

Newly-Listed U.C / C.W Broken Circles

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On April 5, 1851, Canada assumed responsibility for its postal service. From that time on, strikes of newly made datestamps no longer appeared in the proof impression books, with the exception of devices produced at the beginning of the year 1852. The recording of proof strikes was only restarted around 1875. However, it is possible to form a partial inventory of the stamps produced between these two periods by consulting the orders reported in the correspondence of the Deputy Postmaster General.¹ The first order is dated June 24, 1852 and the last January 31, 1868.

I developed a list of these orders in the late 1970s. In that era I worked by consulting the index at the beginning of each volume of the original letterbooks, and catalogued the datestamps ordered for the post offices in Quebec and Ontario. During the 1980s I sent the information on the Ontario daters to Gray Scrimgeour, who several years later provided it to Bruce Graham.

In the course of three weeks in the autumn of 2010, I again consulted these letterbooks, this time in microfilm format. To my great surprise, I discovered that the indexes at the beginning of each volume were at times incomplete, mostly for the period before 1860. Following this discovery, I had to examine these microfilmed letterbooks page by page.

The study of these orders allows clarification of several matters. In the first instance, the daters were produced by John Francis from 1852 until the end of 1854. A letter dated April 3, 1855, sent by the secretary of the Postmaster General to John Francis informs us that D. G. Berri had been filling the datestamp orders since January 4, 1855, following the closing of the Francis business.² Furthermore, we again find information concerning the use of different provincial abbreviations. The double

broken circle daters with abbreviation U.C. were produced from September 1851 to January 1858. The single broken circles with U.C. were produced from February 1858 to December 12, 1859, while those with C.W. were produced from February 1860 to August 10, 1867. The abbreviation ONT was used after that. It was also thanks to these documents that I was able to discover the reason for the use of manuscript-dated hand stamps.³

Shown below is a list of the requisitions for previously unlisted broken circle datestamps for Upper Canada sent by the office of the Deputy Postmaster General to the suppliers. All the stamps listed as newly reported daters which were originally not included in the Ontario broken circles section in the website of the PHSC. I also furnished a list of order dates for certain daters previously listed on the PHSC's database for which that date was previously unknown. The information has now been added to the database.

References

1. LAC, Fonds R-169-51-X-E, letters sent, vol. 365-379

2 LAC, Fonds R-169-51-X-E, letters sent, vol. 368 p. 492, microfilm reel T-3852

3 Ferdinand Bélanger, "The manuscript dated broken circles," *PHSC Journal* #144, pp. 32-34

proves to relieve you before that period.

Jam^{to} 107 / Edwin King

M^{rs}. D. S. Bani

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P.O. D 27th July 1860.

I beg to enclose herewith Requisition N^o. 42. for Office Stamps & seals for the use of this Dept, to which you will please be good enough to give your early attention

Jam^{to} 107 / Edwin King

P.O. D 27th July 1860.

Requisition N^o 42.

Dated Stamps for

Allandale Mills, C.W.

Cote St Paul, C.E.

Ferrelles, C.W.

Harriston, C.W.

Martin's Corners, C.E.

Norwood, C.W.

New Richmond, C.E.

Point St Charles, C.E.

St Anne des Monts, C.E.

Upton, C.E.

Charmilly, Canton, C.E.

Donville, C.E.

Harvey Hill Mines, C.E.

Seeds, C.E.

North Mountain, C.W.

New Glasgow, C.E.

Crows Head, C.E.

Port Granby, C.W.

Stevensonville, C.W.

Seaforth, C.W.

Common Stamps for

Banda, C.W.

Fleetwood, C.W.

Soch Sarry, C.W.

Mimosa, C.W.

Pondolito, C.W.

St Julies Commune, C.E.

Brigham, C.E.

Kilgus Bridge, C.W.

Mailbards, C.W.

Newbyrne, C.W.

Point Alexander, C.W.

Vesta, C.W.

Seal for all the Offices for which Common Stamps are required, and for the following offices, -

Allandale Mills, C.W.

Cote St Paul, C.E.

Harvey Hill Mines, C.E.

Martin's Corners, C.E.

Point St Charles, C.E.

Stevensonville, C.W.

Seaforth, C.W.

Charmilly, Canton, C.E.

Ferrelles, C.W.

Harriston, C.W.

Crows Head, C.E.

Port Granby, C.W.

