

CORRESPONDENCE SERIES

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:

1945 (LCP16d)_ Letter Card Post Office issued 1940-1945. Addressed to Mrs Richards "The Pantils" (sic) Hungerford, Berks

Brief Comment:

The address should read: Richards "The Pantiles", 1 Church Way, Hungerford, Berks.

To-day (2020) this property is a sedate and unremarkable office complex. A pantile is a type of fired roof tile, normally made from clay. It is S-shaped in profile and is single lap, meaning that the end of the tile laps only the course immediately below. Flat tiles normally overlap two courses.

References:

<https://www.google.co.za/maps/place/1+Church+St,+Hungerford+> (etc)

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