

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY PERFORATOR

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In Bulletin 300 Page 21, Stephen Steere was trying to complete a GWR multi-die pattern. These were from 1d lilac and jubilee stamps.

When we visited Sloper's Works, prior to their closure, I was given a broken 6x1 GWR die, as shown in the following illustration. It is very difficult to make an impression, as one has to gently prise the die apart, insert a sheet of paper, and then hammer it together. Note that the 6th 'GWR' has only 2 of the original pins left in the bed.



This is G5610.06, which is Die 8 in Bowman, who gives its dates of use as May 1938 to August 1941. Obviously not the die which Stephen is researching.

Other dies were also rescued and other members of the Society are holding these on behalf of the Society. I would like to know if these are now kept together, recorded and catalogued and impressions kept? I should be happy to donate this GWR die to the Society if this is so, or perhaps some keen member would like to have it to repair.

It is important, as you realise, that dies like this do not get into the "wrong hands". "Bowman" is looking very out of date now - it would be nice if someone could up-date it: there must be a lot of additional information about, in members collections.