

English and Welsh Spoon Cancels 1853–1870

Update March 2016/Corrections added September 2016

Information recently obtained from two large Spoon collections has meant that an update is required — as can be seen below, there are quite a number of new data! In the table, the *Town* and *Type* (if more than one) are given, together with the following information where applicable: New or confirmed earliest (*EKD*) or latest (*LKD*) known dates; Newly recorded codes (*New*) and confirmed codes that were previously listed with a “*” (*Confirmed*); any additional relevant information (*Remarks*).

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Birkenhead					A, F	
Birmingham	A2	1 Apr. 1854				Both known copies have now been seen
	B1					6 June 1856 with first 3 nos of year missing
	B1 R2	1 Feb. 1858				
	B4		13 May 1857		D, J, K	11 Apr. 1857 with Code 4 missing
	B4 R1				D	
	C2				S	
	C2 R1			D		
	C2 R2		6 Nov. 1857			
	C2 R3			J		
	C3			InvC	H	
	C3 R1	5 Nov. 1856			S	Backstamp shows 1 Jan. 1856 example is 1857
	C3 R2	2 Nov. 1857				
	D5				P, S	
	D6			F		
F7				S		
F7 R1			K			
F7 R2				T		
Bridgenorth						30 June 1860 with 3 of 30 reversed
Bristol	A R1				B	
	B			RevL		
Burton upon Trent			28 Mar. 1860	RevC		
Cheltenham						22 Dec. 1857 Code E now seen on cover
Chester	B				B	
	B R1	20 July 1858			N	
Dudley	R2		25 July 1860	P, NoCode		13 Jan. 1860 seen, early for 2nd period
Hull	A		26 June 1855		A, NoCode	Seen used as a backstamp on 10 Jan. 1854
	B	27 July 1855			C, D	
	C R1				B	Blue-black seen 14 Sept. 1856
	D			O		
Kidderminster	D R1	29 Oct. 1857			B	
	Original		16 July 1858			
Leamington	R1		14 Nov. 1861			
				F		
Leeds	B				H, N	
Liverpool	A13	22 Mar. 1854			H, L	
	A13 R1				SideG	
	A14			K		
	A15		11 Oct. 1855		H	
	A16				F, T, Side3, NoCode	
	A16 R1	13 Feb. 1857		T		First Code T seen that is not sideways
	B1			C, –		

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Liverpool (cont)	B1 R1			K	SideF	
	B2	3 Feb. 1855	15 May 1856		I, T	
	B2 R1			Side5		
	B5				SideF	
	B6				Y, SideS	
	B7				S, SideE, InvE, SideF	Three more examples seen of this rare mark
	B8		4 May 1858		Z	
	B9				S	
	B14			B	N, T	
	B14 R1	20 Oct. 1857			P	
	B15		29 Aug. 1857	U, W, SideG, InvG	Side F	
	C3		21 July 1856	T, SideM	L, NoCode, Side5	
	C3 R1			SideN	O	
	C4				SideM, SideS, Side3	
C4 R1		19 July 1858	Side3, Inv3			
Manchester	A				I	
	B			D, I, K, NoCode		
	C				O, S	
	C R1			N, R	T, Z	
	D1				T, R	
	D1 R1	11 Dec. 1857		E, U	N, P, R, S, T	13 more seen; now 'Scarce', Value £100
	D1 R2	5 July 1858		I, K, M	S, W	
	D2	14 Aug. 1857			T	J, P
	D2 R1	1 Mar. 1858		InvU	N, Z	
	D3 R2			L, N, O		
	D3 R3			L	R, U	Four more have been seen of this rare mark
	D4a				H, I, L, M, R	
	D4a R1			E, K, W		
	D4a R2		28 Nov. 1859	M	I, L	
	D4a R3				X	
	D4b	29 Mar. 1858	30 Dec. 1858	I, Y	F, N	
	D5a			C, I, J, T		
	D5a R1			D, M, P, InvY	R, W	Two further rare Dec. 1863 examples seen
	D5a R2				J	
	D5b		22 Mar. 1860	L, M		
	E1				P	
	E1 R1		2 Nov. 1858	P, Y	I, W, Z	
	E2			G, T, InvM	O	Eight more seen of this rare mark
E2 R1				W		
E2 R2			I	H		
E2 R3	17 Apr. 1861		Y			
E3				S		
E3 R1		13 Aug. 1858	L, U	O		
E3 R2		4 Oct. 1859	S			
Northampton	R1			D, I		
Plymouth (3rd Period)		13 July 1857	14 Apr. 1858	Delete 4th Period; another example seen dated Jan. 1858; therefore 4th not merited		
Shrewsbury	B			RevC		
	C1		12 July 1859			
Stoke-on-Trent					Another Code A seen	
Walsall				A		
Warrington	Original				G	
Wolverhampton	B			A	E	
Worcester	R1	16 Dec. 1859		L		
	R5			D		
	R7	12 Oct. 1868		F, I		
York	Original			RevE	B	
	R1	24 July 1858				
	R2				O	

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Update, December 2017

Further to my February 2015 revision of the Arundel book, *English and Welsh Spoon Cancels 1853–1870*, and the updates of March 2016 (GBJ 54(3)71–72) and November 2016 (GBJ 54(6)142), here are details of further updates.

