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SUMMARY

A desk-based assessment looking at the building type, prompted by the threat of closure of a significant number of post offices during 2007-2008. The first part of the report assesses what is known about the building type, including qualitative and quantitative categorizations and distributions, and provides a brief overview of the historical development of the Royal Mail and the Post Office, and the evolution of purpose-built post offices from the mid-19th century. The second part of the report examines the nature of the threat to post offices and the sources of information for enriching understandings of the building type. It concludes by briefly considering possible research strategies and options in which architectural investigation in the field is underpinned by sound documentary research and understanding. A series of appendices set out in detail factual material referred to in the report, including specific archive collections, chronologies and lists.

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to identify potential research strategies for a thematic survey on purpose-built post offices. Undertaken at the request of John Cattell, Chief Buildings Historian it follows an earlier outline project proposal that identified this building type as particularly vulnerable to threat during 2007-2008, and one worthy of architectural investigation. Despite being amongst the most familiar and recognisable of building types – one that almost everyone has experience of, within, and without – it is perhaps fair to say that the architectural and historic interest of Post Offices has not been fully appreciated. Certainly, in this country at least, there exists no overview of the historical development of a building type that evolved to serve and administer one of the world's great postal services.

This scoping document is arranged in two parts. Part one presents a brief account of the historical development of the Royal Mail and the Post Office, and an overview of the modern postal network, since this has direct bearing on how architectural fieldwork might be apportioned and organized. This section introduces the different types of post office that emerged in the 19th century, their changing quantities, and geographical distribution. Today, and historically, by far the most abundant category were the Sub Post Office: by 1913 they accounted for 95% of the UK's 24,354 post offices, and although figures are unavailable, they can be assumed to make up a similar proportion of the current stock of c.14,300 post offices. Logistically it would be impossible to cover a meaningful proportion of this stock of buildings, and, in terms of knowledge returns, the value of such an exercise would be doubtful, since the great majority would be shops and stores containing post office counters. Because the intention is to gain understanding of the evolution and development of a purpose-built building type (rather than the adaptive modification and re-use of existing types), this study will focus on Head Post Offices and Branch Post Offices, and exclude Sub Post Offices (unless, exceptionally, they are palpably purpose-built). To this end, and to highlight the gaps in knowledge, a brief overview of the development of post offices based purely on documentary evidence (largely periodicals) is provided here, to help reveal some of the key themes and questions that need to be addressed by more detailed investigation and inquiry.

Part two is the strategic heart of this scoping document. It discusses, *inter alia*, the nature of the threat to post offices, and the potential purposes it could serve for other English Heritage departments, including Heritage Protection Department, Planning and Development and Government Historic Estates Unit. It also looks at the sources of archival and documentary information on post offices, and a number of research strategies and options for recording post offices. Sound documentary research is seen as critical in informing and underpinning the fieldwork component(s) of any thematic project on post offices.

Both parts one and two make reference to inventories, lists and other explanatory textual and graphical material, including archival and documentary references extracted from

various sources, the postal closure programme (Network Change Programme), and a list of 19th and 20th-century architects compiled from the RIBA etc; these have been appendaged as a series of appendices (Appendices 1 to 8) at the end. A bibliography is given at the end of the document..

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THE ROYAL MAIL AND THE POST OFFICE – A BRIEF HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Although not as old as some continental mail services, England's public postal system has a long and complex history. The first half of the 17th century saw the beginnings of a real public service, thanks to James I who created the office of Postmaster of England, and in 1609 a monopoly, the Royal Mail – essentially a distribution system for royal and government documents.¹ In 1635 a public service was established to important towns, at rates related to distance, and by the middle of the 17th century towns throughout England and Wales were connected by a postal service. After unification the system was subsequently extended to Scotland and to Ireland.² In 1660 Charles II, building on the distribution system of the Royal Mail, officially established The General Post Office (GPO) in England. William Dockwra augmented the state system in 1680 by establishing a private 'Penny Post' service in London; it proved so successful that he was prosecuted for infringing the state monopoly, and his service was closed down in November 1682, only to be reopened by the government.³ State-owned Penny posts were subsequently established in large provincial towns in the later 18th century, in response to their rapid growth as commercial and manufacturing centres, and to the extensive program of road building. The era of the stagecoach in the late 18th and early 19th centuries saw 'the evolution of a carefully regulated postal service—unprecedented for its standards of speed, frequency, and security'.⁴

The 19th century was a period of enormous expansion for the Post Office. Against a backdrop of population increase, rising adult literacy (resulting in an upsurge in the volume of mail) and the spread of the railways, the reforms championed by (Sir) Rowland Hill in 1840 – 'of a uniform rate of postage, regardless of distance, and prepayment of postage by means of adhesive stamps sold by the post office'⁵ – laid the foundations for today's postal system. Hill's 'Penny Post' brought mail to the masses, but his reforms also instigated improvements to the machinery and infrastructure of the postal system. These included a revision of the postal arrangements of 120 of the largest towns and cities,⁶ and the establishment of rural posts in almost every village.⁷ Pillar boxes, allowing the public to deposit stamped mail day or night, were introduced to mainland Britain in 1853,⁸ and in 1857 the first wall boxes were installed in Shrewsbury and Market Drayton. The latter half of the 19th century saw the Post Office expand into new areas, including banking, telecommunications and parcel delivery: in 1861 the Post Office savings bank was established; in 1870, the Post Office assumed control of the new electric telegraph system,⁹ and from 1880, it acquired progressively greater control of the telephone service, with the entire service being taken over in 1912.¹⁰ In 1883 a parcel post service was established.

The expansion of the Post Office continued through the 20th century: from 1908, it acquired a new social role as the chief payment agency for social security benefits, beginning with old-age pensions in that year. The 20th-century also brought with it the gradual recognition of the post office's role as a commercial enterprise rather than as a

government revenue department. By the early 1930s, the size, complexity and progressively more commercial character of the department brought increasing public criticism. A parliamentary committee of enquiry, the Bridgeman Committee, called for substantially increased decentralisation, and led to the setting up of eight regions in the provinces, each in the charge of a Regional Director responsible for the control and co-ordination of all Post Office services within his region. In addition to these eight provincial regions, two further regions were established in London - one for Posts and one for Telecommunications. The provincial regions were divided into Head Postmasters' districts for the management of the postal and the telegraph services (although in practice these were already in existence).¹¹

The General Post Office ceased to be a Government Department on 1 October 1969 and was established as a public corporation (i.e. a nationalised industry) under the Post Office Act of that year. Under the terms of the Act, the Corporation was split into two distinct divisions, Posts and Telecommunications. In 1981 the telecommunications business privatised, trading as British Telecom (BT), and the next two decades saw a great deal of restructuring and rebranding. Unlike other former state monopolies such as The Stationery Office, British Gas and British Telecom, Royal Mail was not privatised in the 1980s and 1990s, but remains a public limited company wholly owned by the UK government. Post Office Ltd, which operates the national network of post offices (many under franchise agreements) was separated from the postal service Royal Mail in 1986 but remains a wholly owned subsidiary of Royal Mail Group Ltd.¹²

POST OFFICES AND THE POSTAL NETWORK: TYPES, NUMBERS, CATEGORIES AND DISTRIBUTION

The UK's c.14, 300 functioning post offices form part of a hierarchical delivery network, geographically and administratively structured into postcode areas (the largest geographical unit), postcode districts and post towns. The structure and functioning of this network has inevitably and variously changed since the mid-19th century (when it was first placed on a comprehensive, modern footing) and, for the most part does not follow parish, district, county or even national boundaries. Since 1996, when the Royal Mail abolished its subdivision based on postal counties, there have been 99 postcode areas within England (including 10 in London), served by 1086 post towns, each of which typically corresponds to one or more postal districts (see Appendix 6). Often a post town area corresponds with the area served by a single Royal Mail delivery office, although several small post towns can sometimes share a single delivery office, and, conversely, multiple delivery offices will usually serve a large post town.¹³

In terms of administrative status, historically there emerged essentially three broad types of post office: Head Post Offices, Branch Post Offices, and Sub Post Offices (which might be further sub-divided into Town sub-offices and Country sub-offices). Whilst complex, and at times overlapping, a cogent description of these categories of office, and their changing numbers, is provided by M.J. Daunton (1985):

The head post office of a town provided a full range of services and the postmaster had general responsibility for the efficient handling of the town's mail. In larger towns there would be branch offices treated as 'detached counters' of the head office... Far more numerous were the sub-post offices, which comprised 23,256 out of 24,354 offices in 1913. The subpostmasters were, until the late nineteenth century, all treated in the same way, receiving a commission for the transaction of various services and providing the necessary staff and accommodation. They were not established members of the workforce, and were often small shopkeepers who welcomed this side-line ...

... The distinction between branch offices and salaried sub-offices [became] somewhat anomalous and came in for criticism between the wars... In 1936 it was decided that branch offices should predominate in an inner circle around head offices, with salaried sub-offices at a greater distance and in less important locations. More recently, the number of salaried sub-offices has increased as head offices have been reduced in number and regraded. The result, therefore, was the emergence of a complex pattern of post offices which varied according to the type of building and the status of the postmaster.¹⁴

Overlapping this administrative categorisation – at least during the period c.1850-1950 – was a further distinction; that between various classes of Crown Office. Over the course of the 19th century, as the charge of providing large or important post offices fell increasingly on the Office of Works, there emerged a distinction between 'Crown Offices Class I', built and maintained by the Office of Works; and 'Crown Offices Class II', which were the responsibility of the Post Office (see Appendix 2). Head Post Offices were predominantly purpose-built Class I offices (although they could be Class II offices), whereas Branch and Sub Post Offices were overwhelmingly Class II offices, which were locally designed buildings (either purpose-built, or speculative offices), paid for, or leased by, the Post Office.

In broad terms, therefore, the greater the administrative and official status of any given post office, the greater the likelihood that it was a purpose-built building (the subject of this scoping document), designed either by the Office of Works and its successors, or by local, private practice. The post offices located in the centre of the 1086 English post towns (Appendix 6) are, in all likelihood, Head Post Offices, with Branch Offices tending to be concentrated in an inner circle around them. The reduction in the number of Head Post Offices during the second half the 20th century will have resulted in the re-grading (to Branch status perhaps), replacement or disposal of many, but again, it is likely that those surviving (either as post offices, vacant, or with a change of use) will occupy central locations within current or former post towns. On the evidence of the buildings so far earmarked for closure under the current Network Change Programme, it would appear that Branch Post Offices are primarily at risk. Assuming continuity of grading, these are most likely to be locally designed buildings, either purpose built or adaptive reuses of speculatively built premises. However, it is possible some may be former (re-graded) Head Post Offices or indeed Sub Post Offices.

POST OFFICES: A BRIEF BUILDING HISTORY AND KNOWLEDGE GAPS

The Establishment of the Post Office necessarily extends over the kingdom... Its Headquarters are in London; there are Metropolitan Offices in Edinburgh and Dublin; and there are District Offices in every town, and almost every village, throughout the country (1854).¹⁵

In this country, there currently exists no equivalent of James H. Bruns's *Great American post offices* (New York; 1998), or indeed anything similar that celebrates the history of this historic, distinctive building type. Select examples have been described in the context of general topographical/architectural surveys (e.g. the Buildings of England, The Victoria County History and the Survey of London) and the statutory lists of listed buildings. Others have been touched upon in local histories, or in period- or subject-specific works of architectural history, such as those covering the Victorian and Edwardian eras, or on Government buildings. But there exists no thematic article or monograph on the architectural history of the English Post Office, and for this reason there follows a summary overview, based largely on information derived from architectural periodicals. One of the principal purposes of this is to identify gaps in knowledge, and this historical overview concludes with a consideration of key questions and subject areas that call for further research and investigation.

1660-1839

Post offices, in common with other forms of offices, banks, and other building types, did not emerge as a distinct building type until the early-to-mid 19th century. However, buildings to serve the General Post Office seem to have been provided from its formative years in the 17th century. According to Ackermann's *Microcosm of London* (1810), 'in 1660, an act of Parliament [was] passed ... authorizing the king to establish a Post-Office in London, and Post-Houses in such parts of the country as were unprovided, both on the post and by-roads'. William Lewins, writing in 1864 details the mid-17th-century headquarters buildings in London, noting 'The first General Post-Office was opened in Cloak Lane, near Dowgate Hill, and removed from thence to the Black Swan in Bishopsgate Street. After the Great fire of 1666, a General Office was opened in Covent Garden, but it was soon [c.1678] ¹⁶ removed to Lombard Street, to a house which had been the residence of Sir Robert Vine, once Lord Mayor of London'.¹⁷ Built on the site of a noted tavern destroyed in the fire, the General Post Office in Lombard Street was 'a very large and curious dwelling, with a handsome paved court, and behind it "a yard for stabling and coaches."' ¹⁸ Ackermann, in his *Microcosm of London* (1810) was less impressed:

the edifice can merit no praise as a building. It stands behind Lombard-street, from which a passage, under an arched gateway on the south

side, leads to the offices. it is a national reproach, when edifices of this kind, which, from our great mercantile concerns, afford occasion for a display of public architecture, and ornament to the metropolis, are lost to those purposes.¹⁹

Nevertheless, within his book he included a 'print [that] is an exact representation of the office whence the letters are delivered in the morning, and where the newspapers are sorted in the evening' (Fig. 1). Although the General Post Office was, by the Georgian era, seemingly provided with a large, open, well-lit space for sorting (presumably in an annexe), it was in nonetheless a domestic building. Unable to meet the demands of the explosion in mail business, it was decided 'that a large and commodious building should be specially erected in some central part of the City, and the business once more transferred'.²⁰

Sir Robert Smirke (1780-1867), one of the three appointed Architects to the Office of Works, gained the commission for the new headquarters of the G.P.O. Erected in 1824-29 by the Samuel Baker (fl. 1787?-1836) – Smirke's favourite building contractor²¹ – these grandly Greek Ionic premises stood on the east side of St Martin's le Grand (Fig. 2) until 1912. Smirke was a key

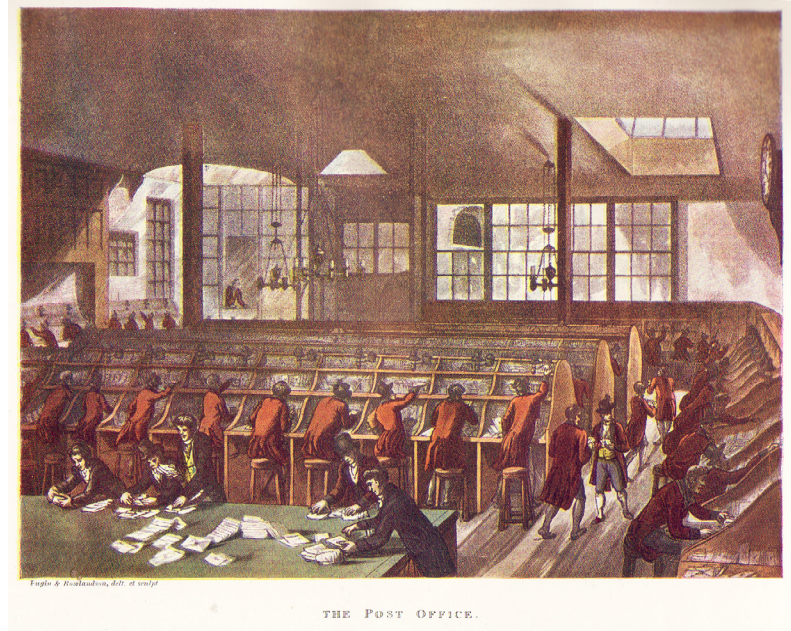


Figure 1 Interior of the sorting office of the GPO, Lombard Street c. 1810 (Rudolph Ackermann, *The Microcosm of London* Vol. II).



Figure 2 Smirke's GPO, St Martin le Grand (1825-29; demolished 1912). York & Son (DD97/00534) Reproduced by permission of English Heritage.NMR

protagonist of the Greek Revival, and this work, along with some of his others, including the Custom House (1825-27) and his masterpiece, the British Museum (1823-46), were instrumental in raising Grecian Classicism to the status of an official style.²²

1840-1857

In the mid-1840s, in the wake of Rowland Hill's postal reforms, Smirke's building was reorganised and extended to incorporate among other things a cavernous new sorting room, framed using cast-iron trusses of audacious span which also carried the floor.²³

The Illustrated London News reproduced a number of interior views 'of this



Figure 3 Interior of the Letter Carriers' Office of the GPO, as depicted in *The Illustrated London News*, 22 June 1844.



Figure 4 Interior of the Inland Letter Office of the GPO, as depicted in *The Illustrated London News*, 22 June 1844.

extraordinary machine',²⁴ including the galleried Letter Carriers' Office and the Inland Office (Figs 3 and 4). Besides the changes to the General Post Office, four Branch Post Offices were established, at No. 1 Old Cavendish Street; Charing Cross/Strand (West); No. 10 Lombard Street; and at No. 266 Borough High Street,²⁵ as well as a number of Sub-Offices, 'namely, those offices in the suburban district where letters are both received and delivered'.²⁶ By 1856, however, owing to the 'immense magnitude of the metropolis', London was further sub-divided into 10 postal districts, 'it having been found impossible to overcome the

obstacles to a more speedy transmission of letters within and around London.. [and] the ever increasing amount of Post-Office business'.²⁷ In the provinces, other large towns quickly followed London's example, being divided into districts to facilitate more efficient distribution. The mid-19th century witnessed a remarkable post office building programme: by 1864, there were 542 Head Post Offices in England & Wales (excluding London's 10 District Offices), and 141 in Ireland and 115 in Scotland. Despite their similarity of purpose, there was considerable architectural variety among these buildings. One contemporary noted

They vary exceedingly, no two being exactly alike, but are settled in each town pretty much in proportion to the demands of the place, its size, trade & c. Sometimes, however, the position of a town – the centre of a district, for instance – gives it more importance in an official sense than it would otherwise acquire from other and ordinary circumstances. The number of sub-offices attached to each town also varies greatly, according to the position of the head office. Next to the three chief offices, the largest establishments are those of Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow, Birmingham, and Bristol. Among the most important offices of the second class, we may enumerate Aberdeen, Bath, Belfast, Cork, Exeter, Leeds, Hull, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Norwich, Sheffield, Southampton, and York.²⁸

Liverpool was given an especially grand Head Post Office (c.1851, demolished), designed by Sir James Pennethorne (1801–1871) (Fig. 5). It was, according to one source,

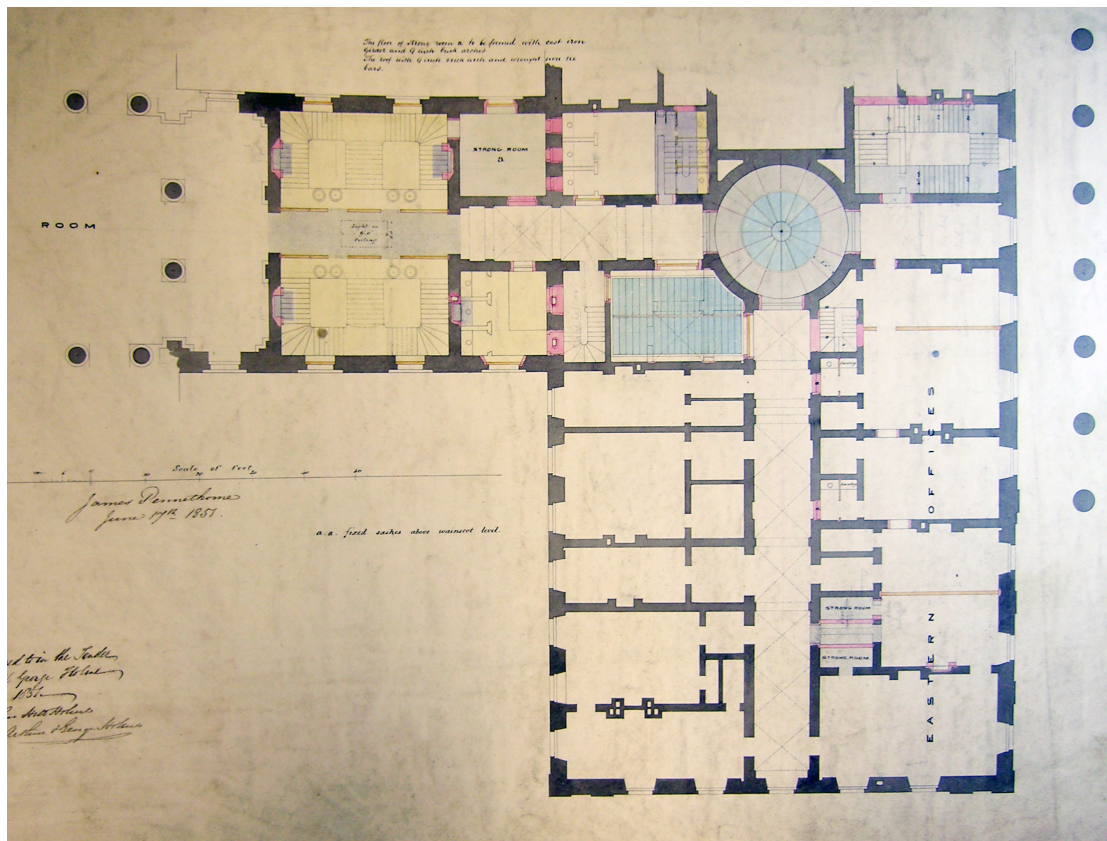


Figure 5 Plan of first floor of Liverpool Head Post Office, signed by James Pennethorne, 1851 (demolished). The National Archives (TNA): PRO WORK 30/828.

emblematic of 'the patrician banking house style of the first 30 years', with ornate, high-ceilinged interiors and mahogany counters lending an air of solid respectability.²⁹ Doubtless, many other Head Post Offices constructed in the period between 1854 and 1913³⁰ (see Fig 6) were similarly grand. As early as 1864 William Lewins, who could note how

The part now dedicated to the public might be part of a first-class banking establishment. Entering by a spacious doorway, with a lofty vestibule, there is accommodation for a score of people to stand in the ante-room and leisurely transact their business. Then there runs along the whole length of the first or public room a substantial mahogany counter, behind which the clerks stand to answer inquiries and attend to the ordinary daily business. There is a desk for the money-order clerk, and drawers in which postage-stamps are kept.³¹

The national network of post offices expanded from 4,028 in 1840 to 24,354 in 1913 (Fig. 6). The numbers of Head Post Offices in this period actually fluctuated (probably in response to changes in the administration of the post office network), whereas lesser post offices, particularly county sub-offices, saw huge, steady growth in the period 1854-1913

POST OFFICES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1854-1913

Source: Annual Reports of the Postmaster General on the Post Office

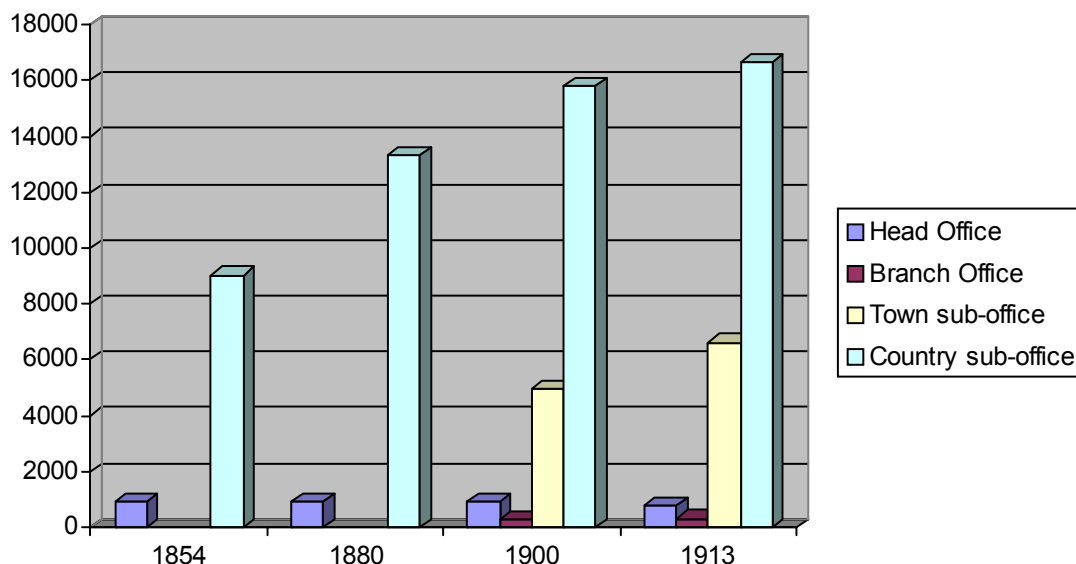


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(see Fig. 6 and Appendix 6). Figures for England alone have not been researched for the

HEAD POST OFFICES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1854-1913

Source: Annual Reports of the Postmaster General on the Post Office

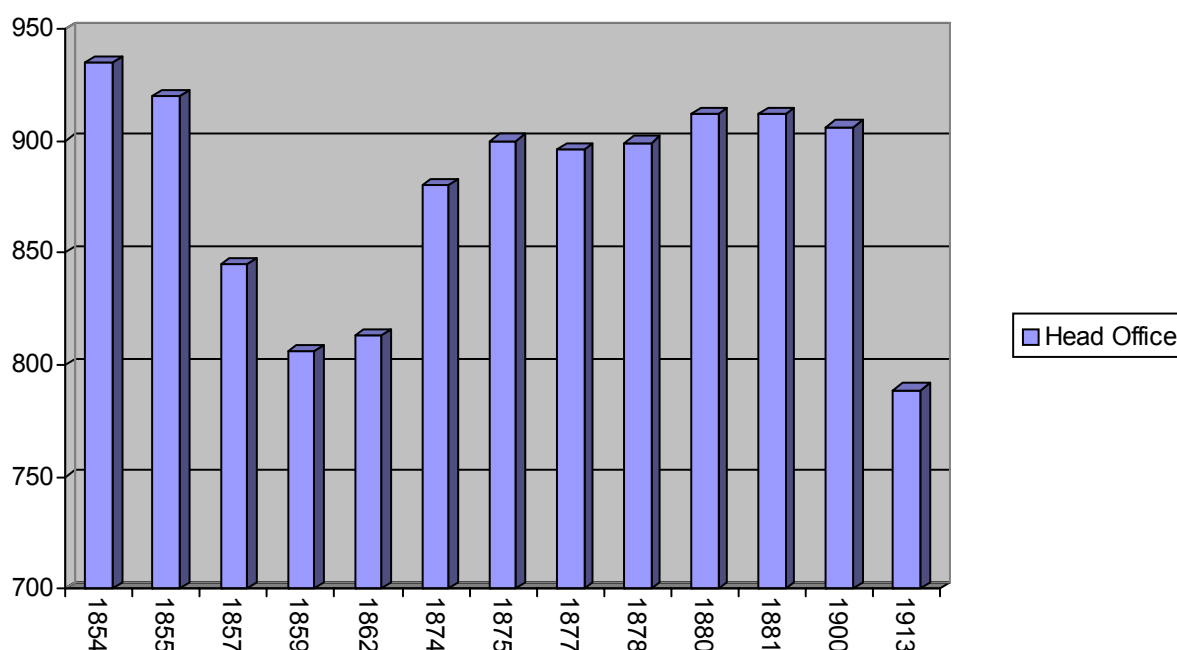


Figure 7

purposes of this scoping document, but a reasonable estimate, based on the data for 1864 given earlier, suggests that numbers of English Head Post Offices in the period 1854-1913 varied between c.500 and c.750. During this period, the method of appointment of postmasters changed, and so did the manner in which their buildings were provided. In the early-to-mid-19th century, the onus was on the postmaster to supply his own new or enlarged premises, with the cost met by an addition to his allowance that was authorised by the regional Surveyor. As the power of political patronage diminished and the cost of providing larger offices for a widening range of services mounted, it became increasingly common for the cost to be met by the Post Office which provided, and owned, Crown Offices. To begin with, the Post Office employed local architects and builders to design these Crown Offices (excepting the main offices in London, Edinburgh and Dublin), but in 1858 it was ruled that all future building should be the responsibility of the Office of Works.

1858-1900: Emergence of Crown Offices

The second half of the 19th century saw the emergence of two broad categories of Crown Offices: 'Crown Offices Class I', which were designed, built and maintained by the Office of Works; and 'Crown Offices Class II', which were the responsibility of the Post

Office. Crown Offices Class II could be purpose-built, speculative offices, tendered to local architects and builders, or they could be pre-existing premises rented or leased on the open market by the Post Office. There were essentially three broad types of post office: Head Post Offices (HPOs), Branch Post Offices (BPOs), and Sub Post Offices (SPOs), and whilst the lower two types (Branch- and Sub-offices) were overwhelmingly 'Crown Offices Class II', HPO's might be either Crown Offices Class I or II, or even owned by the Postmaster. Although speculative in the current state of knowledge, one of the dominant trends in post office design during this period was the increasing influence of the Office of Works, which saw the emergence of an embryonic 'house style' in the later 19th century. Many of the key exemplars seem to have been designed by architects within the Office of Works who came to specialise in post offices. Unsurprisingly, the extensions to the GPO headquarters in St Martin's le Grand and King Edward Street, London, helped set the tone. James Williams (1824-1892?), who designed the pedimented West Range of 1869-73, demolished 1967), also transmitted his architectural ideas to the provinces, designing, among others, Northampton Post Office (1872);³² Birmingham Post Office (1873; stylistically described as 'Classical – boldly Classical'),³³ Middlesbrough Post Office (1877), and the former Post Office, Nos. 17-19 Bedford Street, Westminster (1883-4), executed 'in a remarkably serious Roman High Renaissance' manner.³⁴ More prolific and influential still was Sir Henry Tanner (1849-1935), who entered HM Office of Works in 1871 and remained there until his retirement in 1911, having succeeded Sir John Taylor as principal surveyor in 1898. Besides giving the GPO two enormous, ornate blocks (1889-95 and 1907-11), Tanner's London work included the vast Post Office Savings Banks at Carter Lane (1890-94) and Hammersmith (1899-1903). He also designed many dozens of post offices for provincial towns and cities, including Liverpool Eastern District Post Office (1883), York (1885), Bradford, Halifax, Barrow in Furness, Leicester, Birmingham (c.1885-1891); Harrogate (1896), Wolverhampton (1895), and Tipton Southend and Nottingham (c.1897). His preferred style was classical, frequently of French Renaissance derivation, but sometimes he worked in a formal Tudor or Jacobean.³⁵

It was possibly the exuberance of some of Tanner's buildings that prompted Henry Heathcote Statham, editor of *The Builder*, to question the quality of post office architecture. In 1898, he wrote 'Let the Office of Works send over to the next Salon their most florid post-office design, and see if the jury will give them a gold medal for that!'.³⁶ Yet behind the lively exteriors of the late 19th-century Crown Offices Class I lay adroit planning and constructional techniques that were designed with economy efficiency, and fitness of purpose in mind. Changing functional requirements, including the need to house (in addition to public offices, postmen's cloak rooms, stock rooms, retiring rooms, kitchens, toilets etc), sorting offices (increasingly important from 1893, when the parcel post was acquired), telephone and telegraph instrument rooms, switch and instrument rooms, messenger rooms etc. Modern constructional techniques, including the use of steel and concrete, were used to create more flexible, well-lit, and fire-resisting spaces.

