thereafter nearly all sets up to the Badge Issue, but sadly excluding the QV Keyplate halfpenny which is known to be exceptionally rare. Fortunately I do have three stamps which can only have been handstamped in St Helena - the KE VII unissued One Penny Red (Figure 4) and the two 1971 Napoleon stamps which are attached to a card advertising the issue in the Post Office at Jamestown (Figure 6, page 30). These Napoleon stamps are handstamped in black, whereas all the others mentioned are in purple, as usual.



Figure 4

Of course many other Colonial administrations also used handstamped Specimens (perhaps there was a standard issue) and as I have not seen these comparisons are not possible, but it is difficult to imagine why any other administration would find it necessary to handstamp stamps other than their own.



Figure 5

From the enlargement in Figure 5 it can be seen that the St Helena handstamp in 1971 was getting a bit worn - I wonder if it could still be the original that had been in use for nearly a hundred years? Difficult to believe, but perhaps our Editor and Bernard could ask when they visit St Helena in 2002?  
*(Point noted - Ed.)*

# 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF NAPOLEON



36 P PER SET

FROM: 5<sup>th</sup> MAY

TO: 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

Figure 6



## FROM THE AUCTIONS

I list below some of the interesting auction lots from 2001. Please bear in mind that I only have access to certain auction catalogues, and therefore this listing may lack some important items. The pre-sale estimate is followed by the price realised (including any buyer's premium) in *italics*. All St Helena except where stated otherwise. Covers reduced in size to approx. 60%.

Victoria Stamp Company - New Jersey. 27 January 2001

Lot 234 Ascension SG 21-30. 1934 KGV ½d-5/- Pictorial set of 10 values in blocks of 4. NH. F-VF. SG Cat. £380.

\$450

\$715

**Lot 244** Ascension SG 39, 42. 1938 KGVI 1d black and green plus 3d black and ultramarine, the two key values, each a LL corner margin plate number block of 4. The usual creamy gum. NH. VF. SG Cat £560. \$375      \$770

**Lot 1374** SG 39. 1868 QV 2d yellow thick bar perf 14 hs SPECIMEN in violet, Samuel type SH2. Large part og. Fine. \$50      \$110

**Lot 1400** SG 111b var. 1922-37 KGV 7/6 grey and yellow-orange Badge of the Colony, variety torn flag, overprinted SPECIMEN. Rare. Only 7 copies can exist. LH. Light toning. F-VF. \$500      \$1,100

**Lot 1401** SG 112b var. 1922-37 KGV 10/- grey and olive-green Badge of the Colony, variety torn flag, overprinted SPECIMEN. Rare. Only 7 copies can exist. VLH. Light toning. F-VF. \$750      \$1,430

**Lot 1402** SG 113b var. 1922-37 15/- grey and purple on blue Badge of the Colony, key value, variety torn flag, overprinted SPECIMEN. Only 7 copies can exist. A great rarity and a must for the specialist. VLH. F-VF. \$2,500      \$2,200

**Lot 1410** SG 114-123 1934 KGV ½d-10/- Centenary set of 10 values complete in blocks of 4, the 10/- being an inscription block. NH! Very seldom offered. A beautiful set. F-VF. SG Cat £1,200. \$1,400      \$1,870

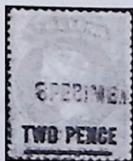
**Lot 2297** 1901 St Helena 1d carmine small key type on censored POW cover to Darrells Island tied by cork cancel, light SP 23 01 cds and Prisoner of War / Broad Bottom Camp hs in violet with initials. Also CM1 hs in blue, a bit fuzzy. BS St Johns, Newfoundland (unusual routing) and Hamilton NO 16 1901 cds. Few recorded to Bermuda. VF. Ex-Danzer and illustrated in his article in the BCPSG Journal. \$350      \$1,100



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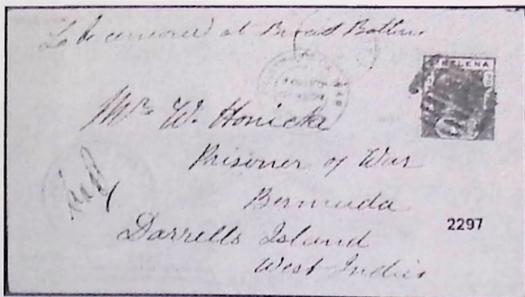
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**Grosvenor - London. 31 January 2001**

