

# UIT DIE POSSAK VAN JAMES PERKINS

(From the Postbag of James Perkins)

Includes a Translation of the Text at the end.

Gawie Hugo



Perkins se winkel op die h/v Hoog end Napierstrate vanaf 1869 tot 1963.

Caption: Perkins' shop on the corner of Hoog and Napier Streets from 1869 to 1963.

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# UIT DIE POSSAK VAN JAMES PERKINS

James Perkins was 'n Algemene Handelaar in Worcester vanaf September 1869 tot Augustus 1963, 'n vader na seun onderneming vir 93 jaar.

Die pos in hierdie uitstalling neem ons terug na die jare 1882 tot 1887 en sluit in briewe, notas, telegramme en rekeninge van leweransiers, familie en vriende van oral oor. Die pos- en telegraafdiens was in hierdie tydvak nog die enigste bron van afstand-kommunikasie. Al hierdie posstukke is nog volledig met hul oorspronklike inhoud. Die interessantheid is dan ook die wye gebied waaroor en waarmee hy besigheid gedoen het.



Perkins se winkel op die h/v Hoog- en Napierstrate vanaf 1869 tot 1963

Met hierdie uitstalling word daar dus gepoog om terug te blaai in die posgeskiedenis van die Kaap die Goeie Hoop met verwysing na die verskillende tipes pos, die ontwikkeling van die posstempels vanaf 1853 tot 1887. Ons kyk dan ook na die postariëwe soos vervat in die poswet van 1882 en ander skaars stempels en interessantheide wat hierdie possak opgelewer het.



## James Perkins

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James Perkins land op 9 Desember 1858 aan die Kaap vanaf Engeland. In September 1869 verhuis hy na Worcester waar hy hom vestig as Algemene Handelaar op die hoek van Hoog- en Napierstrate.

In ongeveer 1890 neem sy seun, James Junior op 20 jarige ouderdom by hom oor en sit die besigheid onveranderd voort vir 73 jaar tot 'n paar dae voor sy dood op 3 Augustus 1963, waarna die winkel gesluit is.

James Junior het verskeie Engelse dekorasies en medaljes ontvang vir sy betrokkenheid by die ABO. Hy was ook 'n leiersfiguur in Worcester se sake- en sosiale aktiwiteite.

### Bynaam van die winkel?

Napierstraat was bekend as Kantienstraat vanweë al die kroë.

Mr James Perkins  
alias Santa Kadoorie  
Can'teen Street  
Worcester

4210

(S. & L. 21.)



#### RETAIL SHOP LICENCE.

ACT 20 OF 1884.

LICENCE is hereby granted unto

*James Perkins*  
residing at *Worcester*  
to keep a Retail Shop at *Block B Ent No 6 (High Street)*  
during the period from *1 January*  
to the 31st December next.

Stamp Office, *Worcester*  
Cape of Good Hope,  
*7 January 1885.*

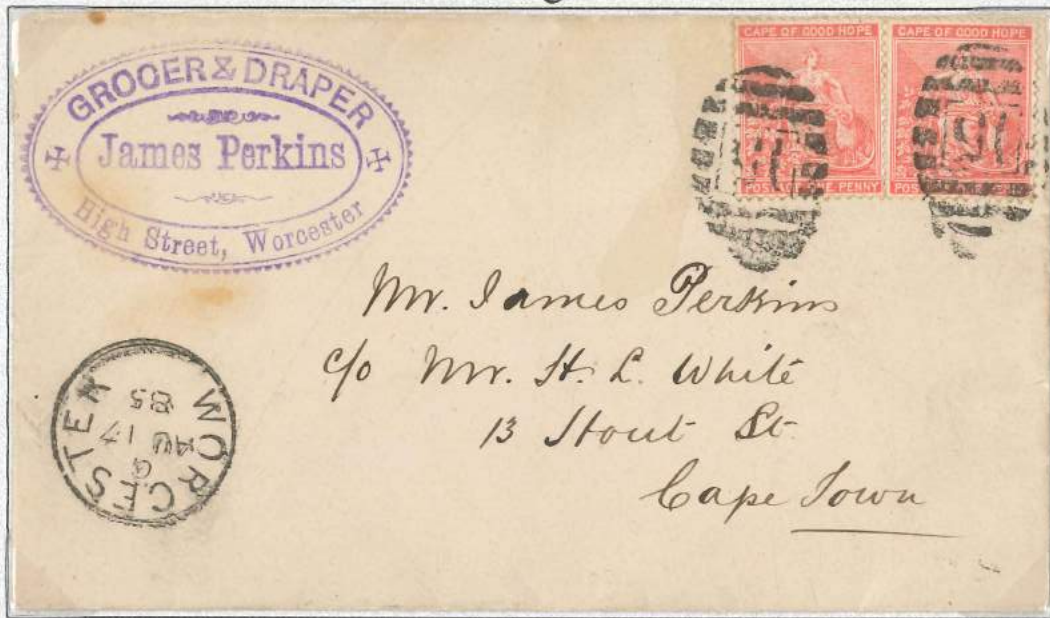
*C. H. Mulholland*

Distributor of Stamps.

Kleinhandelaarslisensie vir die jaar 1885.

Fotokopie van oorspronklike, vyftig persent grootte.







Winkel se stempel


# COLMAN'S

## Mustard and Blue





DECORATION  
CROSS OF  
OF HONOUR



ONLY GOLD MEDAL FOR MUSTARD PARIS 1878.

Worcester, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 1900

Mr. S. H. W. Keyten  
Dr. to JAMES PERKINS,  
PROVISION MERCHANT.

1899				
Dec 21	1 W. W. Brush		2	
	Paid			
	E. J. Perkins			
	November 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1900			



Koevert was as 'n Poskaart gebruik.



Posgeld vir Poskaarte was 1d, maar hierdie posstuk was slegs met 1/2d gefrankeer.

Strandaard Posgeld.



Die posgeld vir gewone posstukke tussen poskantore in die Kolonie, insluitend Basutoland en die Transkeise gebiede was 2d vir elke half ons of gedeelte daarvan.



## Postariewe van die dag

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Dubbel die standaard tarief.



Koevert en inhoud het meer as 'n half ons geweeg.

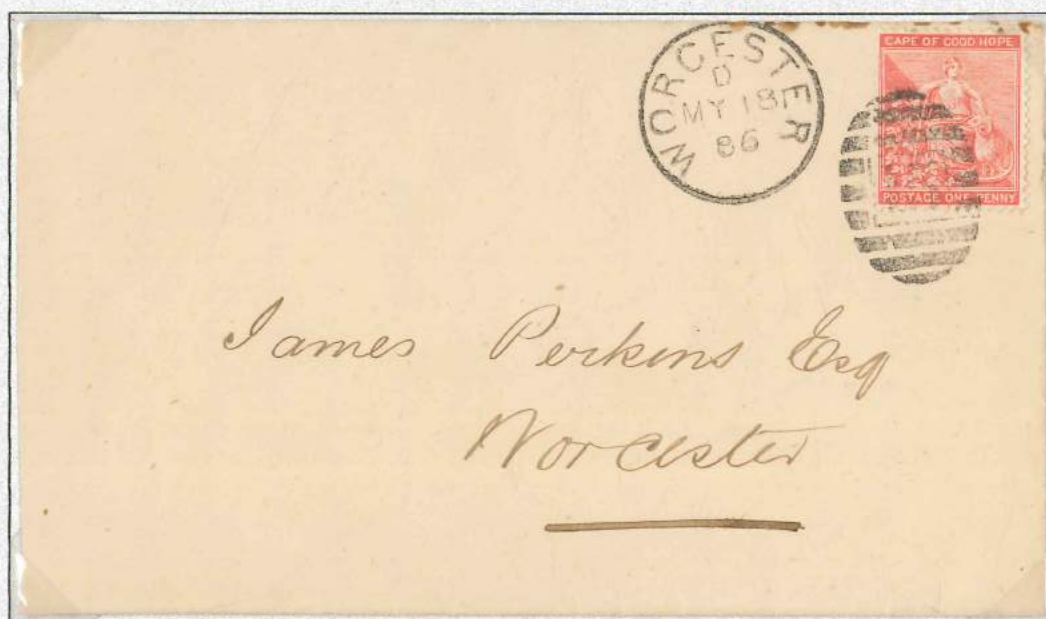
Geregistreeerde brief.



