

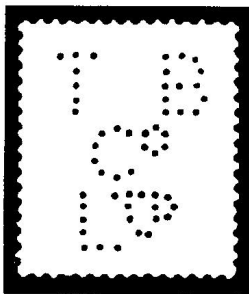
"Threlfall's Brewery Co Ltd".

Roy Gault.

The roots of the company go back to the early part of the 19th century when Thomas Threlfall and his brother John became partners and set up various businesses in Liverpool. Their commercial ventures included banking and grocery, but by far and away the most important (presumably lucrative!) was their involvement in the 'liquor trade'.

However, it was John Mayor Threlfall (son of John Threlfall) who developed the brewery side of the business, not only in Liverpool, but also in Salford (1861). The name "Threlfall's" became synonymous with brewing in the north-west of England.

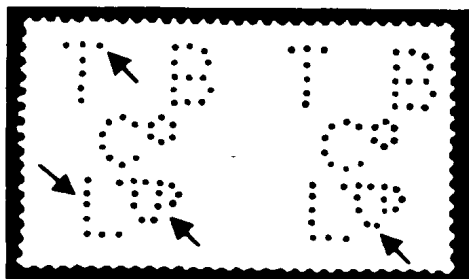
1935-1967



Just the one die is known used by the "Threlfall's Brewery Co Ltd". for which the earliest known date used is June 1937. Although all the postmarks reported so far are from Liverpool, there is just a chance that perfins were also used in Salford.

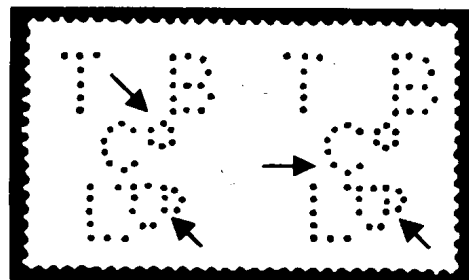
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Six distinct variations are believed to exist, but I can only positively differentiate four of them - illustrated below. Now A & B, and C & D (coming from large format stamps) are likely to be in their correct relative positions, but can *anyone provide evidence for the other two?*



A

B



C

D

After a merger in 1961, they became 'Threlfalls Chesters Ltd', which was subsequently acquired by 'Whitbread' in 1967. The Liverpool brewery closed in 1982, followed by the Salford brewery in 1988.