Lot 1187 SG 98, 104, 106, 111-113. 1922-37 Wmk. Mult. Script CA 1d, 6d, 1/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- locally handstamped SPECIMEN (Samuel type SH2) in violet, 1d thinned perf. and 7/6 toned perf., otherwise fine with gum. £170-190 £200

**Ivy & Mader - New Jersey. 9 March 2001**

Lot 2567 SG 6a. 1864 1d Type A with Surcharge Double. Mint. Cat £6,000. \$1,500 - 2,000 \$1,725

**Harmers - London. 30 April 2001**

Lot 1126 1870 (Oct.) slightly foreshortened Mrs. Lysander Gallt printed envelope to the United States franked 1864-1880 2d and 1/- (both with type B surcharge) tied by indistinct bars cancellation and red arrival datestamp, ST HELENA cds (date unclear) alongside and London Paid transit marking of Nov 19 1870, slight wrinkles, otherwise fine and scarce. (SG 9, 18) £400 £941

Lot 1127 1871 (April 27) another envelope to Mrs. Lysander Gallt, franked 1864-1880 2d, 3d, (strip of three, single), tied by bars cancellation with ST HELENA / AP 27 / 71 cds alongside, London transit and arrival datestamp both in red, the envelope foreshortened at right, otherwise fine and attractive. (SG 9, 11) £450 £941

**Harmers - London. 31 July 2001**

Lot 1085 SG 172-175 1961 Tristan Relief Fund set, fine used on local envelope. Cat £1,700. £1,000 £2,070

**Warwick & Warwick - Warwick. 6 June 2001**

**Lot 700** SG 172-175. 1961 Tristan relief set in corner marg. horiz. pair F.U. with 1st day cds on 4 separate ppc's (each depicting 'Beaching a Longboat Tristan da Cunha'. Each signed by the Island Governor Sir Robert Alford. Very rare. SG Cat £3,400+. £1,500 £2,300

**Western - Bristol. 30 June 2001**

**Lot 1149** SG 45a. 1884-1894 1/- yellow green Wmk. CA. Error Surcharge Double; the unique corner marginal example (R1/12) brilliant mint (stamp unmounted) formerly in the Royal Collection at Buckingham Palace which originally possessed all 43 known examples of this error in a block but 20 examples were released on to the market as a result of an exchange with Harry Nissen. A remarkable and desirable stamp with an impeccable provenance. BPA Cert (2000). £3,250 £3,680

**Stefan Heijtz - Stockholm. 3 October 2001**

**Lot 789** SG 34b. 1884 QV ½d emerald with SURCHARGE DOUBLE, mint. A very scarce variety. Opinion of Roger Morgan 'Genuine, dark colour which is caused by some oxidation of the colour'. SG Cat £1,100. £700 £320

**Lot 796** 1900 registered cover with QV 1d (2) and 2½d (correct rate) tied by ST HELENA 13 / OC / 1900 cds and with REGISTERED ST HELENA, 'R' in circle and BW1 Censor handstamp with 'EW' to Cape Town. Arrival cds of OC 21 00. Very attractive. £200 £160



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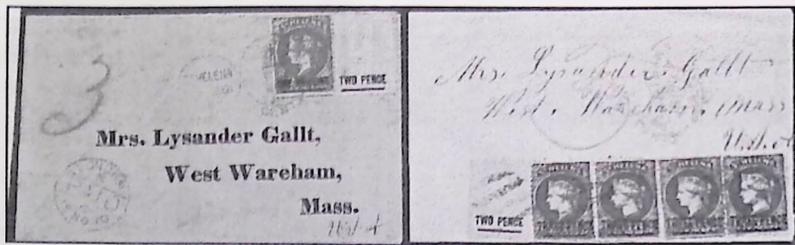
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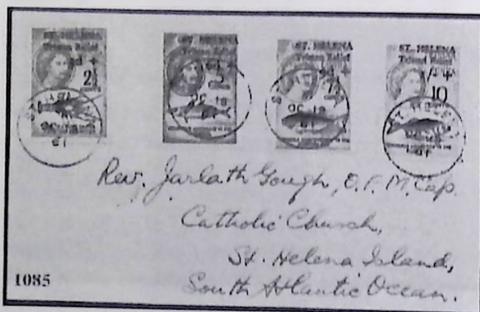