Die standaard tarief vir geregistreeerde briewe was 4d elk.  
'n £10 Cape Commercial Bank noot, nr. 02555 was in dié koevert versend.



Kanselleringsstempel No. 15: Dikstreep (9 Streep) Ovaal Numeriese  
 Kanselleringsstempel tipe van 1865. (BONC 18)  
 Datumstempel; Worcester, 18 Mei 1886: Sirkel Datumstempel van 1878. (CDS 10)  
 Posgeld: Plaaslik 1d. Uitbreiding van 1d posgeld beleid van 30 Augustus 1860.  
 Na Worcester uitgebrei 1876.



Mnr. J.L. de Jongh, eerste eienaar van die Worcester Standard vra Mnr. Perkins se steun in verkiesing van hom as nuwe Sekretaris en Tesourier van Landbougenootskap.



Worcester Poskantoor vanaf 1885 tot 1927  
 (foto van 'n poskaart)



WORCESTER  
LANDBOUW-GENOOTSCHAP.

**Kennisgeving.**

EENE Algemeene Vergadering van de Leden van dit Genootschap zal gehouden worden in het Stadhuis, Worcester, op ZATURDAG, den 7den NOVEMBER 1885, 's morgens ten 10 uur, ten einde de namen van Nieuwe Leden te ontvangen, een Comité te kiezen en schikkingen te maken voor de volgende Show.

*Op last,*

H. ARTHUR GREENE,  
Secretaris en Penningmeester.

KANTOOR:—Stockenstromstraat,  
Worcester.

N.B.—De Jaarlijksche Subscriptie van ieder Lid is £1, betaalbaar vooruit op den 1sten Januari.

J. E. de Jong & Co., Drukkers, Worcester.

O. H. M. S.

James Perkins, Esq.

High Street,

Worcester.

Die letters O.H.M.S. (On Her Majesty's Service) was toegelaat, handgeskrewe of gedruk vanaf Regerings instansies, maar volgens die bron boek "Philatelic Research Library" moes die koeverf óf 'n seël opgehad het óf geteken gewees het. Daar is egter geen posstempel op nie en skrywer is van mening dat dit per hand afgelewer was. Die O.H.M.S. was dus net om status te verleen aan die afsender. Dit was 'n algemene gebruik aan die Kaap.



(T. 4.)

TELEGRAM.

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NO CHARGE FOR DELIVERY.

James Perkins  
Worcester

SENT OUT AT

A.M. P.M.

Hour. Min. Hour. Min.

5 23

**CAPE OF GOOD HOPE TELEGRAPHS.**

No. of Message

624

Dated Stamp of

If the accuracy of this Telegram is doubted, it will be repeated on payment of half the amount originally paid for its transmission; and, if found to be incorrect, the amount paid for repetition will be refunded. When the cost of a reply to a Telegram has been prepaid, and the number of words in the reply is in excess of the number so paid for, the Sender of the reply must pay for such excess.

N.B.—This Form should accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.

Charges to Pay £ ..... s. ..... d.

CAPE MEAN-TIME is observed throughout CAPE COLONY.

Handed  
in at

Remuneration

at 4 25 p.m.

Received  
here at

5-1 p.m.

Delivering Office

From

White

To

James Perkins

Worcester

Can you send five thousand  
apricots plums any other fruit  
small lots not too ripe  
great demand. If so send  
sharp



# Ander Tipes Pos

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## Plaaslike Poskaart



Die eerste poskaarte is op 1 Maart 1878 in die Kaap Kolonie in gebruik geneem vir plaaslike gebruik.

Ons voorbeeld is van die tweede ontwerp in gebruik vanaf Julie 1882. Die teks was dieselfde as die eerste ontwerp, maar die seël met Koningin Victoria se kop en Engelse Landswapen was gebruik. Poskaart was gedruk deur De La Rue & Kie.

## Roubrief



Roubriewe was veral gewild vanaf die dood van Prins Albert van Engeland maar het weer in onbruik geraak na die Eerste Wêreld Oorlog.

Brief van sy neef Gustav Geyer  
Dood as gevolg van maagkoorsepidemie



## Klein Driehoekige Kanselleringsstempel van 1853

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Die stempel is in gebruik geneem in 1853, saam met die ingebruikneming van aanplak posseëls.  
Daar bestaan ongeveer 7 variasies hiervan.



Brief: J.L. Geyer van die plaas Rietrivier, Montagu  
Lewer aartappels en lensies aan Perkins.

## Dubbelboogtype van 1857

Groenpunt datumstempel: Dubbelboogtype van 1857.

'n Beperkte aantal van die stempels was uitgereik vanaf 5 Mei 1857.

Kaapstad datumstempel: Eerste sirkel datumstempel tipe van 1864, sonder koppeltekens of punte.  
(CDS 1 Tipe 4). Was hoofsaaklik gebruik vir rugkant stempeling deur H.P.K.



Brief van J.H.R. Bate, 'n Perdesmous.

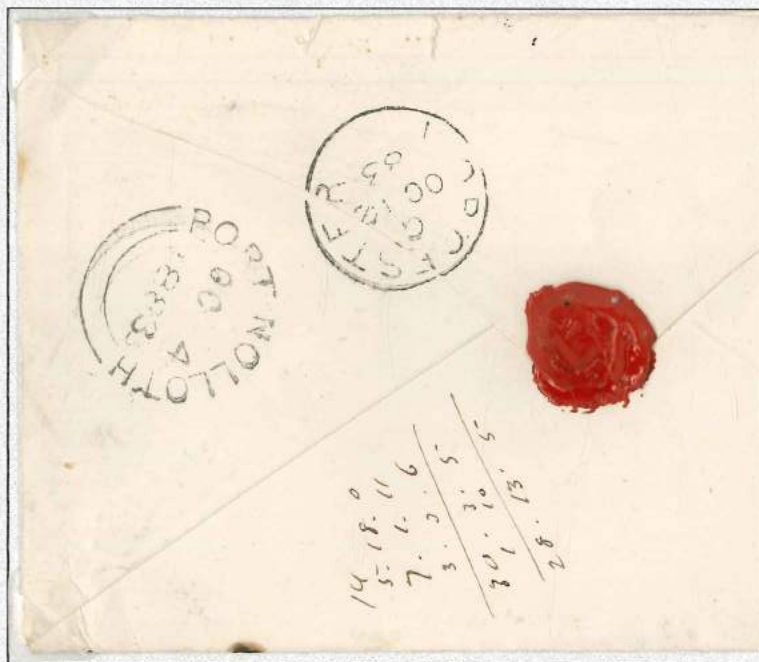


*The Cape Copper Mining Company Limited,  
Port Nolloth, Namaqualand.  
3<sup>d</sup> October 1883*

*My Dear Sir*

*I am in receipt of your favour  
of the 28<sup>th</sup> September, and I have also received  
the 12 Bags Potatoes, and I must thank  
you very much for getting them, I am*

Brief vanaf sy neef Mnr. R. Carstens



Fotokopie van voorkant.

Kanselleringsstempel No. 67: Dik streep (9) Ovaal numeriese tipe van 1865.

Datumstempel: Port Nolloth. Dubbelboog tipe van 1857.

Die ontwerp van die stempel was geneem van stempel in gebruik vanaf 1842 op Engelse platteland en Wallis. Was gemaak vir datumstempel, maar is ook gebruik as kanselleringsstempel. Kansellering was in rooi of swart ink.

Gepos: Port Nolloth 4 Oktober 1883. Ontvang Worcester 12 Oktober 1883.

Posroete: Per boot, die "Namaqua" na Kaapstad en dan per trein na Worcester.



## Sirkel Datumstempel van 1864

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Rondebosch Datumstempel: Sirkel datumstempel van 1864 (CDS 2) met koppelteken.  
Die eerste sirkelvormige datumstempel wat die rondestempel van 1853 vervang het.



Brief vanaf Mnr. Skead

Ceres kansellering stempel No. 6: Dik streep (9) ovaal numeriese stempel van 1865.  
Ceres datumstempel: sirkel datumstempel van 1878. (CDS 10).



Ceres Road (Wolseley) Sirkel  
Datumstempel van 1864 (CDS 2),  
die tipe sonder punt of koppelteken.  
Fotokopie van oorspronklike.