Upton, C.E.

North Mountain, C.W.

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The Company

General

Manager

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P.O. D 27th July 1860.

I have the honor to enclose

Example of a requisition sent the 27th of July 1860

LAC, Fonds R 169-51-X-E, letters sent, vol. 375, p. 406, microfilm reel no. T-3855

Name on stamp	Order date	Type	County	Remarks
ABINGTON / U.C	DE 6 / 56	B2x	LIN	Error for Abingdon
ALDERSHOTT / U.C	DE 22 / 56	B2	WTW	
ALMIRA / U.C	DE 22 / 56	B2x	YRK	
AMHERSTBURG / U.C	FE 15 / 58	A2	ESX	Fourth stamp
ANTRIM / U.C	FE 25 / 59	A2x	CRL	Manuscript date
ARMITAGE / U.C	JN 10 / 59	A2	DUR	
ASHURNHAM / U.C	JA 10 / 59	A2	PBR	Error for Ashburnham
AURORA / U.C	JN 23 / 53	B2	YRK	
AVONBANK / U.C	DE 24 / 55	B2x	PTH	
BALDERSON / U.C	MY 10 / 58	A2x	LAN	
BALLYNAHINCH / U.C	OC 25 / 58	A2x	FRO	
BALSAM / U.C	JY 5 / 58	A2x	ONT	
BELFORD / U.C	OC 7 / 59	A2x	YRK	Second stamp
BERKELEY / U.C	DE 22 / 56	B2	GRY	
BLESSINGTON / U.C	DE 6 / 56	B2x	HAS	
BOWMANVILLE / U.C	MR 11 / 54	B2	DUR	
BRANT / U.C	MR 17 / 56	B2	BRU	Second stamp
BRONTE / U.C	JY 15 / 53	B2	HLT	
BRUNSWICK / U.C	FE 15 / 58	A2x	DUR	
BURNSTOWN / U.C	MR 11 / 54	B2	RFW	
CAINSVILLE / U.C	JN 23 / 53	B2x	BRA	
CALDWELL / U.C	OC 18 / 58	A2	PEL	
CANBORO' / U.C	OC 7 / 59	A2	HLD	Second stamp
CARLINGFORD / U.C	DE 6 / 56	B2x	PTH	
CARLISLE / U.C	DE 24 / 55	B2	WTW	Second stamp
CARLTON WEST / U.C	JY 5 / 58	A2x	YRK	
CARTHAGE / U.C	JY 21 / 56	B2x	PTH	
CASHMERE / U.C	DE 22 / 56	B2x	MDX	
CITY OF OTTAWA / U.C	JY 23 / 55	B2	CRL	

Name on stamp	Order date	Type	County	Remarks
CLIFTON / U.C	NO 14 / 57	B2	WLD	2 stamps ordered
COLDSTREAM / U.C	JY 21 / 56	B2x	MDX	
COOKSTOWN / U.C	AU 5 / 53	B2	SIM	
CRAIGLEY / U.C	DE 22 / 56	B2x	GRY	Error for Craig Leith
CREEMORE / U.C	OC 7 / 59	A2	SIM	Mills dropped in 1859 ?
CROSSHILL / C.W	JY 7 / 65 ??	A2	WAT	
CROTON / U.C	JY 5 / 58	A2	KNT-LAM	Reordered JY 15 / 58
CULLODEN / U.C	AP 11 / 59	A2	OXF	
DEVIZES / U.C	AU 3 / 59	A2x	MDX	
DONEGAL / U.C	JY 6 / 57	B2x	PTH	Reordered NO 7 / 57
DOON / U.C	MY 10 / 58	A2	WAT	
DUNKELD / U.C	MR 17 / 56	B2x	BRU	
DURANCE / U.C	AP 11 / 59	A2x	LAM	
EDDYSTONE / U.C	OC 18 / 58	A2x	NHD	
ELLENGOWAN / U.C	OC 18 / 58	A2	BRU	
ENTERPRISE / U.C	JY 21 / 56	B2	L-A	
FENWICK / U.C	AP 11 / 59	A2	WLD	Second stamp?
FLINT / U.C	DE 6 / 56	B2x	L-A	Never used?
FLOS / U.C	NO 7 / 57	B2	SIM	Fourth stamp
GALT / U.C	AU 3 / 59	A2	WAT	Fifth stamp
GARAFRAXA / U.C	MR 17 / 56	B2	WTN	Second stamp?
GIRTYS CORNERS / C.W	OC 8 / 60	A2x	ESX	Did the post office open?
GORMLEY / U.C	DE 22 / 56	B2	YRK	
GOUROCK / U.C	DE 22 / 56	B2x	WTN	
GOSPORT / U.C	JY 21 / 56	B2x	L-A	
GRAHAMSVILLE / U.C	DE 15 / 56	B2	PEL	Second stamp?
GREENSVILLE / U.C	JY 21 / 56	B2	WTW	
GRETNAL / U.C	JY 21 / 56	B2x	L-A	Post office did not open then

