

JAFFÉ BROTHERS & Co – J0170.01M
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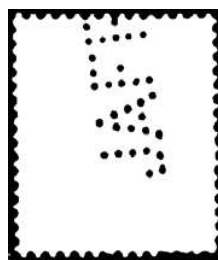
The perfin die “**JAFFE**” J0170.01M was used c1870-1895 by “**Jaffé Brothers & Co**”, who were based in Belfast. These linen and Jute merchants also had offices around the United Kingdom, especially in Dundee and Glasgow, but also in Manchester (at least in the 1910s).

Members of the Jaffé family, a prominent German Jewish family that had included several famed Rabbis for several centuries, created the Company. Daniel Joseph Jaffé (1807-1874) and his brother Isaac Joseph Jaffé (1807-1890) created in Hamburg the company “**Jaffé Brothers**”, which was then operating from Belfast, Dundee, Leipzig, Paris, Russia and South America. Daniel Joseph Jaffé had visited Belfast c.1845 to buy linen, and he began trading there in 1850, with various locations over the time (7 Bedford Street, 5 Donegall Square South, etc.).

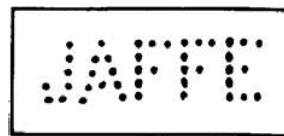
Daniel Joseph Jaffé had come to live in Belfast, and he created the Jewish community there, e.g. with the founding of a synagogue in 1871. Daniel Joseph Jaffé died a rich and powerful man, with several of his family members working in the company, and especially his son Otto Moses Jaffé (1846-1929) who extended the firm to one of the largest linen exporters in Northern Ireland. After living for 12 years in New York (1865-1877), and travelling extensively (e.g. 40 returns to New York in just 10 years), he was knighted in 1900, and became the first Jew to be Lord Mayor of Belfast, as well as High Sheriff. However, during WWI, he was the object of considerable hostility because of his German origin, and he and his family definitely left Ireland for England in 1915.



J0170.01M



J0170.02



Full Die
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[Ed.: - This piece has been written by a non-member who is carrying out research into his family's history. A second die is known that may have been used by the company J0170.02 but is reported with London cancellations. Can anyone provide any more information on this second die that might link it with Jaffe Bros?]