

EAST · LONDON (Dot)

Frescura / Visser's list of HCD ER / LRs fails to recognise two types of EAST LONDON HCD, one with a Dot and one without. These differences exist. Being small the dots are often difficult or impossible to identify on poorly struck or partial postmarks. However, our research shows that the DOT is first seen on HCDs from 1888 - 1892. The EAST LONDON (No Dot) came into later postal use between 1892 - 1898.

Frescura / Visser's ER listing for EAST LONDON is:

East London 02 JU 1888 06 AU 1894

This is most odd as Putzel shows an EAST LONDON (No Dot) HCD dated '18 DE 98..



MR 1 89

TOP: Asterisk vertical

BETWEEN BARS: Month, Day, Year

BOTTOM: Time Code Letter E

USED: On dispatch

SOURCE: Postmarks.co.za



FE 16 90

TOP: Asterisk vertical

BETWEEN BARS: Month, Day, Year

BOTTOM: Time Code Letter E

USED: As illustration and on dispatch

SOURCE: S. Kelly

HOOD LETTER SIZE: 2.5mm tall, the smallest of the three text sizes Kelly has identified.

RAISED DOT between 'T' and 'L'.



FE 27 90

TOP: Asterisk vertical

BETWEEN BARS: Month, Day, Year

BOTTOM: Time Code Letter E ?

USED: On dispatch

SOURCE: S. Kelly



JY 13 90

TOP: Asterisk vertical

BETWEEN BARS: Month, Day, Year

BOTTOM: Time Code Letter B

USED: Receiving - In transit

SOURCE: S. Hannath



MR 9 91

TOP: Asterisk vertical

BETWEEN BARS: Month, Day, Year

BOTTOM: Time Code Letter D

USED: Used left twice on dispatch.

SOURCE: S. Kelly

NOTE: The examples above suggest that Day Month Year was EAST LONDON (Dot) issue format.

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DE 4 9x

TOP: Asterisk vertical

BETWEEN BARS: Month, Day, Year

BOTTOM: Time Code Letter C

USED: On dispatch

SOURCE: S. Kelly



JU 9 91

TOP: Asterisk vertical

BETWEEN BARS: Month, Day, Year

BOTTOM: Time Code Letter E

USED: On dispatch

SOURCE: S. Kelly



SP 21 91

TOP: Asterisk vertical

BETWEEN BARS: Month, Day, Year

BOTTOM: Time Code Letter E

USED: On dispatch

SOURCE: R.Hill

The example below highlights a desperate need for more clear postmarks.



MR 19 94

TOP: Asterisk Vertical

BETWEEN BARS: Month, Day, Year

BOTTOM: Time Code Letter B

USED: On dispatch

SOURCE: Steve Hannath

Regarding this one, I cannot determine if it has a Dot or not. I thought it did and was tempted to use it but decided not to because 1894 is possibly too late for a 'Dot'. We need to be 100% certain. As a result, I cannot use it here under 'Dot' or next in 'No Dot'. I cannot even state with certainty what the orientation of the Asterisk is. All the 'Dot' HCDs above have the Asterisk vertical. Is this a small clue?

EAST LONDON (No Dot)

Frescura / Visser's list of ER / LRs does not recognise two types of EAST LONDON HCD, one with a Dot and the other without. These differences exist but Frescura / Visser do not recognise them as different datestamps. They do not give a separate ER for the East London (No Dot) of the 1890s. I would like to.



NO 19 92

TOP: Asterisk vertical
BETWEEN BARS: Month, Day Year (2 bold)
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter A
USED: On dispatch
SOURCE: R. Hill

HOOD LETTER SIZE: 3 mm tall, the mid-range of the three text sizes Kelly has identified.



MR 20 93

TOP: Asterisk vertical more-or-less
BETWEEN BARS: Month, Day Year
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter C
USED: As illustration only
SOURCE: S. Kelly



OC 8 92

TOP: Asterisk vertical
BETWEEN BARS: Month, Day, Year
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter A
USED: On dispatch
SOURCE: S. Kelly



DE 6 92

TOP: Asterisk vertical
BETWEEN BARS: Month, Day, Year
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter D
USED: On dispatch
SOURCE: S. Kelly



JA 6 93

TOP: Asterisk vertical
BETWEEN BARS: Month, Day, Year
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter B
USED: On dispatch
SOURCE: S. Kelly



MR 20 93

TOP: Asterisk vertical
BETWEEN BARS: Month, Day, Year
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter C
USED: On dispatch
SOURCE: S. Kelly



No. 8
80/400

Hooded circular date stamp. Asterisk at top. Time code letter at bottom. Date in centre line. Month before day.

