

Lot Type Grading Description

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OFFICIAL MAIL - FRANK STAMPS

We are pleased to present the most extensive collection ever formed of this interesting material. Max Watson is the first collector ever to assemble examples of every frank stamp recorded on cover. His collection incorporates Carl Stieg's extensive reference holdings & collection, key items from Hans Karman's and Guy Linfield's collections, plus several important recent discoveries. The collection is offered alphabetically by "department" (an expression that is used rather loosely as it includes many officials as distinct from departments or ministries). Unless stated otherwise, impressions are printed, in black. Die patterns & rarity ratings are from the definitive study "Franked! The Official Mail of Victoria 1864-1902" by Carl Stieg & Max Watson (2008). The book includes a census of all items recorded until that time: items offered here are shown as "S&W #---". Note that items from the 1860s are rare, and from the 1870s are scarce: this collection includes more than twice as many as were in the Karman and Linfield collections combined. It should be noted that handstruck franks are often incomplete or badly worn: the quality of such strikes here is generally above-average, with many being quite exceptional. Probably 95% of all franked items are envelopes: this collection includes many postcards, plus very elusive wrappers, parcel tags, address labels & even a lettercard.



Lot 195

195	PS	B	ATTORNEY-GENERAL: Die 2 (Coat of Arms 13mm high) printed in blue on 1900 lettersheet with <i>Master-in-Lunacy's Office</i> imprint in the same colour (S&W #L20), folded to 94x61mm with very late usage of "killer" '1' of Melbourne & 'CAULFIELD' arrival b/s, minor faults. Rated RRR+, which must be an error because this is not just the only recorded example of this item but the only example of Die 2 printed in blue. Illustrated at Colour Plate A.	400
202	PS	A-	CHIEF SECRETARY: Die 5 (2mm arcs at sides) in black with 'QUARANTINE STATION/Point Nepean...' imprint at lower-left (S&W unrecorded), to Melbourne unusually with 'QUEENSCLIFF/AU29/90/VICTORIA - 70' duplex. [At this time, there was no post office & the mail was apparently taken across Port Phillip Heads & posted at Queenscliff. Point Nepean PO 1.4.1859; closed 1.1.1865. Quarantine Station PO opened 1.2.1898]	300



Ex Lot 206

206	CPS	A-	- Die 9 (rosettes at the sides) handstamped in rosine on 1893 envelope with 'Hospitals for the Insane/...' imprint (S&W #E1180; the only recorded example), light vertical fold; and Die 5 on 1902 envelope with 'LUNATIC ASYLUM/Beechworth' imprint at L/L (#E1230; wrongly noted as Die 3). (2)	400
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Lot 243

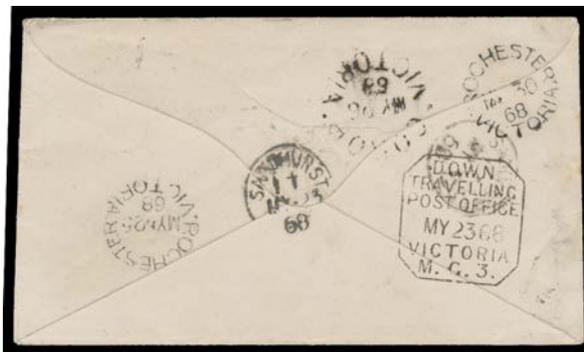
243	D	B	HEALTH, MINISTER OF: Handstamp largely very fine strike in blue on small piece with part-Melbourne cds of 1894, minor spotting. Rated RRR on cover but this is an error as no covers are recorded; only a few cutouts are known.	100
244	PS		- 1894-1901 all-different envelopes of various sizes including four "penalty" types, all with various styles of 'PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT/Offices of the Board' imprint at L/L, also seven different postcards with a variety of messages on the reverse, generally fine to very fine. (16)	300

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245	PS	A	- 1902 penalty envelope to Germany with 2½d stamp affixed over the frank because they were no longer valid outside Victoria.	150

TPOs: MELBOURNE-SANDHURST/BENDIGO 1865-1927

354	PS	A A1+	UP TRAIN 3: Type 2 (duplex) superb strike of JY6/97 on stampless 'ON HEALTH BUSINESS ONLY' lettersheet (advising of a smallpox outbreak), 'KYNETON' transit & light 'METCALFE' arrival b/s. Rated RRR on cover in the second period of use. An excellent & most unusual usage on OHMS Free Postal Stationery. <i>Ex Max Watson.</i>	200
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**Lot 357**

357	C	A- A1	DOWN TRAIN 3: Type 1 (Large Octagon) very fine b/s of MY2368 on cover with <i>Laureates</i> 2d tied by very fine '119' with superb 'WOODEND' cds (ERD) on the face, to "Lake Cooper" with Sandhurst, very fine 'ROCHESTER' (ERD) & almost fine 'COROP' b/s, redirected to "Sandhurst Hospital" & returned via Rochester. Rated RRRR on cover, with only five recorded. [Illustrated at page 56]	600 ^T
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**Lot 362**

362	C	A A2-	- Type 4 ('TPO 3/VICTORIA' with No Arcs) large-part strike of 16AP12 on face of stampless entire 'REPORT OF CASE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE' with Kyneton cds & superb 'T ("1d")-in-val h/s, to "Elphinstone" [sic] but redirected with Postage Due 1d tied by 'METCALFE' cds. Rated RRRRR on cover, being the only recorded postal usage on cover. [A remarkably short haul TPO item. Elphinstone is only 24km - 14 miles - NNW of Kyneton]	500 ^T
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