1901-1918: 'economy, efficiency and uniformity' vs. local distinctiveness

By the start of the 20th century, a hierarchical network of post offices built during the past half century served most of the UK's towns and cities. Building activity during the Edwardian years seemingly tended to be directed at filling gaps left by this 'first generation' Victorian legacy, or on upgrading, extending or even replacing pre-existing buildings. The number of Head Post Office actually decreased in this period, from 906 in 1900 to 789 - a 13% decrease that presumably reflected changes in the administrative status and boundaries of postal areas or regions. However, the same period saw a steady increase of Class II offices (Branch Post Offices increased from 255 to 309; Town sub-offices from 4,964 to 6,620; and Country sub-offices from 15,815 to 16,636). Many of these Class II offices were of high quality that paid particular attention to local building traditions,

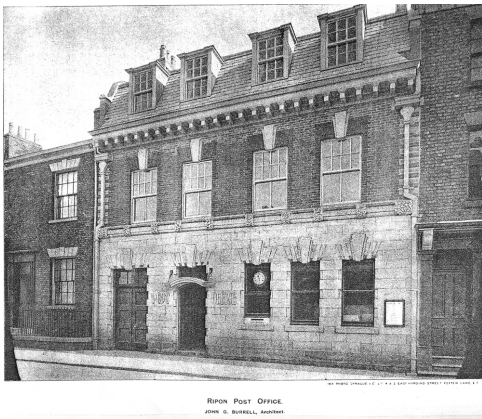


Figure 8 Ripon Post Office (1906, John G. Burrell, architect). *The Architect*, 11 May 1906.

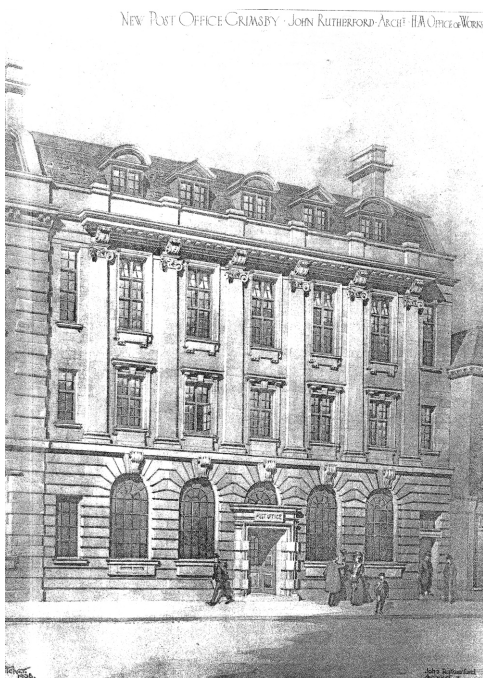


Figure 9 Grimsby Post Office (1908, John Rutherford, H.M. Office of Works). *The Building News*, 16 October 1908.

materials and townscape. For example Ripon Post Office (Fig. 8) was built by a Durham-based developer 'who agreed to build and lease the new offices to the Post Office authorities'. It was designed by the Durham architect John G. Burrell 'who has built many post offices', and used Knaresborough stone for the lower storey and Buttermere slates for the elegant Mansard roof.³⁷

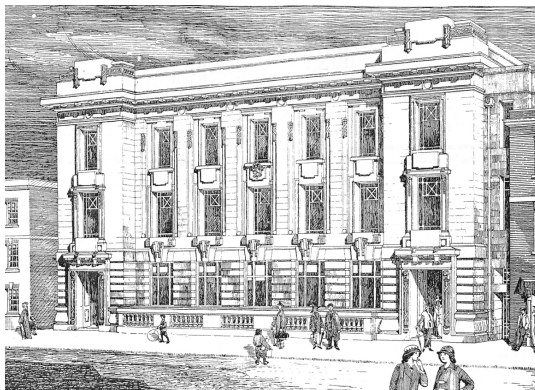
Stylistically at least, such buildings contrasted with the more imposing, formal, 'official' dress of the Class I offices. For example, Grimsby Post Office (Fig. 9), by John Rutherford of H.M. Office of Works, might equally have been at home in London as in the Lincolnshire town. Behind the four-storey Portland stone front block, the building extended more than 200 feet, housing a spacious sorting office, covered loading area, engine house etc.³⁸ Rutherford seems to have been especially active at this period, designing similarly sober designs for Twickenham (1908), Torquay (1909) and St. Helier, Jersey (1910).

By the mid-Edwardian period, this 'artificial and uneconomic division of powers',³⁹ with, essentially, the Office of Works responsible for freehold offices and the Post Office for offices held on lease, was coming under increasing criticism. In 1907 a Select Committee on Post Office Servants recommended that responsibility for all buildings should be given to the Post Office – a proposal that was rejected by the

government. A subsequent Treasury Committee argued that all government building work should be placed in the hands of the Office of Works, to secure 'economy, efficiency and uniformity'; after all, it was argued, 'The Postmaster General should be in the position of a building owner employing the Office of Works as his architect'.⁴⁰ However the Post Office argued that considerable delays resulted from the need to deal with the Office of Works, and that, as the largest business in the country, it was capable of handling building matters itself. Furthermore, in the Post Office's opinion, the architectural style emanating from the Office of Works was pompous or mean, and often ignored local context. Postmaster General Herbert Samuel (1870 - 1963) summed up these feelings in 1910 when he pointed out

The State has the duty of erecting its public buildings in a manner which will contribute to the dignity and beauty of the towns in which they are situated, and particularly is this the case when those buildings are for the purpose of conducting a vast and very profitable business, and are daily entered by great numbers of people.⁴¹

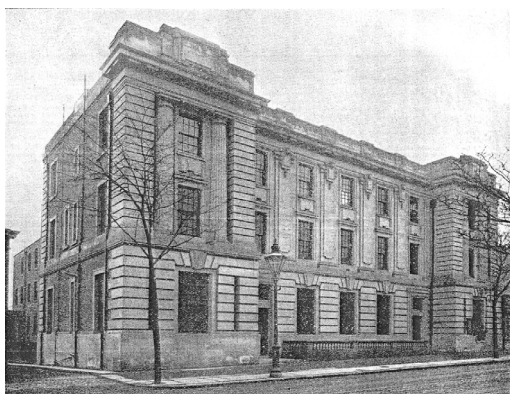
The treasury however remained unmoved by such economic and architectural arguments,



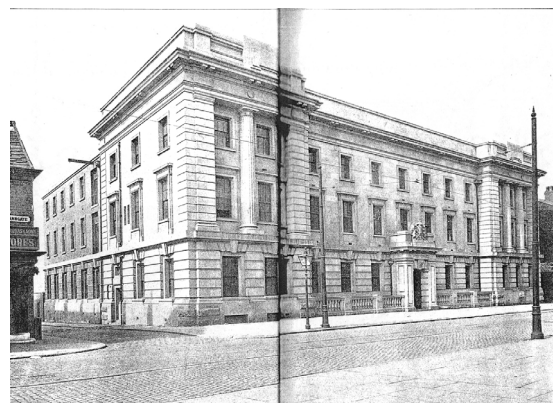
Northampton HPO (1915; A.R. Myers) The Building News, 29 January 1915



Huddersfield HPO (1915; Chas P. Wilkinson); The Architect, 15 October 1915.



Carlisle HPO (1916; Charles P. Wilkinson). The Building News, 24 May 1916



Bolton HPO (1918; Charles P. Wilkinson) The Architect, 4 January 1918.

Figure 10 Towards a house style: Charles P. Wilkinson and A.R. Myers of the Office of Works were particularly active in the 1914-18 war period, designing a number of imposing Neo-Mannerist Head Post Offices with a strong familial identity.

and the matter was left unresolved until the 1930s. Despite the criticisms of some of the official Class I architecture, many post offices emanating from the Office of Works in the period c.1905-1918 were of considerable merit and, in terms of the stylistic development of British architecture, highly interesting. Unlike most other types of buildings, the construction of which was halted or at least diminished by the 1914-18 War, Post Office building activity seemingly continued largely unaffected, in part because of the need to maintain efficient lines of communication. As such, stylistic trends, which were prematurely interrupted in other types of buildings, were allowed full expression, and thus, almost uniquely, post offices provide a rare glimpse into the transition from Edwardian mannerism to inter-war Classicism (Fig. 10). This continuity and quality of output was doubtless related to the fact that, by the Edwardian period the Office of Works' Architects division comprised well established and presumably largely self-contained divisions specialising in particular building types overseen by three principal architects for England. The Office of Works Staff List for 1914-1915 reveals that by that date the substantial and specialised post office division was headed by Walter Pott, and comprised four regional teams: South-West & Midlands branch (H.A. Collins, head architect); South-East branch & London north & north-west districts (Albert Robert Myers, head architect); London branch (except north & north-west districts) (E. Cropper, head architect); and a North branch (Charles P Wilkinson, head architect).⁴²

1919-1940: Teamwork and Traditionalism

The 1920s saw an increasingly collaborative atmosphere between the Office of Works and the Post Office. Although the division between Class I and Class II offices persisted, the need for specialised telephone exchanges, the increasingly complex requirements of post offices, and the development of uniform standards for working conditions saw a sharp decline in the number of leasehold premises that were taken. Faced with the volume of new buildings required, and the delays inherent in deciding upon its own requirements, the Post Office realised that centralisation of architectural work in the hands of the Office of Works was the most efficient strategy. Thus, during the 1920s and 1930s, the relationship between the two bodies became much more one of architect and client.⁴³ Stylistically, the dominant

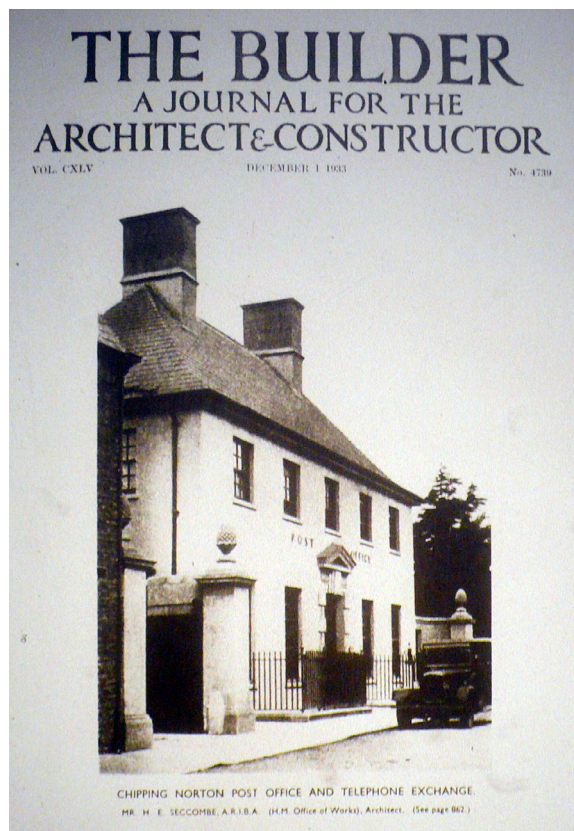


Figure 11 Chipping Norton Post Office and Telephone Exchange (1933), by H.E. Seccombe. This unlisted post office still survives as offices (see front cover).

theme in this period was the abandonment of Classicism in favour of traditionalism, particularly its Neo-Georgian and Neo-Tudor strands. A new generation of architects, including A. Bulloch, D.N. Dyke (b.1881), F.A Llewellyn, H.E.T. Rees and H.E. Seccombe (Fig. 11), rose to prominence within the Office of Works, and began turning out more vernacular, contextual designs that typically featured brick façades with rubbed-brick dressings, door cases with fanlights, sash windows, and hipped, tile-hung roofs. Who within the Office of Works instigated and set the creative mould is unclear, but those architects active in the Edwardian era, such as A.R. Myers and Charles P. Wilkinson, realigned their designs in the traditionalist direction (exemplified by their respective designs for post offices at Reading and Formby for example).⁴⁴ That the great majority of were now purpose-built, rather than leased, speculatively built properties, post offices acquired a truly recognisable 'house style', an identity reinforced by the use of Roman lettering, Roman figured clocks and white-on-black Office of Works hanging signs. Indeed, the Office of Works seems to have adopted a standard specification (or specifications) for both construction and fittings, which explains the similarity of many inter-war designs.⁴⁵ Cognisant of these changes, Lord Gerald Wellesley, Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects, wrote perhaps the first English article on the subject, entitled 'Recent Post-Office Architecture' (1926).⁴⁶ According to Wellesley:

A post-office must be in prominent position. It should look dignified and permanent, and should, as far as possible, harmonize with its surroundings ... The public office, which should, of course, be of a size adequate to the number frequenting it, should, in the larger instances, have doors giving on to the street at both ends. This requirement adds a great difficulty to the satisfactory designing of the elevations of post-offices, for a large entrance is instinctively sought in the centre of any large public building. [...] The public office must be very well lit, and this may mean windows on the ground floor which, ideally speaking, are disproportionately large compared with those in the upstairs offices. A clock and prominently displayed letter-box are also features of a post-office front..⁴⁷

The impressive output of the Office of Works during the 1920s and 1930s, both in quantity (almost 2,000 Class I offices by 1931),⁴⁸ won favourable criticism from the contemporary architectural press, and helped overturn lingering prejudices that 'the work of Government and Municipal Departments was architecturally inferior to that of the private practitioner'.⁴⁹ According to one architectural magazine, the quality of Post Offices (and Labour Exchanges) across the country showed how 'the Office of Works, working over a large area, has re-established an English vernacular in small country town architecture in a way which would be impossible to the individualistic architect working on his own'.⁵⁰ In that periodical's view, the quality of these buildings, and their cohesiveness as a building type, stemmed directly from the structure and working practices of the Office of Works architects, 'where they benefit by each other's criticism and mutually

pool a considerable amount of experience and knowledge built up systematically over a long period'.⁵¹



Figure 12 Mount Pleasant Post Office and Garage, Finsbury (1937-38), by A.R. Myers, Senior Architect, Office of Works (DP040072).

Whilst the Architects' Division of The Office of Works was strident in developing traditionalist styles for its designs, it was by no means exclusively wedded to them. Classicism continued in some post offices, albeit often underlying, or intermixed with vernacular elements, and Modernism was tentatively engaged. An extension to the Mount Pleasant complex in London was an early experiment by the Office of Works in Modernism (Fig. 12). Beckenham Post Office and Sorting Office, Bromley (1939-40), which possibly owes inspiration to the

highly influential, Dudokian Hornsey Town Hall (1933-35), is similarly illustrative of the stylistic versatility and open-mindedness of the Post Office section of the Architects' Division at a time when most 'official architecture' was resolutely conventional (Fig. 13).



Figure 13 Beckenham Post Office and Sorting Office (1939) by F.A. Llewellyn (DP040073).

Hitherto, its designer, F.A. Llewellyn had worked purely in Neo-Georgian style, and whether this represented his – or his department's – only pre-war foray into Modern territory is currently not known.

1945-1969 Rationalisation, Mechanisation and moves towards a House Style

In 1940, as the Government's need for new buildings and the conversion of existing buildings became more urgent, the Office of Works was reorganised and renamed the Ministry of Works and Buildings. In 1942 it was renamed the Ministry of Works and Planning, becoming the Ministry of Works (MoW) in 1943 – a departmental name that lasted until 1962. It is unclear whether the Post Office Section of the Architect's Division continued during the period of hostilities, although construction of post offices seems to have gradually resumed in the mid-to-late 1940s.⁵² However, the profitability of the Post Office witnessed a marked down-turn in the post-war period, characterised by mounting deficits and declining traffic.⁵³ The 1950s saw the Post Office enter a critical period. By the middle of that decade the Ministry of Works was responsible for over 5,000 Post Office buildings and accommodation for the Post Office constituted the Ministry of Works second main activity (the main activity was research and development). It was estimated that some 350 new buildings per annum were required the Post Office, largely because of the expansion of the telephone service.⁵⁴ Furthermore, many of the older post offices were out of date at a time when the Post Office was grappling with the introduction of automation in the telephone service and letter-sorting, and when the staff and public alike were growing increasingly irritated about the outmoded design of the public offices.

In 1957 the then Postmaster General, Ernest Marples commissioned Sir Hugh Casson and Professor Misha Black of The Design Research Unit (DRU) to modernise three London Offices (South Molton Street, Knightsbridge and Ludgate Circus). In the north, Marples asked the Liverpool architects Omrod and Partners to, with W.L. Stevenson, to modernise offices in Liverpool, Leeds and Manchester. The resulting offices were 'lively, colourful and very expensive'.⁵⁵ Already some 10 million was being invested annually by the Post Office in its building programme – a substantial figure that demanded efficiency savings. In the same year, 1957, Marples and the MoW established a joint research and development group that was tasked with obtaining better value from this sum, by reducing the cost of Post Office buildings. The group, which was under the chairmanship of J.O. Stevens, Superintending Architect of the MoW's Chief Architect's Division, included architects, surveyors and engineers from the Ministry, and administrative, postal, engineering and finance offices from the Post Office. Brigadier K.S. Holmes (1912-1994),⁵⁶ Director of Mechanisation and Buildings in the Post Office was in overall charge. The first two buildings designed by the development group were a telephone exchange for Altringham, Cheshire, and a Head Post Office for Hitchin, Hertfordshire (Fig. 14) – these were built at, respectively, 50 per cent and 40 per cent the cost of comparable buildings in the past. The guiding design concept for the Hitchin building was providing the smallest building that could meet foreseeable needs, yet which could allow future extension for unforeseeable requirements.⁵⁷ Other economies were achieved by working to lower ceiling heights than past practice, and avoiding expensive basement construction by housing the heating apparatus in a separate building.⁵⁸



Figure 14 Hitchin Head Post Office – the first Post Office to emanate from the cross-departmental R&D group established in 1957 which was tasked with providing more economical, efficient buildings (DP040074).

It is unclear how many subsequent offices were built in the mould of the Hitchin building, but a uniform, modern and economical house style was perhaps an unrealistic goal. Some of the offices built in the early 1960s by the Ministry of Works (which became the Ministry of Public Buildings and Works (MoPBW) in 1962) (in association with the building division of the Post Office) showed 'lingering traces of "Post Office Georgian"'.⁵⁹ Furthermore, those offices designed by Local Authorities (e.g. Stevenage Post Office, 1958-59, by the architects of the Stevenage Development Corporation)⁶⁰ did not seemingly have to meet the approval of this working group. In such cases 'A local architect would be given a bundle of recommendations from the working party: the house style would be his own invention'.⁶¹ In c.1964 the Ministry of Public Buildings and Works introduced a scheme of modular building for Crown Post Offices, to much acclaim, but this initiative too seems to have met with limited success, with just two offices - at Mount Pleasant and Whitechapel - fitted out with the new design by 1967.⁶²

Aside from concerns of achieving a house style, more pressing were the changes demanded by the introduction of mechanised postal services. The first moves towards the mechanisation of letter sorting were taken in the 1930s and in 1966 Croydon piloted the postal code system, designed to enable automatic letter sorting equipment.⁶³ Mechanization, according to Tony Benn, the then Postmaster General, required 'better buildings ... not only to house machinery but to provide decent conditions for the people who work in the post office'.⁶⁴ A nationwide programme of new building, and upgrading of older buildings followed the publication of the White Paper Post Office Prospects,

1965-66 with London, Manchester, Belfast, Bristol, Birmingham, Glasgow, Sheffield, Cardiff among the first beneficiaries. In 1967 some 40 new post offices and 20 new sorting offices were scheduled for construction.⁶⁵ Older offices which were unable to be modernised to take mechanized equipment, or which were no longer well-sited or large enough to handle postal services on the anticipated scale were replaced in the succeeding years.⁶⁶

1970-2008 Public Corporation, Private Design

The reconstitution of the General Post Office as a public corporation rather than as a Government Department on 1 October 1969 ostensibly signalled the end of the MoPB&W's role in designing post offices. Rather, it, and its successor (from 1972), the Property Services Agency - a centralised organisation that controlled all building and estates management works for government departments and the armed services - functioned as the central budget holder for all such works, and let contracts with the private construction industry on behalf of its clients, such as the Post Office. Thus, with the end of its centralised design role, there was little scope for establishing a uniform house style (although The Post Office Board established a design advisory committee in 1970 'to consider all aspects of Post Office design').⁶⁷ One of the first buildings to emerge in this new era of private practice was Guildford's North Street Post Office (1970-72), designed by Roman Halter and Associates, a building distinguished mostly by its projecting 'gazebo' first and second floors with wrap-around tinted glazing. The design was very much orientated around the needs of security and terrorism, and apart from the entrance lettering, there was little that advertised the building's function.⁶⁸ From about this period, for certain schemes where it was economically profitable, the Post Office began moving towards the 'design and construct' concept, in which the principal contractor was given considerable freedom in key design areas, such as the layout of the building and the choice of materials.⁶⁹

The 1970s and 1980s saw the increasing use of computers for postal code sorting, which impacted on the design of buildings. Hemel Hempstead Head Post Office for example, comprising a main sorting area, and administrative, welfare and maintenance facilities, utilised a light tubular steel framework to permit large, well-lit interior spaces. Owing to previous maintenance problems, the roof and walls were treated as a continuous skin without openings that could cause leakage.⁷⁰

Gaps in knowledge

The foregoing overview is necessarily brief and limited in scope - its aim is to synthesise and outline what is known about the development purpose-built post offices so that consideration can be given to what is not known. Thus what follows here are some of the key emergent subject/thematic areas that are less well understood or documented, and that therefore merit further consideration, research and investigation.

Very early purpose-built post offices

Robert Smirke's General Post Office (1826-29, demolished 1912) at the St Martins Le Grand/Newgate street junction was presumably the first purpose-built post office building in the UK. Assuming this is the case, what followed it in the 1830s, and do any buildings from this decade survive?

Early purpose-built post offices

All of the known, surviving purpose-built post offices (BoE, listed etc) date from the late 1860s onwards. The mid-19th century witnessed a remarkable post office building programme: by 1864, there were 552 Head Post Offices in England & Wales (including London's 10 District Offices). Not all of these Head Post Offices will have been built-from-scratch in the wake of Sir Rowland Hill's revolutionary reforms, but a sizable proportion will have. Does anything survive from the 1840s and 1850s?

The Office of Works and emergence of house styles

This is a key theme in terms of the visual contribution to post offices to townscapes but one that we currently know very little. Who set the stylistic agendas/parameters, and were these codified or formalised in any way? How much latitude was there for junior staff to introduce their own designs or flourishes? Shedding light on the mindset and culture of the Architectural Staff of the Office of Works would be an intriguing and informative component of this study, which would be of wider value for future studies of other Government building types, such as Telephone Exchanges, Labour Exchanges, Diplomatic and Consular offices etc.

Future research could look at buildings of individual Works architects in the four regional teams and it may be possible to trace the members of the teams in ensuing years according to which architect is credited with particular buildings. Further work could focus on the introduction of the more vernacular Office of Works municipal arts and crafts style that was employed early in the twentieth century by the Office of Works, for example at the economically constructed Osborne Royal Naval College by HN Hawks in 1903. Ostensibly the specialised post office division, headed by Walter Pott in c.1915, was slow to adopt the arts and crafts idiom (classical Beaux Arts inspired schemes for head post offices still predominated in the 1915-18 period) and not until the later 1920s and 1930s was there an arts and crafts inspired deference to regional styles and materials for post offices. H.E. Seccombe's Chipping Norton post office of 1933, illustrated on the front cover of *The Builder* (and this report) is indicative of this stylistic change in direction. Yet Seccombe was working in the SE post office branch in 1914 and may have been there since at least 1911 – the year he was promoted to Assistant Architect 1st class. So did Seccombe's style change, and if so, was this a personal change or, more probably, a broad-spectrum change in office policy? But was this also a reflection of the scale of

building, i.e. the classical tradition was deemed appropriate for head post offices and large sorting offices, while more licence was given (encouraged?) in the design of smaller class 1 post offices which could be more contextual. That scale was important might be borne out by the example of Woking Sorting Office and Post Office in White Rose Lane. The 1910 building (Work 13/443) was rebuilt on an enlarged footprint in 1935 in brick with stone sills in a stripped-down neo-Georgian style without any obvious regard to the local context (although it was more cheaply built than Llewellyn's Beckenham Post Office and Sorting Office of 1939-40).

Influence of technology and society on building form and organisation

Early on, Smirke's General Post Office building at the St Martins Le Grand/Newgate street junction had its own underground railway connecting the various departments, and indeed many other Post Offices relied on railway technology to transfer mail underground between buildings. What is the chronology of this development, and was it widely adopted in the provinces? And more generally, given that the Victorian post office network emerged in the railway era, is there a correlation between Post Towns and Railway Towns? Did one tend to follow the other, and if so, which? And how was the passage of factory legislation, the growth in female workers, and other societal changes mirrored in the design of buildings (e.g. female-only changing and wash-rooms)?

Technological virtuosity

As Crown property, Post Office buildings were exempted from local and metropolitan (London) Buildings Acts, including the usual provisions regarding materials and construction. In the pursuit of fire-resistance, spatial openness and flexibility of planning, new materials and techniques were pressed into service by post office designers, and as a class of buildings they appear to be among the more technologically ambitious of the Victorian and Edwardian eras. Sir Henry Tanner for example was an early and influential advocate of reinforced-concrete framing, and his crowning achievement, the King Edward Building of the General Post Office (1907-11) was at the time of its construction 'the largest Post Office in the world ... [and] the largest building ... carried out in ferro-concrete'. Earlier Tanner had used steel-frame construction for some of the buildings in the Mount Pleasant complex. But to what degree were these modern construction techniques applied to smaller offices, both in other districts of London and the metropolis? And did this technological fortitude continue beyond the Edwardian age, into the inter-war and post-war years when techniques of welded steel frames, pre-stressing and so forth came into widening use?

An audit of what survives

How many Victorian and Edwardian purpose-built offices survive in England in 2008? How many from other eras? Nationally, what distribution patterns are there, and what

are the chief factors behind these? Does the current quantity of listed buildings adequately reflect these patterns, and the significances specific to the building type?

A national survey would give a more representative overview of what survives, and in what condition, and therefore underpin the cineraria for designation, and be of value in the formulation of Detailed Asset Descriptions for individual buildings.

Post offices in the evolution of towns and cities

Post offices, as a class of 'public buildings', are among the more familiar, visible, and important elements of most English town- and cityscapes, a role recognised by the Postmaster General in 1910 when he said they should 'contribute to the dignity and beauty of [their surroundings]'. But this is just the more palpable, architectural contribution they make; post offices are part of the story of how towns equip themselves with all the facilities of new business, commercial and other requirements, and as such their study will help enlarge our understandings of urban infrastructural development.

THE NATURE OF THE THREAT TO POST OFFICES

Closure of Branch Post Offices, 2007-8

The imminent threat facing some 20 per cent of the UK's 14,300 Branch Post Offices is closure under the government-owned Post Office Ltd's Network Change Programme. This will involve the compulsory compensated closure of up to 2500 branches, with around 500 of these being replaced by 'Outreach' type service points. This closure programme is being implemented on a rolling basis, with the UK being divided into some 50-60 review areas, including 28 in England. Figures for England are not yet available, but can be estimated to be in the order of approximately 30 to 50 per cent of that for the UK total (2,500) i.e a figure somewhere between 750 and 1250. To date, closures within seven English review areas have been formally announced:

Kent (56 closures; see Appendix 4)

East Midlands (74 closures)

East Yorkshire with Bassetlaw and North Lincolnshire (42 closures)

East Essex and Suffolk (47 closures)

Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (61 closures)

Merseyside, Wirral, and Cheshire with Wigan, Leigh and Makerfield (60 closures)

Sussex (41 closures)

Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Rutland (50 closures)

The decisions regarding the Branch Post Offices within the remaining 20 English review areas will be announced over the remainder of 2008. Preliminary research on the post offices so far earmarked for closure suggests that the majority of these BPO's (96% of which are operated by subpostmasters who are independent business people) are not purpose-built (see pp. x).

