

Valentine Day. Scottish $\frac{1}{2}$ Road Tax Marks. Land's End Cachets.

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Mr Bob Rostron and his wife Jackie are regular visitors to Malta during the winter months. He retired from business management a few years ago, is a keen Philatelist and Postal Historian, being a Past President of the Merseyside and St Helen Philatelic Societies, and a member of several others. These days travel takes up much of his time, and as usual, he brought material to work on, during his winter holiday in Malta this year.

Mr Rostron has given talks to our Society in previous years, his latest being on the 5th February this year, but this feature concerns only his lecture cum display on the 1st February 1999, which was delivered in three sections as described below.

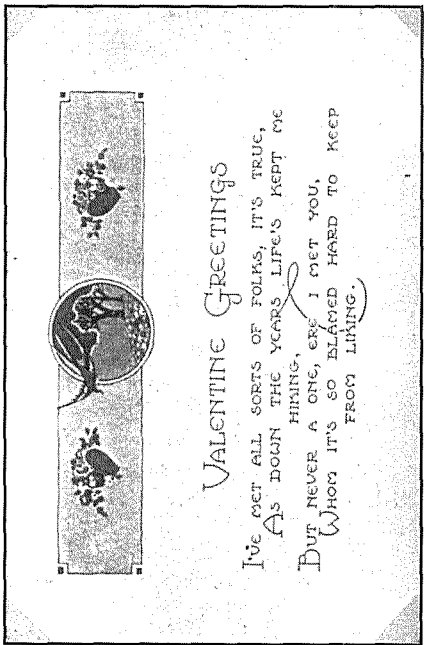
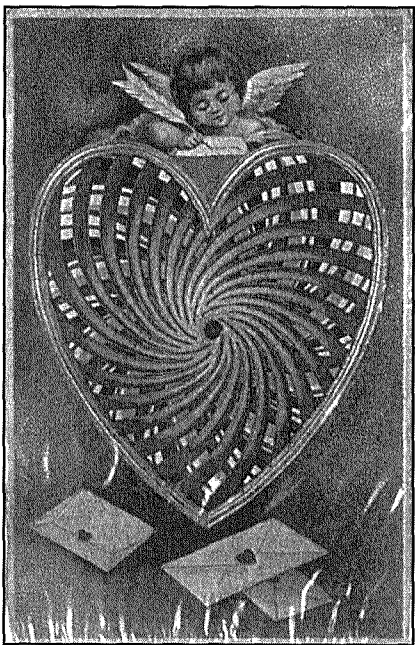
Part 1.

Valentine Day

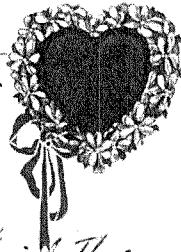
This, Mr Rostron said, was included as a light-hearted opener due to the close proximity of the 14th February.

Being a subject mainly celebrated in the U.K. and USA, material was shown from these countries by way of FDC's, picture post cards, and stamps [mainly Q.V.] bearing relevant dates. Also shown, were some pre stamp covers and fronts from 1823 onwards.

Some examples are being illustrated.



U. S. A.



Just a Valentine

Remembrance

*now I think if you had this custom
in a better cold water but it does not
in it*



VALENTINE GREETINGS

*Oh, here's a card with
flowers bedight,
Sent as a little token -
If you my love will not requite,
My heart is surely broken.*

A Valentine for you
and sincere wishes for
your happiness



Part 2.

G.B. Postal History.

Scottish 1/2 Road Tax Marks.

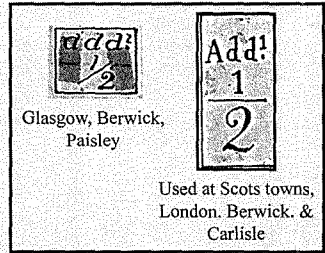
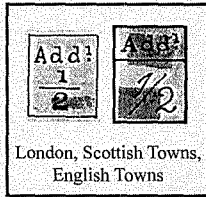
The speaker has an extensive collection - cum - accumulation of items with these markings and was in the process of formally organising them into Groups, according to the design of the 1/2 hand-stamp.

The introductory page is shown, indicating the origins of the hand stamp. It gives the main forms in which it is to be found, apart from manuscript versions.

The hand stamps were mainly applied in Scotland, but were also provided to some English towns, for mail being sent to Scotland.

The four main types are being illustrated.

Group 1



Group 2



Mainly as Group 1. Without Frame. Used in Scots Towns, English Towns & Dublin

Group 3



London, Carlisle, Falmouth, Scots Towns



English Towns, London, Scots Towns

Group 4

Scots Towns, Manchester, Exeter



Carlisle



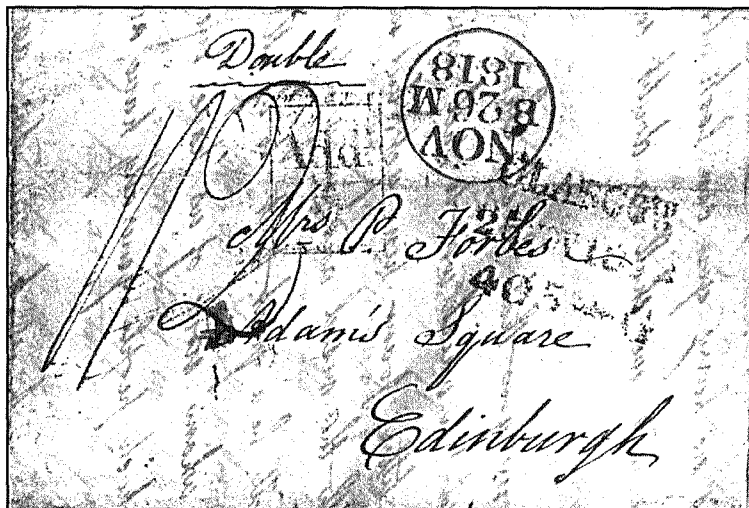
London



Bristol

During the period of their use, several colours are known, most common in black, but blue and green and many subtle varieties exist.

Items from their first year of official introduction in 1813, and last month of official use, prior to them being replaced by the 4d uniform post in 1839, and then in May 1840, by adhesive postage stamps, were also displayed, and are being reproduced.



Entire Glasgow to Edinburgh. With Glasgow straight line mileage mark dated 25th November 1818 and Edinburgh receipt of 26th November 1818 with an "added 1/2d" mark of Glasgow. Marked "Double". Double rate Charged. 1/2d.