The most important find is a new Earliest Known Date (EKD) for Cheltenham of 26 October 1857. This superb example came out of the blue and has never been mentioned in previous books or articles; an illustration of it is shown in *Fig. 1*.

In addition, I have received a photograph of one of the ‘missing’ 17 December 1857 examples which is shown in *Fig. 2*.

Other updates are given in *Table 1*.

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Table 1

<i>Town</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>EKD</i>	<i>LKD</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>Confirmed</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Birmingham	B1			C		
Birmingham	B1			D		
Birmingham	C2 R3			No Code		
Birmingham	C3	19 Jan. 1855				
Birmingham	C3 R1	5 Nov. 1856				
Cheltenham		26 Oct. 1857				
Gloucester	Original	1 Apr. 1854				
Hull	C R1					Blue/black 14 Sept. 1856
Hull	D	28 June 1855*			Confirmed	
Kidderminster	Original		16 July 1858			
Leamington	Original			F		
Liverpool	B14		19 Dec. 1856			
Liverpool	C4		12 Feb. 1857			
Manchester	D3			E		
Manchester	D4a R1			K		
Rugby	Original			F		
Worcester	R2			D		
Worcester	R3			D		

* The printed version of the GBJ had 1856 in error.

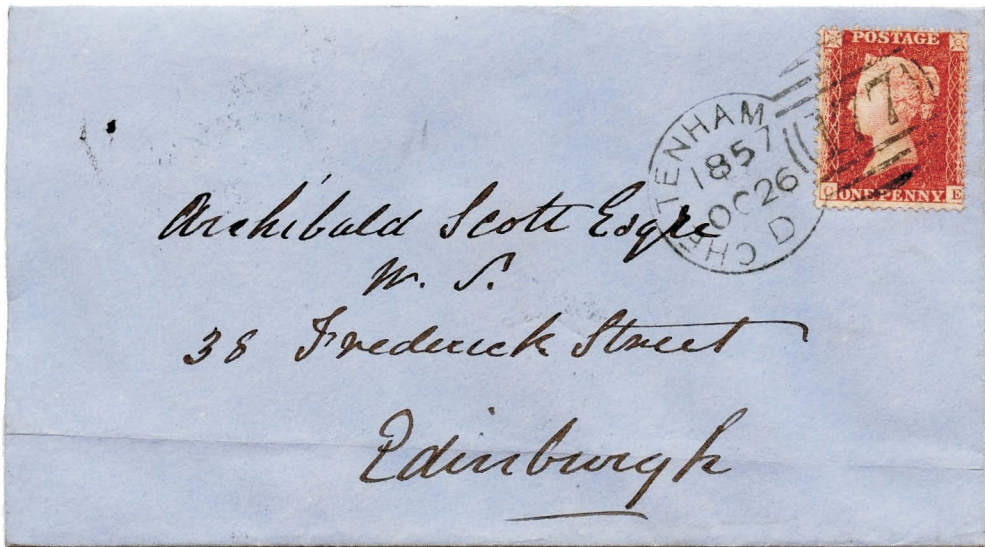


Fig. 1 PROVENANCE: COLIN HARDING/MARTIN KURIGER



Fig. 2 PROVENANCE: JOHN HINE

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Update November 2018

The table below presents new information, the most significant of which is the discovery of a new Cheltenham cover (*Fig. 1*). In the table, the *Town* and *Type* (if more than one) are given, together with the following information where applicable: New or confirmed earliest (*EKD*) or latest (*LKD*) known dates; Newly recorded codes (*New*) and confirmed codes that were previously listed with a “*” (*Confirmed*); any additional relevant information (*Remarks*).

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Birmingham	A1			C		
	C2			Side C		
Cheltenham				F		New example, dated 28 Nov. 1857
Chester	C		13 Mar. 1860		N	
Liverpool	B1		15 Apr. 1856			
	B2			Side 4		
	B7		8 Apr. 1858			LKD confirmed
Manchester	C				F	
	D4a R3		25 July 1860	O		LKD confirmed
	E2 R2	28 Mar. 1859				
	E3 R2			T		
Warrington	R			None		
Worcester	R6			J		



Fig. 1 — A new example of the rare Cheltenham Spoon.

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Update May 2020

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Rather belatedly I would like to thank Stephen Teuma for his kind words on page 142 of the *GB Journal*, Vol. 57, No. 6. However, I have not been updating Periods of Use as I think I indicated in the Preface to the book. This would have necessitated me looking at every example that came my way and to be honest I do not consider it that much use to the collector; e.g. just because I had not seen say, July 1858 but had seen June and August does not make it any more special if found.

Generally it can be assumed that there was a continuous monthly use between the EKD and the LKD except where the gap is more than a few months when perhaps the datestamp was taken out of service and re-introduced at a later date.

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Birmingham	B4 R1		1 Aug. 1848			
Hull	D R1	27 Oct. 1857				
Liverpool	B2 R1		10 Aug. 1858	Side S		
	B7			Side G		
	B9			Star		
Manchester	D4a R2			C		
Stoke on Trent			6 Dec. 1858*			*Latest date I have seen
Wolverhampton	A			Rev D		