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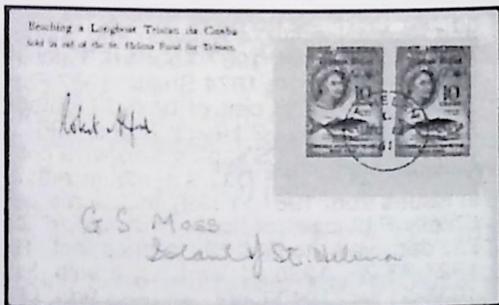


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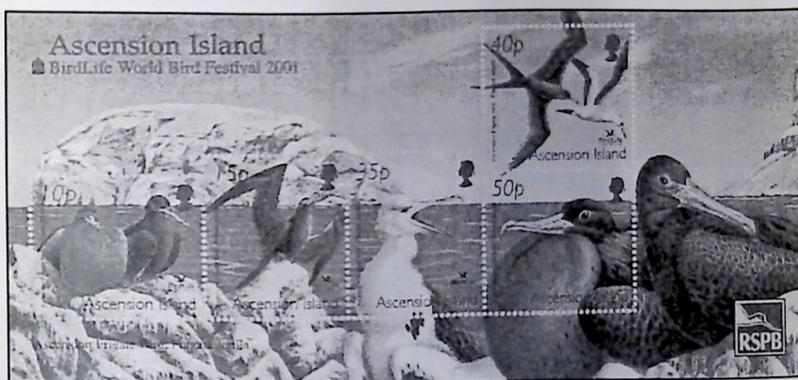
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## NEW ISSUES

The following details of some of the recent and forthcoming issues for Ascension and St Helena are reproduced with kind permission of the Crown Agents.

### ASCENSION ISLAND **BirdLife International World Bird Festival 2001**

Released on 1 October 2001, designed by Andrew Robinson and printed by The House of Questa Ltd. Stamp size 30.56 x 35 mm in sheets of 50 (2 x 25). Souvenir Sheet size 80 x 175 mm. Watermark CA Spiral. 4 values: 15p, 35p, 40p, 50p. All stamps show different aspects of Ascension Frigate Bird - *Frigata aquila*. The souvenir sheet contains these four values plus a 10p stamp (*so you need this sheet for the full set!* - Ed.).



### ST HELENA **Royal Navy Ships of World War II**

Released on 20 September 2001, designed by John Batchelor and printed by The House of Questa Ltd. Stamp size 28.45 x 42.58 mm in sheets of 50 (2 x 25). Watermark CA Spiral. 6 values: 15p *HMS Dunedin*, 20p *HMS Repulse*, 25p *HMS Nelson*, 30p *HMS Exmoor*, 40p *HMS Eagle*, 50p *HMS Milford*. The FDC shows *HMS Dorsetshire*.

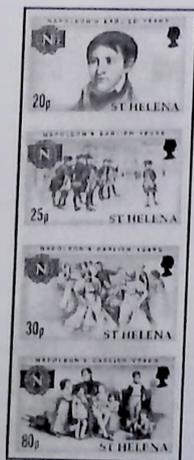


## ST HELENA      Napoleon's Earlier Years

Released on 1 November 2001, designed by Julian Vasarhelyi and printed by The House of Questa Ltd. Stamp size 31.75 x 48.26 mm in sheets of 50 (2 x 25). Watermark CA Spiral. 4 values: 20p The Little Corporal, 25p Napoleon at Military School, 30p Socialising with the ladies, 80p Story telling with the family.

## THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The year 2002 will mark the 50th Anniversary of Her Majesty The Queen's Accession to the Throne. Twenty-five Postal Authorities are currently participating in a special Golden Jubilee Omnibus series which will be released on 6 February 2002. Each country will produce a sheetlet containing 5 stamps with a common background design. In addition some countries, including Ascension Island and St Helena, will issue 4 of the values in sheetlets of 50, and these individual stamps will be bordered in gold and contain an imprint of "Golden Jubilee 1952 - 2002", thereby making them different from the sheetlet.



### And Finally

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