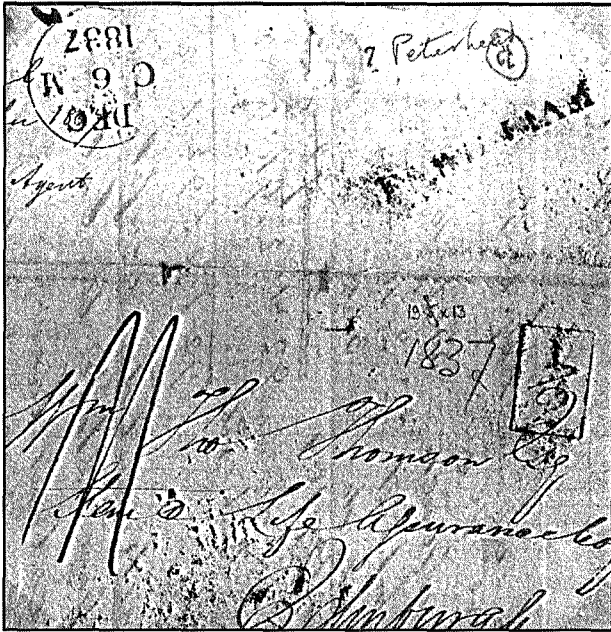
Entire Glasgow to Edinburgh. With Glasgow d/Ring mileage marked dated 24th March 1819 and Edinburgh receipt superimposed in red dated 25th March 1819. Boxed "Add 1/2d" of Glasgow. Although a double entire it is not marked "double" (as the above) and only single rate of 7d charged.



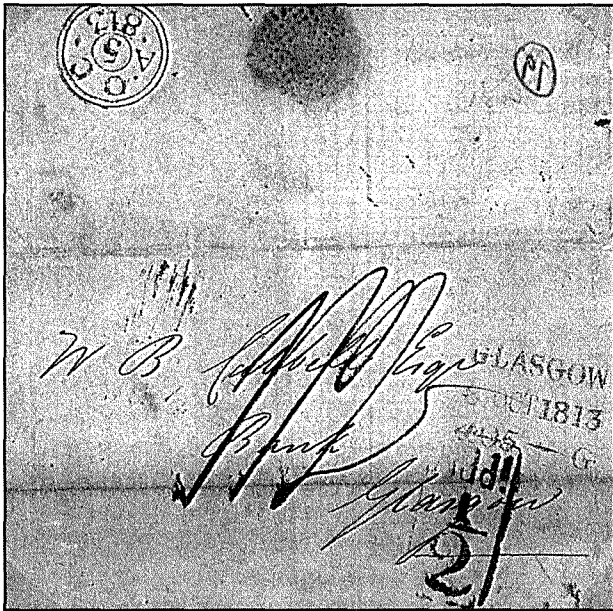
Entire Glasgow to Edinburgh. With Glasgow D/Ring mileage mark despatch dated 12th November 1827, Edinburgh receipt dated 12th Nov 1827. "Additional $\frac{1}{2}$ " of Glasgow.



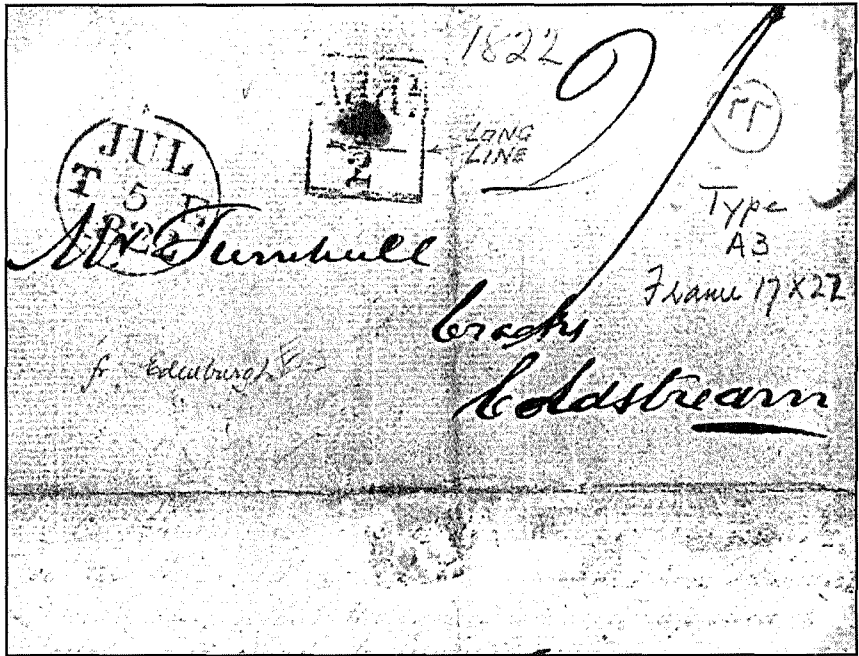
Front. Dumbarton to London. With boxed Dumbarton undated mileage mark. Glasgow straight line mileage mark dated 26th June 1813, used as transit mark (Note Dumbarton Mileage as "420-G" denoting through Glasgow). London receipt 29th June 1813 and M/S charge $1/2\frac{1}{2}$ d. "Add $\frac{1}{2}$ d" London.



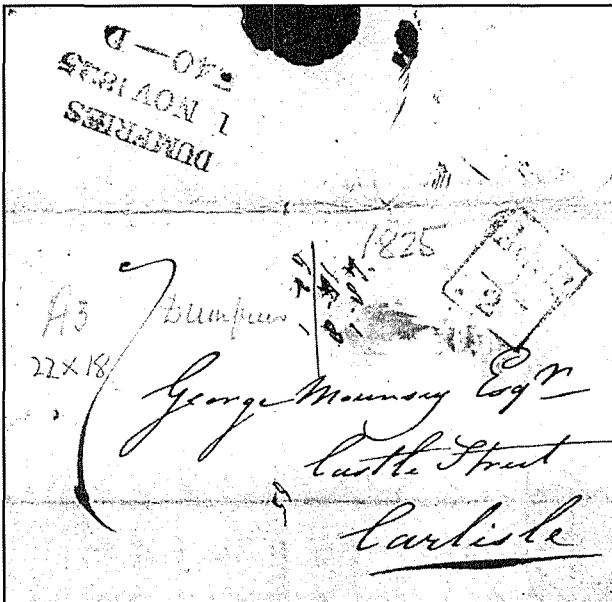
Front. ??? to Edinburgh (reputed to be Peterhead) With undecipherable straight despatch and Edinburgh receipt of 6th December 1837. Provincial "Add ¼d".