Elizabeth Rose verneem die verblyfkoſte vir 'n maand,  
sy wil die warmwaterbron by Brandvlei kom besoek.



# Sirkel Datumstempel van 1871

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Victoria-West datumstempel: Sirkel datumstempel van 1871 (CDS 6).  
Tydkontrolle letter afwesig.



Beaufort-West: Sirkel datumstempel (CDS 17) met groot punt onder. Volgens Goldblatt was die stempel in gebruik vanaf 1885, maar hier is dit al gebruik in 1883.



Brief van verteenwoordiger Mnr. J. Allan Yallop.

Piquetberg Road Datumstempel: Sirkel datumstempel van 1871 (CDS 6) sonder tydkontrolle.



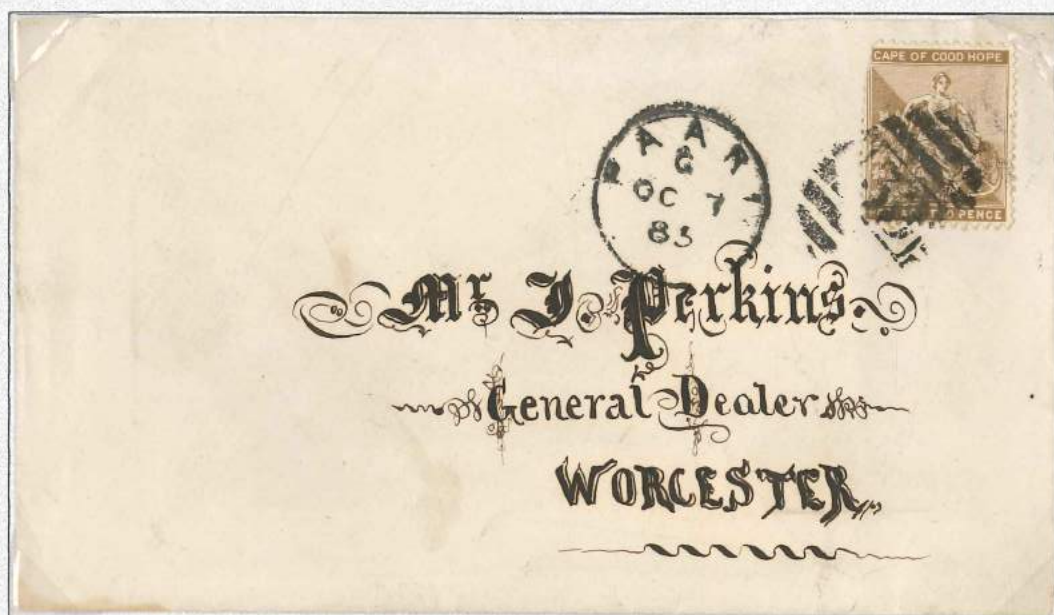
Vandag is dit bekend as Gouda.



## Sirkel Datumstempels van 1878

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Paarl Datumstempel: Sirkel datumstempel van 1878 (CDS 10).



Brief van Mej. A. Hendrickse.  
7 Oktober 1883 was op 'n Sondag.

Salt River Datumstempel: Sirkel datumstempel van 1878 (CDS 10).



Brief van sy neef Polly van Roode Bloem.



## Sirkel Datumstempels vanaf 1879

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Datumstempel Alfred Docks: Sirkel datumstempel (CDS 13) van 1884.  
Kanselleringsstempel No. 420: Dikstreep (9 streep) ovaal numeriese stempel.



Brief van sy dogter Jessie.

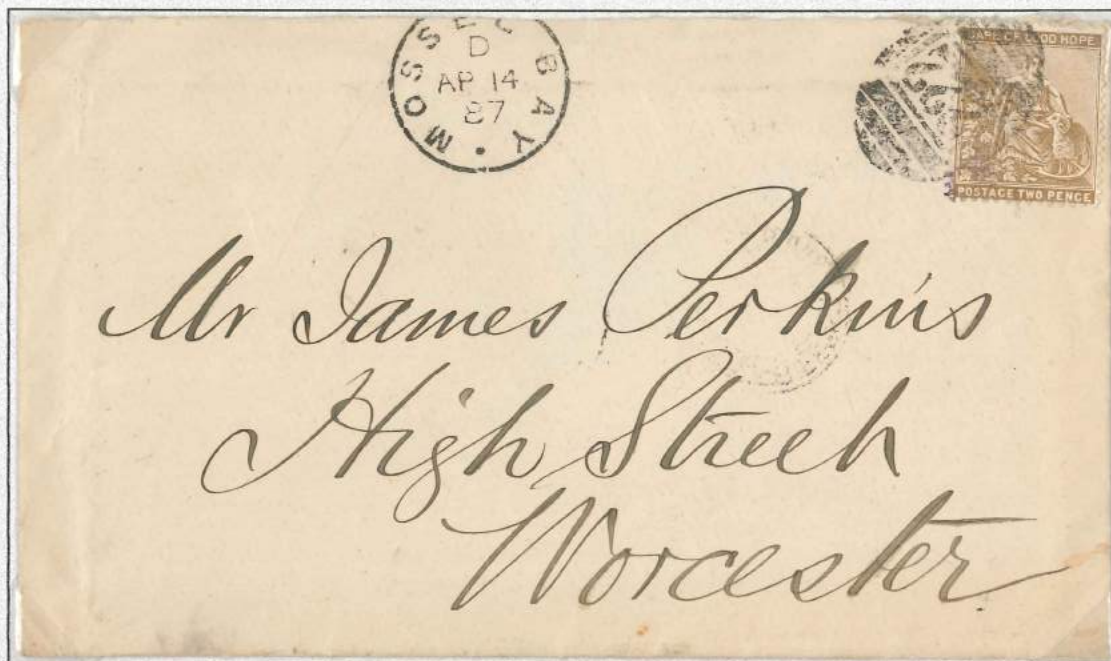
Hex River East Datumstempel: Sirkel Datumstempel van 1879 (CDS 12).  
Kanselleringsstempel nommer 349: Dikstreep (9 Streep) ovaal numerise stempel.



Hex River East poskantoor (finaal gesluit 1897).  
Brief van Mnr. S. C. Black insake kwepers gestuur vir die  
Kamer van Koophandel se uitstalling.

