

# STAMPS OF THE ORANJE VRIJ STAAT

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## **1. Pelteret R M. Letter to the Editor - NGR Perfin Listing. Orange Free State Bulletin : 1998:172;2669**

This is a synopsis of a letter : Dr Robin Pelteret draws attention to page 46 (of David Crocker's 1998 Orange Free State price list) listing the KE VII stamps with NGR perforations. Buckley and Marriott (page 138) list only ½d and 1d values, whilst Crocker offers 2d, 3d and 6d (mint) with Crown CA watermark; and ½d and 1d (mint and used) and 2d (mint) with Mult. CA.

The editor notes the mint ½d pair Multi. CA with the initial correct on left-hand stamp and reversed on right-hand; with no selvedge in between this indicates the panes were folded in half before perforating.

**2. Pelteret R M. Letter to the Editor - A New Halve Penny Surcharge described.  
Orange Free State Bulletin : 1998:172;2675**

Never previously described, a Half Penny on 3d shows "el" in "Halve" printed poorly and re-enforced by an inserted / reversed one "1".

This is thought to have occurred on position no. 35 of the bottom right-hand pane where the "el" is seen to be very weak.



3. Pelteret R M. Letter to the Editor - Defining the 1880 Hospital Tax Hand-stamped surcharge. Orange Free State Bulletin : 1999:176; 2775

With the aid of computer scanning techniques, and using three different specimens of the Een Shilling revenue over-stamped, the surcharge – which was probably applied using a rubber stamp – was defined more accurately than every before.

This revenue stamp is scarce; its historical origin remains unknown.



**ADDENDUM to the above article : Saturday, 15 November 2003**

The idea of an hospital in Bloemfontein was first mooted in 1872. A sickroom was established on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1876 and was serviced by the Sisterhood of St. Michael's and All Angels. Public subscriptions were called for and a sum of £100 raised within months. In 1877, President J H Brand and Bishop A W Webb laid the foundation stone of the St. George's Cottage Hospital and Convalescent Home. It was opened later in June 1877 on erf 21 - corner of St. George's Street and Monument Road – and managed by Sr. Henrietta Stockdale (the first nurse to be registered in South Africa), Sr. Louisa from Dublin and the Misses Longlands and Potts. Following a petition to the *Volksraad* in 1882 requesting support, monies were granted annually until 1886. The Sisterhood withdrew from serving the hospital in 1904 and the hospital was closed in 1908.

Though no direct proof has been uncovered, it seems likely that the 1880 Hospital Tax stamp was used as a method to raise funds for St. George's Hospital, in the same manner as has been the case over decades in many other countries.

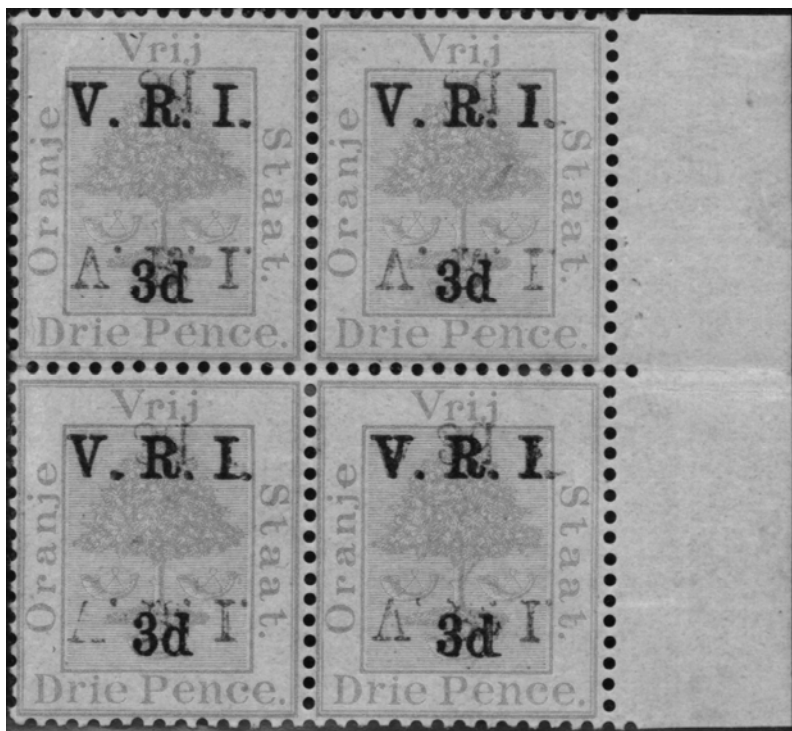
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**4. Pelteret R M. Letter to the Editor - Defining the unique 1st Setting 3d. Double overprint with inverted kiss-print. Orange Free State Bulletin : 1999:176; 2776**

Never before described, this block of four 3d [below] demonstrates a close-set double overprint plus an inverted kiss-print in mirror image.





4. Pelteret R M. Letter to the Editor - Defining the unique 5th Setting Double Surcharge. Orange Free State Bulletin : 1999:176; 2776

This pair is extremely rare. A double surcharge with variety A (thick "V") var. c (large stop after "I") and va. I (no left serif to "V") is from a left-hand pane positions 11 & 12 of the Fifth Postage Setting. A block of 32 exists [see Orange Free State Bulletin : 1998:175; 2716] and no others.

