

Some Special Aspects of the First Stamp Printed in New Zealand (SG4)

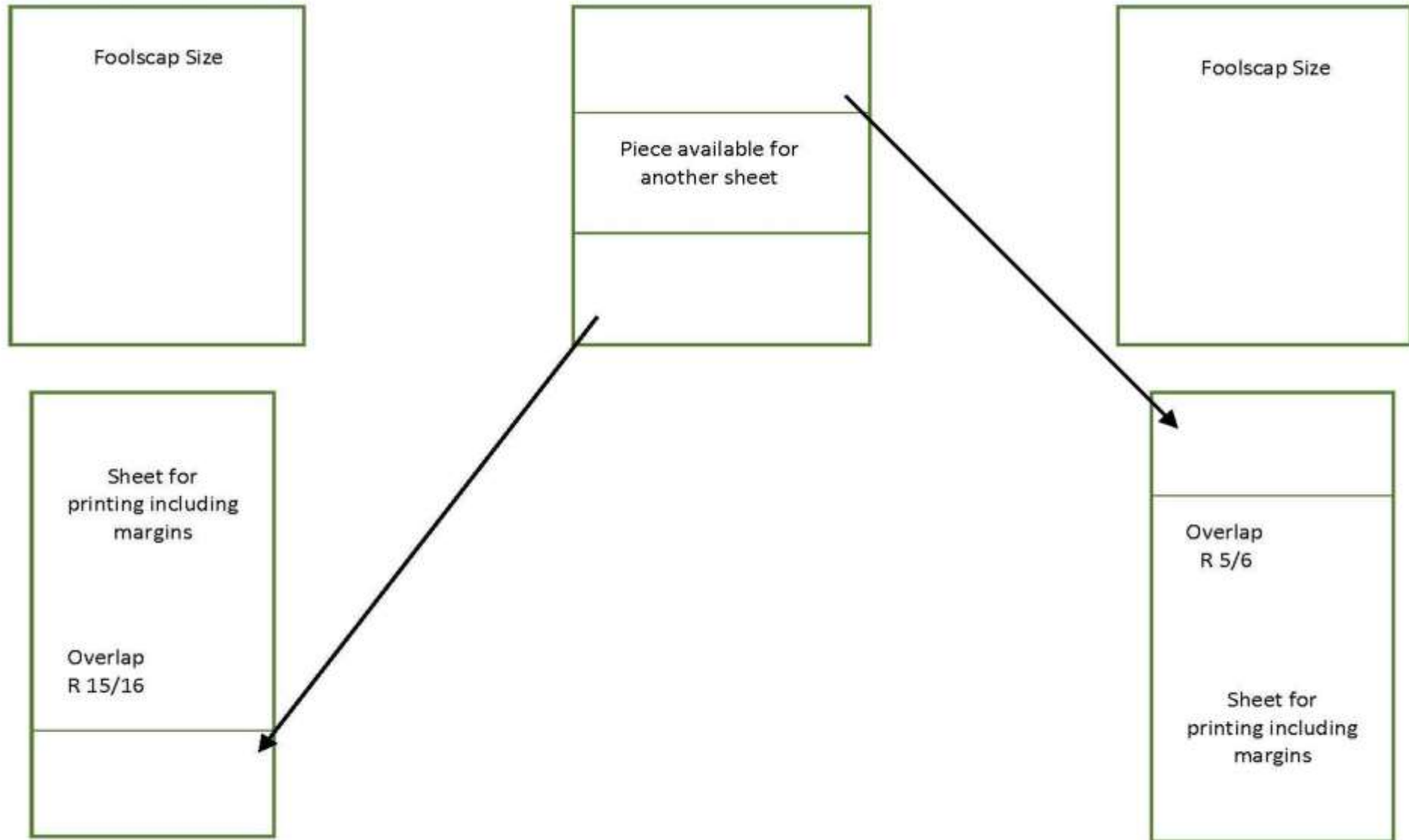
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(Examples taken from my Collection – Recently sold)

- Printed by: John Richardson in Auckland in November 1855
- Denomination: 1d
- Paper: Smooth, blue, delivered in foolscap format
- Watermark: Mostly none, occasionally a papermaker's
- Colour: Red
- Issued: Imperforate in sheets of 12 wide x 20 high