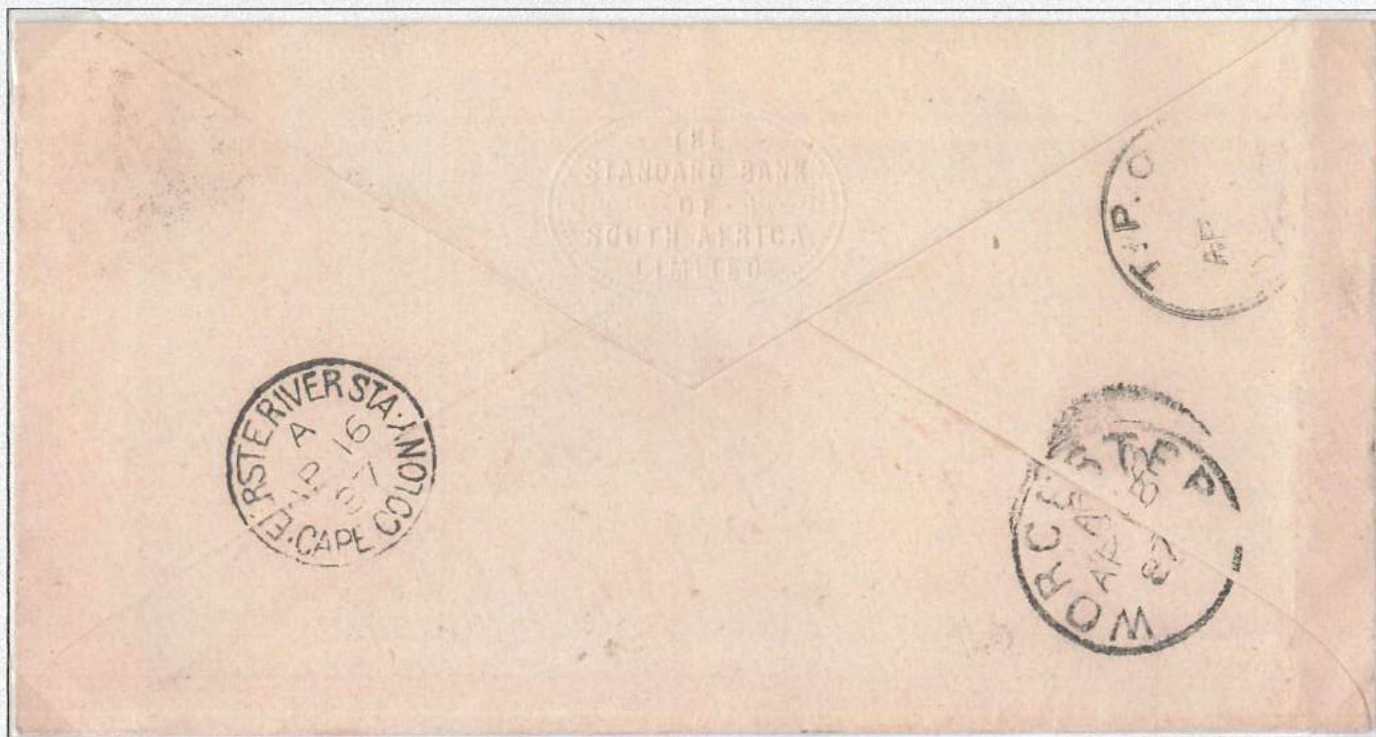


Mosselbaai Datumstempel Sirkel (CDS 17) van 1885 met punt en tydkontrole.  
Kanselleringstempel No. 222: Dikstreep ovaal numeriese kanselleringstempel.



Brief vanaf Standard Bank, Mosselbaai

Eersterivierstasie datumstempel 16 April 1887.  
Sirkel Datumstempel van 1864 (CDS 2) sonder koppelteken.  
Arriveer op Worcester 18 April 1887.



Posroete No. 2 van 1859: Mosselbaai via Blanco, Riversdal, Swellendam via Heidelberg en Rietkuil.  
Caledon via Riviersonderend, Somerset-Wes via Houw Hoek, Grabouw en Sir Lowry's Pas, Eersterivier.





Hoofkwartier van die Kaapkolonie Poskantoor vanaf 1872 tot 1897, St. George's straat, Kaapstad.

Sirkel Datumstempels van 1864.

Was in 1864 ingestel te Kaapstad en Port Elizabeth hoof poskantore. Verskeie variasies van hierdie stempels is bekend.

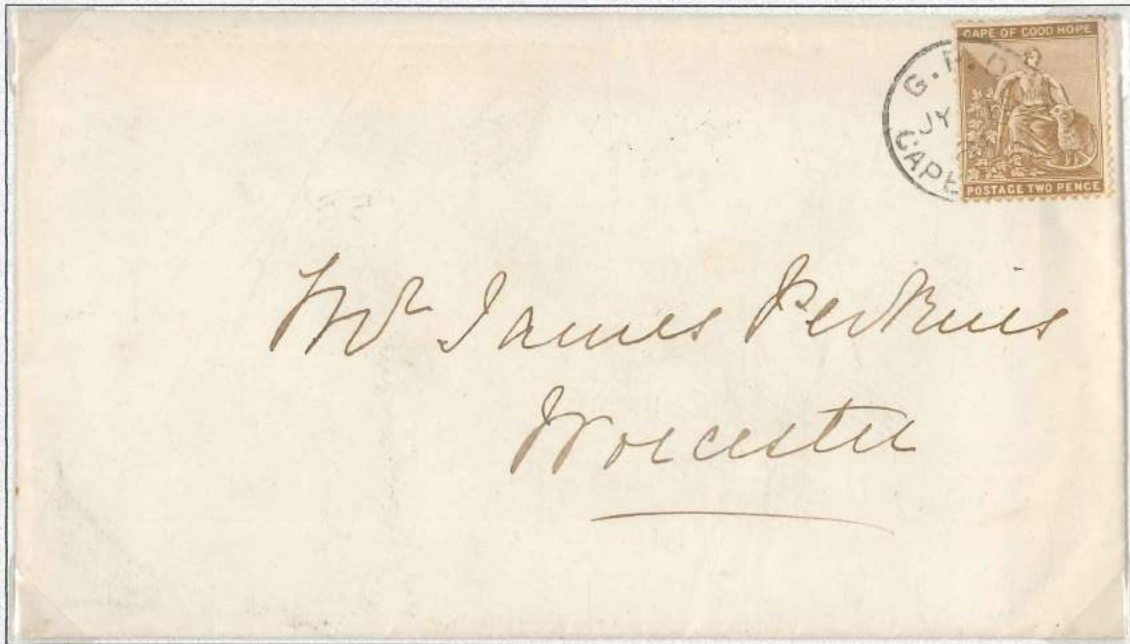
Regs: Variasie met beide die punt- en koppeltekens afwesig.



Links die Stempel variasie met punt tussen Cape en Town en Cape en Colony.



G.P.O. Datumstempel in gebruik vanaf 1881. Tydkontrolle letter afwesig.



Gekombineerde Stempel van 1870.



Die Datumstempel en Kanselleringsstempel is 'n gekombineerde stempel. Dit is die dun streep (18) ovaal numeriese stempel van 1870, en die Sirkel Datumstempel van 1864, uitgereik aan Kaapstad No. 1 en Port Elizabeth, No. 2 in 1870.



## "Squared Circle" Stempels

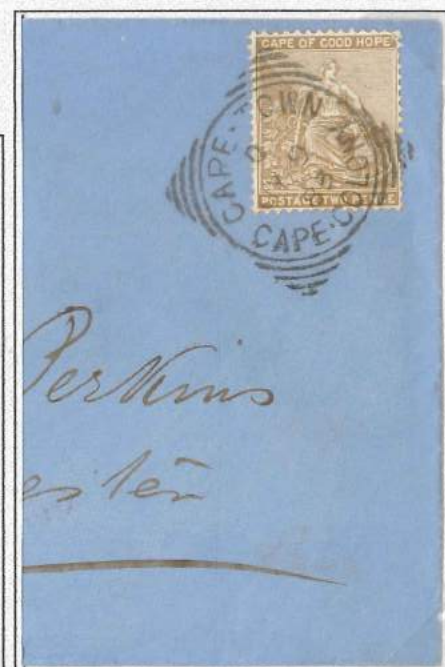
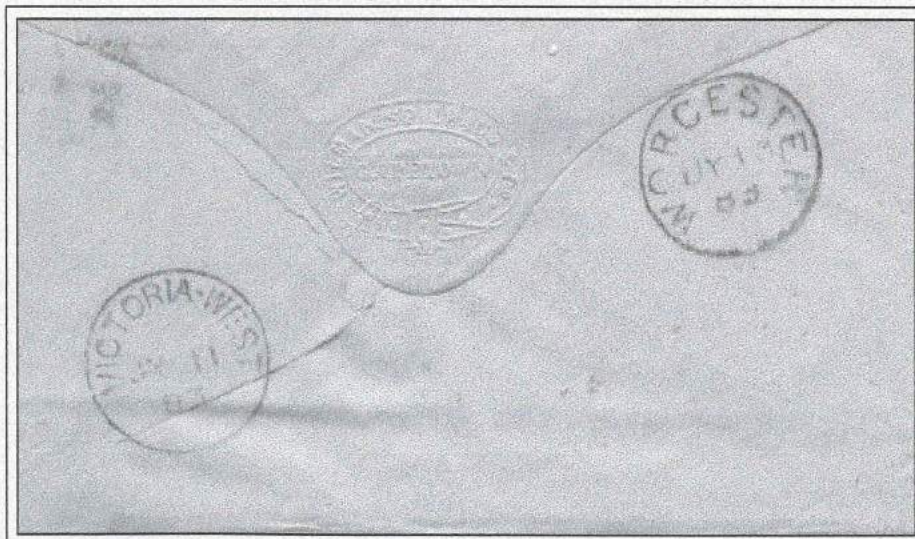
Eksperimentele stempels vanaf 1882 tot 1891.

Posstempel tipe SC 2 "Squared Circle" van 1882.  
Ring met 3 segmente. Cape Town en Cape Colony sonder punt.



Posstempel: Tipe SC 3 "Squared Circle" van 1882  
Ring met 4 segmente. Cape Town en Cape Colony met punt.