Disposal of Crown Post Offices to WHSmith, 2007-8

Post Office Ltd, which in 2006 disposed of six of its branches in a trial exercise, intends to move a further c.70 Crown Post Offices to nearby WHSmith stores in UK towns and cities under a new partnership agreement. The company will continue to run 373 alongside those branches run by private subpostmasters and mistresses and by retail franchise partners. The high probability that these functionally obsolete c.59 UK Crown

Post Office are purpose-built (with many being HPOs) means that the implications of this threat are more than serious than that posed by the Network Change Programme. A list of the English Crown Post Offices scheduled for relocation to WHSmith store (with relocation dates where known) is given in Appendix 5

Future Closure and Disposal of Branch Post Offices and Crown Post Offices, 2008-

Since the 1970s there has been a steady attrition in the number of post offices, with the most recent trends being the closure of increasing numbers of Branch Offices and relocation in stores as Franchise Post Offices. Following the closure of the c.2500 offices under the current closure programme, numbers will stand at well below one third of what they did in the 1930s, when provision was at its highest. Whilst it is impossible to predict future patterns, based on past trends it is safe to assume that there will be further attrition to the stock of functioning buildings. Whilst many functionally obsolescent buildings will find new uses, others will face demolition because of the valuable sites that they occupy.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The great bulk of archives and documentary material relating to the Post Office and its buildings are located in London. This is largely because for most of the 19th and 20th centuries the Post Office was 'ruled by the autocratic power of St. Martin's le Grand',⁷¹ and because the Office of Works and its successor bodies were also based in the capital. Archives relating to both these departments are almost wholly held by the British Postal Museum and Archives, London WCI, and at the National Archives in Kew. Two other major repositories are the NMR, and the RIBA Library, which has an unrivalled collection of architectural periodicals. In a far more haphazard way, some local archives hold material relating to specific post offices.

The British Postal Museum & Archive (BPMA), Freeling House, London WC1X 0DL

A great deal of information directly relevant to post office buildings is held within the BPMA, catalogued with the top-level prefix POST. The BPMA Library holds some 3,260 books and journals covering a period from the 18th century to the present, most of it on open access. It is divided into eight main sections (General Postal History, Transport, Military History, Industrial Relations, Local Postal History, Philately, Biographies and a general historical reference) and holds duplicate archive material, including complete runs of the successive in-house magazines including St Martin's Le Grand (1890-1933); The Post Office Magazine (1933-1966) and Courier (1966-present) (all with annual illustrations and subject indexes, which have been collated). One of the most useful sources of all is on open-access in the search room: three ring-bound volumes containing lists of current and former post offices arranged by county. Compiled by Ken J. Smith in 1998 (and updated since then), and covering the whole country (including Greater London), this is a truly invaluable work, for it gives, for each office, the street address, opening date – or earliest reference – and closing dates based on methodical cross-compiling and referencing of multiple postal archival sources (Appendix 3).

The most rewarding POST classes will include the following; more detailed, piece-level lists of material identified as relevant are given in Appendix 4.

POST 30 Registered Files, Minuted Papers (England and Wales) 1792-1956 [e.g. P 30/0564 POST 30/262A (1) Wolverhampton Post Office: new premises (2) Post Office buildings: apportionment of costs, Postal and Telegraph Accounts c. 1874].

POST 31: Registered Files, Minuted Papers(Ireland) 1841-1960 [e.g. P 31/129 POST 31/84b Post Office sites and buildings 1910-1939].

POST 33: Registered Files, Minuted Papers (General) 1921-1954 [e.g. P 33/0911 POST 33/608 Secretary's Office: buildings and supplies branch, architectural section establishment c. 1922].

POST 52: STAMP DEPOT 1865-1992 [e.g. P 52/4/399 POST 52/1078 British Historic Buildings (and Miniature sheets) 1977 Oct 11-1979 Mar 02].

POST 92: Post Office Publications 1855-Present [e.g. POST 92/346-389 List of Head Post Offices in the United Kingdom, showing the Offices subordinate to them, and the Surveyor's district in which each is situated, etc. 1897-1970].

POST 122: Registered Files, Minuted And centralised Registry Papers 1955-1973 [e.g. POST 122/4480 House Style for Public Offices: Policy Bundle. Adoption of a standard style for public post offices. Designed to give a 'family resemblance' and produce savings in planning and construction. Correspondence with Ministry of Public Buildings and Works. Includes some building plans 1963 Mar 07-1967 Jun].

The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU

The class most likely to yield the most fruitful information is WORK, with WORK 13 and WORK 30 comprising information on the design of 19th and early 20th century post offices, the architects responsible and the contractors who erected them. WORK 13 comprises the contracts for the construction or enlargement of hundreds of post offices and/or sorting offices for the period 1890-1935; these are tightly bound, but worthy of systematic perusal to extract names of architects, types of materials or constructional methods etc. Bulk orders of material (up to c.30 items) can be pre-ordered by telephone or email. More detailed, piece-level lists of material identified as relevant are given in Appendix 4.

WORK 5: [e.g. WORK 5/212 HM Office of Works etc: Accounts Branch: Old Information Book A; includes wages and expenditure. Indexed 1858 Jan 01 - 1893 Jan 01]

WORK 11 [e.g. WORK 11/493 Post office facilities 1944-1955]

WORK 12 [e.g. WORK 12/369 Head Post Office, Small Street, Bristol : works services; alterations and extensions 1871-1934]

WORK 13 Office of Works and successors: Deeds, Series III (Contract Rolls) 1844-1951 [e.g. WORK 13/113 Burton on Trent Post Office. Erection. R. Kershaw. 1903 May 2]

WORK 30 Office of Works and successors: Public Buildings in England: Plans and Drawings 1656-1962 [e.g. Subseries within WORK 30 POST OFFICES includes drawings of, among others, post offices for Aylesbury, Barnet, Bedford, Bristol, Chipping Norton, Clifton, Hereford, High Wycombe, Oxford, Ramsgate and districts within London]

WORK 69 [e.g. WORK 69/24 Buildings erected by HM Office of Works: various buildings]

The National Monuments Record Centre, Swindon SN2 2GZ

The Library at the NMRC comprises over 50,000 volumes, including good runs of a number of architectural periodicals including *The Builder*, *Building* and *Architectural Review*.

Public access ('Red Box') collections

500,000 photographs of buildings, ranging in date from the 1870s to the 1980s and deriving from various sources. Although not fully indexed/catalogued yet (and hence amenable to thematic searching), this collection might be useful for particular buildings already identified as of interest.

PSA Negatives Collection– Group G

A substantial part of the Property Services collection was deposited with the NMR at privatisation. The PSA Negatives Collection – Group G includes images of post offices erected, enlarged or modernised in the period 1944 - 1990, as well as occasional views of older Office of Works-designed buildings taken prior to demolition. The collection has been indexed into 4 printed volumes covering London and the rest of England; for the purposes of this project those images relating to post offices have been extracted and recompiled for ease of use/ordering of photographs (see Appendix 8)

Photograph collections

A number of photographic collections are likely to include images of post offices: Alfred Newton and Sons; Henry Taunt; Hallam Ashley; Paul Barkshire; York and Son; Gordon Barnes; Nathaniel Lloyd; Goodhart Rendel; Jackson Stopps; Gerald Cobb; James Stevens Curl. Some of these will be filed in the red boxes.

However, many of these appear to be of rural sub-post offices, and the collections are more likely to be useful for targeted searching of named/located post offices. The A2A portal is a very user-friendly way into these collections.

Buildings Files

Information on over 70,000 individual buildings, comprising a combination of photographs, drawings, notes and reports deriving principally from RCHME and EH fieldwork.

Amenable to thematic searching on AMIE/Pastscape, although trial searches suggest this collection will be of limited use.

EH London Office (Architectural Investigation)

Good runs of architectural periodicals, on microfilm are located outside the Architectural Investigation/Survey of London offices in Waterhouse Square. A microfilm reader, with computerised print-out facility, is also available in the corridor. Microfilmed collections include

Academy Architecture (1889-1931)

Architects Journal (1958-73)

Architectural Review (1897-1920; 1963-68)

The Builder (1842-1939; 1943; 1958-73)

The Building News (1862-1879)

The RIBA Journal/Transactions (1835-1938; 1966-73)

Also available are the PSA Negatives Collection – Group G printed indexes (4 vols), bound copies of HM Office of Works staff lists for 1914-15; 1928; 1936; 1937 and 1939 (Xeroxed/photographed from originals held by the NMR and TNA, and a copy of The Blue Notes on Class VII Estimates: Administered by the Office of Works, revised 1931.

Historians Files (including research notes on Sorting Offices); London Region Photographs, and Survey of London volumes and background notes (also held off-site in Ipswich).

FIELDWORK/RECORDING OF POST OFFICES: RESEARCH STRATEGIES AND OPTIONS

Ideally, a thematic project of this sort should draw upon two principal classes of evidence – the buildings themselves, and relevant documentary material. It is consideration of these that forms the principal components of this document, and one observation that can be readily drawn is that fieldwork will have disproportionately greater time-and-resource implications than archival research. Despite being among the most recognisable and easily accessible building types, the quantity of post offices distributed throughout England puts logistical considerations to the fore. By contrast, documentary evidence is exceedingly compact and centralised, with the great majority of it located in London.

Given the level of threat to post offices, and the large gaps in knowledge on most aspects of this building type, a variety of recording and research strategies present themselves. Methodologically, there is considerable scope for latitude in terms of how selective/comprehensive, intensive/extensive, reactive/proactive and static/evolving the response(s) might be. One low-level response might be to focus solely on a selection of those post offices threatened by the Network Change Programme, and those earmarked for disposal to WHSmith. This might proceed on an incremental basis, as the certified closures in each of the 28 review areas unfold. One of the drawbacks of this reactive approach is that an unforeseeable but large proportion of these buildings will not be purpose-built, and, more fundamentally, will give a highly selective and possibly distorted overview of the architectural development of post offices (skewed, in all likelihood, towards lower-status buildings of the post-war era). At the other end of the scale are those strategies that would be driven by the need to document surviving purpose-built buildings identified through an earlier/overlapping phase of archival/documentary research. More strategic approaches such as these would capture former purpose-built post offices, as well as those not currently under threat, but which might face closure under possible future closure initiatives. Because the knowledge gains from such thematic approaches would be greater, they would lend themselves to a wider range of possible outcomes, including the formulation of detailed criteria for assessing the historical and architectural significance of post offices for Heritage Protection Department, or the production of a monograph or an Informed Conservation type publication.

APPENDIX I

Postal Regions in England (*figures in brackets denote number of post towns*)

North West

BB (Blackburn) (9) Accrington, Barnoldswick, Blackburn, Burnley, Clitheroe, Colne, Darwen, Nelson, Rossendale

BD (Bradford) (7) Bingley, Bradford, Cleckheaton, Keighley, Settle, Shipley, Skipton

BL (Bolton) (2) Bolton, Bury

CA (Carlisle) (22) Alston, Appleby-in-Westmorland, Beckermeth, Brampton, Carlisle, Cleator, Cleator Moor, Cockermouth, Egremont, Frizington, Holmrook, Keswick, Kirkby Stephen, Maryport, Moor Row, Penrith, Ravenglass, Seascale, St Bees, Whitehaven, Wigton and Workington in England.

CH (Chester) (13) Bagillt, Birkenhead, Buckley, Chester, Deeside, Ellesmere Port, Flint, Holywell, Mold, Neston, Prenton, Wallasey, Wirral

CW (Crewe) (8) Congleton, Crewe, Middlewich, Nantwich, Northwich, Sandbach, Tarporley, Winsford

HD (Huddersfield) (3) Brighouse, Holmfirth, Huddersfield

HG (Harrogate) (3) Harrogate, Ripon and Knaresborough

HX (Halifax) (5) Elland, Halifax, Hebden Bridge, Sowerby Bridge

LA (Lancaster) (17) Ambleside, Askam-in-Furness, Barrow-in-Furness, Broughton-in-Furness, Carnforth, Coniston, Dalton-in-Furness, Grange-over-Sands, Kendal, Kirkby-in-Furness, Lancaster, Millom, Milnthorpe, Morecambe, Sedbergh, Ulverston, Windermere

L (Liverpool) (4) Bootle, Liverpool, Ormskirk, Prescot

LS (Leeds) (6) Ilkley, Leeds, Otley, Pudsey, Tadcaster, Wetherby

M (Manchester) (3) Manchester, Sale, Salford

OL (Oldham) (7) Ashton-Under-Lyne, Bacup, Heywood, Littleborough, Oldham, Rochdale, Todmorden

PR (Preston) (4) Chorley, Leyland, Preston, Southport

S (Sheffield) (8) Barnsley, Chesterfield, Dronfield, Hope Valley, Mexborough, Rotherham, Sheffield, Worksop

SK (Stockport) (11) Alderley Edge, Buxton, Cheadle, Dukinfield, Glossop, High Peak, Hyde, Macclesfield, Stalybridge, Stockport, Wilmslow

WA (Warrington) (9) Altrincham, Frodsham, Knutsford, Lymm, Newton-le-Willows, Runcorn, St Helens, Warrington, Widnes

WF (Wakefield) (11) Batley, Castleford, Dewsbury, Heckmondwike, Knottingley, Liversedge, Mirfield, Normanton, Ossett, Pontefract, Wakefield

WN (Wigan) (3) Leigh, Skelmersdale, Wigan

Total = 155 Post Towns

North East

DH (Durham) (5) Chester le Street, Consett, Durham, Houghton le Spring, Stanley

DL (Darlington) (14) Barnard Castle, Bedale, Bishop Auckland, Catterick Garrison, Crook, Darlington, Ferryhill, Hawes, Leyburn, Newton Aycliffe, Northallerton, Richmond, Shildon, Spennymoor

DN (Doncaster) (13) Barnetby, Barrow upon Humber, Barton-upon-Humber, Brigg, Cleethorpes, Doncaster, Gainsborough, Goole, Grimsby, Immingham, Retford, Scunthorpe, Ulceby

HU (Hull) (8) Beverley, Brough, Cottingham, Hessle, Hornsea, Hull, North Ferriby, Withernsea

LN (Lincoln) (7) Alford, Horncastle, Lincoln, Louth, Mablethorpe, Market Rasen, Woodhall Spa

NE (Newcastle) (34) Alnwick, Ashington, Bamburgh, Bedlington, Belford, Blaydon-on-Tyne, Blyth, Boldon Colliery, Chathill, Choppington, Corbridge, Cramlington, East Boldon, Gateshead, Haltwhistle, Hebburn, Hexham, Jarrow, Morpeth, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Shields, Prudhoe, Riding Mill, Rowlands Gill, Ryton, Seahouses, South Shields, Stocksfield, Wallsend, Washington, Whitley Bay, Wooler, Wylam

SR (Sunderland) (3) Peterlee, Seaham, Sunderland

TS (Middlesbrough) (10) Billingham, Guisborough, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, Stockton-on-Tees, Trimdon Station, Wingate, Yarm

YO (York) (10) Bridlington, Driffield, Filey, Malton, Pickering, Scarborough, Selby, Thirsk, Whitby, York

Total = 104 Post Towns

Midlands

B (Birmingham) (15) Alcester, Birmingham, Bromsgrove, Cradley Heath, Halesowen, Henley-in-Arden, Oldbury, Redditch, Rowley Regis, Smethwick, Solihull, Studley, Sutton Coldfield, Tamworth, West Bromwich

CV (Coventry) (11) Atherstone, Bedworth, Coventry, Kenilworth, Leamington Spa, Nuneaton, Rugby, Shipston-on-Stour, Southam, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick

DE (Derby) (11) Alfreton, Ashbourne, Bakewell, Belper, Burton upon Trent, Derby, Heanor, Ilkeston, Matlock, Ripley, Swadlincote

DY (Dudley) (8) Bewdley, Brierley Hill, Dudley, Kidderminster, Kingswinford, Stourbridge, Stourport-on-Severn, Tipton

HR (Hereford) (6) Bromyard, Hereford, Kington, Ledbury, Leominster, Ross-on-Wye

LE (Leicester) (12) Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Coalville, Hinckley, Ibstock, Leicester, Loughborough, Lutterworth, Market Harborough, Markfield, Melton Mowbray, Oakham, Wigston

NG (Nottingham) (7) Grantham, Mansfield, Newark-on-Trent, Nottingham, Sleaford, Southwell, Sutton-in-Ashfield

NN (Northampton) (8) Brackley, Corby, Daventry, Kettering, Northampton, Rushden, Towcester, Wellingborough

ST (Stoke-on-Trent) (6) Leek, Newcastle, Stafford, Stoke-on-Trent, Stone, Uttoxeter

TF (Telford) (6) Broseley, Market Drayton, Much Wenlock, Newport, Shifnal, Telford

WR (Worcester) (7) Broadway, Droitwich, Evesham, Malvern, Pershore, Tenbury Wells, Worcester

WS (Wednesbury) (6) Burntwood, Cannock, Lichfield, Rugeley, Walsall, Wednesbury

WV (Wolverhampton) (4) Bilston, Bridgnorth, Willenhall, Wolverhampton

Total = 107 Post Towns

East

CB (Cambridge) (5) Cambridge, Ely, Haverhill, Newmarket, Saffron Walden

IP (Ipswich) (15) Aldeburgh, Brandon, Bury St Edmunds, Diss, Eye, Felixstowe, Halesworth, Harleston, Ipswich, Leiston, Saxmundham, Southwold, Stowmarket, Thetford, Woodbridge

NR (Norwich) (16) Attleborough, Beccles, Bungay, Cromer, Dereham, Fakenham, Great Yarmouth, Holt, Lowestoft, Melton Constable, North Walsham, Norwich, Sheringham, Walsingham, Wells-next-the-Sea, Wymondham

PE (Peterborough) (18) Boston, Bourne, Chatteris, Downham Market, Hunstanton, Huntingdon, King's Lynn, March, Peterborough, St Ives, St Neots, Sandringham, Skegness, Spalding, Spilsby, Stamford, Swaffham, Wisbech

Total = 54 Post Towns

Home Counties

AL (St Albans) (5) Harpenden, Hatfield, St Albans, Welwyn, Welwyn Garden City

BR (Bromley) (7) Beckenham, Bromley, Chislehurst, Keston, Orpington, Swanley, West Wickham

CM (Chelmsford) (16) Billericay, Bishop's Stortford, Braintree, Brentwood, Burnham-on-Crouch, Chelmsford, Dunmow, Epping, Harlow, Ingatestone, Maldon, Ongar, Sawbridgeworth, Southminster, Stansted, Witham

CO (Colchester) (9) Bures, Clacton-on-Sea, Colchester, Frinton-on-Sea, Halstead, Harwich, Manningtree, Sudbury, Walton-on-the-Naze

CR (Croydon) (10) Caterham, Coulsdon, Croydon, Kenley, Mitcham, Purley, South Croydon, Thornton Heath, Warlingham, Whyteleafe

CT (Canterbury) (13) Birchington, Broadstairs, Canterbury, Deal, Dover, Folkestone, Herne Bay, Hythe, Margate, Ramsgate, Sandwich, Westgate-on-Sea, Whitstable

DA (Dartford) (11) Belvedere, Bexley, Bexleyheath, Dartford, Erith, Gravesend, Greenhithe, Longfield, Sidcup, Swanscombe, Welling

EN (Enfield) (7) Barnet, Broxbourne, Enfield, Hoddesdon, Potters Bar, Waltham Abbey, Waltham Cross

GU (Guildford) (24) Aldershot, Alton, Bagshot, Bordon, Camberley, Cranleigh, Farnborough, Farnham, Fleet, Godalming, Guildford, Haslemere, Hindhead, Lightwater, Liphook, Liss, Midhurst, Petersfield, Petworth, Sandhurst, Virginia Water, Windlesham, Woking, Yateley

HA (Harrow) (7) Edgware, Harrow, Northwood, Pinner, Ruislip, Stanmore, Wembley

HP (Hemel Hempstead) (11) Amersham, Aylesbury, Beaconsfield, Berkhamsted, Chalfont St Giles, Chesham, Great Missenden, Hemel Hempstead, High Wycombe, Princes Risborough, Tring

IG (Ilford) (6) Barking, Buckhurst Hill, Chigwell, Ilford, Loughton, Woodford Green

KT (Kingston upon Thames) (19) Addlestone, Ashted, Chertsey, Chessington, Cobham, East Molesey, Epsom, Esher, Kingston upon Thames, Leatherhead, New Malden, Surbiton, Tadworth, Thames Ditton, Walton-on-Thames, West Byfleet, West Molesey, Weybridge, Worcester Park

LU (Luton) (3) Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard, Luton

ME (Maidstone) (11) Aylesford, Chatham, Faversham, Gillingham, Maidstone, Queenborough, Rochester, Sheerness, Sittingbourne, Snodland, West Malling

MK (Milton Keynes) (5) Bedford, Buckingham, Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell, Olney

RH (Redhill) (17) Betchworth, Billingshurst, Burgess Hill, Crawley, Dorking, East Grinstead, Forest Row, Gatwick, Godstone, Haywards Heath, Horley, Horsham, Lingfield, Oxted, Pulborough, Redhill, Reigate

RM (Romford) (9) Dagenham, Grays, Hornchurch, Purfleet, Rainham, Romford, South Ockendon, Tilbury, Upminster

SG (Stevenage) (15) Arlesey, Baldock, Biggleswade, Buntingford, Henlow, Hertford, Hitchin, Knebworth, Letchworth, Much Hadham, Royston, Sandy, Shefford, Stevenage, Ware

SL (Slough) (8) Ascot, Bourne End, Gerrards Cross, Iver, Maidenhead, Marlow, Slough, Windsor

SM (Sutton) (5) Banstead, Carshalton, Morden, Sutton, Wallington

SS (Southend-on-Sea) (11) Basildon, Benfleet, Canvey Island, Hockley, Leigh-on-Sea, Rayleigh, Rochford, Southend-on-Sea, Stanford-le-Hope, Westcliff-on-Sea, Wickford

TN (Tunbridge Wells) (24) Ashford, Battle, Bexhill-on-Sea, Cranbrook, Crowborough, Edenbridge, Etchingham, Hartfield, Hastings, Heathfield, Mayfield, New Romney, Robertsbridge, Romney Marsh, Rye, Sevenoaks, St Leonards-on-Sea, Tenterden, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Uckfield, Wadhurst, Westerham, Winchelsea

TW (Twickenham) (13) Ashford, Brentford, Egham, Feltham, Hampton, Hounslow, Isleworth, Richmond, Shepperton, Staines, Sunbury-on-Thames, Teddington, Twickenham

UB (Oxbridge) (6) Greenford, Hayes, Northolt, Southall, Uxbridge, West Drayton

WD (Watford) (7) Abbots Langley, Borehamwood, Bushey, Kings Langley, Radlett, Rickmansworth, Watford

Total = 279 Post Towns

South

BH (Bournemouth) (11) Bournemouth, Broadstone, Christchurch, Ferndown, New Milton, Poole, Ringwood, Swanage, Verwood, Wareham, Wimborne

BN (Brighton) (18) Arundel, Brighton, Eastbourne, Hailsham, Hassocks, Henfield, Hove, Lancing, Lewes, Littlehampton, Newhaven, Peacehaven, Pevensey, Polegate, Seaford, Shoreham-by-Sea, Steyning, Worthing

GL (Gloucester) (28) Badminton, Berkeley, Blakeney, Cheltenham, Chipping Campden, Cinderford, Cirencester, Coleford, Drybrook, Dursley, Dymock, Fairford, Gloucester, Lechlade, Longhope, Lydbrook, Lydney, Mitcheldean, Moreton-in-Marsh, Newent, Newnham, Ruardean, Stonehouse, Stroud, Tetbury, Tewkesbury, Westbury-on-Severn, Wotton-under-Edge

OX (Oxford) (17) Abingdon, Bampton, Banbury, Bicester, Burford, Carterton, Chinnor, Chipping Norton, Didcot, Kidlington, Oxford, Thame, Wallingford, Wantage, Watlington, Witney, Woodstock

PO (Portsmouth) (24) Bembridge, Bognor Regis, Chichester, Cowes, East Cowes, Emsworth, Fareham, Freshwater, Gosport, Havant, Hayling Island, Lee-on-the-Solent, Newport, Portsmouth, Rowland's Castle, Ryde, Sandown, Seaview, Shanklin, Southsea, Totland Bay, Ventnor, Waterlooville, Yarmouth

RG (Reading) (12) Basingstoke, Bracknell, Crowthorne, Henley-on-Thames, Hook, Hungerford, Newbury, Reading, Tadley, Thatcham, Whitechurch, Wokingham

SO (Southampton) (9) Alresford, Brockenhurst, Eastleigh, Lymington, Lyndhurst, Romsey, Southampton, Stockbridge, Winchester

SP (Salisbury) (6) Andover, Fordingbridge, Gillingham, Salisbury, Shaftesbury, Tidworth

SN (Swindon) (10) Calne, Chippenham, Corsham, Devizes, Faringdon, Malmesbury, Marlborough, Melksham, Pewsey, Swindon

Total = 135 Post Towns

South West

BA (Bath) (16) Bath, Bradford on Avon, Bruton, Castle Cary, Frome, Glastonbury, Radstock, Shepton Mallet, Street, Templecombe, Trowbridge, Warminster, Wells, Westbury, Wincanton, Yeovil

BS (Bristol) (8) Axbridge, Banwell, Bristol, Cheddar, Clevedon, Wedmore, Weston-super-Mare, Winscombe

DT (Dorchester) (9) Beaminster, Blandford Forum, Bridport, Dorchester, Lyme Regis, Portland, Sherborne, Sturminster Newton, Weymouth

EX (Exeter) (30) Axminster, Barnstaple, Beaworthy, Bideford, Braunton, Bude, Budleigh Salterton, Chulmleigh, Colyton, Crediton, Cullompton, Dawlish, Exeter, Exmouth, Holsworthy, Honiton, Ilfracombe, Lynmouth, Lynton, North Tawton, Okehampton, Ottery St Mary, Seaton, Sidmouth, South Molton, Tiverton, Torrington, Umberleigh, Winkleigh, Woolacombe

PL (Plymouth) (25) Bodmin, Boscastle, Callington, Calstock, Camelford, Delabole, Fowey, Gunnislake, Ivybridge, Launceston, Lifton, Liskeard, Looe, Lostwithiel, Padstow, Par, Plymouth, Port Isaac, Saltash, St Austell, Tavistock, Tintagel, Torpoint, Wadebridge, Yelverton

TA (Taunton) (19) Bridgwater, Burnham-on-Sea, Chard, Crewkerne, Dulverton, Highbridge, Hinton St George, Ilminster, Langport, Martock, Merriott, Minehead, Montacute, Somerton, South Petherton, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Taunton, Watchet, Wellington

TR (Truro) (15) Camborne, Falmouth, Hayle, Helston, Isles of Scilly, Marazion, Newquay, Penryn, Penzance, Perranporth, Redruth, St Agnes, St Columb, St Ives, Truro

TQ (Torquay) (11) Brixham, Buckfastleigh, Dartmouth, Kingsbridge, Newton Abbot, Paignton, Salcombe, South Brent, Teignmouth, Torquay, Totnes

Total = 133 Post Towns

London

E Eastern E1 Head district (18) E2 Bethnal Green • E3 Bow • E4 Chingford • E5 Clapton • E6 East Ham • E7 Forest Gate • E8 Hackney • E9 Homerton • E10 Leyton • E11 Leytonstone • E12 Manor Park • E13 Plaistow • E14 Poplar • E15 Stratford • E16 Victoria Dock • E17 Walthamstow • E18 South Woodford

EC Eastern Central EC1 Head district (4) EC2 Bishopsgate • EC3 Fenchurch Street • EC4 Fleet Street

N Northern N1 Head district (22) N2 East Finchley • N3 Finchley • N4 Finsbury Park • N5 Highbury • N6 Highgate • N7 Holloway • N8 Hornsey • N9 Lower Edmonton • N10 Muswell Hill • N11 New Southgate • N12 North Finchley • N13 Palmers Green • N14 Southgate • N15 South Tottenham N16 Stoke Newington • N17 Tottenham • N18 Upper Edmonton • N19 Upper Holloway • N20 Whetstone • N21 Winchmore Hill • N22 Wood Green

NW North Western NW1 Head district (11) NW2 Cricklewood • NW3 Hampstead • NW4 Hendon • NW5 Kentish Town • NW6 Kilburn • NW7 Mill Hill • NW8 St John's Wood • NW9 The Hyde • NW10 Willesden • NW11 Golders Green

SE South Eastern SE1 Head district (28) SE2 Abbey Wood • SE3 Blackheath • SE4 Brockley • SE5 Camberwell • SE6 Catford • SE7 Charlton • SE8 Deptford • SE9 Eltham • SE10 Greenwich • SE11 Kennington • SE12 Lee • SE13 Lewisham • SE14 New Cross • SE15 Peckham • SE16 Rotherhithe • SE17 Walworth • SE18 Woolwich • SE19 Upper Norwood • SE20 Anerley • SE21 Dulwich • SE22 East Dulwich • SE23 Forest Hill • SE24 Heme Hill • SE25 South Norwood • SE26 Sydenham • SE27 West Norwood • SE28 Thamesmead

SW South Western SW1 Head district (20) SW2 Brixton • SW3 Chelsea • SW4 Clapham • SW5 Earls Court • SW6 Fulham • SW7 South Kensington • SW8 South Lambeth • SW9 Stockwell • SW10 West BromptonBattersea SW11 Head district • SW12 Balham • SW13 Barnes • SW14 Mortlake • SW15 Putney SW16 Streatham • SW17 Tooting • SW18 Wandsworth • SW19 Wimbledon • SW20 West Wimbledon

W Western W1 Head district (14) Paddington W2 Head district • W3 Acton • W4 Chiswick • W5 Ealing • W6 Hammersmith • W7 Hanwell • W8 Kensington • W9 Maida Vale • W10 North Kensington W11 Notting Hill • W12 Shepherds Bush • W13 West Ealing • W14 West Kensington

WC Western Central WC1 Head district (2) WC2 Strand

Total = 119 Post Districts

Total number of English Post Towns & London Districts

North West (155) + North East (104) + Midlands (107) + East (54) + Home Counties (279) + South (135) + South West (133) + London (119)

Grand total = 1086

APPENDIX 2

Architects of C19 & C20 Post Offices (*information derived primarily from RIBA webcat and Buildings of England*)

Boreham, Son & Gladding

Boreham, Herbert Yolland, fl. 1914-1926

Boreham, Frederick, 1839 or 40-1901

Builder v80, 30 Mar 1901, p325; *RIBA Journal* v8, 1901, p268

Boyce, R.H. (OoW)

e.g. South-West District Sorting Office, Francis Street, Westminster, 1893-4, 'big, red and sturdy'

Bulloch, A.