Three foolscap sheets used to make two sheets for printing



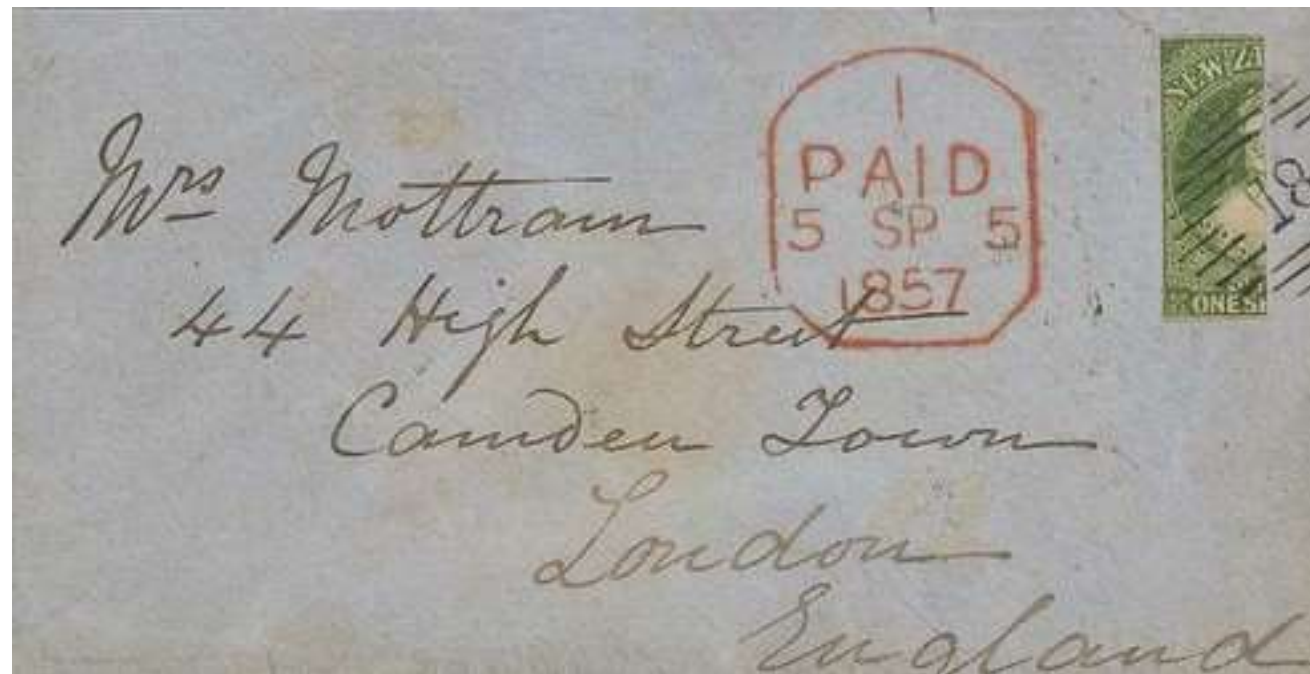
Unused Example. Very Rare! Purchased on eBay as used, for a fraction of its value. Since Certified as Unused.



Used strip of six, used at P.O. Otago, almost certainly to post a letter to the UK between 27 March 1857 and 11 May 1857.



Earliest known 1s bisect cover, despatched from P.O. Otago on 11 May 1857, soon after pre-payment became compulsory and the 6d rate for a ½ ounce letter was introduced – both on 27 March 1857.



The Sands & Kenny papermaker's watermark

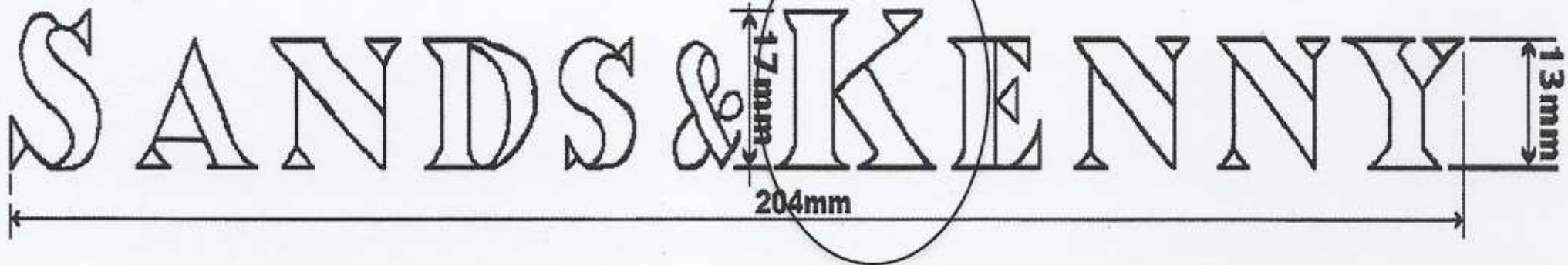


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Sands & Kenny w/m

*The 'Sands & Kenny' papermaker's watermark as occasionally found in the unwatermarked blue paper, once across the sheet horizontally.
Rare find on the 1d stamp*