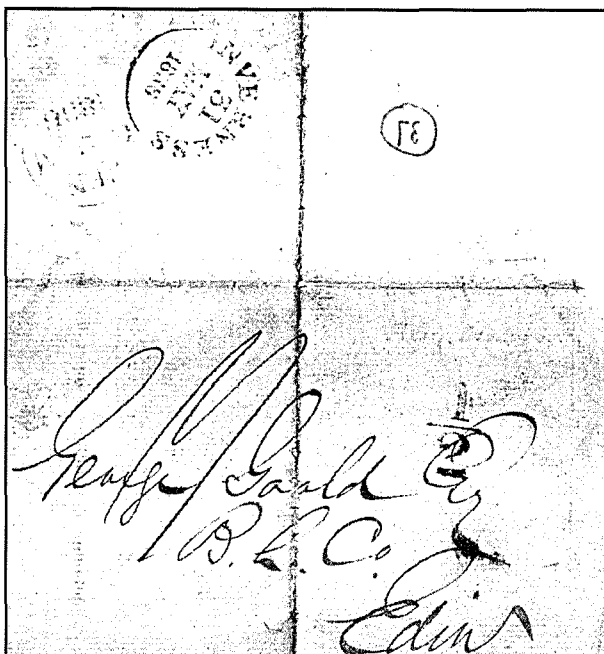
Front. London to Glasgow. With London despatch of 5th October 1813 and Glasgow straight line mileage mark as receipt dated 8th October 1813. London "Add ¼d".



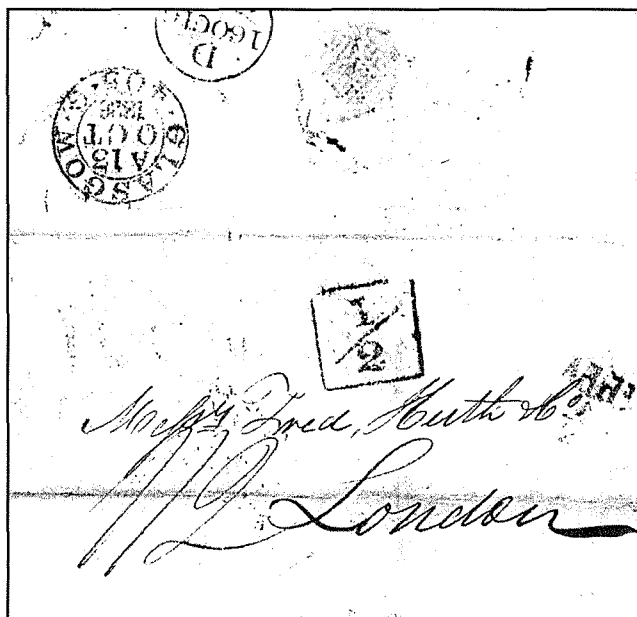
Front from Edinburgh to Coldstream. 5th July 1822. With Edinburgh evening despatch and a boxed Additional $\frac{1}{4}$ of Edinburgh.



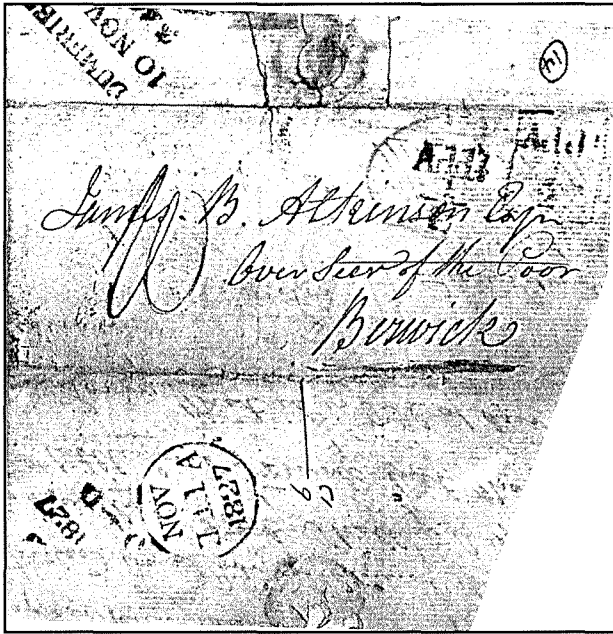
Entire Dumfries to Carlisle. With straight line dated mileage mark of Dumfries dated 1st November 1825. Boxed Add $\frac{1}{4}$ of Dumfries.



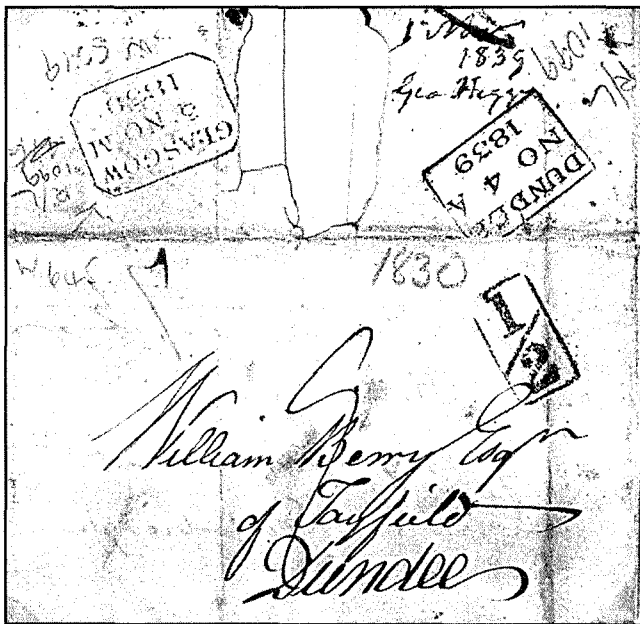
Front. Inverness to Edinburgh. With Inverness despatch dated 31st May 1836. Faint receipt of Edinburgh dated 2nd June 1836. "Add $\frac{1}{2}$ " of Inverness.