Burnett, H.M.

Burrell, John G.

Burrell, John George, 1863-1934 (e.g. Ripon, N. Yorks, 1906)

Biographical File available on request from the Enquiry Desk

Obituaries: *RIBA Journal* v41, 8 Sept 1934, p1032

Casson, Conder & Partners

Brutalist creature comforts; Architects (1964): Casson Conder & Partners

BUILDING DESIGN no. 1789, 2007 Sept. 28, p. 36.

Cave, A.O.

Cave, Walter

RIBA DRAWINGS ON MICROFILM PHASE K

[Microfilms of the Drawings Collections]. Phase K. Reels 1-14: 1840-1914

London : World Microfilms.

Collins, H.A. (e.g. Margate, Kent, 1911)

Crossland

[Collection of drawings]

1 (DRAW-COLL)

Crossland, James

Biographical File

Crossland, William Henry
Biographical File available

Crouch, H. A. (e.g. Calcutta Telegraph Office, 1915)
Crouch, Henry Arthur, 1870-1955
Obituaries: *Builder* v188, 24 June 1955, p1039; *RIBA Journal* v63, 1956, p38

Dalrymple-Hay, H.H. (engineer) e.g. East London Mail Centre and Post Office,
Whitechapel, 1960s

Dawber, Guy
Sir Guy Dawber: appreciations and obituaries *RIBA JOURNAL*, vol. 45, 1938, p. 633, 666;
Representative British architects of the present day London: Batsford, 1931;
'Works of E. Guy Dawber', *ARCHITECTS' JOURNAL* 1926, pt. 2, p. 803.; 1925 pt. 2, p.
115; Special issue. Work of Edward Guy Dawber *ARCHITECT (LONDON)* 1925, pt. 2,
July 22; Edward Guy Dawber F.S.A, *ARCHITECT (LONDON)*, 1925, pt. 2, July 3, p. 1-12.;
POR/DAWB/1 Portrait of Edward Guy Dawber, PRIBA 1925-1927, by Sir William Orpen
c. 1927

Dumble, A. (Ministry of Public Buildings and Works) e.g. Western District Post Office,
Rathbone Place, Marylebone

Dyke, D.N.
Dyke, David Nicholas, fl. 1908-1914; b. 1881; Assistant Chief Architect, Office of Works
(by 1939) e.g. Cambridge, 1935; Post office at Woodbridge, Suffolk; Architect: D. N.
Dyke *ARCHITECT & BUILDING NEWS* 1934 June 29, p. 398-400.

Elgood, F.M
Elgood, Sir Frank Minshull, 1865-1948
Obituaries: *Builder* v174, 21, 28 May 1948, p622, 649; *TPI Journal* v34, 1948, p176
(e.g. Northwood Post Office, Middlesex, 1914)

Easton & Robertson
e.g. former Post Office Engineering Department, 2-12 Gresham Street, City of
London, 1957-8

Fitzroy Robinson & Partners e.g. former London Press Exchange (also a Post Office), St.
Martin's Lane, Westminster (1958-62)

Glascodine, Samuel

Goddard & Paget

Gotch & Saunders

Gotch, Saunders & Surridge

Biographical File available on request from the Enquiry Desk

100 years of architecture : a centenary celebration of the work of Gotch Saunders & Surridge 1879-1979 [Kettering : The Firm], 1979.72.036.6(42):92G // GOT

Grayson and Ould, e.g. Bebington Post Office, Wirral (1904)

Greatrex, R.I.

Greatorex, Reuben, fl. 1868-1883

Griffith Edward, O.

[sculptor for former Liverpool General Post Office, 1894-9 by Henry Tanner]

Hack, M. Starmer (e.g. Lahore Post Office)

Hack, Matthew Starmer, 1869-1944

Hay, of Cable Street, Liverpool e.g. Post Office Hotel, Cuning Place, Liverpool, 1962

Howell, Howard

Hutchinson, C.B.

Hutchinson, Christopher Bernard, fl. 1877-1914 Biographical File available on request from the Enquiry Desk e.g. Deal HPO

IDC Ltd [Postal Sorting Office, Liverpool, 1973-7, by IDC Ltd from a design by Twist & Whitley Twist & Whitley]

James, Henry of the Office of Works, Croydon General Post Office, 1893-4, Tudor, and (untypically) of stone

Judd, K.W.

J.H.D. Madin & Partners

Building revisit: Birmingham Post & Mail building; Architects: J. H. D. Madin & Partners *ARCHITECTS' JOURNAL*, vol. 157, no. 16, 1973 Apr. 18, p. 911-924; Birmingham Post and Mail building, Birmingham; Architects: J. H. D. Madin & Partners *INTERNATIONAL LIGHTING REVIEW*, 1967, vol. 18, no. 1, p. 8-12; Newspaper works and offices for Birmingham Post and Mail Ltd.; Architects: J. H. D. Madin & Partners *INTERIOR DESIGN & CONTRACT FURNISHING*, 1966 Jan., p. 8-19.

Llewellyn, F.A. (OoW)

e.g. Beacontree Post Office and Sorting Office, Barking & Dagenham, 1934; probably Dagenham P.O., 1939; Post sorting office and telephone exchange, Slough; Designed by:

F. A. Llewellyn, Her Majesty's Office or Works *ARCHITECTS' JOURNAL* 1940 Jan. 11, p. 40; Post Office at Gerrard Street, London; Architect: F. A. Llewellyn
ARCHITECT & BUILDING NEWS 1936 Dec. 4, p. 77-107; Telephone exchange and post office; Designed by: F. S. Llewellyn *ARCHITECT & BUILDING NEWS* 1936, 4 Dec., p. 287.

Matheson, Robert (1808-1877), Surveyor to Her Majesty's Works for Scotland

Mallows, C.E. (e.g. Checkendon, Oxon, 1915; Tirley Garth, Cheshire; Architect: (1906-1912) C. E. Mallows vol. 171, no. 4413, 1982 Mar. 18, p. 702-705.

Myers, A. R. (OoW)

e.g. Northampton 1915; Post Office Sorting Office, Mount Pleasant. 1934; Mount Pleasant post office and garage; 1938

Oldrive, N.T.

e.g. Burton, East Staffordshire (1905)

Oldrieve, W. T.

Oldrieve, William Thomas

Biographical File available on request from the Enquiry Desk

Oliver, W.C.

Oliver, W., fl. 1868

Pearce, G.A.

Pearce, G.A.H.

Pinfold, C.G.

Jodrell laboratory and lecture theatre, Kew Gardens, London; Architects: MoPBW, C. G. Pinfold *ARCHITECT & BUILDING NEWS*, 1965 Sept. 1, p. 403-404; Jodrell laboratory and lecture theatre, Kew Gardens, London; Architects: MoPBW, C. G. Pinfold, *BUILDER* 1965 Sept. 10, p. 541-543.

Pott, Walter, 1864-1937

Death date: 24 Sept 1937, Hollington, St Leonards

Biographical File available on request from the Enquiry Desk

Richardson, R. Kingston upon Thames Post Office, 1875, 'good purpose-built Gothic'

Rivers, E.G.

Robertson, W. Wybrow, 1845-1907

Obituaries: *Builder* v92, 11 May 1907, p577

Robertson (W.W.) & Oldrieve

Ruddle Wilkinson & Partners

South Holland Centre, Spalding, Lincolnshire: civic centre; Architects: Ruddle Wilkinson & Partners *ARCHITECTURE EAST MIDLANDS* no. 62, 1976 Jan.-Feb., p. 13-17.

Rutherford, John (OoW)

Rutherford, John, fl. 1908 e.g. Grimsby, 1908; Torquay, 1909; St. Helier, Jersey, 1910

Rutherford, S.

e.g. 'festively Wrennaissance Post Office', Twickenham, 1908

Ryder, Nicklin & Yates

Learning from Le Corbusier and Lubetkin: the work of Ryder and Yates
JOURNAL OF ARCHITECTURE, vol. 6, no. 3, 2001 Autumn, p. 225-248.

Sargent, E.T. (Ministry of Public Building & Works) e.g. former Post Office building, High Holborn
Edward Sargent (conservation architect, 1990s/200s)

Seccombe, H.E. Post office at Yeovil, Somerset; Architect: H. E. Seccombe, *ARCHITECT & BUILDING NEWS*, 1932 Dec. 23, p. 343.

Scott, J. M e.g. Markinch Post Office, Scotland

Shearburn, William Joseph, 1833-1924

Biographical File available on request from the Enquiry Desk
Shearburn, W. (e.g. Dorking, Surrey, 1900)

Stones & Stones (e.g. Middleton, Lancs, 1903)

Stones, James Herbert, 1855 or 6-1914

Obituaries: *Builder* v107, 17 July, 1914, p87-88; *RIBA Journal* v22, 1915, p16

Stones, Edgar, b. 1875

Stones, Charles Edgar, d. 1974

Obituaries: *Building* v226, 26 Apr 1974, p76 !

Smith, P.G.

Swann, H.G.

Swann, William

Biographical File available on request from the Enquiry Desk

Swann, William Herbert

Biographical File available on request from the Enquiry Desk

Tanner, Sir Henry (1849-1935)

New General Post Office, London; Architect: Sir H. Tanner, *RIBA JOURNAL* 1911 Jan. 7, p. 149-178; New Post Office, Liverpool, *Br* 15 Sept 1894 p. 194; Post Office, Harrogate, *Br* 16 Jan 1897 p. 62 & 10 Oct 1896 p. 296; Post Office, Wolverhampton *Br* 17 April 1897 p. 363; Post Office Buildings, Wolverhampton *Br* 21 Sept 1895
Post Office, Tipton, Staffordshire *Br* 2 Jan 1897 p. 21; Post Office, Southend *Br* 9 January 1897 p. 44; The New Post-Office New Oxford Street (Chief WC District), *Br* 30 April 1898, p. 424; Library of King Edward's School, Witley, Surrey; Architect: Henry Tanner; *ARCHITECT & BUILDING NEWS*, 1963 Mar. 6, p. 347-350.
TANNER SIR HENRY [Collection of drawings]

Tanner, Henry Jnr (1876-1947)

Restoring a crown jewel; Original architects (1915): Henry Tanner and W J Ancell, architects for refurbishment: Dixon Jones, *BUILDING DESIGN* no. 1778, 2007 July 6, p. 14-15; Westminster council rejects hotel demolition proposal; Original architects (1915): Henry Tanner and W J Ancell *BUILDING DESIGN*, 2004 July 9, p. 6.
TANNER HENRY
Biographical File available on request from the Enquiry Desk

A twenties affair; Architects (1924): Henry Tanner, *CONNOISSEUR* vol. 208, no. 836, 1981 Oct, p. 145-147; Designs for the rebuilding of houses, Cranley Gardens, (Hornsey), Haringey, London, by Henry Tanner 1948

Taylor, James Medland, 1834-1909

Birth place: Stanford Rivers, Ongar, Essex; Biographical File; Obituaries: *Builder* v96, 12 June 1909, p710-11; New parish room at St Agnes, Birch-in-Rusholme, Manchester; Original architect (1884-5): James Medland Taylor, architects for alterations Nicholas Rank Associates, *CHURCH BUILDING*, no. 19, 1991 Autumn, p. 50, 52-53.

Taylor, Nicholas

e.g. Beckenham Telephone Exchange c.1925

Thomas, John (d.1873) architect and surveyor of Denmark Street, Camberwell, 'at one time engaged by the Post-office authorities'

Thomas, C. S. (of Thomas, Meager & Jones) (e.g. Pontardawe Post Office, S. Wales)

Twist & Whitley [Postal Sorting Office, Liverpool, 1973-7, by IDC Ltd from a design by Twist & Whitley]

Unwin, Sir Raymond 1863-1940 (e.g. Gretna, nr. Carlisle, 1918)

Obituaries: *Builder* v159, 5 July 1940, p4; *RIBA Journal* v47, 1940, p206, 208

Wager, Jasper (OoW) e.g. additions to South-West District Sorting Office, Francis Street, Westminster, 1911

Watt, Richard Harding and Walter Ashton e.g. Knutsford, Cheshire, c.1900

Wakerley, Arthur 1862-1931

Biographical File; Obituaries: *Builder* v140, 1 May 1931, p808; *RIBA Journal* v38, 16 May 1931, p508; 72.036.6(42):92W // FAR

Whicheloe Macfarlane Partnership

Profile of a practice. 5, Whicheloe Macfarlane Partnership *ARCHITECT* (LONDON) vol. 3, no. 5, 1973 May, p. 53-55.

Whinney, Son & Austen Hall

e.g. Post Office, 10 Lombard Street, 1938-61.

Wilkinson, Charles P. (OoW)

Wilkinson, C. Frederick, d. 1923; Obituaries: *Builder* v125, 7 Sept 1923, p356

Williams, James, 1824-1892

Obituaries: *Builder* v63, 26 Nov 1892, p426; *RIBA Proceedings* NS v9, 1893, p68
e.g. former Post Office, Nos. 17-19 Bedford Street, Westminster (1883-4) 'in a remarkably serious Roman High Renaissance'

Williams, K.A. e.g. Chancery Lane Post Office, 1966-9

Williams, M.

Winterburn, T.W.

Winterburn, T.F.

Winterburn, Archibald Herbert, b. 1875

APPENDIX 3

Purpose-built Post Offices outside London extracted from *The Compendium of Pevsner's Buildings of England on CD-Rom* (compiled by Mike Good; OUP, 1995).

Beds, Hunts & Peterborough

General Post Office, Dunstable Road, Luton; 1957-8, T.W. Winterburn (Beds, Hunts & Peterborough, p. 117)

Post Office, St Ives 1887 (Beds, Hunts & Peterborough, p. 337)

Post Office (former), Thorney MC19 (estate building, now store) (Beds, Hunts & Peterborough, p. 353)

Berkshire

Post Office, High Street, Windsor, Berkshire; 1885-7, Office of Works (Berkshire, p. 303)

Buckinghamshire

Post Office, Queen Victoria Street, High Wycombe, Bucks; 1934 (Buckinghamshire, p. 164)

Cambridgeshire

Post Office Sorting Office, Mill Road, Cambridge; 1935, D.N. Dyke; 1963-4, M. Williams (Cambridgeshire, p. 233)

Cheshire

General Post Office, Argyle Street, Birkenhead, Cheshire; 1905-6, Walter Pott (Cheshire, p. 85)

Library & Post Office, Trinity Street, Stalybridge, Cheshire; 1901, J. Medland Taylor (Cheshire, p. 337)

Post Office, Warburton, Cheshire; 1893, Douglas (Cheshire, p. 376)

Post Office, Corporation Street, Hyde, Cheshire; 1899-900, W. T. Oldrieve (Cheshire, p. 247)

Post Office, High Street, Runcorn (Old Town), Cheshire; C19? (Cheshire, p. 327)

Post Office, Witton Street, Northwich, Cheshire Not Dated (Cheshire, p. 296)

Post Office etc., The Parade, Parkgate, Cheshire; 1935, J.S. Allen (Cheshire, p.300)

Devon

Old Post Office, 41-42 High Street, Ilfracombe, Devon; LC19, W.C. Oliver (Devon, p. 504)

Post Office, Palace Avenue, Torbay, Paignton, Devon; 1888 (Devon, p. 842)

Post Office, Market Street, Crediton, Devon; 1901 (Devon, p. 298)

Post Office & Bakery, Exwick, Exeter, Devon; 1893, Walter Cave (Devon, p. 437)

Post Office (former), 83-83 Queen Street, Exeter, Devon; 1849 (Devon, p. 420)

Post Office (former), 74 Queen Street, Exeter, Devon; c1864 (Devon, p. 420)

Post Office (former), Bank Street, Newton Abbot; MC19, Italianate (Devon, p. 594)

Post Office, Cross Street, Barnstaple, Devon; 1901 (Devon, p. 156)

Post Office, Union Street, Torbay, Torquay, Devon Edwardian (Devon, p. 854)

Post Office, Fore Street, Totnes, Devon; 1928 (Devon, p. 871)

Post Office, Sidmouth, Devon; 1938, H.E. Seccombe (Devon, p. 737)

Post Office, High Street, Budleigh Salterton, Devon; EC20 (Devon, p. 737)

Post Office, Fore Street, Great Torrington, Devon; 1903 (Devon, p. 461)

Dorset

Post Office, South Street, Dorchester, Dorset; 1904-5, John Rutherford (Dorset, p. 182)

Post Office, Coppice Street, Shaftesbury, Dorset; 1946, Office of Works (Dorset, p. 365)

Post Office, North Street, Wareham, Dorset; Post-1945 (Dorset, p. 440)

Derbyshire

Derbyshire General Post Office, Victoria Street, Derby; 1869 (Derbyshire, p. 176)

General Post Office, High Street, Chesterfield; Upper part C18 (Derbyshire, p. 146)

Post Office (former), 42 Main Street, Etwall, Derbyshire; Early Victorian (Derbyshire, p. 212)

Durham

Durham G.P.O. (former), Dovecot Street, Stockton-on-Tees, Durham; 1880, James Williams. Enlargements 1894, 1901. (Durham, p. 440)

G.P.O. (former), West Sunnyside, Sunderland, Durham; 1902-3, Henry Tanner (Durham, p. 457)

Post Office, Castle Eden, Durham; MC19 (Durham, p. 124)

Post Office, Team Valley Trading Estate, Gateshead; Mid-C20 (Durham, p. 291)

Municipal Buildings (inc. Post Office), Swinburne Street, Gateshead; c.1873 (Durham, p. 286)

G.P.O., Peterlee, Durham; 1961-2 (Durham, p. 375)

Old Post Office, Shincliffe, Durham; Not Dated (Durham, p. 408)

Essex

Post Office, Market Square, Harlow (New Town), Essex; C20, Ministry of Public Building & Works (Essex, p. 230)

Gloucestershire

Post Office, Lydney, Gloucestershire; 1896, Howard Howell (Glos: Vale & Forest of Dean, p. 294)

Post Office Sorting House, Market Parade, Gloucester; Post-1945 (Glos: Vale & Forest of Dean, p. 294)

Old Post Office, High Street, Chipping Campden; c.1800, ashlar faced (Glos: Cotswolds, p. 158)

Post Office, Parsonage Street, Dursley, Glos.; Neo-Georgian (Glos: Cotswolds, p. 228)

Hampshire & Isle of Wight

Post Office, High Street, Gosport, Hampshire; 1963 (Hampshire & Isle of Wight, p. 255)

Post Office, Station Road, Aldershot; 1902, Oldrieve (Hampshire & Isle of Wight, p. 76)

Post Office Sorting Office, St George's Street, Winchester; 1965-6, Ministry of Public Building and Works (Hampshire & Isle of Wight, p. 846)

Hertfordshire

Norton Post Office, green Lane/Norton Lane, Letchworth; 1909, A.O. Cave (Hertfordshire, p. 230)

Post Office, The Broadway, Letchworth; 1912, Bennett & Bidwell (Hertfordshire, p. 226)

Post Office, High Street, Berkhamsted; 1958 (Hertfordshire, p. 98)

Post Office, Fore Street, Hertford, Hertfordshire; 1891 (Hertfordshire, p. 190)

Kent

Post Office, Civic Centre, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne Post Office; 1961 (Kent: North-East & East, p. 462)

Post Office, East Street, Faversham; 1957, G.A. Pearce (Kent: North-East & East, p. 320)

Post Office, High Street, Canterbury; 1907, John Rutherford (Kent: North-East & East, p. 252)

Post Office, Stanhope Road, Deal; 1903-4, C.B. Hutchinson (Kent: North-East & East, p. 283)

Post Office, Railway Street, Chatham; 1901-2, Office of Works (Kent: West & Weald, p. 202)

Lancashire

Post Office, Market Place, Preston; 1903 (Lancashire: North, p. 197)

Post Office, Darwen Street, Blackburn; 1907-8, Walter Pott (Lancashire: North, p. 64)

Post Office, Union Street, Oldham; 1877 (Lancashire: South, p. 358)

Post Office, Oriel Road/Balliol Road, Bootle; 1905 (Lancashire: South, p. 94)

General Post Office, Victoria Street, Liverpool; 1894-9, Tanner (Lancashire: South, p. 161)

General Post Office, Victoria Street, Liverpool Notes: tops taken down (post-1945) (Lancashire: South, p. 161)

General Post Office (former), Spring Gardens, Manchester; 1881-7, J. Williams (now demolished) (Lancashire: South, p. 283)

Post Office, Spring Gardens, Manchester; 196?-69, Cruickshank & Seward. 3-storey podium block 8 –storey tower with stone cladding (Manchester: Hartwell), p. 205.

General Post Office Sorting Office, Lever Street, Manchester; 1965-8, H.G. Swann (Lancashire: South, p. 283)

Parcel Post Office, St Andrew's Street/Fairfield Street, Manchester; 1966-8, H.G. Swann (Lancashire: South, p. 283)

Leicestershire & Rutland General

Post Office, Market Place, Oakham, Leicestershire & Rutland; 1954 (Leicestershire & Rutland, p. 497)

Post Office, Baggrave Street/Wood Hill, North Evington, Leicester; 1893-4, Arthur Wakerley? (Leicestershire & Rutland, p. 245)

Post Office, Rutland Water, Hambleton; 1892 (incorporated in estate cottages) (Leicestershire & Rutland, p. 475)

Post Office, Market Place, Uppingham; LC18/EC19 (Leicestershire & Rutland, p. 518)

Post Office, Main Street, Hominghold; 1882-3, Goddard & Paget (Leicestershire & Rutland, p. 179)

Lincolnshire

Post Office, Guildhall Street, Lincoln, Lincolnshire; 1906, W.T. Oldrieve, Office of Works (Lincolnshire, p. 507)

Post Office (former), Bailgate, Lincoln, Lincolnshire; Victorian, shopfront (Lincolnshire, p. 512)

Post Office etc, 7-9 Queen Street, Market Rasen, Lincolnshire; EC19 (Lincolnshire, p. 556)

Post Office & Smithy, Anwick, Lincolnshire; EC19 (Lincolnshire, p. 102)

Post Office (former), Yarra Road, Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire; C19, H.M. Burnett (Lincolnshire, p. 225)

Post Office, Victoria Street West, Grimsby; 1910, Office of Works (Lincolnshire, p. 341)

Post Office, All Saints Street, Stamford, Lincolnshire; 1896, Henry Tanner (Lincolnshire, p. 707)

Post Office, All Saints Street, Stamford, Lincolnshire; 1937, addition (Lincolnshire, p. 707)

Post Office, Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire; 1939 (Lincolnshire, p. 637)

Post Office, Market Place, Horncastle, Lincolnshire; 1929 (Lincolnshire, p. 396)

Post Office, Barringtongate, Holbeach, Lincolnshire; Neo-Georgian (Lincolnshire, p. 385)

Post Office, West Street, Bourne, Lincolnshire; 1981, Ruddie Wilkinson & Partners (Lincolnshire, p. 174)

Post Office, Strait Bargate/Parkgate, Boston, Lincolnshire; Edwardian (Lincolnshire, p. 165)

Norfolk

Post Office, Market Place, East Dereham, Norfolk; 1892, refacing (Norfolk, p. 143)

Post Office Sorting Office, Thorpe Road, Norwich; 1955-6, T.F. Winterburn (Norfolk: North-East & Norwich, p. 282)

Northamptonshire

Post Office, Watling Street, Towcester, Northamptonshire; 1799 (Northamptonshire, p. 435)

Post Office, Midland Road, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire; 1968-71, Gotch, Saunders & Surridge (Northamptonshire, p. 454)

Post Office, High Street, Brackley, Northamptonshire; 1964 (Northamptonshire, p. 118)

Post Office Buildings, Gold Street, Kettering, Northamptonshire; 1887, Gotch & Saunders; terracotta (Northamptonshire, p. 274)

Northumberland

Post Office, Chatton, Northumberland; C19 (Northumberland, p. 217)

Post Office, Eglingham, Northumberland; C19, alteration (Northumberland, p. 265)

Post office, St Nicholas Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; 1871-4, James Williams (Northumberland, p. 446)

Royal Mail Sorting Office, Orchard Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; 1980s extension, Ryder, Nicklin & Yates (Northumberland, p. 481)

Old Post Office, 1 Clayport Street, Alnwick, Northumberland; EC19 (Northumberland, p. 143)

Nottinghamshire

G.P.O. (former), Queen Street, Nottingham; 1895, Tanner, architect.(Nottinghamshire, p. 234)

Oxfordshire

Post Office, Goring Heath, Oxfordshire; c.1900 (Oxfordshire, p. 617)

Post Office, St Aldate's, Oxford; 1880, E.G. Rivers (Oxfordshire, p. 307)

Shropshire

Post Office, High Street, Shrewsbury; 1877, Office of Works
(Shropshire, p. 266)

Somerset

Old Post Office, Corn Street, Bristol; 1746, Samuel Glascodine (Somerset: North & Bristol, p. 416)

Post Office, Small Street, Bristol; 1867-8, James Williams of OoW 1887-9, E.G. Rivers

Post Office, King George Street, Yeovil; 1932, Office of Works (Somerset: South & West, p. 356)

Staffordshire

Post Office, Tontine Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent ;1906, John Rutherford (Staffordshire, p. 258)

Surrey

Post Office, Chestnut Walk, Whiteley Village (nr. Cobham) c.1914-21, Walter Cave
(Surrey, p. 520)

Post Office, Cherry Orchard Road, Croydon; 1962-7, E.T. Sargent, Ministry of Public Buildings and Works (Surrey, p. 185)

Post Office, Cranleigh, Surrey; 1959, G.A.H. Pearce, Ministry of Public Building and Works
(Surrey, p. 172)

Sussex

Post Office, Bury, Sussex; C19 (Sussex, p. 125)

Post Office, West Street, Chichester; 1937, D.N. Dyke, Ministry of Works
(Sussex, p. 176)

Post Office, Chapel Street, Worthing; 1930, D.N. Dyke
(Sussex, p. 389)

Post Office, The Boulevard, Crawley; Post-1945, Ministry of Works (Sussex, p. 203)

Suffolk

Post Office, Saxmundham, Suffolk; 1953-4, T.F. Winterburn
(Suffolk, p. 413)

Post Office, Cornhill, Bury St Edmunds; 1895, H. Tanner (Suffolk, p. 147)

West Midlands

Birmingham Post & Mail Building, Colmore Circus, Birmingham; 1962-5, J.H.D. Madin & Partners

General Post Office, Paradise Street, Birmingham; 1891, Sir Henry Tanner now demolished?(Warwickshire, p. 118)

Wiltshire

Post Office, Civic Centre, Prince's Street/Regent Street, Swindon, Wiltshire 1968-71, Casson, Conder & Partners

Post Office, Fleming Way, Swindon (New Town); 1969-70, Whicheloe Macfarlane Partnership (Wiltshire, p. 510)

Post Office, Castle Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire; 1907, W.T. Oldrieve (Wiltshire, p. 538)

Post Office & County Court Offices, 1-1A Roundstone Street, Trowbridge; 1965-6, R.I. Greatrex (Wiltshire, p. 443)

Post Office, Market Place/St Mary's Street, Chippenham, Wiltshire; 1959, C.G. Pinfold (Wiltshire, p.170)

Post Office, Church Street, Melksham, Wiltshire; 1965-9, P.G. Smith (Wiltshire, p.343)

Post Office & Government Offices, Sheep Street, Devizes, Wiltshire; 1966-9, K.W. Judd (Wiltshire, p.209)

Worcestershire

Post Office, High Street, Broadway, Worcestershire; 1899, Guy Dawber (Worcestershire, p. 105)

Yorkshire

Ministry of Labour (formerly Post Office), Huntriss Row, Scarborough; 1881

(Yorkshire: North Riding, p. 330)

General Post Office, Fitzalan Square, Sheffield; 1893, J. Williams; addition 1910.
(Yorkshire: West Riding, p. 453)

General Post Office, Fitzalan Square, Sheffield; addition 1958 (Yorkshire: West Riding, p. 453)

General Post Office, City Square, Leeds; 1896, Sir Henry Tanner; (Yorkshire: West Riding, p. 315)

Post Office, Forster Square, Bradford; 1886, Sir Henry Tanner; (Yorkshire: West Riding, p. 124)

Post Office Headquarters, Pitt Street, Bamsley; 1963-5, Ministry of Works (Yorkshire: West Riding, p. 615)

Old Post Office, St George's Square, Huddersfield; 1874-6, Crossland (Yorkshire: West Riding, p. 633)

Post Office, Commercial Street, Halifax; 1887, Sir Henry Tanner; (Yorkshire: West Riding, p. 232)

General Post Office, Alfred Gelder Street, Hull; 1908-9, J. Williams; (Yorkshire: York & East Riding, p. 273)

APPENDIX 4

Network Change Programme (Kent example)

See ftp://ftp.royalmail.com/Downloads/public/ctf/po/Proposed_Area_Plan_for_Kent.pdf

APPENDIX 5

English Crown Post Offices that are earmarked for relocation to WHSmith stores in 2007-08

Greater London

Poland Street, W1
East Ham, E6
Borough BO, SE1
Forest Hill, SE23
Fulham, SW6
Hammersmith, W6 (relocated 2006)
Streatham, SW16
Lewisham, SE13
Woolwich, SE18
Hayes, Middlesex
Hounslow
Staines
Uxbridge

Buckinghamshire

Aylesbury
176 High Street, Slough

Cheshire

Altringham (relocated 2006)
Runcorn

Cumbria

Carlisle

Devon

Torquay

Dorset

Bournemouth
Poole

Essex

Brentwood
Chelmsford
Grays

Ilford

East Sussex

Brighton

Gloucestershire

Cheltenham

Greater Manchester

Stretford

Hampshire

Aldershot

Alton

Southampton

Winchester

Kent

Bexleyheath

Bromley

Canterbury

Folkestone

Gillingham

Gravesend

Hertfordshire

Hemel Hempstead

Waltham Cross

Watford

Lancashire

Ashton-under-Lyne (relocated 2006)

Blackpool

Leicestershire

Hinckley

Leicester

Merseyside

Charing Cross, Birkenhead

St. John's BO, Liverpool

Norfolk

Great Yarmouth

Kings Lynn

Northumbria

City BO, Newcastle-on-Tyne

Shropshire

Shrewsbury (relocated 2006)

Staffordshire

Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent

Lichfield

Stafford

Surrey

Redhill

Richmond

Woking

West Midlands

Hertford Street BO, Coventry

Erdington, Birmingham

Wiltshire

Swindon

Worcestershire

Worcester

Yorkshire

Jameson Street, Hull, East Yorks.