Brief was blykbaar in verkeerde possak.



Brief vanaf Wilman Spilhaus & Co.



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## WESTERN RAILWAYS.

PLEASE GIVE THIS

Reports, replies, and  
correspondence, must  
without delay, be refer-  
enced and filed. See  
W. T. B.

## TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT.

REFERENCE TO

REFERENCE IN REPLY.

YOUR LETTER.

MEMORANDUM FROM

To

Worcester STATION,

Oct 31 1887

Mr J. Perkins  
Worcester (Station)

SUBJECT:

1 C Teldtshoes to H Beard, Frazerburg Rd  
on march 9<sup>th</sup> 1882 forwarded from here

Dear Sir

The above station informs  
me that the above Case teldtshoes  
are still on hand, no application  
having yet been made, as the station  
Master there wishes to dispose of it.  
Please advise what we are to do, for



Gepos: Kaapstad 29 Junie 1883

Posseëls: Kaap die Goeie Hoop. 2 X 1d Horisontale Paar

Kleurskakering: Diep Roos Rooi

Stempel: Squared Circle van 1882 tipe SC3



Memorandum

From Saul Solomon & Co.  
Cape Town.

To J. Perkins  
Worcester

Dear Sir, -  
Mr. Bidewell-Edwards has just shown us  
a letter, in which you complain about our sending  
you an ap; we have referred to our Press Copy Book  
& find the ap is H. Perkins - it is therefore not for you  
but Mr. H. Perkins. Kindly note if not H. - Our book keeper  
is one of the best in Cape Town & should this prove an error  
we regret it. Any more  
to it ourselves -  
We are dear Sir  
Yours truly  
Saul Solomon & Co.



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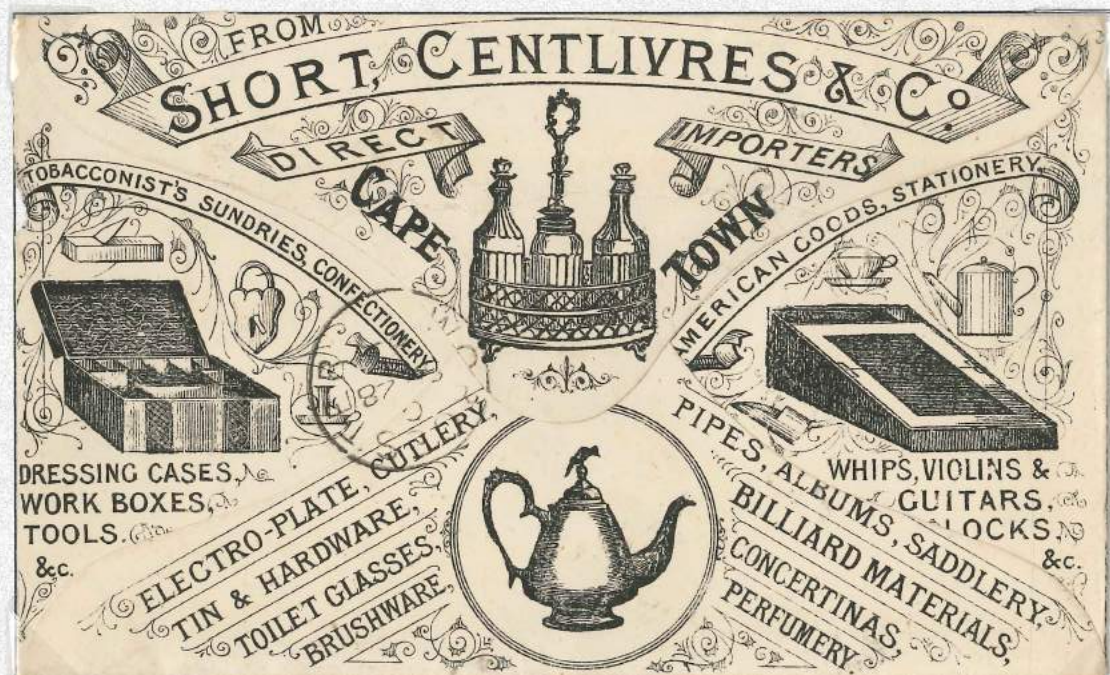
AND AT 32, BURG STREET,  
& 97, LONG MARKET STREET.