Entire. Glasgow to London. With round Glasgow mileage mark dated 13th October 1826 London receipt dated 16 October 1826. Boxed "Add $\frac{1}{2}$ " of London and unboxed Glasgow.



Entire. Dumfries to Berwick. With Dumfries (unframed) mileage mark. Dated 10th November 1827. Edinburgh Transit dated 11th November 1827 and two "Add ±d" marks. Dumfries and Berwick?



Entire. Letter Glasgow to Dundee. With Boxed Glasgow despatch dated 3rd November 1839, Boxed Dundee receipt dated 4th November 1839 and "Add ±d" of Glasgow (Boxed).

Part Three.
Landsend Cachets.

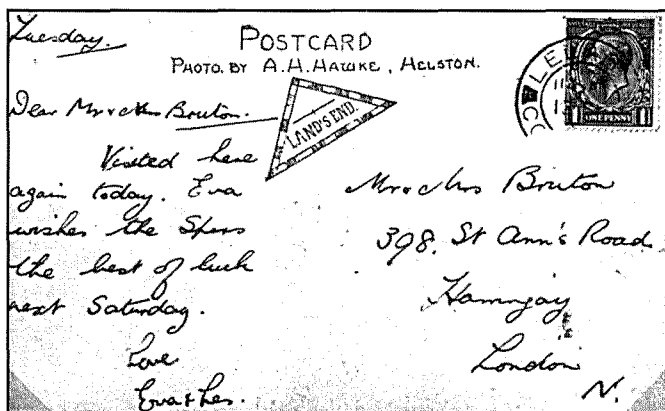
The most southerly tip of the U.K. has long been an attraction for tourists. The postcard industry saw opportunities to specialise their cards with cachets in the very early days of postcards.

The first type was produced in 1901, being a small rectangle with cut away corners. Later, a somewhat bewildering range of cachets was used in various colours, being mainly black, purple, blue, green and red.

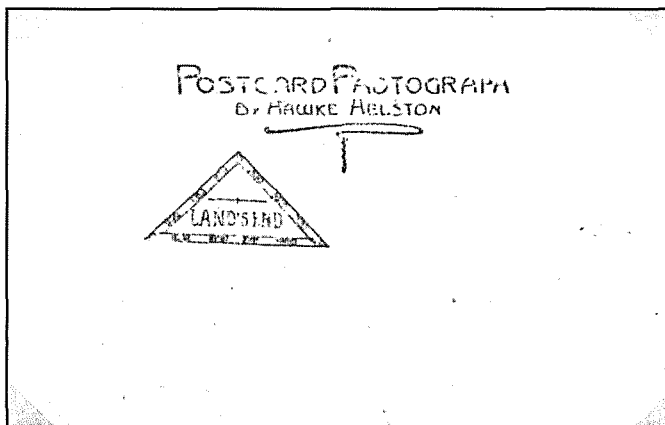
They have been classified in a small catalogue by G. Beckwith, and Mr Rostron used this as a reference for his display.

Although far from complete, it gave members an insight into a somewhat unusual but interesting subject.

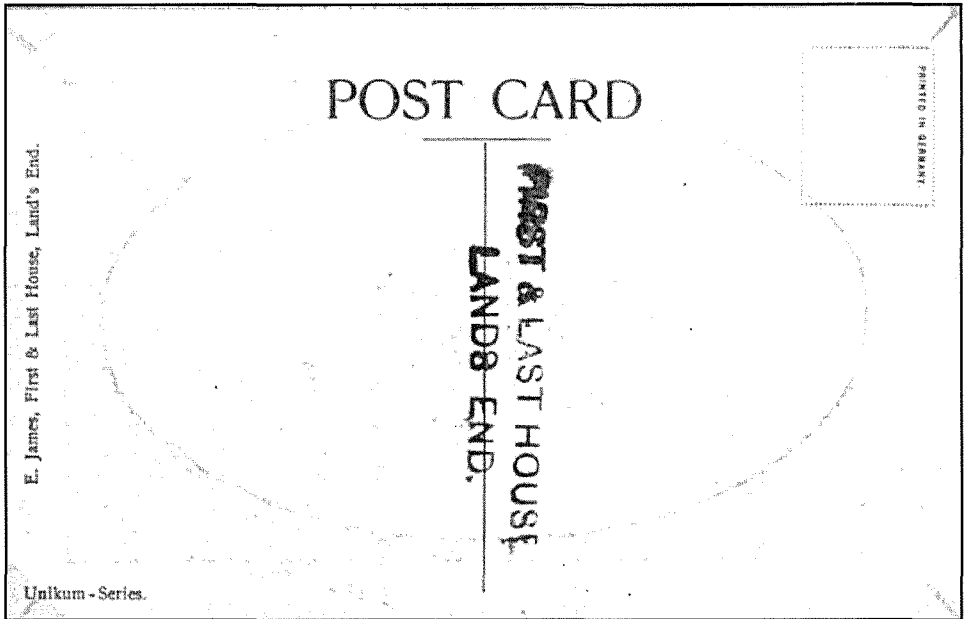
Some of these designs are being published in this feature.



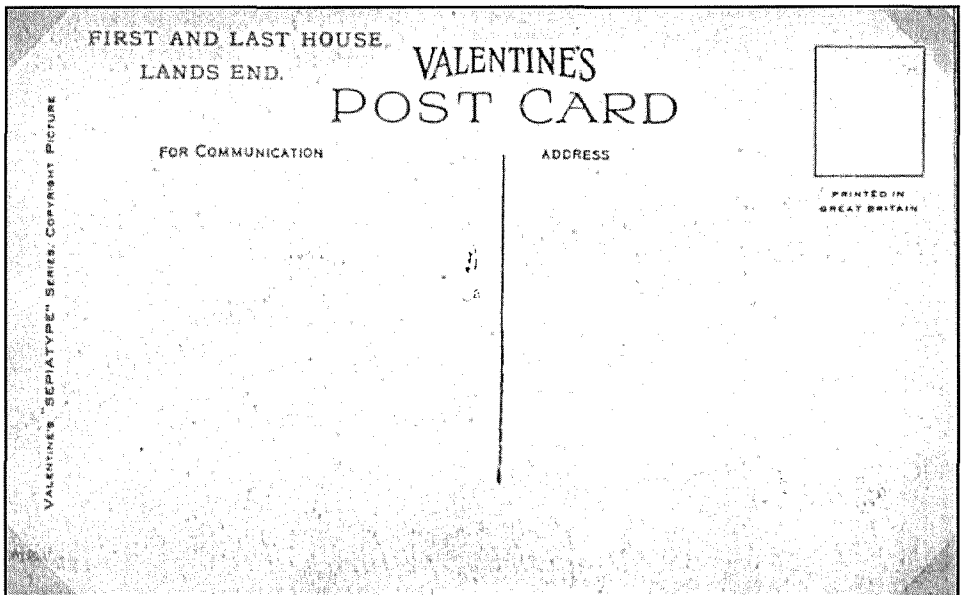
Type 45 1934. Known as the "Hawke Triangles" because they were printed A. H. Hawke Real photo cards. This is the smallest of 3 versions, 29mm x 21 x 21.