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Enhanced Image

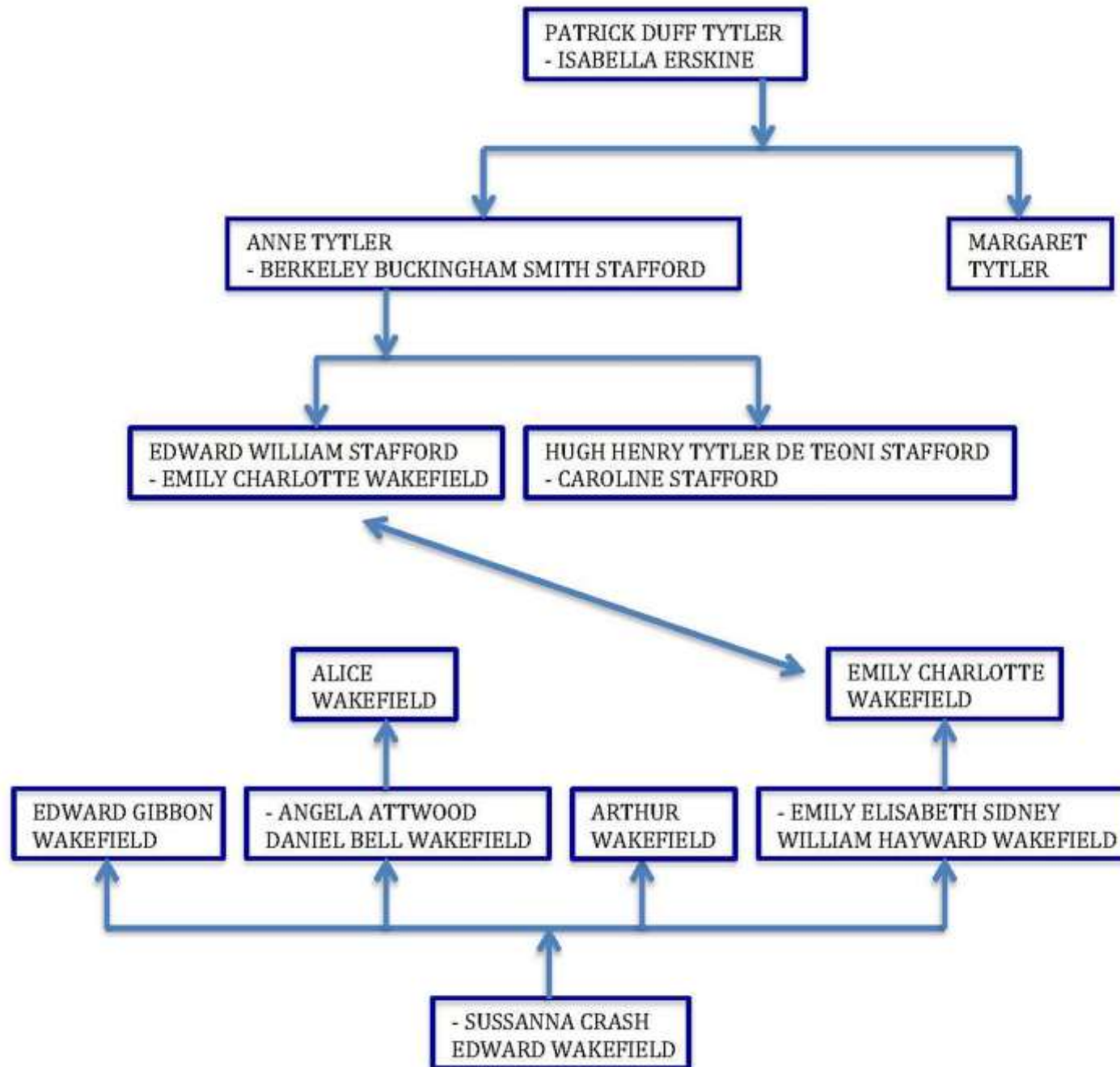


Canterbury Local Posts Act (15/8-56 to 1/10-58) – 1d rate for
½ oz letter between local communities. One of two known.



Cover to Prime Minister E.W. Stafford from his sister-in-law Angela Wakefield, to mourn the death of his wife and her niece Emily.
Underpaid by 1d, but no 'payment due' and fine.





Connection
between the
Staffords and
the Wakefields