Saul Solomon se handtekening

Besigheidskaartjie van Mnr. Silvester

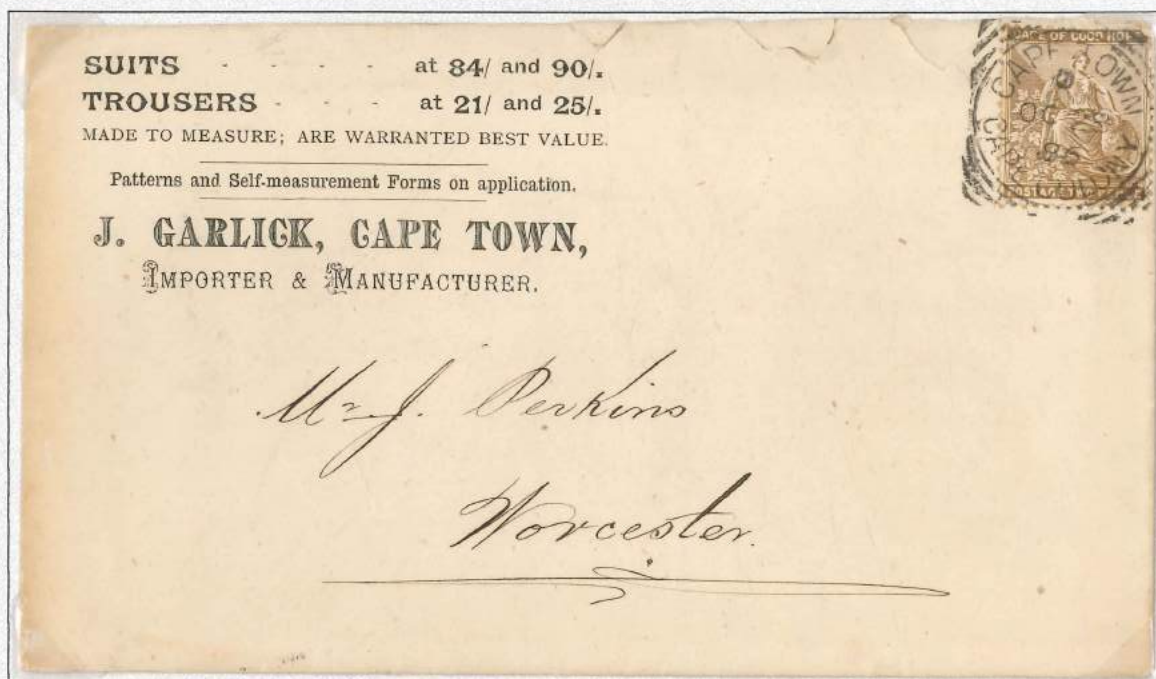


# Advertensies op koeverte

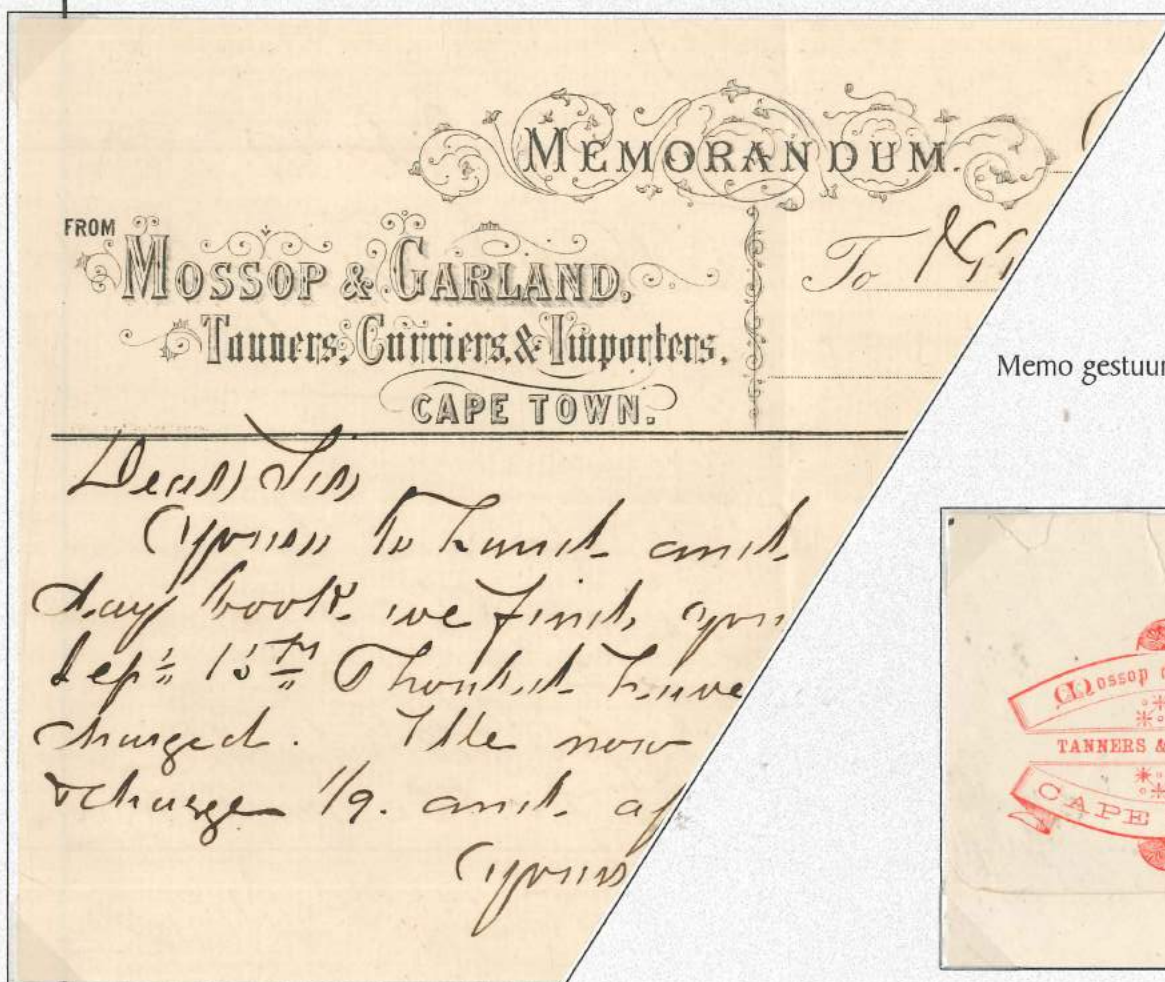


Baie mooi voorbeeld van advertensie drukwerk op beide kante van koevert.





J. Garlick voorsiener van klerasie



Memo gestuur op 20 Oktober 1882.





ESTABLISHED 1815.

STEAM SNUFF MILLS, 72, LOOP STREET,  
MANUFACTORY OF SNUFF, CIGARS, TOBACCO, VINEGAR.

Cape Town, 30<sup>th</sup> April 1886

*W<sup>m</sup> J. Perkins*

Bought of L. J. de JONGH, Sen., L. Son.

✓ 40 lbs Snuff @ 3/3  
✓ 18 lbs " @ 2/3

6 10 "  
2 " 6  
£ 8 10 6  
dis. 8 6  
£ 8 2 0



Rec<sup>d</sup> Payment  
J.E.

4<sup>th</sup> June 1886  
*L. J. de Jongh*

Id Inkomsteseël

Perkins se Bankiers.

No. 52644 671 7<sup>th</sup> October 1886  
The Standard Bank of British South Africa Limited.  
CAPE TOWN. 16 OCT 1886

Pay Mr L J de Jongh Sen. or Order  
Eight pounds two shillings and sixpence



*Jas Perkins*

Betaling van aankope  
Perkins se handtekening.



Western Province



Stempel: "Posted Late" was gebruik op pos wat te laat ingehandig was, maar geen boete was hier gehef nie. Pos was net met die volgende aflewering aangestuur.



Kwitansie: Hines, Heywood & Co.

Gepos: Kaapstad 4 Januarie 1883 na Worcester

## Massa Posstempel

Die stempel was baie skaars, slegs gebruik op Omsendbriewe en Adresbande (wrappers). Was volgens stempel gepos op 6 Augustus maar geen jaartal, ook geen rugkant stempel deur Worcester Poskantoor. Was ook 'n laer postarief, 1d in plaas van die normale 2d.



Brief: "Printed Matter."

Leweransier: Pocock & Co. Verspreiders van Hollandse medisyne.





Fotokopie van rugkantstempels.



Du Toitspan (nou Beaconsfield) was deel van Griekwaland-Wes. Vanaf 1871 was Kaap die Goeie Hoop-seëls deur Griekwaland-Wes gebruik. Die kanselleringsstempels was eie aan Griekwaland-Wes. Dié betrokke stempel was 'n gestreepte ovaal met 'n nommer 9 in die diamant.



Die TPO (Traveling Post Office) diens was begin in 1883 en is aanvanklik net tot by Victoria-Wesweg (nou Hutchinson) en vanaf 1885 tot by De Aar gebruik. 'n Spesiale bemande treinwa was hiervoor ingerig. Die "Up" was vanaf die binneland na Kaapstad en "Down" vanaf Kaapstad.



Posgeld 1d en slegs nommer 1 gestreepte (13 streep) ovaal numeriese kanseleringstempel (BONC 26). Geen verdere datum- of rugkantstempels deur Worcester nie.



Omsendbrief vanaf J.S. Prins gedateer 19 Oktober 1882.

## Stempel van onbekende oorsprong



Telegramstyl memo vanaf makelaars, Bidewell Edwards op 25 Junie 1883.  
Geen verdere stempels en aanduiding van posgeld betaal nie.



# Gewerk op Kersdag

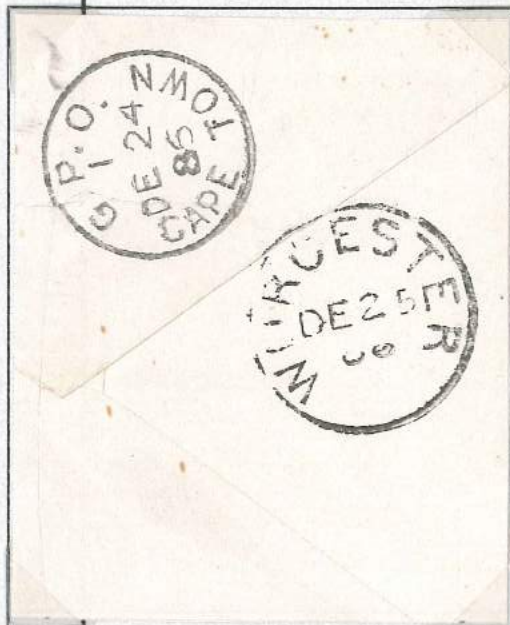
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Montagu Datumstempel: 25 Desember 1886



Ontvang op Worcester  
25 Desember 1886

Brief gestempel Dieprivier 24 Desember 1886,  
gestempel Worcester 25 Desember 1886.



GPO Datumstempel:  
Tipe GPO I van 1881.



Dieprivier datumstempel: Sirkel Tipe van 1885 sonder Tydkontroleletter.



## Gewerk op Nuwe Jaar

Gestempel Kaapstad 31 Desember 1886 en Worcester 1 Januarie 1887.



Die poskantoor was dus oop vir besigheid op hierdie dae.

## Pos uit Engeland



Die gekombineerde datum en kansellering stempel is dieselfde tipe as in gebruik in die Kolonie.  
Brief van sy broer Frank.

- Bronne: 1. THE HANDSTRUCK LETTER STAMPS OF THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE and the POSTMARKS FROM 1792 TO 1910. By A.A. Jurgens.  
2. POSTMARKS OF THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE. By Robert Goldblatt.  
3. Argief, WORCESTER MUSEUM  
4. THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE BLUE BOOK, 1882.  
5. DE POSTWAARDESTUKKEN VAN ZUID AFRIKA.



VERDERE INLIGTING DEUR MNR. PERKINS OOR SY VADER EN OUPA

MY GRANDFATHER

JAMES PERKINS (SNR)

BORN: 23/12/1836  
at Watford  
Hertfordshire  
ENGLAND

Left England on 30/8/1858 on board the English Ship "GILMORE"  
and arrived in Cape Town on 9/12/1858 - 101 days later.