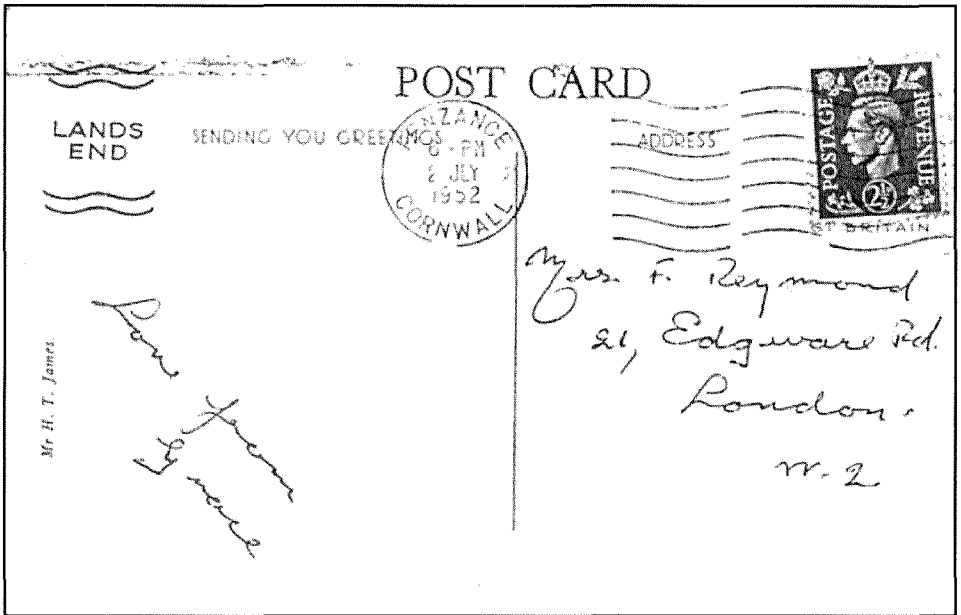
Type 45 1933. An unused "Hawke" of intermediate size 38mm x 27 x 27.



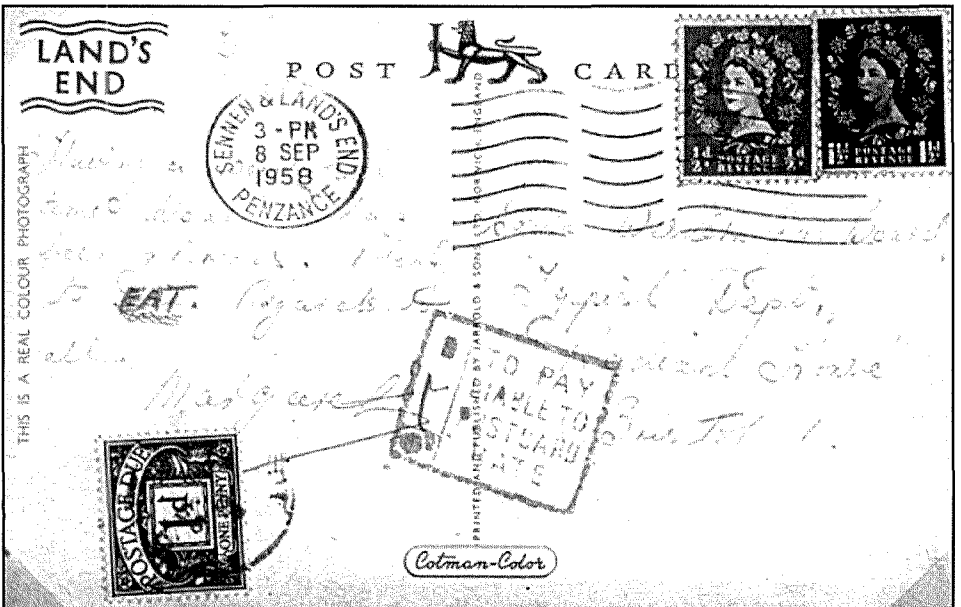
Type 9 1913. The first of this type with no comma after "House".



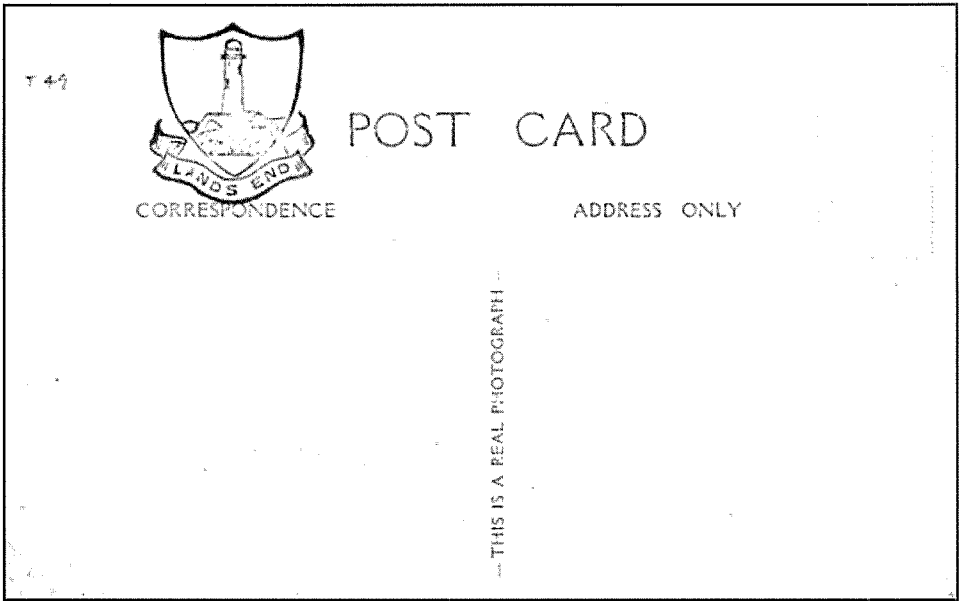
Type 23 around 1930. Always printed on Valentine's "Sepiatype" postcards.



