

A Selection of Stamps From the Waterlow Archives

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An extract from my 2022 presentation

Two Pence

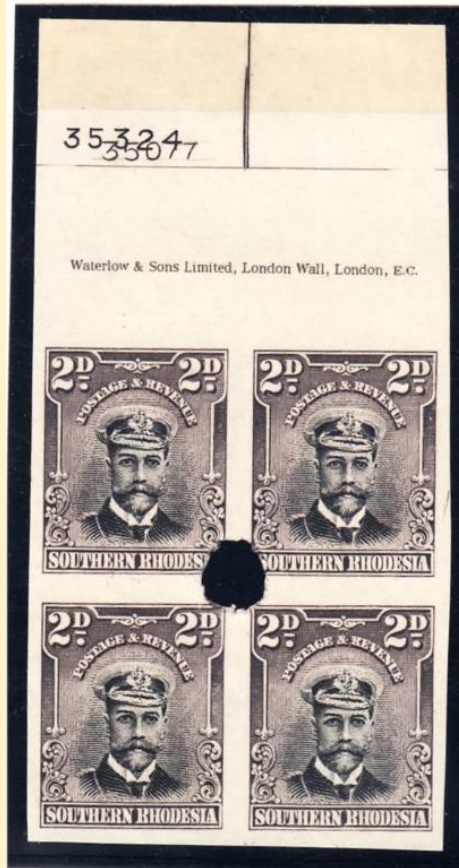