SETTLED AND LIVED in Worcester at corner of High and Napier  
streets.  $\pm$  27/9/1869

DIED: 2/11/1897 at Worcester (Cape) and buried in N.G. Kerk  
cemetery, Worcester.

SON - JAMES JOSEPH TRYDELL PERKINS (MY FATHER)

BORN: 6/9/1869 *NEEM WINKER OOR  $\pm$  1889/1890.*  
DIED: 3/8/1963

HIS SON = CLIFFORD TRYDELL REGNIER PERKINS (THATS ME)

BORN: 5/10/1908 *OWESE*

*GETROUW 1905 - ETHER (RANNIER)  
DIED 1953*

*DOCTORS: Miss G. PERKINS  
Mrs J NEBBITT*



**PEPLER, Daniel Joseph,** Battery Manager Ferreira Deep G.M. Co.; b. 16th February, 1867, at French Hoek, C.C., where he was educated; 2nd s. of late H. L. Pepler; m. 12th April, 1898, Anna, 3rd d. of A. B. de Villiers, of Billingham Waterfall; 4 children. Came to Transvaal Jan., 1889. Been milling ever since on Langlaagte Estate, Ferreira, Crown Reef, Crown Deep, Langlaagte Deep; on Ferreira Deep since 1899. Hobbies: Shooting and hunting. Add., Box 1056, Ferreira Deep G.M. Co., Johannesburg.



**PERKINS, James Joseph Trydell,** Merchant; b. 6th Sept., 1869, at Cape Town; e.s. of late James Perkins. Educ. Worcester Public School; m. 1905, Ethel, d. of G. G. Rainier, late C.C. and R.M. of Worcester; 2 dau. Hobbies: Volunteering and mountaineering. Was Captain Commanding Worcester Volunteer Rifles, and served on Headquarter Staff during Boer War, 1899-1902 (graded as D.A.A.G.). Was Commandant Prisoners of War at Simonstown, Green Point, and Cape Town; King's S.A. War Medal, 2 bars; Queen's Medal, 1 bar; mentioned in despatches. Add., Cr. High and Napier Streets, Worcester, C.C.



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**Weston;** b. 10th Feb., 1873, at Handsworth. Educ. in Birmingham. Went through his training with Messrs. Deacon, Maxwell & Dore, afterwards studying at the Midland Institute. In 1895 came to C.C., since when has been in the service of the P.W.D. In 1906 was appointed to the post of 2nd Assistant Engineer of Public Works of Cape Colony. Has been engaged on various engineering works throughout the Colony. Add., "Addiscombe," Kloof Road, Sea Point, and P.W.D., Cape Town.



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# FROM THE POSTBAG OF JAMES PERKINS

Gawie Hugo



Caption: Perkins' shop on the corner of Hoog (High) and Napier Streets from 1869 to 1963.

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## **‘From the Post Bag of James Perkins’ - A Translation.**

This display was produced by Gawie Hugo of Worcester, Western Province, South Africa. The translation is by Steve Hannath, Cambridge, England, a poor student of Afrikaans in high school. Some changes have been made to the phrasing but hopefully not the meaning. The translation can be downloaded separately as a PDF file which you can print out and refer to as you read this. Alternatively, it has also been included as an addendum at the end of the display.

### **1.**

#### **From the Post Bag of James Perkins**

James Perkins was a General Dealer in Worcester from September 1869 to August 1963, a father to son undertaking for 93 years.

The post in this display takes us back to the years 1882 to 1887 and includes letters, notes, telegrams and accounts from suppliers, family and friends from all over. During this period the post and telegraph service was the only source of long-distance communication. All these postal items still contain their original contents. Our interest also lies in how he did business over such a vast area.

Caption: Perkin's shop on the corner of Hoog (High) and Napier Street from 1869 to 1963.

This display attempts to turn back to the postal history of the Cape of Good Hope with reference to different types of post and the development of stamps and postmarks from 1854 to 1887. We also look at the postal rates as it changed in the postal regulations of 1882 and other scarce stamps and items of interest which this post bag has delivered.

### **2**

#### **James Perkins**

James Perkins landed at the Cape on 9th December 1858 from England. In September 1869 he relocated to Worcester where he established himself as a General Dealer on the corner of Hoog (High) and Napier Streets.

In about 1890 his 20 year old son, James Junior, took over the business and ran it unchanged for 73 years until just a few days before he died on 3rd August 1963, after which the shop was closed.

James Junior received several English decorations and medals for his service in the ABO (South African War). He was also a leading figure in Worcester's affairs and social activities.

#### **Nickname for the shop?**

Napier Street was known as Canteen Street on account of all the bars (canteens).

Editor. The letter is addressed to 'Mr (or Mrs?) James Perkins, Alias Tanta (Aunt) Kadoosie, Canteen Street, Worcester'.

Small dealer's licence for the year 1885.

Photocopy of original, 50 percent larger.

### **3.**

#### **James Perkins the General Dealer**

Caption: Shop's stamp.



#### 4.

##### **Postal Rates of the day.**

Envelope used as a Postcard.

Caption: The Rate for Postcards was 1d, but this postal item was franked with 1/2d.

Standard Rate

Caption: The postal rate for standard postal items between post offices in the Colony, including Basutoland and the Transkei area, was 2d for each half ounce or part thereof.

Postal Tariffs of the day

#### 5.

##### **Postal Rates of the day.**

Double the standard tariff.

Caption: Cover and contents weighed more than a half ounce.

Registered letter.

Caption: The standard tariff for Registered letters was 4d each.

A £10 Cape Commercial Bank note, no. 02555 was sent in this cover.

#### 6.

##### **Local Post**

Cancelling stamp No. 15: Thick bar (9 Bar) Oval Numeral Canceller type of 1865 (BONC 18).

Datestamp: Worcester, 18 May 1886: Circular Datestamp of 1878 (CDS 10).

Postal rate: Local 1d. Extension of 1d Post of 30th August 1860. Extended to Worcester 1876.

Caption: Mr J. L. de Jongh, first owner of the Worcester Standard asks Mr Perkins for his support in electing him the new Secretary and Treasurer of the Land Development Company.

Caption: Worcester Post Office from 1885 to 1927 (photo from a postcard).

Local Post: OHMS

#### 7.

The letters O.H.M.S. (On Her Majesty's Service) was permitted, handwritten or printed from Government institutions, but following the reference book "Philatelic Research Library" the cover must have a stamp on or be signed for. There is nevertheless no postmark on it and the writer is of the opinion that it was delivered by hand. The O.H.M.S was therefore just to lend status to the sender. This was a common custom in the Cape.

#### 8.

##### **Telegraph Service**

Caption: Established in Worcester 1876.



## 9.

### **Other Types of Post**

#### Local Postcard

The first postcards in the Cape Colony were taken into service for local use on 1 March 1878. Our example is the second design is use from July 1882.

The text was the same as the first design, but the duty 'stamp' with Queen Victoria's head and English Coat of Arms was used. Postcard was printed by De La Rue & Co.

#### Mourning Letter

Mourning letters were especially popular after the death of Prince Albert of England but fell into disuse after the First World War.

Letter from his nephew Gustav Geyer.  
Deceased as a result of the Gastric Fever epidemic.

## 10.

### **Small Triangular Cancelling Handstamp of 1853**

The handstamp was taken into use in 1853, along with the introduction of adhesive stamps. There are approximately 7 varieties of this (handstamp).

Caption: Letter: J.L. Geyer of the farm Rietrivier, Montagu.  
Supplier of potatos and lentils to Perkins.

### **Double Arc Type of 1857**

Greenpoint Datestamp: Double Arc type of 1857.  
A limited number of the cancellers were issued from 5 May 1857.  
Cape Town datestamp: First circular datestamp type of 1864, without hyphens or full stops. (CDS 1 Type 4). Was chiefly used for back-stamping by the G.P.O.

Caption: Letter from J.H.R. Bate, a Horse pedlar.

## 11.

### **Double Arc Datestamp of 1857**

Caption: Letter from his nephew Mr R. Carstens

Caption: Photocopy of front. (RIGHT).

