

J.SLOPER CHECKPOINT LTD. Rosemary Smith.

In a later issue of the Bulletin, our President, John Nelson, intends to bring the history of Slopers to a close. In the last two Bulletins there has been a reprint of John's earlier paper, published in 'Stamp Collecting', entitled, "Sloper and Stamp Security."

In the meantime, members may be interested to hear briefly of the fortunes of Slopers over the last 18 months. In 1989/90, after the death of the Company Secretary - who was also a director of Slopers - moves were made to try to sell the company as a going concern, thereby securing the continuance of the company and safeguarding the workforce. In August 1990 the company was sold to a holding company called Widepack Ltd. It was hoped that extra cash resources would be put into the company to help weather the recession in engineering at that time.

However, early in 1991, Checkpoint Security Systems Ltd. took over the business of Slopers: and Widepack Ltd. retained the premises. On March 6th, 1991, the old Sloper name was changed to J.SLOPER CHECKPOINT LTD.

The physical operation of the company has now been transferred to Checkpoint's parent works at Reading in Berkshire. The perforating of Postage Stamps and various other functions of the business will continue only at Reading after 31st August 1991. All Slopers machines and moveable property have been stripped from Tower Royal Works and unfortunately the employees there have been made redundant.

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