Plate nos. 35084
and 35077



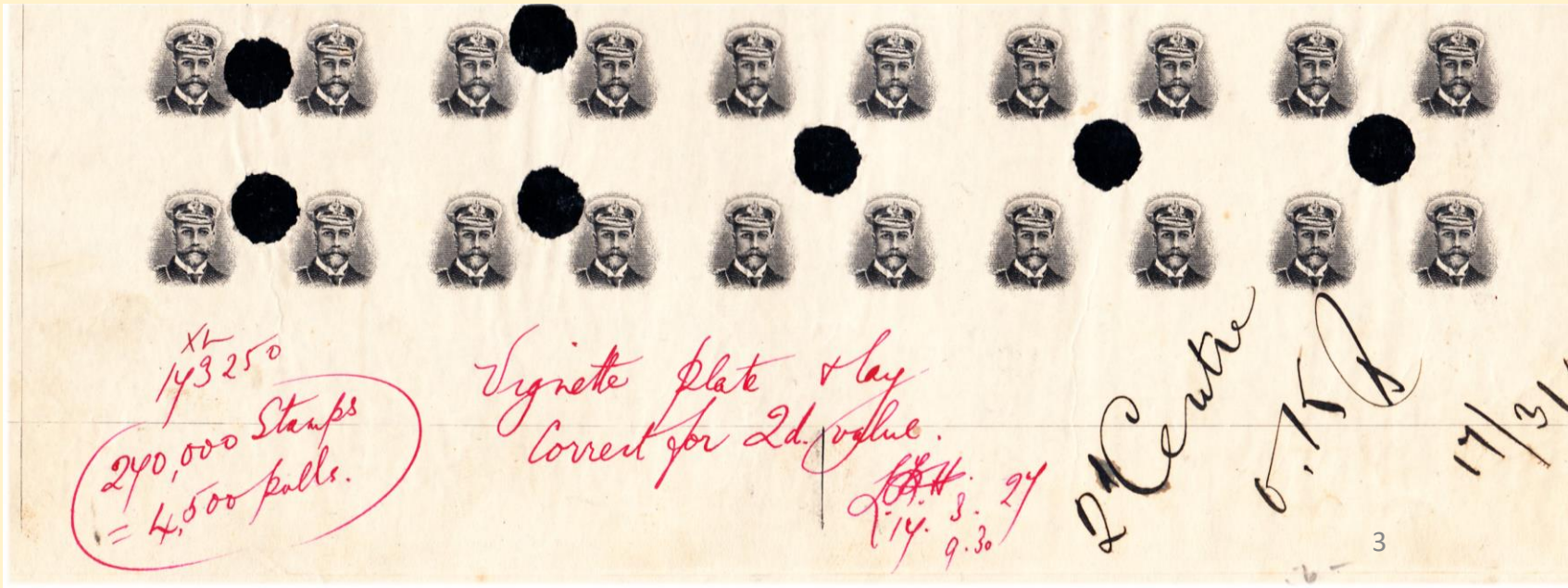
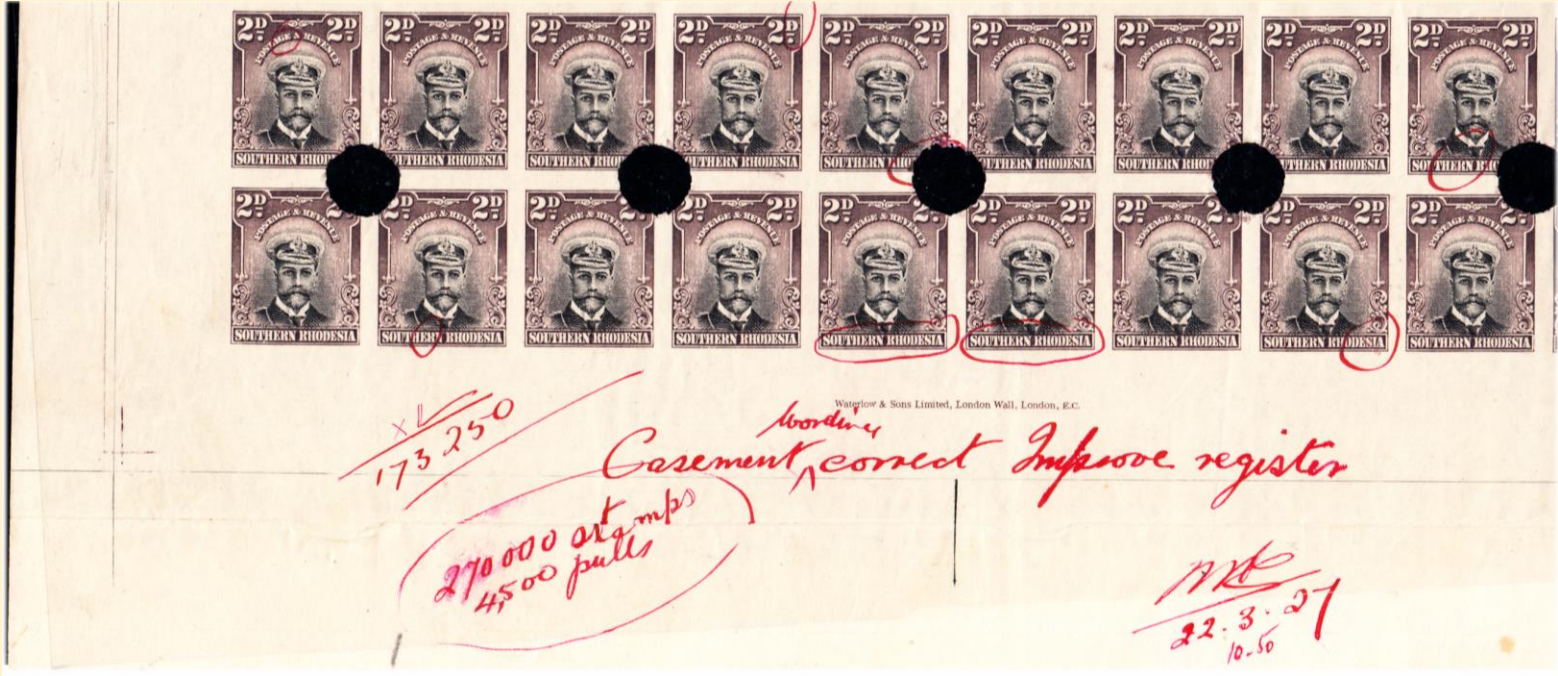
Order No. 230512 and
233228
Date of Order 15 March
1929
Order Qty. 151020