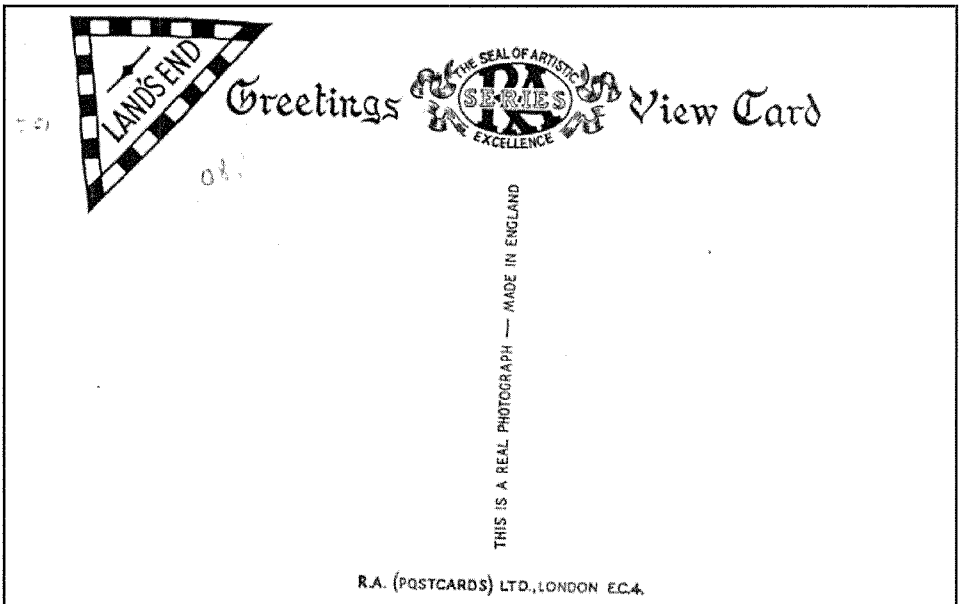
Type 57-72 1939-73. "The Wavy Line Cachets"



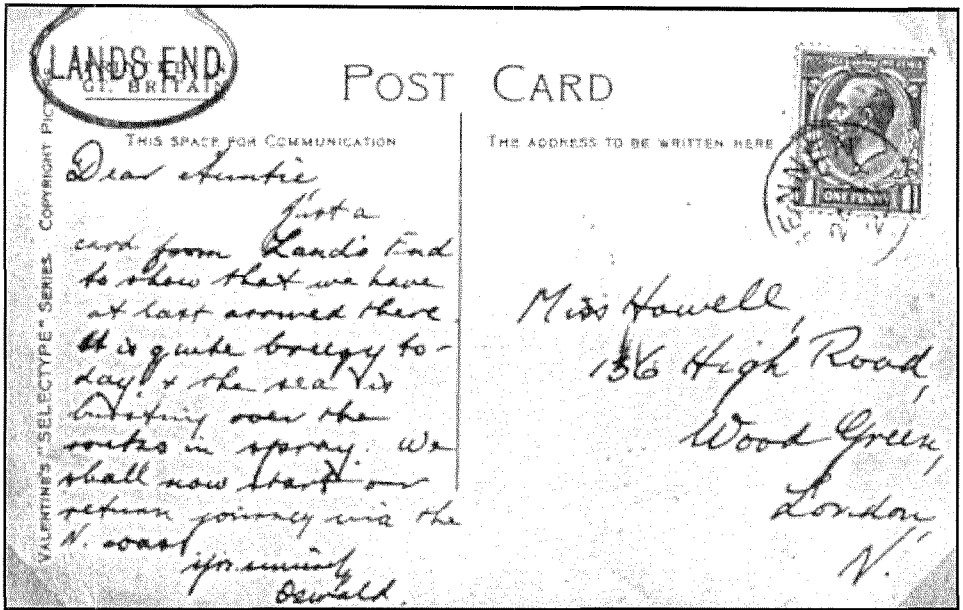
This one has the added interest of 1d postage due.



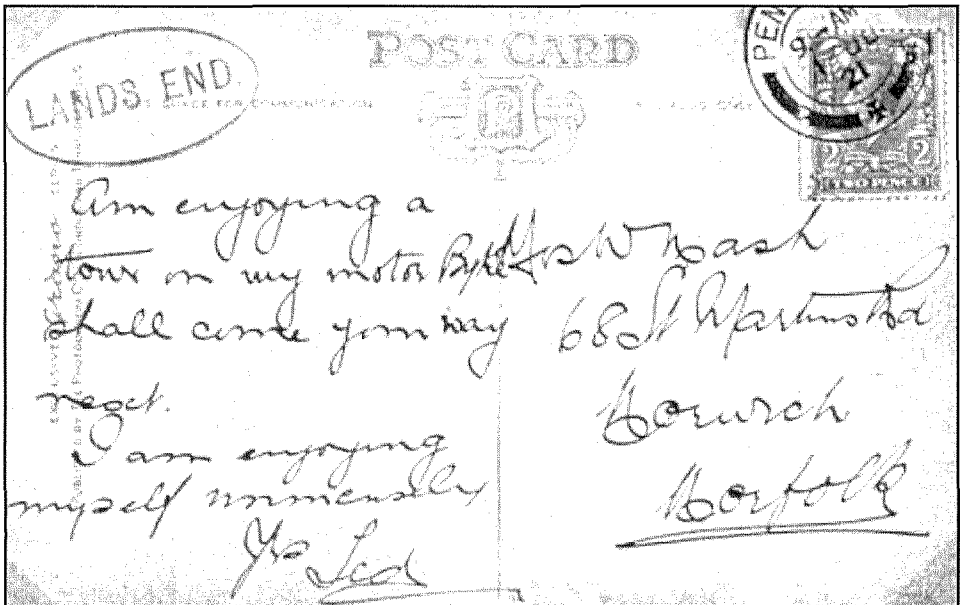
Type 49 1935. Longship Lighthouse within shield, only in purple.