Middlesbrough, N. Yorks

APPENDIX 6

Ken J. Smith's list of Post Offices by county (North London District example)

[The following is a verbatim extract from p. 69 and 70 of the London volume, compiled by K.J. Smith April 1998]

POST OFFICES LISTED BY COUNTY

For each office, I have listed the opening date, or earliest reference; the issue dates of Penny Post marks; the undated circles to 1860; and rubber date stamps; the dates of establishment of Money Order & Savings Bank facilities and of Telegraph facilities; changes of Post Town / Postal Address; periods of closure; and final closure date, where applicable. My original aim was to keep a record of office closures as they occurred, and I should be grateful for any further information on closures.

There are two publications in particular which contain useful information. James Mac-bay's book on "Scottish Post Offices" I has a lengthy introduction, detailing types of Post Office and sources of information, as well as a handy glossary of abbreviations used by the Post Office. The Midlands (GB) Postal History Group published their 'Undated Circular Marks of the Midland Counties' in 1985, and the third edition of 1989 has a useful introduction explaining the changes in the postal system around 1840, and the Penny Post system. Between 1840 and 1860, all offices were issued with a postal mark, either dated or undated, depending on the amount of business transacted annually. The 'Undated Circles' used by the smaller offices were withdrawn in 1859-60, leaving the non-Money Order offices without any type of postmark. When an office was granted MO-SB or Telegraph facilities, a circular datestamp (CDS) would be issued. In addition, from 1885 onwards, rubber datestamps ('Climax Daters') were issued to offices which were not MO-SB or Telegraph Offices, but which were permitted to sell Postal Orders. In 1904, the remaining offices, which had no mark were finally issued with a rubber datestamp, in some cases after more than half a century without any mark. From 1904 onwards, some offices used their rubber datestamps on mail, as well as counter use. Rubber datestamps were phased out in the early 1930s, and they were replaced by steel datestamps. James Mackay's book on Rubber Datestamps is most informative. The 1930s saw a great expansion in the number of post offices, but since the 1970s there has been a reduction in the number of offices, particularly in rural areas, and it appears that the Post Office does not keep central records of closures. A recent trend has been the closure of many Branch Offices, and relocation in stores, as Franchise Post Offices or Modified Contract Sub-Post Offices (MSPO). Abbreviations used in the list of Post Offices:

- B.O. Branch Offices, sometimes referred to as 'Crown Offices'.
- P.P. Penny Post 'Receiving House', pre-1840, exchanging mail with its Head Office. H.O. Head Office
- S.O. Independent Sub-Offices. These evolved in the second half of the Nineteenth Century, being less important than the Head Offices, but having independent addresses. When the term 'Railway Sub-Office' was abolished in 1905, these too became S.O.s until 1-4-1909, when the letters S.O. were dropped from the postal address, and they became 'Post Towns' (P.T.)
- SSO 'Salaried Sub Offices': from 1906, some Head Offices were downgraded, while remaining Post Towns, and this process continued through to the 1970s.
- RSO 'Railway Sub-Office', 1856 – 1905. These were offices which received some, or all, of their mail from a Travelling Post Office (TPO) without the mail having to pass through the Head Office. Many RSOs were not on the line of a railway, but received some of their mail by rail.

TRO	Town Receiving Offices: These only appeared in the Post Office Guides, pre- 1907, if they were Money Order or Telegraph Offices. They can usually be found in local directories, such as Kelly's Directory. From 1892 they were known as Town Sub-Offices (TSO).
MO-SB	Money Order & Savings Bank. These offices were issued with steel datestamps for counter work, and some datestamped their own mail.
T.O.	Telegraph Offices: in 1870, the telegraph system was nationalised, and administered by the Post Office. Each telegraph office was allocated a two or three letter code, and these remained in use until they were phased out in the 1960s. These code letters sometimes appeared in postal markings and parcel labels, in the early Twentieth Century
POG	Post Office Guides: these were published quarterly from 1856. giving information on all Post Office services, as well as lists of offices. From 1916 they were published half-yearly, and from 1937 annually, as two publications, the 'Post Office Guide' and 'Post Offices in the U.K.' Publication ceased during the Second World War, and afterwards they were published at roughly two-year intervals, until the last edition of PO/UK appeared in Nov. 1977.
POC	'Post Office Circulars' ; these were weekly instructions to postmasters, giving also the opening of Money Order and Telegraph Offices and changes of postal address. The opening of the non MO-SB / TO offices was not given in the Circulars, however, though from 1885. lists of Postal Order Offices appeared from time to time From 1925 to 1937, the opening and closing of ALL offices is given in the Circulars. From the 1970s, the Post Office Gazette (POGaz) gives some information on office openings and closures.
T.C.	Temporary Closure. If an alternative location cannot be found, this then becomes the date of the permanent closure.

London N. Post Offices

N1: Arundel Place, Barnsbury	1-5-1872: MO-SB Replaced by 'Westbourne Rd, Barnsbury' 1-7-1880 (see N7)
Ashley Crescent, City Rd (No 31)	by 1/1857. SBJ 1-11-1861. Renamed 'Wenlock Place, City Rd', 1-1-1866.
Balls Pond (261, Ball's Pond Rd)	by 1857 MO SB. 11-11-1861. T.O 17-5-1892(BQX) Renamed 'Essex Rd. No 404', 1-9-1899
Balls Pond Rd. No. 90 (nr. Culford Rd)	1-7-1882: MO-SB Closed 2-12-1889.
Battle Bridge (3, Pleasam Row, Kings X)	by 1/1857. M.O. 1-11-1859. Renamed 'Pentonville Rd.', 2-1-1865
Barnsbury	by 1/1857 (7, Hemingford Pl.) M.O. by 1860. CDS 'Liverpool Rd. Islington' 29-9-1861 SB. 9-12-1861. By 1871 at 387, Liverpool Rd, T.O. () by 1876. disc. May 1876. 1-4-1878 renamed '387, Liverpool Rd'.
Barnsbury Road	1-4-1859: MO. (Brunswick Terrace). CDS issued 24-3-1859. SB. 11-11-1861. By 1866, No. 133 (& 1871). By 1880, No 131 No 125, 2-12-1889. Closed 31-12-1901
Barnsbury Street (No. 47)	1907. CDS issued 16-3-1907. Closed 20-3-1985.
Bemerton Street	1-2-1884: MO-SB (ex "Bingfield Street"). Closed 1919 (poc. 15/7/1919)
Bingfield Street (Caledonian Rd)	1-4-1881: MO-SB, Replaced by "Bemerton St", 1-2-1884,
Caledonian Road, 100	By Mch, 1940. (& 1998)
Caledonian Rd (8, Diddington Place)	by 1857. CDS 'Diddington Place' issued May 1859 Perhaps renamed: see below.
Caledonian Road, 172	1-10-1862: M.O. SB. 2-3-1863 ('nr. Canal Bridge'). Replaced by 'No. 202', 1-12-1899.
Caledonian Road. 186	1955 (poc. 9/3/1955) (ex -No. 204'). Closed 1982.

Caledonian Road, 202 (nr.Copenhagen St) 1-12-1899: MO-SB (ex 'No.172'). (&1915). See below by 1917.

Caledonian Road, 204 (") by 1917 (ex "No.202¹). Closed 1955 (poc.9/3/1955) (replaced by 'No 186')

Caledonian Road, 273 by 1871, MO-SB.('nr.Storey St,') (ex -No.314'). Replaced by 'No.245',1-2-1965.

Caledonian Road 245 1-2-1965 (ex "No.273'). Replaced by 'No. 308' by Dec. 1968.

Caledonian Road, 308 by Dec 1968 (ex -No.245'). Closed 4-11-1986.

Caledonian Road, 314 by 1/1863: MO-SB, Closed 1868/70. (replaced by'No.273').

Caledonian Road, 320 12-3-1987. (&1998)

Canonbury Lane by 1915 (No.23). Closed 17-11-1983.

Canonbury (3,Albion Terrace) by 1/1857: non MO-SB. Closed 1862/63. , ' ;

Canonbury (Alma Terrace) by 1/1859: M.O. S.B 10-3-1862. See below by 1866.

Canonbury, St.Paul'sRd by 1866: MO-SB (No.218). Closed 21 -4-1993

Cloudesley Road 1-5-1872: MO-SB. Closed 1884/94..

Copenhagen St.(Islington) by Jan. 1905: MO-SB (&1998)

Diddington Place -see above, 'Caledonian Road, Diddington Place'--

Downham Road 1-5-1878: MO-SB.(No.48 in 1884). (& 1998).

Essex Road, 198 by 1/1865. M.O 1-2-1865. SB.1-8-1865. Replaced by 'No,200M-5-1881.

Essex Road, 200 1-5-1881: MO-SB (ex *No, 198'). Replaced by 740.202', 1-4-1892

Essex Road, 202 1-4-1892: MO-SB (ex 'No.SOO') ('nr.New North Rd'), (&1908). See below by 1914.

Essex Road, 204 by 1914: MO-SB & T.O.(ESZ). Closed 1944 (poc.22/11/1944)

Essex Road, 238, B.O. by 9/1951. (by 1995 non BO).

Essex Road, 354 1916(poc.5/9/1916)(ex'No.404'). Closed 1950/51 (Replaced by Essex Rd.BO.)

Essex Road 404, Balls Pond, 1-9-1899: MO-SB (ex 'Balls Pond'). Replaced 1916 by'Essex Rd.354'(poc 5/9/1916)

Essex Street, Islington by 1857(No.15). 1-2-1865 MO.(No. 10). SB.1-7-1865

Renamed 'St.Peter's Street, Islington'. 1-1-1867,

Felix Terrace.Islington by 1/1857, M.O.by 1/1863. Closed or renamed after 1871.

Hemingford Rd (Barnsbury) by 1866: MO-SB. T.O(HGD). {tc.22-9-1941: re-open 16-12-1941}.Closed 1956/58.

Hertford Rd.108(De Beauvoir Sq) 2-11-1885: MO-SB Closed 1913.

Highbury B.O 2-12-1872: MO-SB (& letter carriers'office). Public counter closed after 1880

Next ret: by 1915 (Highbury Pl.,No.4).MO-SB & T.O (H1Y).

By 1936 Compton Terrace. Closed 1944 (poc.20/9/1944) (see also N5).

Hoxton, High Street by 1861 (No.144). MO.1-3-1865. SB.1-8-1865. Renamed'Hoxton Street' 1-7-1885

Hoxton, Bridport Place (No 74) 1920 (poc.2/3/1920)(ex Uoxton, StJohn's Rd¹). Closed Feb. 1975.

Hoxton, East Road 1-12-1879: MO-SB (poc 2/5/1892 'East Rd.,Hoxton, renamed 'Hoxton. East Rd'!).

Replaced by 'Nile Street, Hoxton' 1-4-1968

Hoxton, Felton Street Feb.1975. Closed 19-5-1976

Hoxton, Hyde Road 1-6-1881: MO-SB. Closed 1898/1903.

Hoxton, New North Rd. by Jan 1904: MO-SB ('nr.St. John's Church'). Closed 1940/48

Hoxton New Town, StJohn's Rd. by 1/1857: M O.(4,Britannia Place). T.O.by 1877(HNN).

"New Town' omitted by 1885 740.8' to 'No.22', 1-9-1885

Replaced by *Hoxton. Bridport Place', 1920 (poc.2/3/1920).

Hoxton Street 1-7-1885:MO-SB(ex 'Hoxton,High St)(1905/18, No.217). MSPO«Wttorf21-2-1991

APPENDIX 7

British Postal Museum & Archive (BPMA)

(asterisked records denote those ostensibly of high interest/relevance)

P POST Records created and used by the British Post Office 1636-present

P 1 POST 1 Series Post Office: Treasury Correspondence 1686 - 1977

P 1/1 POST 1 Sub-series Treasury letters, general correspondence 1686 - 1976

P 3 POST 3 Series Post Office: Accountant General's Annual Accounts 1678-1938

P 8/4/03 POST 8/91 First interim report of the Returns Committee, on staff and establishment and buildings and supplies statistics submitted to Headquarters by surveyors, postmasters and district managers 1924

P 17/06/02 POST 17/443 Working party on modernisation of sorting office equipment, First Report of a committee appointed by the Director of Postal Services 1966 Jun 30

17/08 POST 17 Sub-Series Post town mechanisation: new mechanised head, letter and parcel sorting offices, 1938-1985 1938-1985

P 30/0331 POST 30/171A Expenditure on Post Office Buildings: method of examination c. 1865

P 30/0564 POST 30/262A (1) Wolverhampton Post Office: new premises (2) Post Office buildings: apportionment of costs, Postal and Telegraph Accounts c. 1874

P 30/0663 POST 30/301D Buildings not strictly Crown Offices: supply of furniture and execution of works c. 1876

P 30/0983 POST 30/447A Post Office Buildings: protection from fire c.1883

P 30/1256 POST 30/593B Post Office buildings: precaution against unauthorised admittance c. 1891

P 30/1368 POST 30/661A GPO North: interference with light of adjacent buildings c. 1894

P 30/1607 POST 30/813 Post Office Buildings: expenditure returns by Ministry of Works c. 1898

P 30/1790 POST 30/929C Vermin in Post Office buildings: measures to combat c. 1900

P 30/1872 POST 30/978A Newcastle upon Tyne Post Office: adjacent buildings, Rights of Lights Agreement c. 1902

P 30/1899 POST 30/989 Bedford Street Branch Office and Supplies Department: buildings papers, part 1 c. 1902

P 30/1900 POST 30/990 Bedford Street Branch Office and Supplies Department: buildings papers, part 2 (end) c. 1902

P 30/1909 POST 30/995A Artesian wells: proposed provision in Post Office buildings c. 1902

P 30/2050 POST 30/1071C Insurance of Post Office premises: insurance restricted to buildings held on lease under covenants, Treasury decision, 1876 c. 1904

P 30/2094 POST 30/1098 Dorchester: Head Post Office and Telephone Exchange buildings papers c. 1904

P 30/2200 POST 30/1163 Post Office Buildings; Crown property exempted from local Buildings Acts. Part 1 c. 1905

P 30/2201 POST 30/1164 Post Office Buildings; Crown property exempted from local Buildings Acts. Part 2 (end) c. 1905

70 P 30/2371 POST 30/1280 Protection of Post Office Buildings, London: patrolling staff, doorkeepers, firemen, etc. c. 1906

P 30/2373 POST 30/1281B National Telephone Company: sites and buildings approved in Manchester 1905-1910

75 P 30/2653 POST 30/1461 National Telephone Company: sites and buildings approved in Liverpool area 1906-1910

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P 30/3222	POST 30/1827A	Post Office Buildings: minor premises, maintenance transferred from Office of Works to Post Office	c. 1910
P 30/3463	POST 30/1966B	General Post Office buildings: committee on Post Office accommodation	c. 1911
P 30/4865	POST 30/2781B	Post Office buildings: allocation to Postal or Telegraph purposes, of accommodation provided from telephone capital	c. 1913
P 30/5123	POST 30/2919	Post Office buildings: Office of Works and Engineering Department co-ordinated	1915-1922
P 30/5354	POST 30/3062	Post Office buildings: system for acquiring, renting etc., Cowley Committee report	c. 1914
*P 30/5401	POST 30/3084B	Fire outbreaks at Class I offices: Ministry of Works Architect to be informed, rules revised	c. 1914
P 30/5703	POST 30/3254	Post Office buildings and staff: applications to photograph, Part 1	c. 1914
P 30/5704	POST 30/3255A	Post Office buildings and staff: applications to photograph, Part 2 (end)	c. 1914
P 30/6057	POST 30/3465B	Sites and buildings: offers to sell, revised procedure, Part 1	c. 1915
P 30/6058	POST 30/3466	Sites and buildings: offers to sell, revised procedure, Part 2 (end)	c. 1915
P 30/6102	POST 30/3496C	New or enlarged Post Office buildings: Staff Associations request to inspect plans, etc.	c. 1915
P 30/6372	POST 30/3666B	Post Office buildings: Crown Office class II, drains maintenance	c. 1916
P 30/6473	POST 30/3735B	Post Office buildings: class III offices, decoration specifications, Part 1	c. 1916
P 30/6474	POST 30/3736	Post Office buildings: class III offices, decoration specifications, Part 2 (end)	c. 1916
P 30/6887	POST 30/4012B	Post Office estimates 1918 - 1919: sites and buildings	c. 1917
P 30/6889	POST 30/4013	Post Office buildings: work undertaken by Ministry of Works in connection with engineering requirements	c. 1917
P 30/7386	POST 30/4342B	GPO East: proposed new buildings, plans, etc.	c. 1919

* P 30/7697 POST 30/4529 Post Office buildings: economies in construction and equipment, Part 1 c. 1920

* P 30/7698 POST 30/4530 Post Office buildings: economies in construction and equipment, Part 2 c. 1920

* P 30/7699 POST 30/4531A Post Office buildings: economies in construction and equipment, Part 3 (end) c. 1920

** P 31/129 POST 31/84b Post Office sites and buildings 1910-1939

** P 33/0911 POST 33/608 Secretary's Office: buildings and supplies branch, architectural section establishment c. 1922

** P 33/1342 POST 33/870A Post Office buildings: design for new offices, telephone kiosks, stamps, etc, consultation with Royal Fine Arts Commission c. 1923

* P 33/2403 POST 33/1531 Post Office buildings: standardisation of accommodation and fittings, Part 1 c. 1925

* P 33/2404 POST 33/1532 Post Office buildings: standardisation of accommodation and fittings, Part 2 c. 1925

* P 33/2405 POST 33/1533 Post Office buildings: standardisation of accommodation and fittings, Part 3 (end) c. 1925

* P 33/2423 POST 33/1546B Post Office buildings: maintenance of class II premises c.

** P 33/2776 POST 33/1759A Secretary's Office: Buildings and Supplies Branch, Architects Section, pay and conditions c. 1926

P 33/3233 POST 33/2016 Post Office buildings and sites: Postmasters General's financial powers, further delegation of powers from the Treasury c. 1927

P 33/3366 POST 33/2101A New Post Office buildings: opening ceremonies, Postmaster General's decision that representatives from Headquarters should not attend c. 1927

P 33/4084 POST 33/2540 Standard buildings for small automatic telephone exchanges: general papers 1928-1935

P 33/4103 POST 33/2550C Buildings containing telephone exchanges and telegraph offices: fire precautions 1925 -1939

** P 33/4171 POST 33/2596A Post Office buildings and sites: hiring and purchase, services rendered by Office of Works c. 1929

P 33/4533 POST 33/2813A Post Office sites and buildings: general statutory powers for compulsory acquisition c. 1929

P 33/4603 POST 33/2853C Post Office buildings: standardisation of furniture, Part 1 c. 1930

P 33/4604 POST 33/2854A Post Office buildings: standardisation of furniture, Part 2 (end) c. 1930

P 33/4946 POST 33/3057B Safes and strongrooms in Post Office buildings 1925 - 1937, Part 1 c. 1930

P 33/4947 POST 33/3058 Safes and strongrooms in Post Office buildings 1925 - 1937, Part 2 (end) c. 1930

P 33/5193 POST 33/3205B New Post Office buildings: garages, ventilation 1930-1931

* P 33/5283 POST 33/3252B Post Offices buildings: financial powers from the Treasury, delegation and procedure, Sites and Buildings Programmes, Part 1 1922-1959

* P 33/5284 POST 33/3253 Post Offices buildings: financial powers from the Treasury, delegation and procedure, Sites and Buildings Programmes, Part 2 (end) 1922-1959

P 33/5309 POST 33/3266 Factories Bills 1926 and 1928: application to Post Office buildings 1924-1931

P 33/6755 POST 33/4109 Post Office buildings: methods of heating 1933-1951

P 33/7313 POST 33/4663 Buildings for small automatic exchanges: types regarded as standard 1934-1939

P 33/7369 POST 33/4719 Notices in Post Offices: ancient monuments and buildings, pictures, publicity, general papers 1922-1937

** P 33/7432 POST 33/4782 New buildings: plans procedure, general papers 1907-1939

* P 33/7558 POST 33/4908 Post Office Sites Act 1936: proposed new buildings, negotiations 1935-1940

P 33/7646 POST 33/4996 Buildings: unattended automatic exchanges, co-operation with Council for Preservation of Rural England 1931-1936

P 33/7659 POST 33/5009 Buildings: 'party' walls, ownership of wall covered in Acts, registration of awards 1932

P 33/7826 POST 33/5176 Visit to Holland by Messrs Daish, Johnson and Hanton to investigate Dutch methods in design of telephone buildings: report 1932-1935

P 33/8296 POST 33/5646 Five year plan: co-ordination of services, establishments and buildings 1936-1953

** P 33/8374 POST 33/5724 Buildings: construction of Post Offices and Sorting Offices 1938

P 33/8609 POST 33/5959 Buildings: new Birmingham parcel office 1938-1961

**P 52/4/399 POST 52/1078 British Historic Buildings (and Miniature sheets) 1977 Oct 11-1979 Mar 02

P 52/4/405 POST 52/1084 British Historic buildings 1977-1978

POST 56/44 Album of photographs showing bomb damage to various post office buildings around the country 1940 - 1941

POST 56/45 Album of photographs showing bomb damage to various post office buildings around the country 1940 - 1941

P 56/06/15 POST 56/41 Large album of photographs showing bomb damage to various post office buildings around the country 1940 - 1945

P 56/06/17 POST 56/43 Post Office buildings: photographs 1941 - 1942

P 59 POST 59 Series Staff: Establishment Books 1691-1985

P 62/02/2/1 POST 62/36 'Safety in the design and maintenance of buildings' [c 1972] 290

P 69/01/01 POST 69 Sub-sub-series Post Office Board: Papers and copy minutes, 1934 - 1969

P 69/01/02/01 POST 69 Sub-sub-sub-series Post Office Board papers 1970 Oct-1981

P 92 POST 92 Series Post Office Publications 1854-2007

P 92/01 POST 92 Sub-Series Annual Reports and Accounts 1854-2000

P 92/01/01 POST 92 Sub-Sub-Series Report upon the Post Office and Reports of the Postmaster General on the Post Office 1854-1917

P 92/01/01/01 POST 92/I Report

upon the Post Office and Reports of the Postmaster General on the Post Office 1854-1858

P 92/01/02 POST 92 Sub-Sub-Series Post Office Telegraphs and Telephones; accounts and statements 1907-1920

P 92/01/04 POST 92 Sub-sub-series Post Office Reports and Commercial Accounts 1960-1999

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** P 92/02/01 POST 92 Sub-sub-series British Postal Guide 1856-1879

** P 92/02/02 POST 92 Sub-sub-series Post Office Guide, 1880-1986

P 92/02/03 POST 92 Sub-sub-series Post Offices in the United Kingdom and Ireland; 1937 - 1977

** P 92/02/03/025 POST 92/345 List of Branch Offices, Receiving Offices and Sub-Offices, under each Head Post Office 1884-1890

** P 92/02/03/026 POST 92/346-389 List of Head Post Offices in the United Kingdom, showing the Offices subordinate to them, and the Surveyor's district in which each is situated, etc. 1897-1970 [issued annually or biennially]

P 111 POST 111 series Newspaper cuttings 1684-1999

P 111/04 POST 111/2 Newspaper cuttings 1751 Jul 29-1955 Nov 31

P 114/02/02 POST 114/16 Report on the Present System of Regionalisation in the Post Office: Part Two 1951 Oct

P 114/10/02 POST 114/80 Post Office Sites Acts 1858 Jul 23-1907 Aug 21

P 114/20/04 POST 114/143 Post Office Acts 1834 Jul 25-1866 Jul 30

P 114/20/05 POST 114/144 Post Office and Other Acts 1834 Jul 25-1868 Jul 31

P 122/107 POST 122/107 Buildings: painting and general maintenance; colour schemes etc. 1952-1953

** P 122/4479 POST 122/4479 House Style for Public Offices: Policy Bundle. Adoption of a standard style for Public Post Offices. Appointment of design consultants. Agreement of the staff side. Adoption in principle of the style proposed by Mr E Bedford. Press announcement 1962 Aug 02-Nov 19

** P 122/4480 POST 122/4480 House Style for Public Offices: Policy Bundle. Adoption of a standard style for public post offices. Designed to give a 'family resemblance' and produce savings in planning and construction. Correspondence with Ministry of Public Buildings and Works. Includes some building plans 1963 Mar 07-1967 Jun

**P 122/4481 POST 122/4481 House Style for Public Offices: Policy Bundle. Standard style for public post offices. Standard units. Costing of alternative methods to dispose of surplus units held in stock. Decision to cease the house style concept and exhaust the stock units held 1970-1975 Feb 21

P 122/7518 POST 122/7518 Buildings Plans Procedure: Revision of Post Office/Ministry of Works instructions 1957-58. Issue of revised chapters V and VA. Drafts and correspondence with Ministry of Works 1957 Jul 22-1958 Apr 15

P 122/7519 POST 122/7519 Buildings Plans Procedure: Joint Post Office-Ministry of Works study group. First report, February 1957. Copy of a report of a study group

appointed to consider what measures can be taken to speed up and cheapen the provision of Post Office buildings 1957 Feb

P 122/7520 POST 122/7520 Buildings Plans Procedure: Joint Post Office-Ministry of Works study group. Proposed amendments of Chapter V and VA of Post Office/Ministry of Works instructions 1957-58 1958 Apr 21-1959 Jan 14

P 122/7521 POST 122/7521 Buildings Plans Procedure: SBB directive. Revisions of Chapter V and VA. Comments of Regional Directors on proposed amendments 1959 Feb 06-Apr 10

P 122/7522 POST 122/7522 Buildings Plans Procedure: SBB directive. Revisions of Chapter V and VA. Director of Mechanisation and Buildings' letter, 13 April 1959, to Regional Directors on revised draft. Replies to letter 1959 Mar 23-Jul 09

P 122/7523 POST 122/7523 Buildings Plans Procedure: SBB directive amendment. Items for inclusion in aide memoir. Correspondence with Ministry of Works regarding joint regional economy meetings. Particularly related to items to be considered at the consultation stage of a building scheme 1957 Sep-1958 Aug 26

P 122/7524 POST 122/7524 Buildings Plans Procedure: Postal mechanisation. Co-ordinating arrangements for new buildings. Letter to Regional Directors/DPOs from Director of Mechanisation and Buildings of 30 August 1958 regarding the proposal that, for all major schemes, a regional working party be formed 1958 Aug 30-Sep 25

P 122/7525 POST 122/7525 Buildings Plans Procedure: Joint regional economy meetings. Letters to regional directors and headquarters departments listing items which should normally be considered at economy meetings 1958 Jan

P 122/7743 POST 122/7743 Building policy with particular reference to building lessor schemes: discussions, drafts and briefs regarding the proposal for the Prudential Assurance Company to construct buildings and lease them to the Post Office 1958 Nov 12-1959 Apr 23

P 122/7745 POST 122/7745 Building policy with particular reference to building lessor schemes, with the Prudential Assurance Company as lessor. Analysis of agreements and Director of Mechanisation and Buildings' discussion with Mr Gemmell 1958 Dec 08-1959 Jan 23

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GIRO/PG/POGJC/1 GIRO/PG/POGJC/1 Buildings Subcommittee 1965 - 1967

APPENDIX 8

The National Archives (TNA)

WORK 13 Office of Works and successors: Deeds, Series III (Contract Rolls) 1890-1935

WORK 13/29 General Post Office. North. Superstructure. J.T. Chappell. 1890 Sept. 11

WORK 13/34 Tothill Fields Post Office. Erection. J. Molem and Co. 1892 June 30

WORK 13/36 General Post Office. East Additional storey and alterations. Foster and Dicksee. 1892 Dec. 13

WORK 13/40 South-West District Post Office. Extension. G.H. Martin and Co. 1893 July 28

WORK 13/46 Post Office Savings Bank. Enlargement. Kirk and Randall. 1895 Jan. 14

WORK 13/56 General Post Office. West. Alterations. Chessum and Sons. 1896 Sept.28

WORK 13/60 West-Central District Post Office. Erection. B.E. Nightingale. 1897 Jan.6

WORK 13/75 Salford Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. A.R. Bullivant and Sons. 1900 June 13

WORK 13/78 Brighton Head Post Office. Enlargement. C. Jackson. 1900 Aug.3

WORK 13/80 West Brompton Post Office. Erection. J. Christie. 1900 Dec.3

WORK 13/81 Aldershot Post Office. Erection. G. Kemp. 1900 Jan.28

WORK 13/82 High Wycombe Post Office. Adaptation of Flint House. H. Flint. 1901 Jan.28

