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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:

- 1895 (CP29b)_B W Warhurst Esq., 15 Paulton's Sq, Chelsea 1895 (actually used from Brighton FE 4 96)
- 1895 (RP21G)_W B Warhurst Esq., 15 Paulton Sq, Chelsea 1895 (actually used from Ipswich JA 16 96)

Comment:

Benjamin Webster Warhurst was born in Manchester September QRT 1844. He married Amelia Elizabeth Sellars on 7th September 1871 in Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, London. They had one son, Archibald Warhurst, born in London June QRT 1876. He died at sea on 11th March 1895, aged 19 years, circumstances unknown.

The 1881 Census of England and Wales states the family as living at 33 Highgate Rd, London. B W Warhurst's occupation is given as a Horticultural Engineer. He was to become Private Secretary to Lord Charles Beresford. He was joint editor of Stamps; edited The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain and The Stamp Collector, and wrote as 'Hawk-Eye' in the Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly. He authored several books over a number of years; and founded the Chelsea 'Entires' Exchange Club.

1881 Census of England and Wales

Household resident at 33 Highgate Rd, London, Middlesex, England

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Age	Birthplace	Occupation
Benjamin W. WARHURST	Head	M	Male	36	Manchester, Lancashire, England	Horticultural Engineer
Amelia E. WARHURST	Wife	M	Female	27	Westminster, Middlesex, England	
Archibald WARHURST	Son		Male	5	St Pancras, Middlesex, England	

Benjamin Webster Warhurst died 10th April 1911 aged 66 years and was buried alongside his son in the Wandsworth Ealsfield Cemetery, London

Footnote:

Charles William de la Poer Beresford, 1st Baron Beresford GCB GCVO (10 February 1846 – 6 September 1919), aka. Lord Charles Beresford until 1916, was the second son of John Beresford, 4th Marquess of Waterford, a British Admiral of the Fleet and Member of Parliament.

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