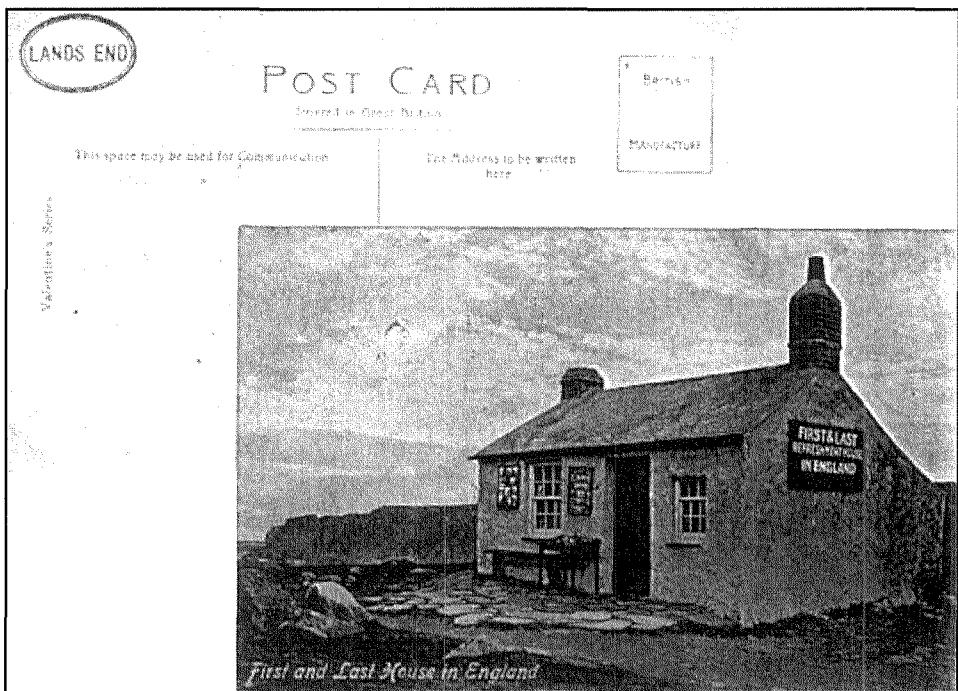
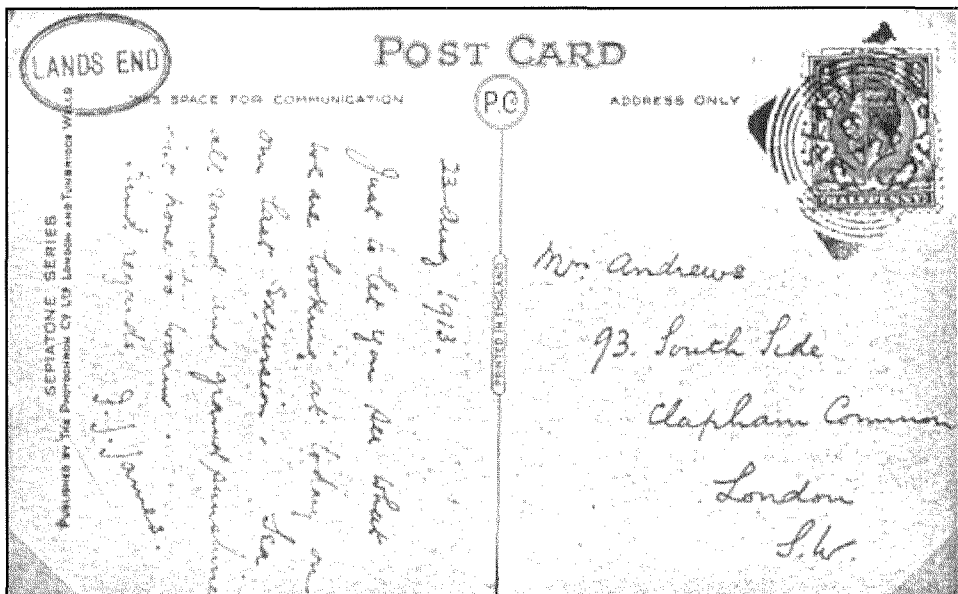
Type 51 1951. A malformed cachet which is known as the "Bump"



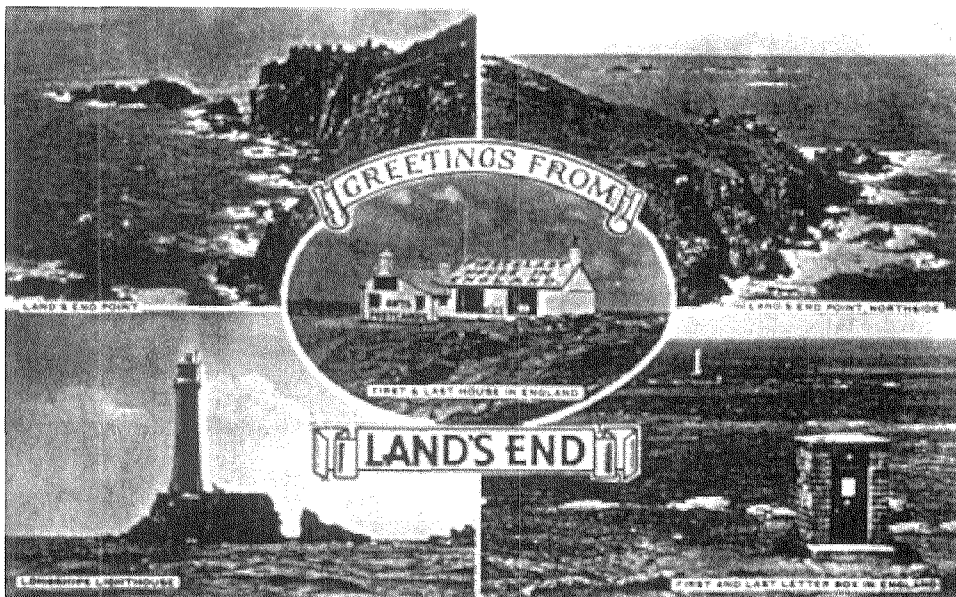
Type 7 1915. Large double ring oval. Only known in purple.



