

THE NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS BANKING COMPANY

CORRESPONDENCE SERIES is an investigation into the background of recipients of British pre-stamped postal stationery. The "collection" was purchased in South Africa in 1999 as a job lot, the which took me six months to sort and mount, creating a collection spanning 140 years. I have no idea of the provenance.

The Reference work is British Postal Stationery, A K Huggins.1970. The first date with catalogue number refers to the year when the pre-stamped envelope was first issued; the second, the year when the envelope was actually used.

Philatelic Description of the item of Postal Stationery:

1858 (EP13)_The Manager, The Nottingham and Notts Banking Company, Loughborough

Comment:

Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Banking Co Ltd, bankers, Nottingham, 1834-1919

This joint stock bank was established in Nottingham in 1834 by five Notts men as Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Banking Co with a capital of £500,000. The bank traded in Pelham Street under the management of Peter Watt, a Scottish banker. Branches were opened in Mansfield (1834), Loughborough (1834), Newark (1835), Worksop (1836) and Retford (1836). By the 1840s the bank's London agents were London & Westminster Bank. In 1841 the bank encountered difficulties but survived the crisis with support from key shareholders. A branch was opened at Southwell (1874) and a new head office building constructed in Nottingham in 1881. In 1884 the bank assumed limited liability as Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Banking Co Ltd with a capital of £1.3 million. Expansion continued and by 1911 the bank had almost 30 branches. It was acquired by London, County, Westminster & Parr's Bank (est. 1836), bankers of London, in 1919 and went on to become NatWest.

The companies printed their own money because it was too difficult and dangerous to bring in large quantities of cash from London.

Edward Unwin (1797-1841) of Sutton-in-Ashfield, owner of a cotton spinning works and related banking business shortly before his death became the first Chairman of the Nottingham and Notts. Banking Company

Reference:

1. RBS Royal Bank of Scotland.

http://www.rbs.com/about03.asp?id=ABOUT_US/OUR_HERITAGE/OUR_ARCHIVES/ONLINE_ARCHIVE_GUIDE/THE_ARCHIVE_GUIDE/NOTTINGHAM_NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

2. University of Nottingham. <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/mss/online/biographies/biographies/edward-unwin.phtml>

3. British Bankers' Association List of Mergers <http://victorianresearch.org/bankmergers.txt>

The Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Banking Company, was founded in 1834 by five Notts men and was originally based in Pelham Street.