KGV and **KGVI** Pictorials

On April 14th, 1936 Bermuda replace the caravels issue with a new definitive issue of pictorials showing different scenes of Bermuda. The nine values from 1/2d to 1s6d were recess printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. Four values, 1/2d, 2d, 6d and 1s6d did not incorporate the king's head in the design and were used though the remainder of the reign of King George V and King George VI until 1953 when Queen Elizabeth II came to the throne. The other values had the new king's head inserted into the design after the death of KGV.

The values and designs are as follows

1/2d and 1s6d. View of Hamilton

1d and 1 1/2d. South Shone in Warwick Parish

2d. Bermuda rigged yatch the "Lucie" owned by a Mr Cunningham of Saltport Connecticut.

2 1/2d and 1s. Grape Bay, Devonshire

3d. The Buttery, Point House, Warwick

6d. The gardner's cottage, Par-la-Ville, Hamilton.

In 1941 another value was require for the airmail rate so a 7 1/2d value was issued showing the Bermuda longtail.

For non Bermda specialist (and even most Bermuda collectors) these stamps are of little interest. Only one watermark error the unique C if CA on the 1 1/2d KGVI stamp, and other than the colour changes from the early printings to the later printings mainly minor colour differences. For which I could show 8 frames.

For this display my focus is on the different essays and showing the more distinct (catalogued changes in colour, the change line to comb perf and the addition of the plate numbers keeping the display to 2 frames of material.

Other than the 1935 Silver Jubilee omnibus issue, all Bermuda stamps up to this date had been printed by De la Rue, there appears to have been competition from DLR, American Banknote and Bradbury Wilkinson as can be seen by the various essays prepared by all three companies.

Markings on the bottom margin block can assist in printing attributions by the following:
Imprint reads "BRADBURY, WILKINSON & CO LD. ENGRAVERS, ..." is KGV 1936
Imprint reads "BRADBURY, WILKINSON & CO LD. , ..." is KGVI post 1938
Introduction of frame plate number
Comb perf introduced on all values except 1/2d and 1s6d post July 1950

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American Banknote

American Bank Note Co. essay design for a pictorial issue for Bermuda, however, the issue was printed by Bradley, Wilkinson & Co









1d essay showing Walsingham House, Hamilton Parish Ex Ludington, Baillie, Vesty *Unique*







3d essay showing Walsingham House, Hamilton Parish Ex Ludington, Baillie, Vesty *Unique*

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Georgian Pictorials

De la Rue

1936 Photographic essays produced by De la Rue & Co for the pictorial issue



























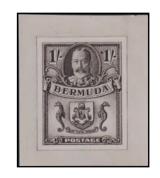






































1938 colours cancelled H.M.B. - Home Mail Branch.





Georgian Pictorials Halfpenny

View of Hamilton from Red Hole, Paget

KGV

Halfpenny Two printings 1,231,180



Imprint reads "BRADBURY, WILKINSON & CO LD. ENGRAVERS, ..."

KGVI

Halfpenny Two printings 1,231,180



Imprint reads "BRADBURY, WILKINSON & CO LD. ..."

One penny Four printings 2,140,580



South Shore, Warwick

Georgian Pictorials

KGVI

No plate pre 1950 Frame plate 1950/51 Frame plate 1952.

One penny

Line Perf 11.9



Comb Perf





Missing "Y" on row 3, stamp 1, note row 4 and 5 show damage to the "Y".

Penny halfpenny Four printings 1,898,520



South Shore, Warwick

Eight printings line perforated 11.9, the new frame plate was used on the final two printings.

20 January 1938



Centre: deep blue Frame: chocolate brown



Centre: deep blue Frame: brown

June 1942



Centre: similar Frame: similar

September 1945



Centre: deep blue

Frame: pale chocolate brown

November 1947



Centre: grayish dark blue Frame: pale dull chocolate brown

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Centre: bright deep blue Frame: pale purple-brown

November 1948



Centre: similar to Nov 47 Frame: similar to Nov 47

Frame Plate

February 1950



Centre: bright blue Frame: purple-brown

Penny halfpenny

1 1/2d

Comb perf Frame plate

Five printings comb perforated 11.9 x 11.7

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Centre: bright blue Frame: purple-brown Centre: bright deep blue Frame: dull purple-brown Centre: grey blue Frame: dull purple-brown