Caption: (LEFT)  
Cancelling handstamp No. 67: Thick Bar (9)  
Datestamp: Port Nolloth. Double Arc Type of 1857

The design of the handstamp was taken from a handstamp in use in from 1842 in rural England and Walesa hands. Was made for datestamping, but was also used as a canceller. Cancelling was in red or black ink.  
Posted: Port Nolloth 4 October 1883. Received Worcester 12 Oktober 1883.  
Post Route: By boat, the "Namaqua" to Cape Cape Town and then by train to Worcester.



## 12.

### **Circular Datestamp of 1864.**

Rondebosch Datestamp@ Circular datestamp of 1864 (CDS 2) with hyphen.  
The first circular datestamp to replace the round datestamp of 1853.

Caption: Letter from Mr Skead.

Ceres cancelling stamp No. 6: Thick bar (9) Oval Numeral type of 1865 (BONC).  
Ceres datestamp: circular datestamp of 1878. (CDS 10).

Caption: Ceres Road (Wolseley) Circle  
Datestamp of 1864 (CDS 2),  
the type without full stop or hyphen.  
Photocopy of original.

Elizabeth Rose advises she will leave the residence for a month, she wants to visit the warm water spring at Brandvlei.

## 13.

### **Circular Datestamp of 1871.**

Victoria-West datestamp: Circular datestamp of 1871 (CDS 6),  
Time control letter missing.

Caption: Beaufort-West: Circular datestamp (CDS 17) with large dot at base. According to Goldblatt the handstamp was in use from 1885, but here it is already used in 1883.

Caption: Letter from representative Mr J. Allan Yallop.

Piquetberg Road Datestamp: Circular datestamp of 1871 (CDS 6) without time control.

Caption: Today it (Piquetberg Road) is known as 'Gouda'.

## 14.

### **Circular Datestamps of 1878**

Paarl Datestamp: Circular datestamps of 1878 (CDS 10).

Caption: Letter from Miss A. Hendrickse.  
7 October 1883 was a Sunday.

Salt River Datestamp: Circular datestamps of 1878 (CDS 10).

Caption: Letter from his niece Polly van Roode Bloem.

## 15.

### **Circular Datestamps of 1879**

Datestamp Alfred Dock: Circular datestamps (CDS 13) of 1884.  
Cancelling stamp No. 420: Thick bar (9) Oval Numeral type handstamp (BONC).

Caption: Letter from his daughter Jessie.

Hex River East Datestamp: Circular Datestamps of 1879 (CDS 12).

Caption: Hex River East Post Office (closed 1897).



Letter from Mr S. C. Black regarding quinces sent for the Chamber of Commerce's display.

## **16.**

### **Circular Datestamps**

Mossel Bay Datestamp: Circular datestamp (CDS 173) of 1885 with full stop and time control.  
Cancelling stamp No. 222: Thick bar Oval Numeral type handstamp (BONC).

Caption: Letter from Standard Bank, Mossel Bay.

Eerste River Station Datestamp 16 April 1887.  
Circular Datestamps of 1864 (CDS 2) without hyphen.  
Arrived Worcester 18 April 1887.

Caption: Post route No. 2 from 1859: Mossel Bay via Blanco, Riversdale, Swellendam via Heidelberg and Rietkuil.  
Caledon via Riviersonderend, Somerset-West via Houw Hoek, Grabouw and Sir Lowry's Pass, Eersterivier.

## **17.**

### **Head Post Office (GPO), Cape Town**

Headquarters of the Cape Colony Post Office from 1872 to 1897. St. George's Street, Cape Town.

Circular Datestamp of 1864.  
Introduced in 1864 in Cape Town and Port Elizabeth head post offices. Different variations of these cancellers are known.

Right: Variation with both the full stop and hyphen missing.

Left: The handstamp variety with the full stop (raised) between 'Cape' and 'Colony'.

## **18.**

### **Head Post Office Postmarks**

G.P.O. datestamps in use from 1881. Time control letter missing.

Combined datestamp (Duplex) of 1870.

Caption: The datestamp and canceller is a combined hand stamp. It is the thin bar (18) Oval Numeral handstamp of 1870, and the Circular Datestamp of 1864 issued to Cape Town No. 1 and Port Elizabeth No. 2 in 1870.

## **19.**

### **"Squared Circle" Postmarks**

Experimental handstamps from 1882 to 1891.

Post handstamp type SC 3 "Squared Circle" of 1882.  
Ring with 4 segments. Cape Town and Cape Colony with full stop.

Letter was presumably in the wrong post bag.

Caption: Letter from Wilman Spilhaus & Co.



**20.**

**Transporter of Post**

Photo of Worcester Station roundabout 1876. (MISSING!)

**21.**

**The Printer Saul Solomon & Co.**

Posted: Caper Town 29 June 1883

Postage Stamps: Cape of Good Hope. 2 x 1d Horizontal Pair.

Shade of Colour: Deep Rose Red

Postmark: Squared Circle of 1882 type SC3

Caption: Saul Solomon's signature.

Caption: Business card from Mr Silvester.

**22.**

**Advertisements on Cover**

Caption: Very pretty example of advertising print work on both sides of a cover.

**23.**

**Advertisements on Cover**

Caption: J. Garlick supplier of clothes

Memo sent on 20 October 188

**24.**

**Purveyor's Invoice**

Caption: 1d Revenue Stamp

**Perkins' Bankers**

Caption: Payment for purchases.

Perkins' signature.

**25.**

**Advertising Leaflet**

James Perkins is approached to sign up as an agent for the company.

Note the use of 'Western Province' as a part of the address.

Postage stamp was removed.



## 26.

### **Posted Late**

Postmark: "Posted Late" was used on post when it was handed in too late but no penalty was made here. Post was sent with the next delivery.

Caption: Receipts: Hines. Heywood & Co.

Posted: Cape Town 4 January 1883 to Worcester

### **Bulk Postage Postmark**

This postmark was very scarce, only used on circulars and address bindings (wrappers).

Was posted after the postmark was applied on 6 August but no year record, also no postmark on reverse applied by Worcester Post Office. Was also a later postal tariff,

1d in place of the normal 2d.

Caption: Letter: "Printed Matter".

Purveyor: Pocock & Co. Distributors of Dutch medicines.

## 27.

### **TPO Up / TPO Down**

Caption: Photocopy of postmarks on reverse.

Du Toitspan (now Beaconsfield) was part of Griqualand-West. Cape of Good Hope stamps were used in Griqualand West from 1871. The cancelling postmark was specific to Griqualand West. This postmark was a striped oval with the number 9 in a diamond.

The TPO (Travelling Post Office) service was started in 1883 and was originally to Victoria-West Road (now Hutchinson) and after 1885 was used to De Aar. A specially manned trained wagon was used. The "Up" was from the interior to Cape Town and "Down" from Cape Town (to interior).

## 28.

### **Special Tariff Post**

1d postage and only No. 1 barred (13 bars) oval numeral cancelling postmark (BONC 26). No other date or back-stamped postmarks through Worcester.

Caption: Circular letter from J. S. Prins dated 19 October 1882.

### **Postmark of unknown origin.**

Caption: Telegram-style memo from brokers, Bidewell Edwards on 25 June 1883.

No further postmarks nor indication of postage paid.

## 29.

### **Working on Christmas Day**

Montagu datestamp: 25 December 1886.

Caption: Received Worcester 25 December 1886.



Letter postmarked Diep River 24 December 1886, postmarked Worcester 25 December 1886.

Caption: GPO Datestamp: Type GPO 1 of 1881

Caption: Diep River datestamp: Circular Type of 1885 without Time Control Letter.

### **30.**

#### **Working on New Year's Day**

Postmarked Cape Town 31 December 1886 and Worcester 1 January 1887.

Caption: The post office was therefore open for business on these days.

#### **Post from England**

Caption: The combined date and cancelling postmark (Duplex) is the same type as used in the Colony.  
Letter from his brother Frank.

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### **31.**

#### **Further information from Mr Perkins about his father and grandfather**

### **32.**

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### **33.**

#### **Colour Illustration of J Perkins Jnr in his shop.**

Seventy years ago in South Africa Lever products were already on sale. Here sits old master Perkins in his little shop at Worcester in the Cape - a little shop that proudly shows off some of the original advertising placards which were issued in the 90s of the previous century. (Editor's Note: Today (2023) that would be two centuries ago!)

### **34.**

**The Finest American Lamp Oil  
White Rose.**

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