Plate nos.
35047
and 35077

Two Pence

Order No. 173250
Date of Order 23 March 1927
Order Qty. 270,00



A sample from the Website which was developed following my 2022 presentation

FOUR PENCE
VALUE

Date Plate Nos.		Qty.	Printed	Order No.	
17.10.23		70,000	XL 178300	34047	35082
9.9.24 *		240,000	XL 234805	35047	35082
9.12.25 *		180,000	XL 141458	35324	35082
24.2.28		60,000	XL 139112	35324	35082



9th December 1925 Printing

Order No.141458 Print Qty. 180,000



3 sheets were kept for the printing, but little remained. A block of 4 of the vignette, approved 3.12.25 confirmed the use of headplate 35,324; 16 of the combined sheet remained and 25 stamps from the file copy sheet.

Note both the above two blocks were missing from the archive when examined by Colin.

1932 Falls Issue



Imperforate File Proof



Perforated File Copy

The 1932 2d. value was not found in the archives.

1935 Falls Issue

Only one plate was used for this value, Plate 38216. Initially the plate comprised 4 panes of 60 stamps but in 1948 the plate was divided into four with the upper right and lower left panes being used. The plate existed in two states, the perforation guide lines being added for the second state. Six orders were placed between 1937 and 1948.



Parts of the two right-hand panes after the plate had been modified to include perforation guide lines showing the Plate No. 38216 and Waterlow Imprint. The plate number appeared once on each sheet of 4 panes where as the imprint was below each pane.

1935 Falls Issue

At least 16 plates were produced for the frame plate and at least 14 plates for the vignette plate.



Used for 19th Sept. 1945 printing for 9,006,000 stamps



12th May was the final printing of 12,000,000 stamps using vignette plate 43539.



Details for order no. E 916471 are not recorded.

1935 Silver Jubilee



1937 Coronation Issue

Imperforate File Proofs of Combined Plates

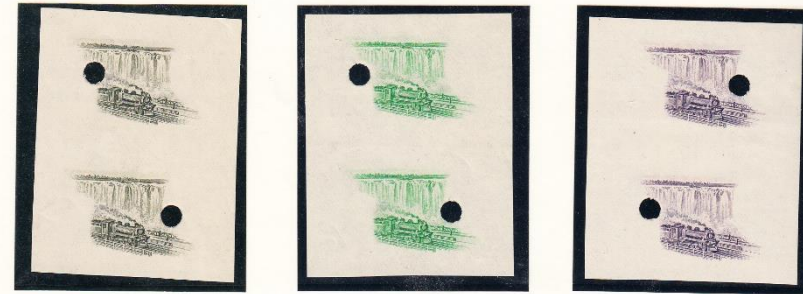


Top left corner of sheet
showing guillotining guide lines

One frame plate was produced for each value.
No combined file proof survived for the 3d. value.

Perforated File Copies

Imperforate File Proofs of Vignette Plate



Two plates were used for the vignettes (39546/1 and 39546/2).
The same plates were used for all four values.

No vignette file proof survives for the 6d. value.

Perforated File Copies



1937 Definitive Issue

Order No. EG16349 for
8,400,000 stamps
=35,000 pulls.

Thus 4 pane plate
confirmed by partial
imprint in lower left
margin.

8th June 1939 printing



KGVI Revenues

1937 Revenue Issue Continued



Imperforate File Proof
showing Plate No. 39639



Perforated File Copy showing
Plate No. 39642 with Order
No. 141784 for 60,000 stamps
Imperf. between horizontally



Perforated File Copy
Imperf. between horizontally



Perforated File Copy
with Order No. 141704

1940 Golden Jubilee Issue

As the shaded collar is not marked by the Examiners for correction, it is suggested that it was an intentional mark, especially considering its position on the sheet.