(See cover)

JY xx 93

TOP: Asterisk vertical

BETWEEN BARS: Month, Day, Year

BOTTOM: Time Code Letter E

USED: On dispatch

SOURCE: R. Putzel. (See cover below.)



AU 7 93

TOP: Asterisk Vertical

BETWEEN BARS: Month, Day, Year

BOTTOM: Time Code Letter D

USED: On dispatch

SOURCE: Postmarks.co.za



MY 28 94

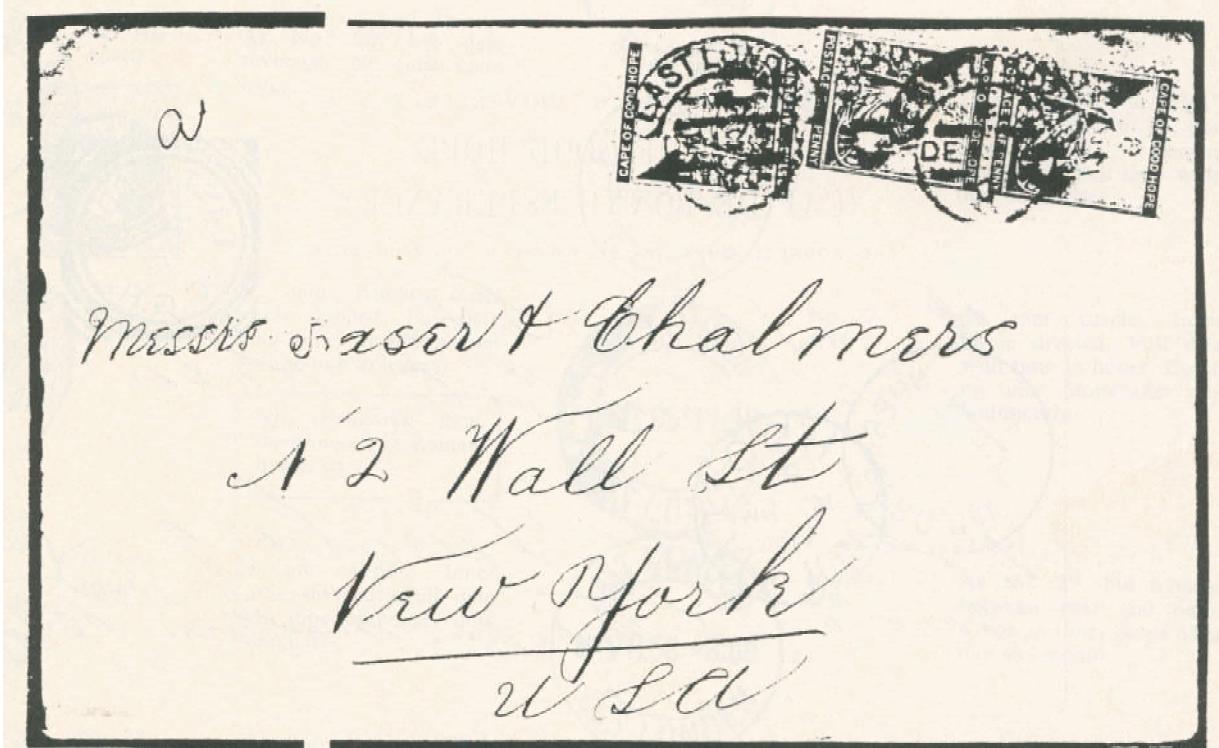
TOP: Asterisk Horizontal

BETWEEN BARS: Month, Day, Year

BOTTOM: Time Code Letter C or G

USED: On dispatch

SOURCE: Steve Hannath



1898 The scarce hooded East London date stamp No. 8 on cover to New York (Athol Murray) R. Putzel. (Postmarks of SA. (Vol. 3 / pg 9).

DE 18 98

TOP: Asterisk appears vertical

BETWEEN BARS: Month, Day, Year

BOTTOM: Time Code Letter C or G

USED: On dispatch

SOURCE: R. Putzel.

Note:

Putzel refers to the EL HCD as 'scarce'. He lists no varieties. He did not see many examples. The 'No. 8' he refers to is the HCD's reference number in his book.