Name on stamp	Order date	Type	County	Remarks
HANOVER / U.C	DE 6 / 56	B2x	GRY	
HARRIETSVILLE / U.C	DE 24 / 55	B2x	MDX	
HEBRON / U.C	JN 10 / 59	A2x	PTH	
HESPERLER / U.C	AU 16 / 58	A2	WAT	Error for Hespeler
HOMER / U.C	JN 10 / 59	A2	LIN	Second stamp
HOPETOWN / U.C	DE 6 / 56	B2	LAN	
HOPEVILLE / U.C	MR 17 / 56	B2	DUR	
INVERMAY / U.C	AP 11 / 59	A2	BRU	
KALADAR / U.C	DE 22 / 56	B2x	L-A	
KARS / U.C	DE 6 / 56	B2x	CRL	
KENDALL / U.C	DE 22 / 56	B2x	DUR	
KENILWORTH / U.C	JY 6 / 57	B2	WTN	Reordered NO 7 / 57
KERTCH / U.C	DE 6 / 56	B2	LAM	
KILMARNOCK / U.C	AP 11 / 59	A2x	LAN-GRN	Fourth stamp
KILWORTH / U.C	DE 6 / 56	B2	MDX	
KINBURN / U.C	DE 24 / 55	B2x	CRL	
KENKORA / U.C	JY 6 / 57	B2x	PTH	Error for Kinkora
KINKORA / U.C	NO 7 / 57	B2x	PTH	To replace the Kenkora stamp
KINMOUNT / U.C	AP 11 / 59	A2x	VIC	
KIRKTON / U.C	JY 21 / 56	B2x	HUR	
KIPPEN / U.C	AP 11 / 59	A2	HUR	
LAFONTAINE / U.C	MR 17 / 56	B2x	SIM	
LAMBETH / U.C	JA 10 / 59	A2	MDX	
LIME LAKE / U.C	FE 25 / 59	A2x	HAS	
LINTON / U.C	JY 5 / 58	A2x	YRK	
LISTOWEL / U.C	JY 21 / 56	B2x	PTH	
LOCKTON / U.C	DE 22 / 56	B2x	PEL	
LOWVILLE / U.C	JY 6 / 57	B2x	HLT	Reordered NO 7 / 57

Name on stamp	Order date	Type	County	Remarks
MADOC / U.C	NO 7 / 57	B2	HAS	
MARMION / U.C	AU 3 / 59	A2x	GRY	
MARONTETTE / C.W	SP 30 / 64	A2	?	Did the post office open?
MATILDA / U.C	DE 6 / 56	B2	DUN	Fifth stamp
MATTAWA / L.C	DE 6 / 59	B2x	NIP	Error L.C
MEYERSBURG / U.C	JY 21 / 56	B2x	NHD	
MILLHAVEN / U.C	MR 17 / 56	B2	L-A	
MILLIKEN / U.C	AP 11 / 59	A2x	YRK	
MOLESWORTH / U.C	FE 25 / 59	A2x	HUR	Second stamp?
MORISTON / U.C	OC 18 / 58	A2	WTN	Error for Morriston
MORTIMER / U.C	DE 22 / 56	B2x	GRY	
MOUNT ST PATRICK / U.C	JN 24 / 52	B2	RFW	Second stamp
MOUNT VERNON / U.C	NO 7 / 57	B2	BRA	Second stamp
MOUNT WEBSTER / U.C	MY 10 / 58	A2x	LDS	
NAVAN / C.W	JA 20 / 65	A2x	RUS	Second stamp
NEUSTADT / U.C	DE 22 / 56	B2x	GRY	
NEW DUNDEE / U.C	FE 25 / 59	A2	WAT	Second stamp
NEWRY / U.C	DE 6 / 56	B2x	DUR	
NIAGARA / U.C	DE 6 / 56	B2	LIN	
NORTH DOURO / U.C	DE 24 / 55	B2x	PBR	
NORHAM / U.C	JY 6 / 57	B2	NHD	Reordered NO 7 / 57
NORMANTON / U.C	MR 17 / 56	B2	BRU	
OBAN / U.C	DE 6 / 56	B2	LAM	
OMEMEE / U.C	DE 15 / 56	B2	VIC	
ONGLEY / C.W	FE 28 / 67	A2x	NHD	
ORONO / U.C	MR 11 / 54	B2	DUR	
PAISLEY / U.C	NO 7 / 57	B2	BRU	Second stamp
PARIS / U.C	FE 25 / 59	A2	BRA	Sixth stamp
PARIS / C.W	Fe 17 / 66	A2	BRA	Eighth stamp