1½ d. Imperforate File Proofs

The only correction to be made is marked on stamp 51. This apparent weakness was not marked when the frame plate alone was proofed earlier.



Although two pairs of plates were used for this value it can be determined that these blocks both came from plate 41011 as stamp 51 does not show the "Shaded Collar" flaw (see below). The corner guide lines are in the same position on both blocks 19.5mm below the bottom of stamp 51 whereas on plate 41021 the guide line is only 18mm below.



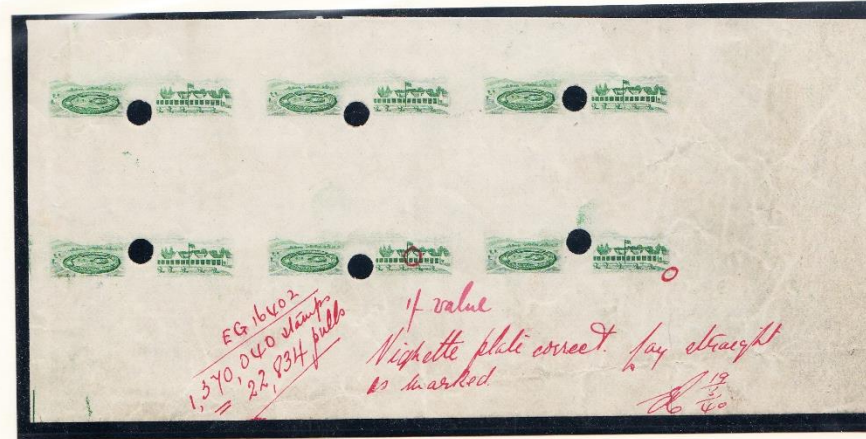
The shaded collar variety on stamp 51 from plate 41021



From the perforated File Copy Sheet showing Order No. 16402

1940 Golden Jubilee Issue

1/- Imperforate File Proofs of the Vignette and Combined Plates



Proof of the lower right corner of the vignette plate showing order No. EG16402 and print quantity of 1,370,040 stamps in 22,834 pulls. Approved on the 19th March 1940



