

GLEN DEEP LIMITED

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:

1883 (ES11)_The London Secretary, Glen Deep Limited, 120 Bishopsgate Street Within, London E.C.

Comment:

Glen Deep Gold Mine was near Elandsfontein (the Germiston of to-day) in the Transvaal. It belonged to the Messrs. Wernher and Beit.

"**120, Bishopsgate Street within, London, E.C.**" famously was used as a business address variously by Werner, Beit & Co., (est. 1886, Sir Julius Charles Wernher, Alfred and Sir Otto Beit), Lionel Phillips, The Robinson Gold Mining Company Limited (est. 1888 by Hermann Eckstein with J B Robinson), Yokohama Specie Bank Limited (est. 1880), Cortés Commercial & Banking (est. 1904), Edward Descou Chester (Mining Engineer, Hdw. Chester & Co).

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