

REV JOHN ARTHUR BALLEINE

The CORRESPONDENCE SERIES is an investigation into the background of recipients of British pre-stamped postal stationery. The "collection" was purchased in South Africa in 1999 as a job lot, the which took me six months to sort and mount, creating a collection spanning 140 years. I have no idea of the provenance.

The Reference work is British Postal Stationery, A K Huggins.1970. The first date with catalogue number refers to the year when the pre-stamped envelope was first issued; the second, the year when the envelope was actually used.

Philatelic Description of the item of Postal Stationery:

Envelope Stamped to Order: a Compound Stamping October 1855-1859 & 1883 (ESC28: ES3 & ES11)_
Rev J A Balleine, St. Brelade's Rectory, Jersey

Envelope marked "REGISTERED Fragile, With Care" date an unclear 1901

Sent from Alfred Smith & Son, Office of the "Monthly Circular", 37 & 39 Essex Street, Strand, LONDON W.C.

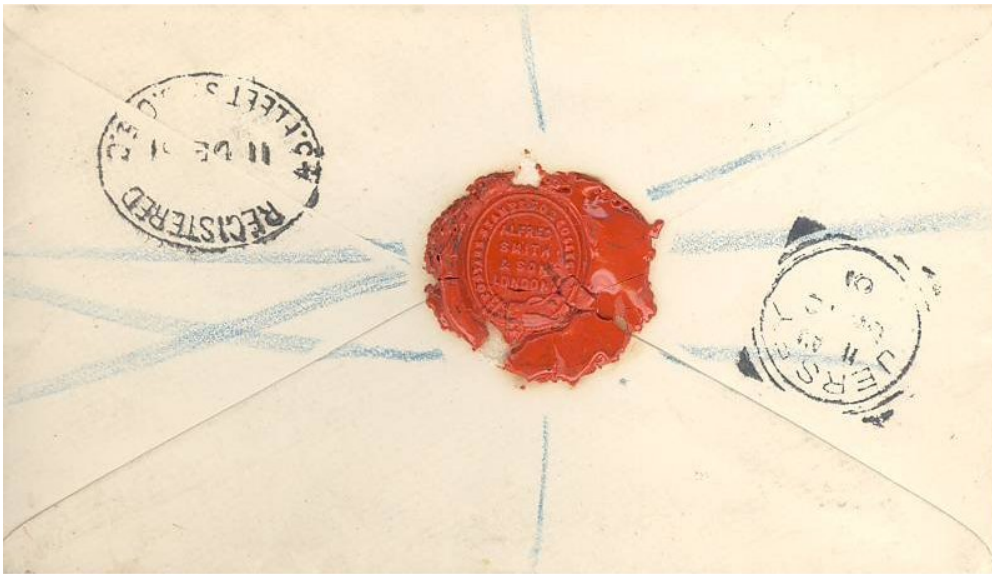
Huggin's states that though this combination is listed, one had never been seen (1970)



Brief Comment:

John Arthur BALLEINE M.A. (1859-1942), the son of Jean Balleine and Adelaide ARTHUR was baptised at St. Mary, Jersey, and buried in the churchyard of St. Brelade, Jersey on 15 February 1942. He was rector of St Brelade's Church, responsible for its restoration and for authoring "The Story of St Brelade's Church". He was descended from a line of islanders (original spelling BALLAYNE) able to trace their roots to the early 1500's.

The brothers Henry Stafford Smith (1843-1903) and Alfred Smith (1837-1888) of Bath founded Stafford Smith and Smith, later to become Alfred Smith & Son. Together they created one of the earliest English philatelic dealerships, and from 1863 published the renowned Stamp Collectors Magazine (later to become the authoritative “Monthly Circular”¹). In 1880, Alfred Smith & Co's published the Standard Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of All Nations (publ. E. Marlborough and Co)



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¹ Alfred Smith & Son's “Monthly Circular” : a complete run would be 1875-1920 (No. 1-535)