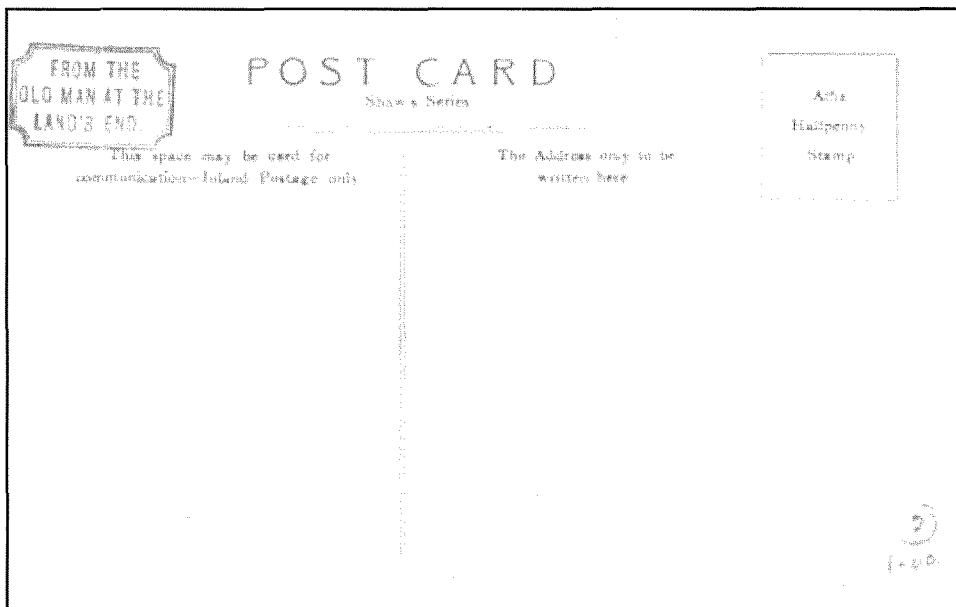
Type 8 1921. Large single ring Oval. Only known in purple.



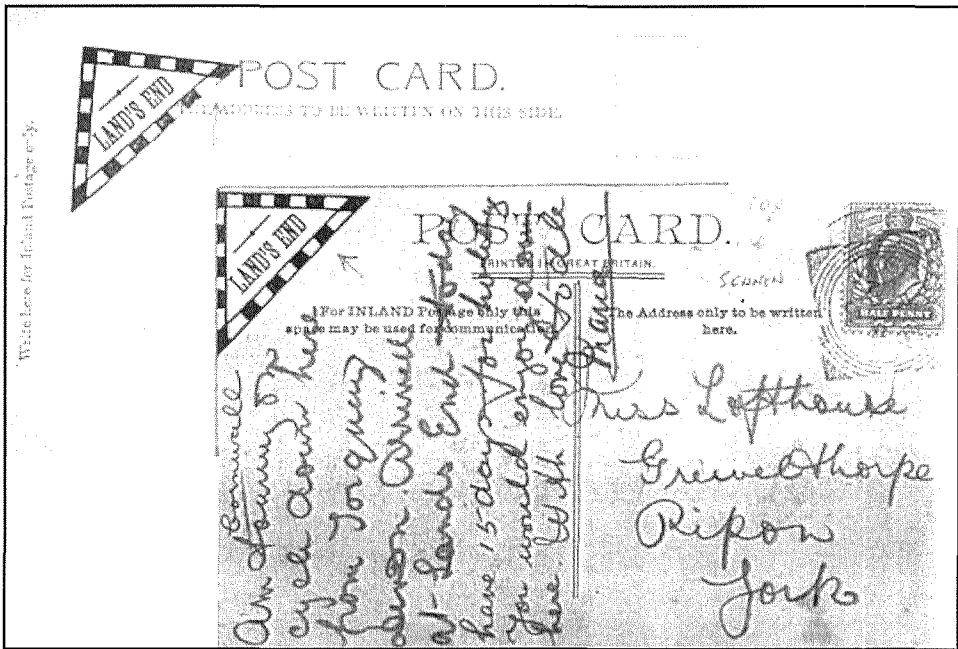
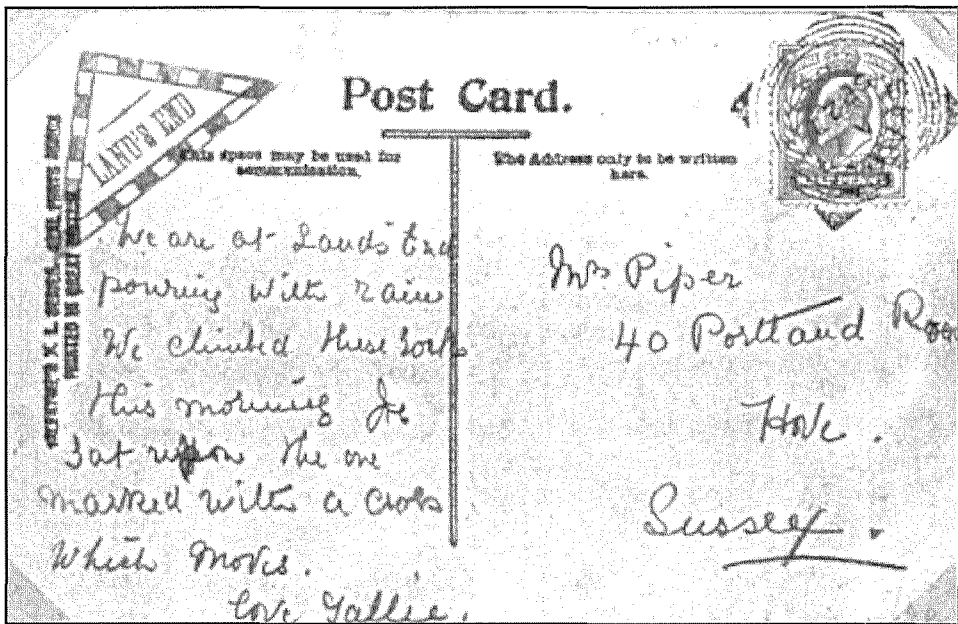
Type 6a 1911. Small double ring oval. Apart from purple and green (shown) also in blue.



Some of the scenes which appear on the front of the following postcards-
for which cachets are the theme.



Type 1 1901. Colours in purple, green and blue.



Type 2 Group 1. Possible colours are black, blue, purple & mauve.
The earliest known date 19.09.01