WORK 13/88 Hinckley Post Office. Erection. Scurr, Jowett and Co. 1901 Aug.14

WORK 13/89 Holyhead Post Office. Erection. J. Mayers. 1899 July 8

WORK 13/96 West Kensington Post Office. Erection. Campbell Smith and Co., Ltd. 1902 Feb.10

WORK 13/97 York Post Office. Extension. J.H. Williamson. 1902 Feb.21

WORK 13/100 Plymouth Head Post Office. Extension. Lapthorn and Co. 1902 March 22

WORK 13/102 Esher Post Office. Erection. H. Flint. 1902 June 3

WORK 13/103 Norwich Post Office. Extension. G.E. Hawes. 1902 March 26

WORK 13/112 Stalybridge Post Office. Completion. J. Ridyard. 1901 June 8

WORK 13/113 Burton on Trent Post Office. Erection. R. Kershaw. 1903 May 2

WORK 13/118 Kentish Town Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. E. Brown and Son. 1903 July 3

WORK 13/119 Manor Park Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. F. Willmott. 1903 June 15

WORK 13/124 Oxford Post Office. Extension. T.H. Kingerlee and Sons. 1903 May 2

WORK 13/125 Lincoln Post Office. Erection. The Lincoln Equitable Co-operative Industrial Society, Ltd. 1903 Aug.18

WORK 13/127 Portsmouth Post Office. Alterations. S. Salter. 1903 Sept.3

WORK 13/128 Burnley Post Office. Erection. R. Neill and Sons. 1903 June 17

WORK 13/129 Stockwell Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. J. Shelbourne and Co. 1903 Aug.13

WORK 13/132 Post Office Savings Bank. Workshops. W.J. Renshaw. 1903 Sept.24

WORK 13/133 Tooting Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. W. Johnson and Co., Ltd. 1903 Sept. 21

WORK 13/134 Burslem Post Office. Erection. T. Godwin. 1903 Sept.15

WORK 13/137 Crewe Post Office. Erection. G.H. Marshall. 1903 Oct.19

WORK 13/138 Barry Dock Post Office. Erection. Watkin Williams. 1903 Oct.16

WORK 13/140 Leicester Head Post Office. Additions. H. Herbert and Sons. 1903 Oct.27

WORK 13/141 Ilford Post Office. Erection. C. Ansell. 1903 Oct.27

WORK 13/142 Thornton Heath Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. Foster Brothers.
1903 Nov.3

WORK 13/143 Knightsbridge Post Office. Erection. B.E. Nightingale. 1903 Nov.13
WORK 13/144 Islington Northern District Post Office Foundations. W. King and Son.
1903 Nov.12

WORK 13/145 Merthyr Tydfil Post Office. Erection. W. Cowlin and Son. 1903 Nov.10

WORK 13/146 Barrow in Furness Post Office. Extension. J. Parkinson and Sons, Ltd. 1903
Oct.17

WORK 13/148 Ealing Dean Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. General Builders, Ltd.
1903 Dec.1

WORK 13/155 Manchester. Quay Street Post Office. Telegraph Engineers' offices, etc. W.
Southern and Sons. 1904 Feb. 19

WORK 13/156 Peterborough Post Office. Alterations. E. Brown and Son. 1904 March 3

WORK 13/157 General Post Office Power Station, Black-friars. River wall and chimney
foundations. J. A. Ewart. 1904 March 14

WORK 13/160 Muswell Hill Post Office Sorting Office. Erection. General Builders, Ltd.
1904 March 24

WORK 13/161 Muswell Hill Post Office Sorting Office. Erection. Voller and Good-fellow.
1903 Nov.2

WORK 13/164 Finsbury Park Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. F. and A. Willmott.
1904 April 26

WORK 13/165 Bootle, Liverpool. Post Office. Erection. J. Paterson and Son. 1904 Jan.11

WORK 13/166 Lichfield Post Office. Erection. D. Roberts. 1904 May 31

WORK 13/167 Liverpool, Seaforth, Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. D. Fowler. 1904
June 22

WORK 13/169 Liverpool, Old Swan, Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. G.L. Desoer.
1904 July 19

WORK 13/170 Islington Northern District Post Office, Superstructure. H.J. Williams Ltd. 1904 May 7

WORK 13/171 Woodford Green Post Office. Erection. Banyard and Son. 1904 July 26

WORK 13/172 Barnet Post Office. Erection. F. and A. Willmott. 1904 July 12

WORK 13/177 Lower Edmonton Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. Pollard and Brand. 1904 Sept. 22

WORK 13/178 Winchmore Hill Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. Mattock and Parsons. 1904 Sept. 20

WORK 13/180 Liverpool, Lark Lane, Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. R. Costain and Sons. 1904 Oct.21

WORK 13/181 Hanley Post Office. Erection. Messrs. Meiklejohn. 1904 Sept. 23

WORK 13/183 Liverpool. Northern Post Office. Erection. I. Dilworth. 1904 Nov.21

WORK 13/185 Streatham Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. Banyard and Son. 1905 Jan.5

WORK 13/186 Islington Northern District Post Office. Front block. Erection. Perry Brothers. 1905 Feb.13

WORK 13/187 Shorncliffe Camp Post Office. Erection. R. Webster. 1905 Feb.28

WORK 13/188 Dorchester (co. Dorset) Post Office. Erection. J.W. and H. Childs. 1905 March 3

WORK 13/189 London, Eastern District, Post Office. Additions. J. Garrett and Sons. 1905 March 7

WORK 13/191 Chelsea. King's Road Post Office. Erection. Galbraith Brothers. 1905 March 7

WORK 13/192 Aldershot. North Camp Post Office. Erection. J.W. Lorden. 1905 March 17

WORK 13/194 Leeds. Marsh Lane Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. W. Nicholson. 1905 March 30

WORK 13/195 Buxton Head Post Office. Erection. Dennis Gill and Son. 1904 May 21

WORK 13/196 Shepherd's Bush Post Office. Sorting Office. Galbraith Brothers. 1905 April 19

WORK 13/197 Rotherham Post Office. Erection. A. Graham and Sons, Ltd. 1905 June 2

WORK 13/201 Hull Post Office. Foundations. Bowman and Sons. 1904 May 27

WORK 13/202 Hull Post Office. Foundations. Yorkshire Hennebique Contracting Co. 1905 July 14

WORK 13/204 Salisbury Post Office, Inland Revenue and Probate Offices. Erection. G. Moore. 1905 July 4

WORK 13/206 Batley Post Office. Erection. A. Graham and Sons, Ltd. 1905 July 15

WORK 13/207 London. Northern District Post Office. Boiler house. W.F. King. 1905 Aug.28

WORK 13/210 Newport (Mon.) Post Office. Erection. W.E. Blake. 1905 Oct.5

WORK 13/213 Blackburn Post Office. Erection. W.J. Woolfe, Cronshaw and Sons. 1905 Nov.6

WORK 13/215 West Dulwich Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. J. and W. Drake. 1905 Dec.13

WORK 13/217 Enfield Post Office and Sorting Office. Erection. Allen Fairhead. 1906 Jan.12

WORK 13/218 Leek Post Office. Erection. T. Goodwin. 1906 Jan.11

WORK 13/219 Sutton, Surrey, Post Office. Erection. R. Jones and Son. 1906 Jan.25

WORK 13/225 Canterbury Post Office and Inland Revenue Office. Erection. H.J. Shelbourne. 1906 Jan.19

WORK 13/226 Bradford Post Office extension. Additions and alterations. W. Farnish. 1906 March 1

WORK 13/227 Hull Post Office. Erection. H. Arnold and Son. 1906 Feb.17

WORK 13/229 Carmarthen Post Office. Erection. Hayward and Wooster. 1906 March 7

WORK 13/231 Forest Hill Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. J. Barker and Co., Ltd.
1906 March 2

WORK 13/233 Peckham Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. Galbraith Brothers. 1906
March 23

WORK 13/234 Tottenham Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. J. Barker and Co., Ltd.
1906 May 11

WORK 13/235 Warrington Post Office. Erection. J. Parkinson and Sons (Blackpool), Ltd.
1906 May 9

WORK 13/236 Birkenhead Post Office. Erection. J. Gabbutt. 1906 May 25

WORK 13/238 Palmers Green Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. Edwards and
Medway. 1906 July 23

WORK 13/240 Wrexham Post Office and Inland Revenue Office. Erection of Inland
Revenue Office and alterations to Post Office. H. Kelly and Brothers. 1906 Aug. 21

WORK 13/246 Dewsbury Post Office. Erection. Garforth and Day. 1906 Sept. 28

WORK 13/247 Boston Post Office. Erection. H.W. Parker and Son. 1906 June 15

WORK 13/248 Paddington District Post Office. Alterations. J. Allen and Sons, Ltd. 1906
Oct.4

WORK 13/250 Greenwich Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. J. Lonsdale. 1906 Nov.20

WORK 13/252 Mill Hill Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. G. Wiggs. 1907 Jan.9

WORK 13/253 Twickenham Post Office. Erection. Wisdom Brothers. 1907 Jan.29

WORK 13/255 Droitwich Post Office. Erection. H. Smith. 1907 Jan.28

WORK 13/257 Leeds, Hyde Park Corner, Branch Post Office. Erection. J. Pullan. 1906
Jan.5

WORK 13/265 General Post Office, South. Additional storey. F. and H.F. Higgs. 1907
April 24

WORK 13/266 General Post Office, King Edward Buildings. Erection. Holloway Brothers,
Ltd. 1907 May 1

WORK 13/269 Cardiff Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Additions. W.F. King. 1907 May 15

WORK 13/273 Manchester, Newton Street, Post Office. Erection. E. Nuttall and Co. 1907 June 18

WORK 13/274 Bordon Camp Post Office. Erection. R. Cook and Sons. 1907 July 10

WORK 13/276 Chingford Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. F. and G. Foster. 1907 July 8

WORK 13/277 Birmingham Post Office. Stores Depot. Reinforced concrete work. Cubit Concrete Construction, Co. 1907 Aug.15

WORK 13/279 Chelmsford Post Office. Erection. W.E. Blake. 1907 Aug.28

WORK 13/286 Sheffield Head Post Office. Erection. Waring White Building Co., Ltd. 1907 Oct.7

WORK 13/288 Walton on Thames Post Office. Erection. F. and G. Foster. 1907 Nov.19

WORK 13/289 Southampton Post Office. Additions. W.E. Blake. 1907 Dec.11

WORK 13/293 Birmingham Post Office. Stores Depot. Erection. W.E. Blake. 1907 Dec.11

WORK 13/297 Bangor Post Office, County Court and Inland Revenue Office. Erection. W. Thornton and Sons. 1908 Feb.6

WORK 13/298 Western District Post Office. Erection. W.F. King. 1908 Feb.20

WORK 13/299 Western District Post Office. Sorting Office. Additions: and Mayfair Telephone Exchange. Galbraith Brothers. 1908 March 3

WORK 13/300 Grimsby Post Office. Erection. H.W. Parker and Son. 1908 Feb.27

WORK 13/301 Aldgate Post Office. Erection. H. Perry. 1908 March 16

WORK 13/302 Scarborough Post Office. Erection. Abraham Moore. 1908 Feb.27

WORK 13/305 Manchester Post Office. Sorting office and branch post office. Waring White Building Co., Ltd. 1908 April 6

WORK 13/306 Rothesay Post Office. Extension. D. Blair and Son. 1908 April 30

WORK 13/308 St Helier, Jersey, Post Office. Erection. W. Cubitt and Co. 1908 April 21

WORK 13/309 Bristol Post Office. Additions. W.E. Blake. 1908 April 30

WORK 13/313 Longton Post Office. Erection. Tompkinson and Bettelley. 1908 June 13

WORK 13/314 South Kensington Post Office and Meteorological Office. Foundations. Leslie and Co., Ltd. 1908 June 25

WORK 13/316 Lerwick Post Office. Erection. Alexander Hall. 1908 June 18

WORK 13/317 Haddington Post Office. Erection. W. Black and Sons. 1908 July 10

WORK 13/319 Edinburgh General Post Office. Extension. A. Colville and Co. Contract drawings only. 1907 Nov. 8 and 18

WORK 13/321 General Post Office. King Edward's Building. Contract no.2. Holloway Brothers, Ltd. 1908 Aug. 14

WORK 13/326 Blackpool Post Office. Erection. R. Neill and Sons. 1908 Aug. 29

WORK 13/327 Ramsgate Post Office. Erection. T.T. Denne. 1908 July 21

WORK 13/328 Uxbridge Post Office. Erection. G. Jaggard. 1908 Sept. 30

WORK 13/333 Oban Post Office. Erection. H. Macdougall. 1908

WORK 13/337 Lombard Street Branch Post Office. Re-erection. W. King and Son. 1909 Jan. 8

WORK 13/340 Dudley Head Post Office. Additions. J. Barnsley and Sons. 1908 Dec. 31

WORK 13/342 Ilfracombe Post Office. Erection. Woodman and Sons. 1909 March 4

WORK 13/343 Newcastle Head Post Office. Additions. Kirk and Brown. 1909 Feb. 4

WORK 13/345 South Kensington Branch Post Office. Super-structure: and Meteorological Office. F. and F.H. Higgs. 1909 March 29

WORK 13/347 Lowestoft Post Office. Additions. C. Roper. 1909 April 5

WORK 13/349 Margate Post Office. Erection. F. Bennett. 1909 May 13

WORK 13/350 Manchester Post Office. Sorting Office. Heating. Saunders and Taylor. 1909 June 24

WORK 13/351 General Post Office. King Edward's Building. Boilers. H.T. Danks, Ltd. 1909 June 26

WORK 13/353 General Post Office. King Edward's Building. Setting of boilers. Poulton and Son. 1909 July 7

WORK 13/355 General Post Office. King Edward's Building. Contract no.3. Holloway Brothers, Ltd. 1909 Aug.19

WORK 13/357 General Post Office. King Edward's Building. Heating, etc. H.J. Cash and Co., Ltd. 1909 Aug.20

WORK 13/359 Taunton Post Office. Erection. H.W. Pollard and Son. 1909 Sept.17

WORK 13/362 Western District Post Office. Contract no.2. Galbraith Brothers, Ltd. 1909 Sept.16

WORK 13/364 Edinburgh. General Post Office. Heating. C. Ritchie and Co. 1909

WORK 13/365 Sheffield Post Office. Heating. Brightside Foundry. 1909 Sept.6

WORK 13/369 Bristol Head Post Office. Heating. J. Legg and Sons. 1909 Oct.22

WORK 13/372 Brechin. Post Office. Erection. W. Black and Son. 1909

WORK 13/377 Edinburgh. General Post Office. Additions. Reinforced concrete work. Stuart's Granolithic Co., Ltd. 1910

WORK 13/378 Aberdeen Labour Exchange. Conversion of old Head Post Office. D. Macandrew. 1910

WORK 13/386 New Southgate Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. Patman and Co. 1909 Sept.29

WORK 13/391 Edinburgh. General Post Office. Extension. Contract no.4. J. Millar and Son. 1910

WORK 13/392 Notting Hill Branch Post Office. Additions. Sheffield Brothers. 1910 Feb.21

WORK 13/393 Kelso Post Office. Erection. Trustees of J. Angus. 1910

WORK 13/394 General Post Office. King Edward's Building. Fittings. G. Blake. 1910 April 25

WORK 13/395 General Post Office. King Edward's Building. Fittings. Ripper Brothers.
1910 May 31

WORK 13/397 General Post Office. King Edward's Building. Marble work. A. Lee and
Bros. 1910 May 26

WORK 13/398 General Post Office. King Edward's Building. Cooking apparatus. R. and A.
Main, Ltd. 1910 April 25

WORK 13/403 Birmingham, Hockley Hill, Post Office. Erection. J. Bowen and Sons, Ltd.
1910 June 20

WORK 13/405 Malton Post Office. Erection. R. Neill and Sons. 1910 July 8

WORK 13/406 Blackheath Post Offices. (Contract drawings only.) Galbraith Brothers, Ltd.
1910 July 26

WORK 13/411 Torquay Post Office. Erection. A.N. Coles. 1910 April 23

WORK 13/412 Western District Post Office. Heating. Cannon and Hefford. 1910 Aug.15

WORK 13/414 Llanelly Post Office. Erection. W. Bowers. 1910 Aug.3

WORK 13/419 Chislehurst Post Office. Erection. F. Webster and Son. 1910 Sept.5

WORK 13/425 South Lambeth Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. W.E. Blake. 1910
Sept.23

WORK 13/427 Stoke Newington Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. H.J. Williams, Ltd.
1910 Sept.28

WORK 13/428 Western Central District Post Office. Additions. Galbraith Brothers. 1910
Sept.28

WORK 13/431 Leytonstone Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. H.F. Webb. 1910 Nov.7

WORK 13/435 Deptford Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. F. Willmott. 1910 Nov.16

WORK 13/436 Petworth Post Office. Erection. Chapman, Lowry and Puttick, Ltd. 1910
Nov.17

WORK 13/437 Bristol, Temple Meads, Branch Post Office. Erection. A.J. Colborne. 1910
Oct.24

WORK 13/441 Tadworth Camp Post Office. Erection. Tydeman Brothers. 1910 Nov.23

WORK 13/443 Woking Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. H. Gough. 1910 Dec.10

WORK 13/448 Bacup Post Office. Erection. Moore Brothers. 1910 Nov.22

WORK 13/449 Liverpool. Rice Lane Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. J. Rothwell and Sons. 1911 Jan.9

WORK 13/450 Doncaster. Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. D. Gill and Son. 1911 Jan.10

WORK 13/453 Leeds Head Post Office. Additions. R. Thompson and Morris. 1911 Jan.9

WORK 13/456 Tunbridge Wells Head Post Office. Additions. D. Godden and Son. 1911 Jan.18

WORK 13/458 Whetstone Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. Clark and Sons. 1911 Feb.2

WORK 13/461 Chester Post Office. Station Sorting Office. Erection. W. Storrs, Son and Co., Ltd. 1911 Feb.28

WORK 13/462 Poplar Post Office. Erection. H.J. Williams, Ltd. 1911 Feb.28

WORK 13/466 Bishop Auckland Post Office. Erection. Middlemiss Brothers. 1911 March 16

WORK 13/469 South-Western District Post Office. Contract no.1. Galbraith Brothers, Ltd. 1911 April 10

WORK 13/470 Birmingham Post Office. Telegraph stores. Bordsley. Block C. Stuart Granolithic Co., Ltd. 1911 April 7

WORK 13/472 South-Eastern District Post Office. Additions W.J. Maddison. 1911 March 11

WORK 13/473 Paisley Post Office. Extension. Contract no.1. J. Porter and Sons. 1911

WORK 13/474 Eastbourne Post Office. Erection. H. Gough. 1911 May 8

WORK 13/476 South-Western District Post Office. Contract no.2. H.F. Webb and Co. 1911 May 22

WORK 13/477 Blyth Post Office. Erection. Haswell and Waugh. 1911 May 25

WORK 13/478 Acton Branch Post Office. Erection. W.E. Blake. 1911 May 29

WORK 13/479 Newcastle on Tyne. Head Post Office. Heating. W. Richardson and Co. 1911 May 25

WORK 13/484 Mount Pleasant Post Office. Parcels Office. Additions. J. Strong and Co. 1911 July 12

WORK 13/486 Maybole Post Office. Erection. D. and J. Milligan. 1911

WORK 13/487 Eltham Post Office. Erection. Thomas and Edge. 1911 July 20

WORK 13/489 Romford Post Office. Erection. F. Willmott. 1911 Aug.15

WORK 13/492 Newcastle. Heaton Post Office. Erection. J. Milne. 1911 Sept.9

WORK 13/493 Devonport Post Office. Additions. A.N. Coles. 1911 Sept.13

WORK 13/495 General Post Office. North. Dining rooms. H.F. Webb. 1911 Oct.4

WORK 13/496 Leamington Spa. Head Post Office. Additions. A.J. Colborne. 1911 Nov.10

WORK 13/500 Birmingham Post Office. Telegraph stores. Block C. Finishings. R. Fenwick, Ltd. 1911 Dec.1

WORK 13/501 Glasgow Head Post Office. Extension. G. Newton and Sons. 1911

WORK 13/502 Glasgow Head Post Office. Reinforced concrete. Perry and Co., Ltd. 1911

WORK 13/503 Rochester Post Office. Erection. T.H. Kingerlee and Sons. 1912 Jan.1

WORK 13/505 Birmingham Post Office. Engineers' office. Erection. J.A. Turton. 1912 Feb.7

WORK 13/512 Birmingham Post Office. Parcels Office. Subway. E. Crowder. 1912 April 4

WORK 13/513 Portsmouth Head Post Office. Additions and erection of Telephone Exchange. F.J. Rivett. 1912 April 20

WORK 13/515 South-Eastern District Post Office. Extension. Heating. G.N. Haden and Sons. 1912 May 16

WORK 13/517 South-Western District Post Office. Contract no.3. Galbraith Brothers, Ltd. 1912 May 21

WORK 13/519 Purley Oaks Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. J. Smith and Sons, Ltd. 1912 May 22

WORK 13/520 Darlington Post Office. Enlargement. W.B. Cooper. 1912 June 10
WORK 13/523 Mansfield Post Office. Erection. A.J. Colborne. 1912 June 11

WORK 13/530 Birkenhead. Liscard Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. T.G. Huxley. 1912 July 9

WORK 13/531 Stockport Post Office. Additions. W.J. Bowers. 1912 July 29
WORK 13/533 Bow Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. H. Hann. 1912 Aug.7

WORK 13/534 Newcastle-under-Lyme Post Office. Erection. Meiklejohn and Son. 1912 Aug.2

WORK 13/540 Hendon. Hyde Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. W. Tout. 1912 Sept.5

WORK 13/547 Blyth Post Office. Erection. G. Park. 1912 Oct.29

WORK 13/550 Perth Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. Beat Brothers. 1912 May 10

WORK 13/552 Lichfield, Whittington Barracks. Post Office. Erection. T. Lowe and Sons. 1912 Nov.27

WORK 13/554 Battersea Post Office. Additions. Galbraith Brothers, Ltd. 1912 Dec.16

WORK 13/555 Atherstone Post Office. Erection. E. Brown and Son, Ltd. 1912 Dec.31

WORK 13/557 Birmingham Post Office. Parcels Office. Contract no.3. E. Crowder. 1912 Nov.21

WORK 13/559 Birmingham Post Office. Telegraph factory. Boundary walls. J.E. Harper. 1913 Jan.7

WORK 13/561 Wick Post Office. Erection. A. Hall. 1913

WORK 13/563 Dover Post Office. Ellis Brothers. 1913 Jan.31

WORK 13/564 Weybridge Post Office. Erection. F.J. Privett. 1912 Feb.15

WORK 13/567 Middlesbrough Post Office. W.J. Bowers. 1913 Jan.17

WORK 13/570 Bristol. North Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. N.F. Pittard. 1913 April 24

WORK 13/571 Birmingham Post Office. Telegraph factory. Foundations. T. Johnson. 1913 April 9

WORK 13/573 General Post Office, South. Additional storey. Galbraith Brothers. 1913 May 26

WORK 13/574 Birmingham Post Office. Telegraph factory. Steelwork. Dorman, Long and Co., Ltd. 1913 May 30

WORK 13/577 Bathgate Post Office. Erection. T.K. Irvine. 1913

WORK 13/578 Bingley Post Office. Erection. Armitage and Hodgson. 1913 Aug.19

WORK 13/579 Woking Post Office. Erection. L. Ferguson. 1913 Aug.18

WORK 13/581 Carlisle Post Office. Erection. J. Laing and Son. 1913 Aug.18

WORK 13/583 Birmingham Post Office. Telegraph Factory. Erection. J. Barnsley and Sons. 1913 Sept.4

WORK 13/592 Mosely Branch Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. R. Fenwick, Ltd. 1913 Dec.5

WORK 13/597 Maryport Post Office. Erection. J. Bland and Son, Ltd. 1914 Jan.17

WORK 13/600 Bolton Post Office. Erection. Smith Brothers, Ltd. 1914 Jan.27

WORK 13/601 Bulford Camp Post Office. Erection. W.E. Chivers and Sons. 1914 Feb.9

WORK 13/602 Scunthorpe Post Office. Erection. T. Fish and Sons. 1914 Feb.20

WORK 13/604 Stafford Head Post Office. Erection. H. Smith. 1912 Nov.18

WORK 13/605 Huddersfield Post Office. Erection. T. Obank and Sons. 1912 Dec.11

WORK 13/606 Denman Street Post Office. Engineers' offices. Erection. J. Smith and Sons, Ltd. 1914 March 6

WORK 13/608 Barking Post Office. Erection. J.W. Jerram. 1914 March 2

WORK 13/620 Bicester Post Office. Erection. E. Brown and Sons, Ltd. 1914 July 15

WORK 13/622 General Post Office, South. Hesting. J.H. Nicholson and Co., Ltd. 1914 July 16

WORK 13/626 Birmingham Post Office. Telegraph factory. Heating and ventilating. Saunders and Taylor, Ltd. 1914 Aug.24

WORK 13/627 Birmingham Post Office. Parcel Office. Additions. E. Crowder. 1914 Aug.25

WORK 13/634 Woolwich Post Office. Additions. E. Proctor and Sons. 1914 Sept.15

WORK 13/635 South-Eastern District Post Office. Loading yard, alterations. H. Hann. 1914 Oct.8

WORK 13/637 North-Western District Post Office. Heating, etc. Strode and Co., Ltd. 1914 Oct.14

WORK 13/638 Birmingham. Paradise Street Post Office. Parcel Office. Heating. Rosser and Russell. 1914 Oct.23

WORK 13/639 Northampton Post Office. Erection. E. Brown and Son, Ltd. 1914 Oct.20

WORK 13/642 Frome Post Office. Erection. C. Addicott and Son. 1914 Nov.9

WORK 13/648 Haywards Heath Post Office. Erection. H. Finch. 1915 Jan.29

WORK 13/651 Southampton Post Office. Alterations and additions. Jenkins and Sons, Ltd. 1915 Feb.4

WORK 13/652 Edinburgh. Roseburn Post Office stores and workshops. Erection. J. Scott and Brown. 1915

WORK 13/652 Part 2 Edinburgh. Roseburn Post Office Stores. Contract Documents. J Scott and Brown 1914 Aug

WORK 13/653 Ingatestone Post Office. Erection. J.W. Trudgett. 1915 Feb.10

WORK 13/654 Gillingham, Dorset. Post Office. Erection. J. Merrick. 1915 Feb.11

WORK 13/657 Mount Pleasant Post Office sub-station. Erection. Trust Concrete Steel Co., Ltd. 1915 Feb.7

WORK 13/658 Dundee Post Office. Extension. Contract no.1. Lickley Brothers, Ltd. 1915

WORK 13/661 Northwich Post Office. Erection. W. Bowers and Co. 1915 March 8

WORK 13/665 West Bromwich Post Office. Erection. A. Hopkins. 1915 April 2

WORK 13/666 Glasgow Head Post Office. Heating. J. Cormack and Sons. 1915

WORK 13/675 Edinburgh Post Office. Sorting Office. Erection. A. Robb. 1915

WORK 13/676 Liverpool Post Office. Parcel Office. Foundations. H. Kelly and Bro. 1915 Sept.27

WORK 13/677 Tonbridge Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. Ellis Brothers. 1915 Aug.25

WORK 13/678 Aldershot, Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Alterations. Langdale, Hallett and Co. 1915 Oct. 6

WORK 13/680 Glasgow Head Post Office. Marble linings and walls. Galbraith Brothers. 1915

WORK 13/682 Dundee Post Office. Extension. B. Reynolds. 1916

WORK 13/702 Liverpool Post Office. Parcel Office. Foundations. J. Gerrard and Sons. 1919 Aug.5

WORK 13/716 North-Western District Post Office. Completion. Galbraith Brothers. 1919 Dec.1

WORK 13/717 Hammersmith Branch Post Office. Erection. F.L. Linzell. 1919 Dec.9

WORK 13/721 Isleworth Post Office. Erection. W.H. Gaze and Sons, Ltd. 1919 Dec.10

WORK 13/732 Ashford (Kent) Post Office. Erection. L.T. Dadds. 1920 May 8

WORK 13/737 Clacton on Sea Post Office. Erection. A.S. Franklin. 1920 May.19

WORK 13/738 Grantham Post Office. Erection. Thos. Barlow & Co. 1920 Apr. 20

WORK 13/740 Petersfield Post Office. Erection. Building & Public Works. Construction Co. Ltd. 1920 June, 10

WORK 13/743 Lancaster Post Office. Erection. J. Hatch & Sons. 1920 June, 24

WORK 13/747 St. Austell Post Office. Erection. W.E. Bennett. 1920 Aug. 12

WORK 13/748 Ilkeston Post Office. Erection. A. Earnshaw. 1920 Aug. 14

WORK 13/754 Dundee Head Post Office. Extension and Alterations. Redpath, Brown & Co. 1920

WORK 13/757 Accrington (Lancs.) Post Office. Extension. W.J. Bowers & Co. 1920 Dec. 7

WORK 13/758 Wembley Post Office Erection W. Daley & Co. 1920 Dec. 21

WORK 13/772 Luton Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. Harpenden Building Co. Ltd. 1921 June 23

WORK 13/773 Swansea Head Post Office. Alterations. Arding & Hobbs Ltd. 1921 June 29

WORK 13/782 Hayes Post Office. Erection. W.G. Tarrant Ltd. 1921 Oct. 7

WORK 13/784 Reading New Post Office. Boshers (Cholsey) Ltd. 1921 Nov. 1

WORK 13/785 Post Office Savings Bank. West Kensington. Alterations & Additions. W.G. Tarrant Ltd. 1921 Oct. 7