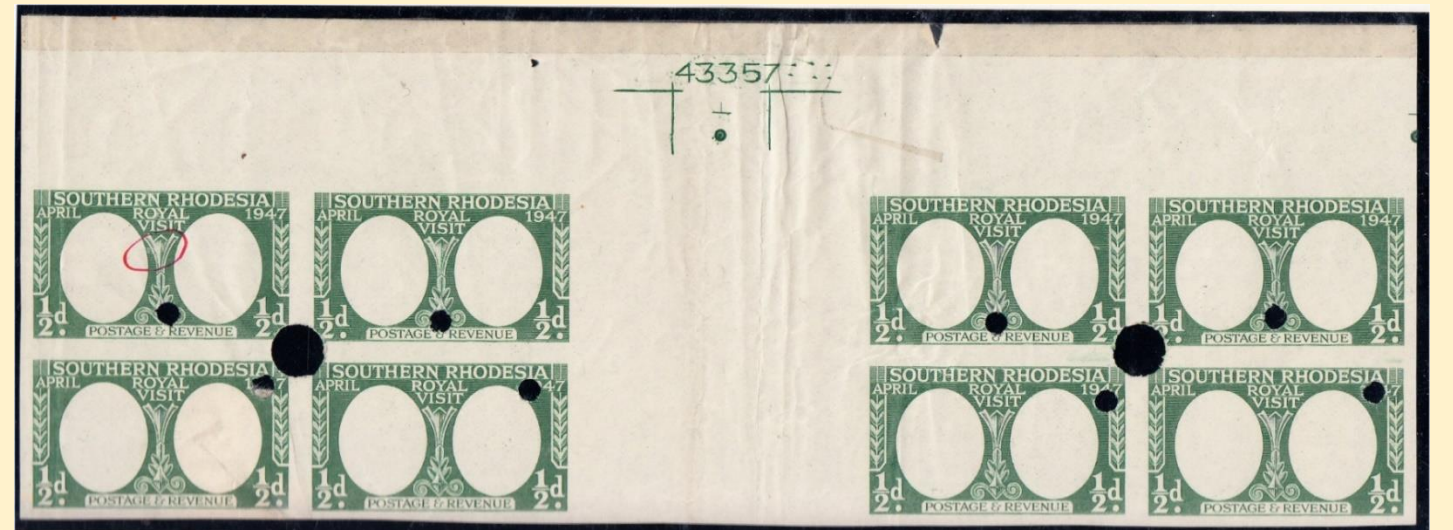
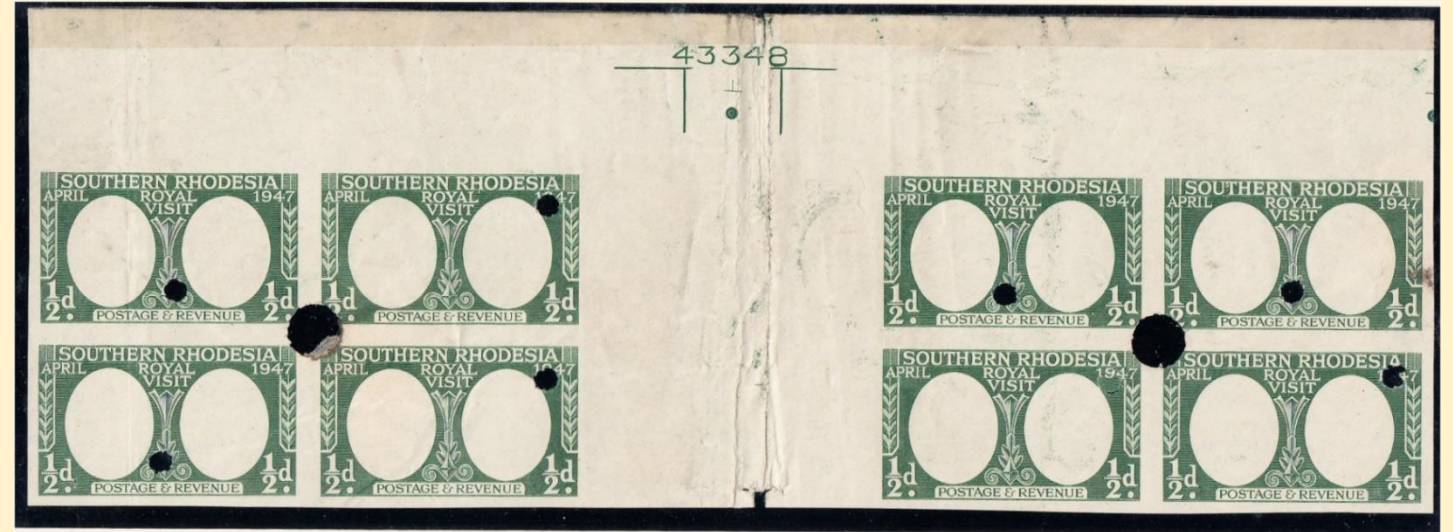
The corresponding block of the combined plates showing the final approval date of 28th March 1940. A delay of nine days between the approval of the vignette plate and the combined plates was unusual.

1947 Royal Visit

Imperforate File Proofs

Gutter blocks from the top of the sheet showing the two pane format of the plate and the two frame plate numbers 43348 and 43357. The second plate was used for an additional printing of 300,000 stamps.

Two double pane file proofs from each plate were retained.



1947 Royal Visit

Imperforate File Proofs



Only one frame plate was used for the 1d. value (43349) and only one example of this appeared in the Archive. It is possible that plate 43356 was produced but not used as this number is missing from the sequence used for this issue.