Name on stamp	Order date	Type	County	Remarks
PARIS D.P.O. / U.C?	DE 22 / 59	A7?	BRA	Third stamp ordered
PHILIPSVILLE / U.C	JY 7 / 57	B2	LDS	Reordered NO 7 / 57
PORT NELSON / U.C	AP 26 / 58	A2	HLT	
PORT PERRY / U.C	DE 24 / 55	B2	ONT	Second stamp
PORT ROWAN / C.W	FE 28 / 67	A2	NFK	Fourth stamp
PORT TALBOT / U.C	OC 7 / 59	A2	ELG	Fourth stamp
RAVENSHOE / C.W	JA 20 / 65	A2x	YRK	Second stamp?
RINGWOOD / U.C	DE 22 / 56	B2x	YRK	
ROXBOROUGH WEST / U.C	DE 6 / 56	B2x	STO	
SEAFORTH / C.W	FE 17 / 66	A2	HUR	Third stamp
SHANTY BAY / U.C	AU 16 / 58	A2x	SIM	
SHANTZ / U.C	OC 7 / 59	A2x	WAT	
SINGHAMPTON / U.C	AP 11 / 59	A2x	SIM	
SMITHS FALLS / U.C	JY 21 / 56	B2	GRN-LAN	Fifth stamp
ST DAVIDS / U.C	JY 21 / 56	B2	LIN	Second stamp?
SOUTH DUMMER / U.C	NO 7 / 57	B2x	PBR	
SOUTH FINCH / U.C	JY 21 / 56	B2x	STO	
STIRLING / U.C	MR 17 / 56	B2	HAS	
STRABANE / U.C	AP 26 / 58	A2	WTW	
SYLVAN / U.C	OC 18 / 58	A2	MDX	Second stamp
TELFER / U.C	NO 7 / 57	B2x	MDX	
THORNDAL / U.C	AP 11 / 59	A2	MDX	
THURLOW / U.C	AP 26 / 58	A2	HAS	Second stamp
TOTTENHAM / U.C	MY 10 / 58	A2x	SIM	
TRIVERTON / C.W	SP 30 / 64	A2	BRU	Error for Tiverton?
ULVERSTONE / C.W	SP 30 / 64	A2x	?	Did the post office open?

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After completing his translation, Bob realized that the postmarks listed here were not entered in the PHSC broken circle database at the time Bélanger originally wrote his article. However, Bob noted that a few of those listed have since been listed in the database. After some discussion, we agreed that there is stillenough new and useful information here to warrant its publication here in the *Journal*. ✉

Editor's Note

Name on stamp	Order date	Type	County	Remarks
VICTORIA SQUARE / U.C	MY 3 / 58	A2	YRK	Second stamp
WANSTEAD / U.C	OC 7 / 59	A2	LAM	
WAVERLEY / U.C	OC 18 / 58	A2	SIM	
WEIMAR / U.C	NO 7 / 57	B2x	WAT	
WESTS CORNERS / U.C	FE 25 / 59	A2	PTH	Second stamp
WICK / U.C	DE 15 / 56	B2	ONT	Second stamp
WIDDER / U.C	MR 17 / 56	B2	LAM	
WILLOCKS / U.C	DE 24 / 55	B2x	VIC	
WINFIELD / C.W	AU 3 / 59	A2x	WTN	
YARKER / U.C	AU 3 / 59	A2	L-A	Returned OC 28 / 59 for