WORK 13/788 Retford Post Office. Erection. J.E. Johnson & Son, Ltd. 1921 Oct. 31

WORK 13/790 Ladybank Post Office. Erection. A. Robb & Sons. 1922

WORK 13/794 Kingswood (Bristol) Sub Post Office: Erection. Thos. Weeks & Sons Ltd 1922 Jan.12

WORK 13/795 St. Annes-on-Sea Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection J.E. Johnson & Sons. Ltd. 1921 Dec.13

WORK 13/800 Eastbourne Post Office. Alterations and Additions. Building Guild Ltd. 1922 Jan.9

WORK 13/802 Dollis Hill Post Office. Research Station. Erection of Huts. Pitcher Construction Co. Ltd. 1921 Feb.18

WORK 13/803 Rawtenstall Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. J.E. Rangeley. 1921 Jan.12

WORK 13/805 Weymouth Post Office. Extensions. Tydenham Bros. 1921 Aug.5

WORK 13/814 Southport Post Office. Extension. J.E. Johnson & Son, Ltd. 1922 May 10

WORK 13/815 Sowerby Bridge Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. F. Butterworth. 1922 June 23

WORK 13/820 Bridgend Post Office. Erection. R. Mearon. 1922 Oct.9

WORK 13/821 Formby Post Office. Erection. J.E. Johnson & Son, Ltd. 1922 Sept.16

WORK 13/823 Maidenhead Post Office. Extension. W. Creed & Co. 1922 Oct.23

WORK 13/828 Birmingham Post Office Stores. Factory. Erection. J. Gerrard & Sons (1920) Ltd. 1923 Feb.2

WORK 13/840 Dollis Hill Post Office Research Station. Roads, Drains, Water. Road & Public Works, Ltd. 1920 Nov.26

WORK 13/847 Post Office Stores Department, Transport Garage, Studd Street, Islington. W.S. Barton & Co. 1923 Sept. 13

WORK 13/848 Rochdale Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. R. & F. Howarth. 1923 Sept. 3

WORK 13/853 Basingstoke Post Office. Erection. G.W. Oliver. 1923 Nov. 15

WORK 13/858 Halifax Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Extension. Miller & Durkin Ltd. 1923 Oct. 4

WORK 13/860 Coventry Head Post Office. Alterations and Additions. E. Crowder. 1923 Dec. 13

WORK 13/865 Chesterfield Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Alterations & Additions. G. Longden & Sons Ltd. 1924 Feb. 22

WORK 13/867 Gosforth Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. Stephen Buy. 1923 Nov. 20

WORK 13/869 Leeds Head Post Office. Alterations & Additions. Sapcote & Sons. 1924 Mar. 26

WORK 13/870 Porth (South Wales) Post Office. Erection. Knox & Wells Ltd. 1924 Mar. 21

WORK 13/873 Bedford Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. W.F. Drew, Ltd. 1924 Apr. 2

WORK 13/876 Widnes (Lancs.) Post Office Erection. J.W. Jones & Sons Ltd. 1924 Apr. 17

WORK 13/877 Bognor Post Office. Erection. W.E. Drew Ltd. 1924 May 6

WORK 13/878 Hoylake Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. W. Bowers & Co. 1924 June 5

WORK 13/880 Abertillery Post Office. Erection. W.F. Drew Ltd. 1924 Apr. 17

WORK 13/884 Colwyn Bay Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. W.J. Bowers. 1924 July 7

WORK 13/885 Blackburn General Post Office. Extensions. W. Cronshaw & Sons Ltd. 1924 June 4

WORK 13/891 Morriston Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. W.F. Drew Ltd. 1924 Sept. 12

WORK 13/892 Aberdare Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. W.F. Drew Ltd. 1924 June 25

WORK 13/895 Slough Post Office. Completion of erection. H. Lacey & Sons 1924 Sept. 30

WORK 13/896 Bournemouth (Winton) Branch Post Office. Erection. J. Drewitt & Sons. 1924 Sept. 27

WORK 13/899 Dumfries Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. Brown Fraser & Co. Ltd. 1924

WORK 13/900 Cardiff Head Post Office. Erection. F.J. Thomas. 1924 Sept. 27

WORK 13/905 Shipley Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. W. Irwin & Co. Ltd. 1924 Oct. 30

WORK 13/907 Gillingham Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. C.E. Skinner & Sons, Ltd. 1924 Dec. 3

WORK 13/910 Gravesend Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Alterations & Additions. A.E. Tong. 1925 Jan. 17

WORK 13/912 Bath Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. J. Long & Sons Ltd. 1925 Jan. 7

WORK 13/916 Todmorden. Conversion of Old Town Hall into Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Mullen & Durkin. 1924 Dec. 20

WORK 13/917 Chorley Post Office. Erection. Baxendale Bros. 1924 Oct. 29

WORK 13/919 Crowborough Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. R. Cook & Sons Ltd. 1925 Feb. 9

WORK 13/921 Beaconfield Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. Y.J. Lovell & Sons. 1925 Feb. 7

WORK 13/923 Darwen Post Office. Erection. R. Shorrocks & Sons. 1924 Aug. 7

WORK 13/926 Dartford Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. J.W. Ellingham Ltd. 1925 Mar. 17

WORK 13/927 Wellington Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. J. Carver. 1925 Apr. 15

WORK 13/932 Wakefield Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection, etc. S. Johnson & Son (Murfield) Ltd. 1925 May 1

WORK 13/940 Maidstone Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. G.E. Wallis & Sons Ltd. 1925 Aug. 4

WORK 13/942 Macclesfield Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. Cooper Bros. 1925 June 26

WORK 13/955 Leigh-on-Sea Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. H. Lacey & Sons. 1925 Dec. 23

WORK 13/958 Pontypool Post Office. Alterations. J.H. Williams. 1925 Dec. 16

WORK 13/959 Walsall Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. W.B. & F.T. Archer. 1925 Dec. 24

WORK 13/960 Preston Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Alterations. W. Bowers & Co. 1925 Dec. 2

WORK 13/961 Teddington Post Office. Erection. E.D. Winn & Co. 1926 Jan. 30

WORK 13/963 Avonmouth Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. R. Wilkins & Sons Ltd. 1926 Jan. 26

WORK 13/978 Middlesbrough Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Extension. C.F. Mundell & Co. 1926 Jan. 8

WORK 13/982 Manchester. Spring Gardens Post Office. Alterations. W. Bowers & Co. 1926 Apr. 9

WORK 13/985 Crawley Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. J. Crewdson. 1926 July 12

WORK 13/992 Ware Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. F. Hitch & Co. 1926 Aug. 12

WORK 13/993 Colne Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. Ogden Bros. 1926 Oct. 1

WORK 13/1001 Clitheroe Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. W.J. Woof Cronshaw & Sons, Ltd. 1926 Nov. 10

WORK 13/1003 Goole Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Alterations, etc. Platt & Featherstone, Ltd. 1926 Nov. 19

WORK 13/1005 East Grinstead Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Alterations and Additions. T.H. Bartlett. 1926 Dec. 9

WORK 13/1007 Studd Street Post Office Stores Garage. Extension. Negus Ltd. 1927 Jan. 12

WORK 13/1015 Neath Post Office. Erection. J. Goodrich & Sons, Ltd. 1927 Jan. 14

WORK 13/1019 Durham Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. J.W. White. 1927 Feb. 8

WORK 13/1020 Parkstone Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. W. Hoare & Sons. 1927 April 1

WORK 13/1029 Hastings Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. J. Crewdson. 1927 May 26

WORK 13/1035 Mitcham Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. Wilson Lovatt & Sons, Ltd. 1927 July 27

WORK 13/1036 North Finchley, Hillside Branch Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. H. Neal, Ltd. 1927 July 25

WORK 13/1039 Harpenden Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. T. Day & Son. 1927 May 9

WORK 13/1044 Norbury Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. Galbraith Bros. 1927 Oct. 24

WORK 13/1046 Ilford Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Alterations. Winter & Ward. 1927 Aug. 24

WORK 13/1047 Bexhill Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. Gilbert Bros. 1927 Oct. 27

WORK 13/1051 Birmingham Post Office Stores, Garage, etc. E. Crowder. 1927 Nov. 30

WORK 13/1053 West Didsbury Post Office Erection. J. Gerrard & Sons. 1927 Nov. 2

WORK 13/1059 Crewe Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Alterations. Cooper Bros. 1927 Dec. 30

WORK 13/1060 Hackney Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. Triangular Construction Co. 1927 Dec. 12

WORK 13/1067 Morecambe Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. F. Moore & Co. 1928 Feb. 10

WORK 13/1068 Skegness Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. F.W. Atkinson & Son. 1928 Feb. 24

WORK 13/1074 Loughton Branch Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. H.J. & A. Wright, Ltd. 1928 March 8

WORK 13/1080 Kendal Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. W.J. Woof Cronshaw & Sons, Ltd. 1928 Feb. 10

WORK 13/1081 Egham Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. Buning & Fitton Adams Ltd. 1928 May 8

WORK 13/1085 Kentish Town Branch Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. F. Hutton & Son. 1928 June 13

WORK 13/1092 Louth Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. R.M. Phillips. 1928 April 27

WORK 13/1093 Loughborough Head Post Office. Erection. A. Holmes & Sons, Ltd. 1928 July 24

WORK 13/1096 Worthing Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. Wilson Lovatt & Sons, Ltd. 1928 Aug. 7

WORK 13/1098 Sherborne Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. E.G. Padfield, Son & Co., Ltd. 1928 July 18

WORK 13/1100 Amersham Post Office and A.C. Telephone Exchange. Erection. A.C. Dean. 1928 Aug. 22

WORK 13/1103 Harrow Post Office and Sorting Office. Alterations. Webb Chaplin & Co. Ltd. 1928 Sept. 17

WORK 13/1118 Uckfield Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. H.T. Brisley 1928 Nov. 14

WORK 13/1129 Longford (Manchester Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. J. Ridyard & Sons, Ltd. 1928 Sept. 17

WORK 13/1132 Folkestone Post Office Alterations and Telephone Exchange. Erection. J.G. Parsons & Sons. 1928 Oct. 31

WORK 13/1138 Redcar Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. W. Pearsen & Son. 1928 Dec. 19

WORK 13/1140 Falmouth Post Office and Telephone Exchange. Erection. J. Williams & Co. (Cornwall) Ltd. 1928 Dec. 6

WORK 13/1145 Grays Post Office and Sorting Office Erection. Gregson & Co., Ltd. 1929 Feb. 18

WORK 13/1152 Wokingham Post Office and Telephone Exchange: Erection First Section. E.C. Hughes. 1929 May 31

WORK 13/1155 Holywell Post Office and Telephone Exchange: Erection. T.G. Huxley. 1929 May 24

WORK 13/1168 Dorchester Post Office:and Telephone Exchange. Erection. C.E. Slade. 1929 Sept. 16

WORK 13/1173 Edgware Post Office & Sorting Office. Erection. Negus Ltd. 1929 Oct. 29

WORK 13/1176 Newbury Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Extension. Hoskings & Pond. 1929 Aug. 22

WORK 13/1181 Northallerton Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. D. Oakley.
1929 Nov. 8

WORK 13/1184 Braintree Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. F. Hutton & Co.
1929 Oct. 30

WORK 13/1188 Motherwell Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Alterations. M.
Mackenzie Ltd. 1930

WORK 13/1201 Blackpool Head Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Alterations. W.
Eaves & Co. Ltd. 1929 Dec. 23

WORK 13/1206 Wisbech Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. J. Cracknell Ltd.
1930 Jan. 29

WORK 13/1209 Welling Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. F. Hutton & Son.
1930 Feb. 7

WORK 13/1211 Pinner Branch Post Office & Sorting Office. Erection. A. Roberts & Co.
Ltd. 1930 Mar. 13

WORK 13/1212 Uxbridge Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Alterations. A. C. Dean.
1930 Mar. 31

WORK 13/1235 Post Office Research Station. Dollis Hill. Erection of Radio Assembly
Block Store, etc. Stewart & Partners. Ltd. 1930 July, 18

WORK 13/1236 Staines Post Office. Erection. W.H. Gaze & Son, Ltd. 1930 June, 24

WORK 13/1241 Sale (Manchester) Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. Cooper
Bros. 1930 July, 22

WORK 13/1245 Barrow-in-Furness Post Office. Erection. W.J. Woof, Cronshaw & Sons,
Ltd. 1930 Aug. 14

WORK 13/1248 Eccles Post Office. Erection. Russell Building & Constructing Co. Ltd.
1930 Aug. 11

WORK 13/1249 Newcastle-on-Tyne. Post Office Engineering Depot and Garage. S. Buy.
1930 June, 2

WORK 13/1252 Bexhill-on-Sea Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection of 2nd
Portion. R.J. Barwick. 1930 Sept. 5

WORK 13/1254 Wallington Post Office & Sorting Office. Erection. Cropley Bros. Ltd. 1930 Sept. 20

WORK 13/1260 Dorking Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. E.H. Cummins & Co. Ltd. 1930 Oct. 14

WORK 13/1265 Sheffield Head Post Office. Erection of Sorting Office. T. Wilkinson & Son. (Builders) Ltd. 1930 July, 25

WORK 13/1275 Chipping Norton Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. A. Groves & Sons, Ltd. 1930 Nov. 24

WORK 13/1280 Bull Head Post Office. Alterations. A.E. Jones (Hull) Ltd. 1928 Apr. 5

WORK 13/1281 Rugby Post Office Wireless Station. Erection. Chessums Ltd. 1923 Dec. 14

WORK 13/1288 General Post Office South. Superstructure. Trollope & Colls, Ltd. 1931. Dec. 14th

WORK 13/1289 General Post Office South. Faraday Buildings. Foundations. Hali, Beddall & Co. Ltd. 1938. Feb. 2nd

WORK 13/1290 General Post Office South. Faraday Buildings. Superstructure for Extension. Hall, Beddall & Co. Ltd. 1938. Dec. 12th

WORK 13/1294 Gerrard Post Office & Telephone Exchange. Erection. Galbraith Bros. Ltd. 1935. Feb. 28th

WORK 13/1301 Leicester Head Post Office. Erection. J. Chapman & Sons, Ltd. 1934. Jan. 25th

WORK 13/1359/1359/12 General Post Office - West. Lecture Hall and Cinema. Erection. Trollope & Colls. 1935. Feb. 26th

WORK 30 Office of Works and successors: Public Buildings in England: Plans and Drawings 1656-1962 (includes post offices 1819-.c.1950s)

WORK 30/414 General Post Office. Competition design. 1819

WORK 30/415 General Post Office. Competition design. ORDER THIS DOCUMENT AS WORK 30/415 1819

WORK 30/826 Liverpool. Post Office - Site Plan. ORDER THIS DOCUMENT AS WORK 30/820 1850

WORK 30/827 Liverpool. Post Office - Ground Floor Plan. ORDER THIS DOCUMENT AS WORK 30/820 1851

WORK 30/828 Liverpool. Post Office - 1st.Floor Plan. ORDER THIS DOCUMENT AS WORK 30/820 1851

Subseries within WORK 30 POST OFFICES

Aylesbury Post Office

Barnet New Post Office

Bedford Post Office

Bristol Head Post Office

Chipping Norton Post Office and Telephone Exchange

Clifton Post Office

Folkestone New Post Office

Hereford New Post Office

High Wycombe Post Office

Oxford New Post Office

Ramsgate Post Office

Wisbech New Post Office

London. General Post Office

General Post Office Establishments

Wimbledon Post Office

Kennington Road Post Office

Bedford Street New Post Office

North-Eastern District Post Office, Bethnal Green.

King Edward Buildings Ec: West Kensington Post Office

Postal Offices: Camden Town Electric Telegraph Company

Postal Offices: Postal Telegraph Stores

Head Post Office, Cardiff

General Post Office, Carter Lane

West Central Post Office

King Edward Buildings Ec: Croydon Head Post Office

General Post Office: St. Martins-Le-Grand.

General Post Office: Mount Pleasant Parcel Office

Meteorological Office And Post Office South Kensington

WORK 30/4116 Plans of post office. 1893

WORK 30/4117 Elevations of post office. 1893

WORK 30/4734 Plan of King Edward Street showing new boundary of Post Office site 1907

WORK 5, 11, 12, 22, 25, 69 & 82, 87 (asterisked records denote those ostensibly of high relevance)

WORK 5/211 HM Office of Works etc: Accounts Branch: Old Information Book A; includes wages and expenditure. Indexed 1858 Jan 01 - 1893 Jan 01

WORK 5/212 HM Office of Works etc: Accounts Branch: Old Information Book B; includes wages and expenditure. Indexed 1868 Jan 01 - 1902 Jan 01

WORK 11/493 Post office facilities 1944-1955

WORK 11/680 Post Office accommodation 1962-1965

WORK 12 General Post Office, headquarters building

Subseries within WORK 12 General Post Office Additional Site Act 1865

WORK 12/105/24 Report of a Committee appointed by the Treasury to examine Central Post Office buildings and establishments 1881-1884

Subseries within WORK 12 General Post Office, North

Subseries within WORK 12 General Post Office, South : Central Savings Bank

Subseries within WORK 12 General Post Office, West

WORK 12/112/8 Goole Post Office and Telephone exchange. Alterations and extension : Platt and Featherstone, Ltd. 1926-1927

WORK 12/113/1 Leicester, Head Post Office. Contract for erection : J Chapman and Sons Ltd. 1933-1936

WORK 12/369 Head Post Office, Small Street, Bristol : works services; alterations and extensions 1871-1934

WORK 22/299 Post Office Buildings: consultations between representatives of the Factory Department, General Post Office and Office of Works on recommendations of the Select Parliamentary Committee as to the application of the Factory Acts to Post Office premises 1901-1957

WORK 22/677 HM Office of Works: General Instructions for the Guidance of Assistant Surveyors 1894 Jan 01 - 1894 Jan 31

WORK 22/678 HM Office of Works: General Instructions for the Guidance of Surveyors and Assistant Surveyors 1900 Sep 01 - 1900 Sep 30

WORK 22/679 HM Office of Works: General Instructions for Officers in the Divisions of the Principal Architects and Surveyors, the Chief Engineer, the Controller of Supplies, and the Bailiff of the Parks 1905 Sep 01 - 1905 Sep 30

WORK 22/680 HM Office of Works: General Instructions 1911 Jan 01 - 1911 Dec 31

WORK 22/681 HM Office of Works: Manual of Office Organisation and Procedure 1937 Jan 01 - 1937 Jan 31

WORK 22/683 HM Office of Works: Manual of Provincial Organisation Supplies Division 1940 Mar 01 - 1940 Mar 31

WORK 22/722 HM Office of Works: Supplies Division; standard office furniture catalogue

WORK 25/80 Drawings by Architects' Co-Operative Partnership 1948-1952: Post Office-G.F.Plan; Sections; Elevations; Mezzanine Plan; Layout of Post Office; Junction of Screen & Post Office; Roof Plan; Mezzanine Plan; Mezzanine Windows; Windows & Entrance Doors; G.F.Plan; Light Fittings to Post Office Wall (Chicheley St.); Details of Fixing; Drainage & Lavatory Accn; Richard Costain Ltd. Drawings: 1948-1952
WORK 25/223 Progress, Post Office., Location: South Bank. 19.4.50.
WORK 25/224 Progress, Minerals of the Island and Post Office., Location: South Bank. 13.6.50.
WORK 25/225 Post Office, Building., Location: South Bank. 16.6.50.
WORK 25/227 Progress, Post Office Bld., Location: South Bank. 2.10.50.

WORK 69/24 Buildings erected by HM Office of Works: various buildings including Great Scotland Yard, London, and the Duke of York School, Dover, Kent; photographs Undated

WORK 82/22 HM Office of Works staff list as at 1 April 1939 1939 Jan 01 - 1939 Dec 31

WORK 87 Office of Works and successors: Deeds Registers 1598-2005

APPENDIX 9

PSA Negatives Collection in the NMRC, Swindon

Key:

PO = Post Office

BPO = Branch Post Office

HPO = Head Post Office

SO = Sorting Office

TPO = Temporary Post Office

TE = Telephone Exchange

SDO = Sub-district Office

TSO = Temporary Sorting Office

Negative no., address, P.O. type, year, (no. of images)

AVON

P/G00031	BATH	PO	?
P/G08404	BRISTOL AVONMOUTH	PO	1961
P/G08394	REGENT STREET, CLIFTON, BRISTOL	BPO	1961
P/G09126	764 FISHPONDS ROAD, BRISTOL	PO	1962
P/G07167	MERCHANT STREET, BRISTOL	BPO	1958
P/G06422	QUEENS ROAD, BRISTOL	BPO	1956
P/G09298	QUEENS ROAD, BRISTOL	BPO	1963
P/G06822	QUEENS SQUARE, BRISTOL	PO	1954
P/G07168	WEST STREET, BRISTOL	BPO	1958
P/G06087	WEST STREET, BRISTOL. EXISTING BLDGS	BPO	1956
P/G06423	44 HIGH STREET, KEYNSHAM	PO	1966
P/G09461	KEYNSHAM	PO	1956
P/G02464	WESTON SUPER MARE	HPO	1950
P/G08093	WESTON SUPER MARE	HPO	1960
P/G08514	WESTON SUPER MARE	HPO	1961

BEDORDSHIRE

P/G21393	BEDFORD	BPO	1975
P/G21537	BEDFORD	BPO	1975

BERKSHIRE

P/G24090	ETON	PO	1979
P/G24241	ETON	PO	1979
P/G07605	MAIDENHEAD	HPO	1959
P/G11829	MAIDENHEAD	HPO	1967
P/G11880	MAIDENHEAD	HPO	1967

P/G12185	MAIDENHEAD	SO & HPO	1968
P/G11733	MAIDENHEAD	HPO	1967
P/G11931	MAIDENHEAD	PO	1967
P/G12061	MAIDENHEAD	SO & PO	1967
P/G11185	WINDSOR	HPO	?

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

P/G10463	AMERSHAM	HPO	1965
P/G18652	AYLESBURY HIGH STREET	BPO	1972
P/G09202	STATION ROAD, BEACONSFIELD	PO	1963
P/G08506	HIGH STREET, BLETCHLEY	HPO	1961
P/G17568	BLETCHLEY PO. HOSTELS 2 & 3	PO	1971
P/G17569	BLETCHLEY PO. HOSTELS 2 & 3	PO	1971
P/G23694	77 HIGH STREET, CHESHAM	PO	1978
P/G23695	77 HIGH STREET, CHESHAM	PO	1978
P/G23696	77 HIGH STREET, CHESHAM	PO	1978
P/G08300	77 HIGH STREET, CHESHAM	PO	1960
P/G09303	77 HIGH STREET, CHESHAM	PO	1963
P/G07608	HIGH WYCOMBE	HPO	1959
P/G23842	HORWOOD HOUSE. TRAINING CENTRE.	PO	1978
P/G24235	39-41 HIGH STREET, MARLOW	PO	1979
P/G24236	39-41 HIGH STREET, MARLOW	PO	1979
P/G24237	39-41 HIGH STREET, MARLOW	PO	1979
P/G24797	MILTON KEYNES CENTRAL SHOPPING CENTRE	PO	1980
P/G20208	MILTON KEYNES	SO & PO	1974
P/G09205	STONY STRATFORD	PO	1963
P/G25712	WENDOVER	PO	1982
P/G25657	WENDOVER. DOE. CONSTRUCTION	PO	1982

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

P/G12299	ELY MARKET PLACE	HPO	1968
P/G12318	ELY MARKET PLACE	HPO	1968
P/G13929	MORBONE HILL, TOWER	PO	1970
P/G14131	MORBONE HILL, TOWER	PO	1970
P/G14244	MORBONE HILL, TOWER	PO	1970
P/G13862	MORBONE HILL, TOWER FOUNDATIONS	PO	1970
P/G14386	MORBONE HILL, TOWER. PROGRESS	PO	1970

CHESHIRE

(NONE)

CLEVELAND

P/G07171	HIGH STREET, STOCKTON-ON-TEES	HPO	1958
P/G09446	HIGH STREET, STOCKTON-ON-TEES	HPO	1963
P/G08583	HIGH STREET, STOCKTON-ON-TEES INT. & EXT.	HPO	1961

P/G04959 HIGH STREET, STOCKTON-ON-TEES. SITE HPO 1954

CORNWALL

P/G08097 CAMBORNE HPO 1960
P/G09481 FALMOUTH HPO 1963
P/G07961 PADSTOW PO 1960
P/G07239 REDRUTH HPO 1958

CUMBRIA

P/G06690 PRINCES STREET, PENRITH HPO 1957
P/G11627 PRINCES STREET, PENRITH HPO 1967
P/G09222 PRINCES STREET, PENRITH. CROWN SQ. HPO 1963
P/G04166 SEDBERGH PO 1952

DERBYSHIRE

P/G08101 BUXTON HPO 1960
P/G24048 CHETWYND HOUSE, CHESTERFIELD PO 1979
P/G13400 CHESTERFIELD. SITE. PO 1969
P/G08682 LONG EATON. COMPLETED BLDGS. SO & PO 1961
P/G04573 RIPLEY MARKET PLACE. SITE. PO 1953
P/G04483 RIPLEY MARKET PLACE. SITE. PO 1953

DEVON

P/G05593 BIDEFORD PO 1955
P/G07617 THE QUAY, BIDEFORD HPO 1959
P/G07538 DAWLISH PO 1959
P/G07539 BEAUFORT STREET, EXETER HPO 1959
P/G08380 HIGH STREET, ILFRACOMBE HPO 1961
P/G11124 KINGSBRIDGE HPO 1966
P/G06464 NEWTON ABBOT HPO 1956
P/G01268 NEWTON ABBOT PO 1948
P/G01965 NEWTON ABBOT TSO & PO 1949
P/G08718 OKEHAMPTON HPO. SO & GARAGE HPO 1961
P/G08418 PAIGNTON BPO 1961
P/G07117 DERRYS CROSS, PLYMOUTH HPO 1958
P/G09757 WEST PARK, HONICKNOWLE, PLYMOUTH SO & PO 1964
P/G07040 PLYMOUTH HPO 1957
P/G03130 PLYMOUTH. SITE HPO 1951
P/G08417 SALCOMBE PO 1961
P/G11497 SIDMOUTH STREET, SEATON PO ?
P/G09246 THE SQUARE, SOUTH MOLTON BPO 1963
P/G08515 DEN ROAD, TEIGNMOUTH PO 1961
P/G08416 FLEET STREET, TORQUAY HPO 1961

DORSET

P/G13488	BOURNEMOUTH	HPO	1969
P/G02813	ABBOTSBURY ROAD, MORDEN. SITE.	PO	1951
P/G02305	COPPICE STREET, SHAFTESBURY	HPO	1950
P/G03026	COPPICE STREET, SHAFTESBURY	HPO	1951
P/G03201	COPPICE STREET, SHAFTESBURY	HPO	1951
P/G11919	NEWTON, STURMINSTER	PO	1967
P/G08092	WEYMOUTH	HPO	1960

COUNTY DURHAM

P/G08585	BARNARD STREET, DARLINGTON. EXTEN.	TE & PO	1961
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ESSEX

P/G06721	BASILDON	HPO	1957
P/G07674	BASILDON	HPO	1959
P/G08745	BASILDON	HPO	1962
P/G08792	BASILDON	HPO	1962
P/G08962	BASILDON	HPO	1962
P/G09490	BASILDON	HPO	1963
P/G08122	BRENTWOOD	HPO	1960
P/G09720	HIGH STREET, HALSTEAD	HPO	1964
P/G07256	HARLOW	HPO	1958
P/G07344	HARLOW	HPO	1958
P/G02921	HIGH ROAD, LAINDON	PO	1951
P/G06356	LEIGH ON SEA. EXTENSION.	PO	1956
P/G07145	LEIGH ON SEA. POSTMENS OFFICE	PO	1958
P/G05095	DEBDEN ESTATE, LOUGHTON	BPO	1954
P/G08758	HIGH STREET, ONGAR	PO	1962
P/G20406	SAFFRON WALDEN	PO	1974
P/G20407	SAFFRON WALDEN	PO	1974
P/G23392	SAFFRON WALDEN	PO	1978
P/G23424	SAFFRON WALDEN	PO	1978
P/G23425	SAFFRON WALDEN	PO	1978
P/G07065	SOUTH OCKENDEN	PO	1958
P/G06497	SOUTH OCKENDEN. SITE.	PO	1957
P/G03576	SOUTHEND	HPO	?
P/G11527	STANFORD LE HOPE	SO & PO	?
P/G07930	SOUTHEND ROAD, WICKFORD	PO	1960

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

P/G09123	6 ROTUNDA TRCE, MONTPELIER, CHELTENHAM	BPO	1962
P/G06461	5 BLACK JACK STREET, CIRENCESTER	HPO	1956
P/G09117	CASTLE STREET, CIRENCESTER. INT.	HPO	1962
P/G08406	CIRENCESTER	HPO	1961
P/G09458	MARKET PLACE, COLEFORD	SO & PO	1963

P/G06881	DURSLEY	HPO	1957
P/G08405	DURSLEY	HPO	1961
P/G09124	OXFORD STREET, LYDNEY. INT.	HPO	1962
P/G10296	TETBURY	SO & PO	1965

HAMPSHIRE

P/G13003	ANDOVER. INT. AND EXT. COMPLETE.	HPO	1969
P/G08188	BASINGSTOKE	HPO	1960
P/G09195	BASINGSTOKE. INT. AFTER MODERNISATION	HPO	1963
P/G09438	GOSPORT	PO	1963
P/G07162	LEIGH PARK. NEW BPO	BPO	1958
P/G09439	HAVANT	SO & PO	1963
P/G02750	LYMINGTON	HPO	?
P/G08187	PETERSFIELD	HPO	1960
P/G08608	BUCKLAND NEW ROAD, PORTSMOUTH	BPO	1961
P/G09441	NORTH END BPO, DERBY RD, PORTSMOUTH	BPO	1963
P/G07604	FRATTON ROAD, PORTSMOUTH	BPO	1959
P/G07694	FRATTON ROAD, PORTSMOUTH	BPO	1959
P/G08397	PORTSMOUTH NEW ROAD	BPO	1961
P/G05177	ALLAWAY AVENUE, PAULSGROVE, PORTSMOUTH	BPO	1954
P/G09535	ROMSEY	PO	1963
P/G10134	LONDON OAD, SOUTHAMPTON	BPO	1965
P/G09268	CLARENDON ROAD, SOUTHSEA. INT	BPO	1963
P/G13332	MIDDLE BROOK STREET, WINCHESTER	HPO	1969