Centre plate

September 1952



Centre: bright greenish-blue Frame: pale dull purple-brown

April 1953



Centre: sky blue Frame: purple-brown

1 1/2d

Comb perf Frame and Centre Plate

Two printings





Centre: sky-blue Frame: purple-brown

Two pence Three printings 324.700



The Lucie

KGVI

2d Line Perf 11.9

20 January 1938



Light blue blackish sepia medium, smooth creamy gum

2 POSTAGE

June 1942



Lighter ultramarine deep carmine-red thin paper, transparent gum

1939



Light blue sepia thicker paper, deeper gum

Colour change

March 1943



Light blue dull carmine-red

Novemberr1940

Ultramarine carmine-red thicker paper, rough creamy gum

February 1947



Bluish-ultramarine pale scarlet thin paper, white gum

November1947



Bright blue deep scarlet

February 1948



Bright ultramarine carmine-red

February 1950



Light blue pale dull scarlet

2d Frame Plate

Two printings line perforated 11.9



Centre: light blue Frame: blackish sepia



Centre: light blue Frame: sepia

Colour change



Centre: ultramarine Frame: carmine-red



Centre: ultramarine (lighter) Frame: deep carmine-red



Centre: light blue Frame: dull carmine-red

Line Perf

February 1947



Centre: bluish ultramarine Frame: pale scarlet



Centre: bright ultramarine Frame: carmine-red

November 1947



Centre: bright blue Frame: deep scarlet

February 1950



Centre: light blue Frame: pale dull scarlet

Comb Perf

Four printings comb perforated 11.9 x 11.7

July 1950



Centre: pale ultramarine Frame: carmine-red



Centre: bright pale ultramarine Frame: carmine-red

October 1950



Centre: slightly paler to July 50 Frame: slightly deeper than July 50

September 1952



Centre: bright blue Frame: deep carmine-red Georgian Pictorials Two pence

Four printings comb perforated 11.9 x 11.7

July 1950-



Centre: pale ultramarine Frame: carmine-red

January 1952



Centre: bright pale ultramarine Frame: carmine-red

October 1950



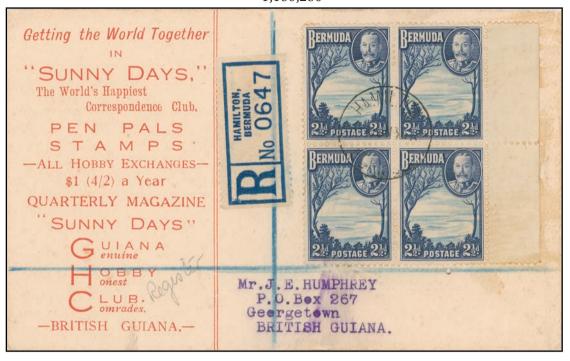
Centre: slightly paler to July 50 Frame: slightly deeper than July 50

September 1952



Centre: bright blue Frame: deep carmine-red

Two pence halfpenny Four printings 1,160,280





Grape Bay, Paget

20 January 1938



Deep blue light blue medium thick paper, smooth cream gum

Colour change



Sky-blue sepia-grey very thin paper, transparent gum watermark pronounced



March 1943

BERMUDA

2 POSTAGE 2

Pale washed out blue drab thin paper, white gum watermark less pronounced

Comb perf 11.9 x 11.7

September1952



Light blue sepia grey thin brittle paper, white opaque gum

Three printings line perforated 11.9

20 January 1938



Centre: light blue Frame: deep blue

January 1949



Centre: pale blue (washed out)

Frame: drab

February 1950



Centre: sky blue Frame: sepia-grey

One printing comb perf 11.9 x 11.7 February 1950



Centre: light blue Frame: sepia-grey Three pence Four printings 220,680



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Three pence

Five printings line perforated 11.9

20 January 1938



Centre: black Frame: rose-red

16 July 1941



Centre: black Frame: rich deep blue

July 1942



Centre: black, grayish tinge Frame: greenish blue

March or July 1943

BERMUDA

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Centre: black, brownish tinge

Frame: dark blue



Centre: black, grayish tinge Frame: dark, less blue

Six pence Three printings 177.120



Par-la-Ville, Hamilton

Bermuda longtail





Black, blue and pea-green fairly thin tinged paper, transparent gum



Black, deeper blue and green thinner un-tinged paper, transparent gum

December 1946



Black, sky blue light, very yellow green thinner paper, less transparent gum watermark is less clear





This value was originally produced to meet demand for a 1s6d airmail rate to U.K. which never materialized

Georgian Pictorials Epilogue



New designs were prepared for King George VI, however he passed before these were issued. Instead these designs were used for the first issue of Queen Elizabeth II using her head.

This were from designs entered by James Berry under the sydonym ENDEAVOUR