Three vignette plates were used for the 1d. value 43352, 43353 and 43354

1947 Victory Issue

Imperforate File Proofs showing Plate Number

Only one plate was produced for each value. For the 1d. and 2d. values the plate consisted of 4 panes of 60 stamps with the plate number above the centre gutter. The plate for the 3d. and 6d. values was a for a single sheet of 60 stamps with the plate number top centre.



Plate 43234 (Two plate blocks exist)



Plate 43236 (Two plate blocks exist)



Plate 43235 (Two plate blocks exist)



Plate 43237 (Three plate blocks exist)



Imperforate Proof of Casement Plate 44786
(Only two panes with this plate number exist)



Imperforate Proof of Combined Plates 44786 and 44825
(Only one pane exists with these plate numbers)



Imperforate proof from the right-hand pane of 60 using plates 44785 and 44825



Imperforate proof block from the only sheet of 120 in the archive
showing the gutter margin using plates 44785 and 44786.
(Only 12 gutter pairs exist)



Imperforate proof block from the only sheet of 120 in the archive
showing the gutter margin using plates 44786 and 44825

Centenary of Birth of Cecil Rhodes

Imperforate File Proofs of the Vignette Plates



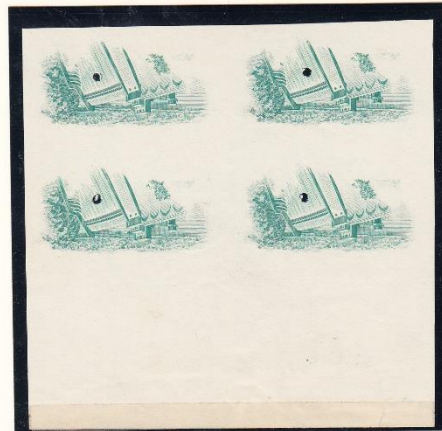
Two Pence Value



Halfpenny Value



One Penny Value



Four Pence Halfpenny Value

Imperforate File Proof from Combined Plates of 1/- Value



The 1/- value was unique in that the plate number of the frame plate (45643) appeared above the gutter in the top margin, all other plate numbers were in the lower margin below the gutter. Only two sheets showing this plate existed in the archive.



The Waterlow Imprint



The examiner has marked a break in the handle of the whip on stamp 4 but appears to have missed similar faults on the two lefthand stamps.

1954 Federation Issue

£1 Value
Imperforate File
Proofs



The vignette plate was used for both the 10/- and £1 value. In this case "Vignette plate and lay correct for £1 value".



On the combined plate the comment is "Casement wording correct but the lay is to be a shade to the right as indicated". This is because the registration guide line of the casement plate is superimposed on that of the vignette plate rather than adjacent to it. There is also an instruction to "Test for comb perf."

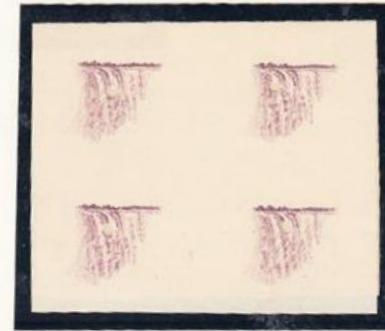
1954 Federation Issue Booklet Panes



Lower strip of five panes (two panes folded over) showing Order No. 269193, 360,000 stamps = 2000 pulls and comments "Test for Comb. Perf." and "Wording & Lay Correct". Dated 7 May 1954

Centenary of the Discovery of the Victoria Falls

Imperforate File Proofs and Perforated File Copies



All four blocks have large top margins folded back and those of the combined plates show needling dots in the margin as well as the perforation guide lines between the top two stamps.

Perforated File Copies



Sample Stamps



ST 1145



ST 1146



ST 1147



ST1500



ST1501



ST1677



ST1822



ST 1673



ST1674



ST1675



ST1676



ST 1791



ST 1792



ST 1793



ST 1794



ST 1815



ST 1813



ST3007



ST3008



ST3009



ST3010



ST 3005



ST 3006

Imperforate Sample Stamps from Salesman Booklets



These sample stamps do not have punched holes