HEREFORD AND WORCESTER

P/G10212	BEWDLEY	PO	?
P/G10132	BEWDLEY. FINISHED BUILDINGS.	PO	1965
P/G23777	BEWDLEY. OLD BUILDING.	PO	1978
P/G23778	BEWDLEY. OLD BUILDING.	PO	1978
P/G13858	BEWDLEY. RESTORED FRONTAGE	PO	1970
P/G18467	BROMSGROVE. SITE SURVEY.	PO	1972
P/G00217	EVESHAM DISTRICT PO.	PO	1947
P/G08180	EVESHAM HIGH STREET	HPO	1960
P/G08936	EVESHAM HIGH STREET	HPO	1962
P/G13640	EVESHAM HIGH STREET	HPO	1969
P/G03021	EVESHAM HIGH STREET. SITE	HPO	1951
P/G18202	KIDDERMINSTER	CB & PO	1972
P/G25432	REDDITCH MTWS.	GPO	1981
P/G04495	WORCESTER FOREGATE STREET	HPO	1953
P/G05846	WORCESTER LION WALK	PO	1955
P/G05580	WORCESTER LION WALK	SO	1954
P/G09272	WORCESTER LION WALK	SO	1963
P/G00082	WORCESTER	PO	1946

HERTFORDSHIRE

P/G07260	BERKHAMSTED	HPO	1958
P/G05591	BERKHAMSTED. SITE	TE & HPO	1955
P/G10061	SOUTH STREET, BISHOPS STORTFORD	HPO	1965
P/G07283	AYCLIFFE ROAD, BOREHAMWOOD	BPO	1958
P/G02082	WATFORD ROAD, CROXLEY GREEN. SITE.	BPO	1950
P/G22874	HARPENDEN	SO & PO	1977
P/G08835	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	HPO	1962
P/G08961	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	HPO	1962
P/G09043	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	HPO	1962
P/G09396	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	SO & HPO	1963
P/G08782	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD. EXTENSION PROG.	SO & HPO	1961
P/G08744	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD. CONSTRUCT PROG.	SO & HPO	1962
P/G09086	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD. MARLOWES	HPO	1962
P/G08434	HERMINTAGE LANE, HITCHIN	HPO	1961
P/G08754	HERMINTAGE LANE, HITCHIN	HPO	1962
P/G09214	HERMINTAGE LANE, HITCHIN	HPO	1963
P/G08737	HERMINTAGE LANE, HITCHIN. INT. & EXT.	HPO	1962
P/G08488	HERMINTAGE LANE, HITCHIN	HPO	1961
P/G08595	HERMINTAGE LANE, HITCHIN	HPO	1961
P/G08549	HERMINTAGE LANE, HITCHIN. WATCHING GALLERY	HPO	1961
P/G07164	HERMINTAGE LANE, HITCHIN. ADJN PROPERTY	HPO	1958
P/G12499	HIGH STREET, RICKMANSWORTH	PO	1968
P/G18598	HIGH STREET, RICKMANSWORTH	PO	1972
P/G07571	QUEENSWAY. NEW BPO.	BPO	1959
P/G04802	53 HIGH STREET, WARE	HPO	1953
P/G07570	53 HIGH STREET, WARE	HPO	1959
P/G05578	PRESTWICK ROAD, WATFORD	BPO	1955
P/G09380	ST. ALBANS ROAD, WATFORD	BPO	1963

HUMBERSIDE

P/G02589	BRIDLINGTON	HPO ?	
P/G00044	BRIDLINGTON	PO	1956
P/G00109	BRIDLINGTON	PO	1946
P/G04195	QUAY ROAD, BRIDLINGTON	HPO	1952
P/G04683	HESSLE	PO	1953
P/G05453	HESSLE	PO	?
P/G02060	HESSLE	PO	1950
P/G23673	ALFRED GELDER STREET, HULL	PO	1978
P/G23675	ALFRED GELDER STREET, HULL	PO	1978
P/G08408	BRAZIL STREET, HULL	BPO	1961
P/G06549	ASHLEY ROAD AND CHURCH LANE, SCUNTHORPE	HPO	1957

KENT

P/G09782	CANTERBURY. SITE.	PO	1964
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P/G06942	FAVERSHAM	HPO	1957
P/G07271	FAVERSHAM	HPO	1958
P/G05678	FOLKESTONE	HPO	1955
P/G05250	TONTINE STREET, FOLKESTONE	BPO	?
P/G08192	TONTINE STREET, FOLKESTONE	BPO	1960
P/G09212	TONTINE STREET, FOLKESTONE	BPO	1963
P/G23783	GRAVESEND	PO	1978
P/G24138	GRAVESEND	PO	1979
P/G08391	GRAVESEND. EXTENSION	PO	1961
P/G23786	144-145 MILTON ROAD, GRAVESEND	PO	1978
P/G02003	HIGH STREET, GREENHITHE	BPO	1950
P/G02389	GREENHITHE	PO	1950
P/G08190	CECIL SQUARE, MARGATE	HPO	1960
P/G09389	CECIL SQUARE, MARGATE	HPO	1963
P/G10371	LAUSANNE ROAD, MARGATE. SITE.	TRS & PO	1965
P/G08782	ROCHESTER HIGH STREET	HPO	1962
P/G09526	ROCHESTER HIGH STREET. INT.	HPO	1963
P/G02045	ROCHESTER HIGH STREET. SITE	HPO	1950
P/G08989	THE BROADWAY, SHEERNESS	HPO	1962
P/G07148	CENTRAL AVENUE, SITTINGBOURNE	HPO	1958
P/G08361	CENTRAL AVENUE, SITTINGBOURNE	SO & TE & HPO	1961
P/G07126	CENTRAL AVENUE, SITTINGBOURNE	ED & TE & HPO	1961
P/G04448	HIGH STREET, SITTINGBOURNE	HPO	1953
P/G11272	NORTH STREET, STROOD	BPO	1966
P/G08350	NORTH STREET, STROOD. SITE	BPO	1961
P/G09848	LONDON ROAD, SWANLEY	SO & PO	1964
P/G06378	47-49 GALLEY HILL, SWANSCOMBE. COMPLETED	PO	1956
P/G06649	47-49 GALLEY HILL, SWANSCOMBE.	PO	1957
P/G04863	47-49 GALLEY HILL, SWANSCOMBE. SITE	PO	1954
P/G08839	TENTERDEN	SO & PO	1962
P/G08125	TUNBRIDGE WELLS	HPO	1960
P/G09211	ST. MILDREDS ROAD, WESTGATE ON SEA	PO	1963
P/G12017	WYE. SITE.	PO	1967
P/G05227	STATION ROAD, BARNOLDSWICK. SITE.	PO	1954
P/G07402	STATION ROAD, BARNOLDSWICK.	PO	1958
P/G01436	DARWEN STREET, BLACKBURN	HPO	1949
P/G06894	DARWEN STREET, BLACKBURN	HPO	1957
P/G04885	TALBOT ROAD, BLACKPOOL	HPO	1954
P/G07309	CHURCH STREET, GARSTANG	UAX & PO	1958
P/G07750	MARKET STREET, MORECOMBE	HPO	1959
P/G11715	MARKET STREET, MORECOMBE. EXTENSION.	HPO	1967
P/G23320	POULTON LE FYLDE	BPO	1978

LEICESTERSHIRE

P/G24296	ASHBY DE LA ZOUCHE	PO	1979
P/G08079	COLVILLE. COMPLETED BUILDING.	PO	1960
P/G08768	HIGH STREET, LUTTERWORTH. INT. & EXT.	PO	1962
P/G23851	LUTTERWORTH	PO	1978
P/G23865	LUTTERWORTH	PO	1978
P/G04616	MARKET SQUARE, OAKHAM	HPO	1953
P/G05040	MARKET SQUARE, OAKHAM	HPO	1954
P/G05618	MARKET SQUARE, OAKHAM	HPO	1955
P/G05682	MARKET SQUARE, OAKHAM	HPO	1955

LINCOLNSHIRE

P/G14644	GRANTHAM	HPO	1970
P/G14955	GRANTHAM	HPO	1971
P/G10732	SLEAFORD	HPO	1966
P/G07785	SOUTHGATE, SLEAFORD	HPO	1959
P/G07881	SOUTHGATE, SLEAFORD	HPO	1960
P/G07964	SOUTHGATE, SLEAFORD	HPO	1960

GREATER MANCHESTER

P/G03604	ALL SAINTS, MANCHESTER	PO	1952
P/G05777	LEE ROAD, BARNES GREEN. SITE.	BPO	1955
P/G11607	LIVERPOOL ROAD, MANCHESTER	TE & HPO	1967
P/G00991	MANCHESTER. SITE.	PO	1948
P/G06434	TRAVIS STREET, MANCHESTER	PO	1956
P/G19329	UNIVERSITY PRECINCT, MANCHESTER	PO	1973
P/G05773	KINGSWOOD ROAD, PRESTWICH. SITE	PO	1955
P/G07755	EDGERTON STREET, RADCLIFFE	PO	1959

MERSEYSIDE

P/G05767	PENSBY ROAD, HESWALL	PO	1955
P/G06326	HESWALL	PO	1955
P/G00313	HESWALL. SITE.	SO	1947
P/G11578	KIRKBY	CO & PO	1967
P/G19246	LIVERPOOL. NEW.	PO	1973
P/G05224	PENNY LANE, LIVERPOOL	BPO	1954
P/G07401	PENNY LANE, LIVERPOOL	BPO	1958
P/G05228	SPEKE, LIVERPOOL. SITE	BPO	1954
P/G07666	SOUTH PARADE, SPEKE, LIVERPOOL	BPO	1959
P/G00401	VICTORIA STREET, LIVERPOOL	HPO	1947
P/G06371	VICTORIA STREET, LIVERPOOL	HPO	1956
P/G23936	VICTORIA STREET, LIVERPOOL	HPO	1978

P/G23957	VICTORIA STREET, LIVERPOOL	HPO	1978
P/G00268	WEST DERBY, LIVERPOOL	PO	1947
P/G04917	MORETON, WEST MIDLANDS	PO	1954
P/G08603	ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM	PO	1961
P/G04600	CHEAPSIDE, BIRMINGHAM	BPO	1953
P/G05716	CHEAPSIDE, BIRMINGHAM	BPO	1955
P/G08110	MOSELEY, BIRMINGHAM	PO	1960
P/G11851	LIONEL HOUSE, NEWHALL SREET, BIRMINGHAM	GPO	1967
P/G14228	LIONEL HOUSE, NEWHALL SREET, BIRMINGHAM	GPO	1970
P/G14282	LIONEL HOUSE, NEWHALL SREET, BIRMINGHAM	GPO	1970
P/G10450	LIONEL HOUSE, NEWHALL SREET, BIRMINGHAM	PO	1965
P/G10494	LIONEL HOUSE, NEWHALL SREET, BIRMINGHAM	PO	?
P/G10511	LIONEL HOUSE, NEWHALL SREET, BIRMINGHAM	PO	1965
P/G11489	LIONEL HOUSE, NEWHALL SREET, BIRMINGHAM	PO	?
P/G12876	LIONEL HOUSE, NEWHALL SREET, BIRMINGHAM	PO	1968
P/G08170	NORTH EAST DEPOT, BIRMINGHAM	PO	1960
P/G19244	BIRMINGHAM	PO	1973
P/G00216	BIRMINGHAM. FACTORY	PO	1947
P/G17187	BIRMINGHAM. MANAGEMENT TRAINING COLLEGE	PO	1971
P/G05674	WITTON MANOR ROAD, BIRMINGHAM	BPO	1955
P/G08081	WITTON MANOR ROAD, BIRMINGHAM	BPO	1960
P/G12763	SMETHWICK	BPO	1968
P/G08340	CAPE HILL, SMETHWICK. FINISHED BUILDING	BPO	1961
P/G08107	SOLIHULL	PO	1960
P/G19388	BLOXWICH, WALSALL	BPO	1973
P/G10893	WOLVERHAMPTON	HPO	1966

NORFOLK

P/G04471	MARKET PLACE, DISS	HPO	1953
P/G04651	MARKET PLACE, DISS	HPO	1953
P/G04958	MARKET PLACE, DISS	HPO	1954
P/G11555	EAST DEREHAM	PO	1967
P/G08428	EAST DEREHAM	ATE & TEC & PO	1961
P/G04305	KINGS LYNN	HPO	1953
P/G06970	KINGS LYNN	HPO	1957
P/G08124	KINGS LYNN	HPO	1960
P/G06769	KINGS LYNN. BAXTERS PLAIN NEW EXTENSION	HPO	1957

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

P/G10281	DAVENTRY	PO	1965
P/G04882	KETTERING	HPO	1954
P/G09721	KETTERING. EXTENSION.	HPO	1964
P/G10282	KETTERING. EXTENSION.	HPO	1965
P/G04951	ST. GILES STREET, NORTHAMPTON	HPO	1954
P/G07332	ST. GILES STREET, NORTHAMPTON. EXTENSION	HPO	1958

P/G12873 WELLINGBOROUGH

HPO 1968

NORTHUMBERLAND

P/G02401	BLYTH	HPO	1950
P/G10389	BATTLE HILL, HEXHAM	HPO	1965
P/G12836	BATTLE HILL, HEXHAM	HPO	1968
P/G10269	BATTLE HILL, HEXHAM. MURAL	HPO	1965
P/G10390	NEW ROAD, PONTELAND	PO	1965
P/G02017	PONTELAND	UAX & PO	1965

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

P/G08630	BEESTON. EXTENSION COMPLETED BLDG.	SO & PO	1961
P/G07971	CLIFTON	PO	1960
P/G08299	CLIFTON. EXTERIOR	PO	1960
P/G14607	BROOK STREET, NOTTINGHAM. OFFICE INT.	HPO	1970
P/G14773	QUEEN STREET, NOTTINGHAM	HPO	1970
P/G14902	QUEEN STREET, NOTTINGHAM	HPO	1971
P/G15051	QUEEN STREET, NOTTINGHAM	HPO	1971
P/G16040	QUEEN STREET, NOTTINGHAM	HPO	1971
P/G17023	QUEEN STREET, NOTTINGHAM	HPO	1971
P/G17023	QUEEN STREET, NOTTINGHAM	HPO	1971
P/G17162	QUEEN STREET, NOTTINGHAM	HPO	1971
P/G17238	QUEEN STREET, NOTTINGHAM	HPO	1971
P/G17361	QUEEN STREET, NOTTINGHAM	HPO	1971
P/G17608	QUEEN STREET, NOTTINGHAM	HPO	1971
P/G17637	QUEEN STREET, NOTTINGHAM	HPO	1971
P/G14126	QUEEN STREET, NOTTINGHAM. BEFORE RECONS	HPO	1971
P/G18313	QUEEN STREET, NOTTINGHAM. INT. AND EXT.	HPO	1972
P/G17769	QUEEN STREET, NOTTINGHAM. PROGRESS	HPO	1972
P/G17930	QUEEN STREET, NOTTINGHAM. PROGRESS	HPO	1972

OXFORDSHIRE

P/G05540	HIGH STREET, ABINGDON	TE & HPO	1955
P/G17911	BICESTER	SO & PO	1972
P/G17912	BICESTER	SO & PO	1972
P/G04449	CHIPPING NORTON. SERVICES SITES	PO	1953
P/G08665	1 & 2 ROSS PARADE, WALLINGFORD	BPO	1961
P/G19809	HILLRISE HOUSE, HIGH STREET, WITNEY	SS0 & PO	1973
P/G21064	HILLRISE HOUSE, HIGH STREET, WITNEY	PO	1975
P/G26129	HILLRISE HOUSE, HIGH STREET, WITNEY	PO	1982
P/G26141	HILLRISE HOUSE, HIGH STREET, WITNEY	PO	1982
P/G20231	HILLRISE HOUSE, HIGH STREET, WITNEY	SS0 & PO	1974
P/G20442	HILLRISE HOUSE, HIGH STREET, WITNEY	SS0 & PO	1974
P/G21065	HILLRISE HOUSE, HIGH STREET, WITNEY	SS0 & PO	1975

P/G17680	HIGH STREET, WITNEY	PO	1972
P/G17681	HIGH STREET, WITNEY	PO	1972
P/G07935	HIGH STREET, WITNEY. PUBLIC OFFICE.	PO	1960

SHROPSHIRE

P/G09764	QUEEN STREET, MARKET DRAYTON	HPO	1964
P/G07809	NEWPORT	HPO	1959
P/G11297	CASTLE FOREGATE STATION, SHREWSBURY	SO & PO	1966
P/G18307	ST. MARYS STREET	HPO	1972
P/G08021	ST. MARYS STREET, PRIDE HILL	HPO	1960
P/G07799	ST. MARYS STREET. SITE	HPO	1959
P/G11296	ST. MARYS STREET, PRIDE HILL	HPO	1966
P/G25679	46 WALKER STREET, WELLINGTON, TELFORD	HPO	1982
P/G25912	46 WALKER STREET, WELLINGTON, TELFORD	HPO	1982
P/G22952	ROSEMARY LANE, WHITCHURCH	SO & PO	1977
P/G25406	WROXETER. REDECORATION/UPLIFT	SPO	1981

SOMERSET

P/G24003	THE OLD PO, BRUTON	PO	1979
P/G08383	MAIN STREET, GLASTONBURY	PO	1961
P/G06226	HIGH STREET, STREET	TE & PO	1963
P/G08095	NORTH STREET, TAUNTON	HPO	1960
P/G08095	NORTH STREET, TAUNTON	HPO	1960
P/G08382	NORTH STREET, TAUNTON	HPO	1961
P/G23697	MARKET PLACE, WELLS	PO	1978
P/G23698	MARKET PLACE, WELLS	PO	1978

STAFFORDSHIRE

P/G04440	BURTON UPON TRENT	TE & PO	1953
P/G09870	LEEK. SITE.	SO & HPO	1964
P/G10107	LEEK. NEW.	HPO	1965
P/G25449	HIGH STREET, STAFFORD	HPO	1981
P/G25461	HIGH STREET, STAFFORD	HPO	1981
P/G00077	STAFFORD.	TE & PO	1946
P/G09713	STOKE ON TRENT	HPO	1964
P/G08080	GUNGATE, TAMWORTH. FINISHED BUILDING	HPO	1960
P/G05585	GUNGATE, TAMWORTH. SITE	HPO	1960

SUFFOLK

P/G02916	ALDEBURGH	HPO	1951
P/G04304	CORNHILL, BURY ST EDMUNDS	HPO	1953
P/G30020	RAF LAKENHEATH	PO	1989
P/G30439	RAF LAKENHEATH	PO	1990
P/G04453	SAXMUNDHAM	TE & HPO	1953

P/G05098 SAXMUNDHAM

TE & HPO 1954

SURREY

P/G08214	STATION ROAD, ADDLESTONE	SO & PO	1960
P/G10868	STATION ROAD, ADDLESTONE	PO	1966
P/G07472	EPSOM HIGH STREET	HPO & HPO	1958
P/G05912	HIGH STREET, ESHER	PO	1955
P/G05912	HIGH STREET, ESHER	PO	1955
P/G10704	HIGH STREET, ESHER	PO	1966
P/G02892	HIGH STREET, ESHER. SITE	PO	1951
P/G02186	HIGH STREET, ESHER. AND GARAGE	SO & PO	1968
P/G07008	ESHER HIGH STREET	SO	1957
P/G12209	HIGH STREET, ESHER.	SO & PO	1968
P/G08186	107 WEST STREET, FARNHAM	HPO	1960
P/G12648	107 WEST STREET, FARNHAM	HPO	1968
P/G17229	107 WEST STREET, FARNHAM	HPO	1971
P/G17378	107 WEST STREET, FARNHAM	HPO	1971
P/G17693	107 WEST STREET, FARNHAM	HPO	1972
P/G18179	107 WEST STREET, FARNHAM	HPO	1972
P/G18251	107 WEST STREET, FARNHAM	HPO	1972
P/G18381	107 WEST STREET, FARNHAM	HPO	1972
P/G19261	107 WEST STREET, FARNHAM	HPO	1973
P/G17092	107 WEST STREET, FARNHAM. ADJ. PROPERTY	HPO	1971
P/G13371	107 WEST STREET, FARNHAM	TE & HPO	1969
P/G17169	107 WEST STREET, FARNHAM	TE & HPO	1971
P/G17095	107 WEST STREET, FARNHAM. SITE	TE & HPO	1971
P/G17846	107 WEST STREET, FARNHAM. PROGRESS	TE & HPO	1972
P/G18089	107 WEST STREET, FARNHAM. PROGRESS	TE & HPO	1972
P/G18572	107 WEST STREET, FARNHAM. SITES	TE & HPO	1970
P/G24229	107 WEST STREET, FARNHAM. NEW	PO	1979
P/G24230	107 WEST STREET, FARNHAM. NEW	PO	1979
P/G24231	107 WEST STREET, FARNHAM. NEW	PO	1979
P/G05615	HIGH STREET, GODALMING	HPO	1955
P/G24174	HIGH STREET, GODALMING	HPO	1979
P/G24195	HIGH STREET, GODALMING	HPO	1979
P/G24198	HIGH STREET, GODALMING	HPO	1979
P/G02139	HIGH STREET, GODALMING. ALTERATIONS	HPO	1950
P/G03611	GUILDFORD	HPO ?	
P/G12995	GUILDFORD	HPO	1969
P/G21736	GUILDFORD. EXT.	PO.	1975
P/G06552	GUILDFORD.	SO	1957
P/G12724	BELL STREET, REIGATE	HPO	1968
P/G08764	BELL STREET, REIGATE. INT. AND EXT.	HPO	1962

P/G05917	STAINES ROAD WEST, SUNBURY ON THAMES	PO	1955
P/G08054	COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING. COMPLETED BLDG.	HPO	1960

EAST SUSSEX

P/G12099	ENDWELL ROAD, BEXHILL ON SEA	HPO	1967
P/G08765	ENDWELL STREET, BEXHILL ON SEA. INT & EXT.	HPO	1962
P/G09452	OXFORD STREET, BRIGHTON	BPO	1963
P/G13766	OXFORD STREET, BRIGHTON. ANTI-BANDIT SCRIN	BPO	1970
P/G09563	OXFORD STREET, BRIGHTON . EXT.	BPO	1963
P/G03951	TERMINUS ROAD, EASTBOURNE	PO	1952
P/G08132	TERMINUS ROAD, EASTBOURNE	PO	1963
P/G08132	UPPERTON ROAD, EASTBOURNE. INT.	HPO	1960
P/G08409	CHURCH ROAD, HOVE	BPO	1961
P/G09240	CHURCH ROAD, HOVE. AFTER MODERNISATN	BPO	1963
P/G09341	MELVILLE ROAD, HOVE. ALTERATION	BPO	1963
P/G09239	WESTERN ROAD, HOVE. ALTERATION	BPO	1963
P/G19126	HIGH STREET, NEWHAVEN. NEW.	PO	1973
P/G19338	HIGH STREET, NEWHAVEN. NEW.	PO	1973
P/G08909	39-41 BOUNDARY ROAD, PORTSLADE	BPO	1962
P/G09929	39-41 BOUNDARY ROAD, PORTSLADE	BPO	1964
P/G08077	CINQUE PORTS STREET, RYE	PO	1960
P/G08232	BROAD STREET, SEAFORD	PO	1960
P/G09167	BROAD STREET, SEAFORD	PO	1963
P/G24342	CHURCH STREET, SEAFORD	SO & PO	1979

WEST SUSSEX

P/G08200	BOGNOR REGIS	HPO	1960
P/G08311	BOGNOR REGIS. INT.	HPO	1960
P/G08766	KEYMER ROAD, HASSOCKS. INT & EXT.	SO & PO	1962
P/G07942	BOETRO ROAD, HAYWARDS HEATH	HPO	1960
P/G07942	BOETRO ROAD, HAYWARDS HEATH. ENT. LOBBY	HPO	1954
P/G02885	LANCING	PO	1951
P/G07941	SHOERAM BY SEA	HPO	1960
P/G09833	STORRINGTON	PO	1964
P/G06688	STORRINGTON.	SO & PO	1957
P/G07248	STORRINGTON	TPO	1958

TYNE AND WEAR

P/G07931	HOUGHTON LE SPRING	HPO	1960
P/G08146	HOUGHTON LE SPRING. SITE	HPO	1960
P/G05353	HOUGHTON LE SPRING	HPO	1954
P/G02397	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	HPO	1950
P/G02357	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	HPO	1978

P/G23560	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. NICHOLAS STREET.	HPO	1978
P/G11946	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. HEBBURN, STATION RD	SO	1967
P/G10451	KIPPLE STREET, SOUTH SHIELDS	HPO	1965
P/G08543	KIPPLE STREET, SOUTH SHIELDS. SITE	HPO	1961
P/G14017	SUNDERLAND. NEW.	BPO	1970
P/G06147	SUNDERLAND. PARCEL OFFICE SITE.	PO	1956
P/G19243	SUNDERLAND	PO	1973
P/G02393	SUNDERLAND	SO	1950
P/G09718	SUNDERLAND	SO	1964
P/G02402	WHITLEY BAY	HPO	1950

WARWICKSHIRE

P/G03862	ALCESTER. SITE.	BPO	?
P/G09988	ALCESTER	PO	1964
P/G07938	ALCESTER	SO	?
P/G00083	LEAMINGTON SPA.	TE & PO	1946
P/G12874	RUGBY	HPO	1968

ISLE OF WIGHT

P/G08198	NEWPORT	PO	1960
P/G0969	SANDOWN	HPO	1957

WILTSHIRE

P/G03230	CALNE	PO	1951 (12+)
P/G05952	MARKET STREET, CHIPPENHAM. SITE	HPO	1955
P/G02466	SALISBURY. DEPOT AND GARAGE.	PO	1950
P/G08379	VICTORIA ROAD, SWINDON	BPO	1961
P/G09115	VICTORIA ROAD, SWINDON. INT.	BPO	1962
P/G07962	ROUNDSTONE STREET, TROWBRIDGE	HPO	1960
P/G11796	ROUNDSTONE STREET, TROWBRIDGE	HPO	1967

NORTH YORKSHIRE

P/G23676	MARKET PLACE, BEDALE	PO	1978
P/G23736	MARKET PLACE, BEDALE	PO	1978

SOUTH YORKSHIRE

P/G09166	MEXBOROUGH. INT.	HPO	1962
P/G00225	SHEFFIELD	HPO	1947
P/G00364	SHEFFIELD	HPO	1947
P/G00219	SHEFFIELD. SITE.	TE & HPO	1947
P/G08321	SHEFFIELD. EXTENSION	TE & HPO	1961
P/G18570	SHEFFIELD. OFFICE INT. & COUNTERS	HPO	1972
P/G11017	SHEFFIELD. POND STREET	GPO	1966
P/G10865	SHEFFIELD. POND STREET	SO & GPO	1966
P/G12149	SHEFFIELD. POND STREET	SO & GPO	1968

P/G12216	SHEFFIELD. POND STREET	SO & GPO	1968
P/G11231	SHEFFIELD. POND STREET	SO & GPO	1966
P/G11454	SHEFFIELD. POND STREET	SO & GPO	1967
P/G11163	SHEFFIELD. POND STREET	PO	1966
P/G11605	SHEFFIELD. POND STREET	SO	1967
P/G06369	WOMBWELL	PO	1956

WEST YORKSHIRE

P/G08084	BATLEY	HPO	1960
P/G08856	BATLEY	HPO	1962
P/G02915	BANK STREET, BRADFORD	BPO	1951
P/G06439	PARK STREET, BRIGHOUSE	HPO	1956
P/G08086	ELLAND	PO	1960
P/G08935	ELLAND	PO	1962
P/G06735	COMMERCIAL STREET, HALIFAX	HPO	1957
P/G06341	HOLMFIRTH. SITE	PO	1956
P/G06752	STATION ROAD, HONLEY.	TE & PO	1957
P/G23678	CITY SQUARE, LEEDS	PO	1978
P/G23727	CITY SQUARE, LEEDS	PO	1978
P/G23728	CITY SQUARE, LEEDS	PO	1978
P/G08602	CITY SQUARE, LEEDS	PO	1961
P/G09156	LEEDS, OLD HPO. REMODELLED.	HPO	1959
P/G17784	WELLINGTON STREET, LEEDS	HPO	1972
P/G18060	WELLINGTON STREET, LEEDS	HPO	1972
P/G18249	WELLINGTON STREET, LEEDS	HPO	1972
P/G18731	WELLINGTON STREET, LEEDS	HPO	1972
P/G18824	WELLINGTON STREET, LEEDS	HPO	1973
P/G18916	WELLINGTON STREET, LEEDS	HPO	1973
P/G19328	WELLINGTON STREET, LEEDS	HPO	1973
P/G19491	WELLINGTON STREET, LEEDS	HPO	1973 (20+)
P/G18706	WINE STREET, LEEDS. HOUSE.	PO	1972
P/G09105	QUEEN STREET, MORLEY	SO & PO	1962
P/G02436	PONTEFRAC	HPO	1950
P/G06880	CHURCH LANE, PUDSEY	NPO	1957
P/G06438	SHIPLEY	PO	1956
P/G02438	TODMORDEN	HPO	1950
P/G21983	MARKET PLACE, WETHERBY	PO	1976

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