



# ISLANDS *Kontakt*

**SPECIAL # 18 – REGISTERED MAIL – EDINBURGH – 2018 V1**

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## **Registered Mail - Edinburgh cancellation in use from 1873 possible on mail relating to Iceland**

In Iceland Philatelic Magazine Issue 10 on page 20 there are some information regarding Edinburgh cancellation under the heading: Edinburgh at bottom".

The information is overall correct, but "special type of postmark for registered mail" is used from the 1780<sup>th</sup>, and there are many different – here concentrating on examples from the time for Iceland mail.

The registered cancellation was normally not used on the stamps but on the back of the letter/card.

James A. Mackay: Scottish Postmarks has in chapter 16 from page 97 descriptions of "REGISTERED" cancellations and different examples are showed as # 1150, 1153-1158, 1162 -1163.

### **1.1 One circle**

#### **1.1.1 One circle - No number – no letter.**

Originally, from 1859 – Kirkwood proof book. Not used on mail from Iceland.

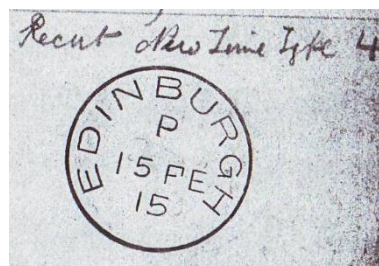


### 1.1.2 One circle - No number but letter

- Originally Mackay 1162. Later example from the Kirkwood proof book)



And in the proof book as late as 1915:



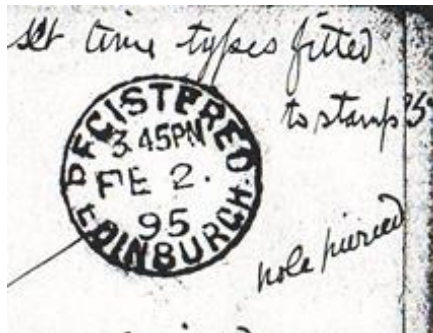
### 1.1.2.1 One circle and only the letter R

From 1867 until 1880 there was a little on circle stamp with an R per Mackay 1193.



### 1.1.3 One circle - No number but with time

– Mackay 1163 – from 1895



Kirkwood



Refreshed in 1902.

### 1.2 Duple circle No 1-5 "REGISTERED" og "EDINBURGH" – number over the date.

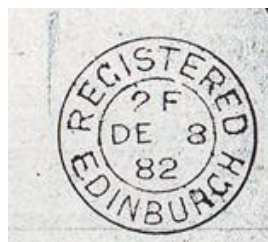
Per Mackay they are from 1882/83 (Mackay # 1185), and they are combined with time code letter. Introduced in 1882

#### 1.2.1 Stamp number 1:



Kirkwood proof

#### 1.2.2 Stamp number 2:



Kirkwood proof

**1.2.3 Stamp number 3**



Kirkwood proof

**1.2.4 Stamp number 4:**



Kirkwood proof

**1.2.5 Stamp number 5:**



Kirkwood proof



### 1.2.6 Stamp number 6 and 7 – NB! One circle

Mackay: "In the early years of the century Edinburgh had a number of single stamps with identifying numerals flanking the inscriptions (1167)

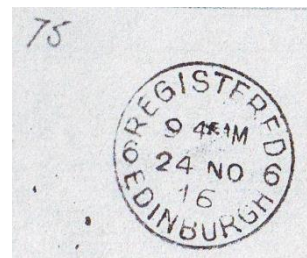
One could get the idea, that number 6 and 7 simply is additional to the above two circle stamps with number one to five – and that is why I describe them here – and no 6 get two circles.

The Mackay example (1167) is from November 1917 and with the number "6"

I have an example from 1911 – but also here number "6"



In the Kirkwood proof book, I have found a proof from 1914 – and here number "6", and the date/month was changed in 1916:

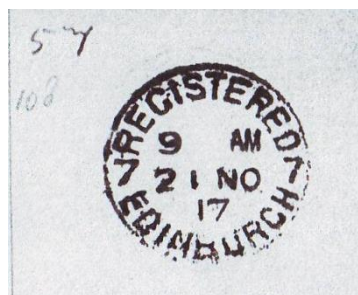
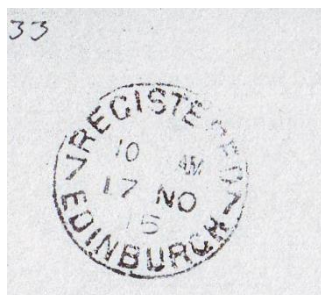


In 1948 no 6 has two rings – found on e-bay.





In addition, in the proof book there is number "7" - New proof in November 1917:



But it is earlier : at least from 1904



**1.3 Two circles and a number between "REGISTERED" and "EDINBURGH".**

It is # 1189 at Mackay. Used from 1895 (?) until 1930 (?)

**1.3.1 Number 1**

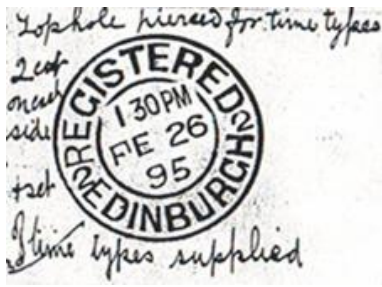


Kirkwood proof

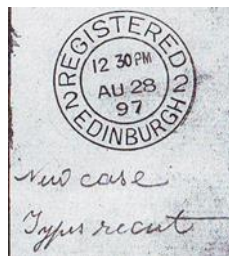


### 1.3.2 Number 2

15.3.2.1



1.3.2.2 Number 2 - repair – Kirkwood proof book 1897 - (2 upright and 2 not on diagonal – right 2 is "fallen"):



1909





1923

### 1.3.2.3 Number 2 - 2 on the same diagonal



### 1.3.2.4 Number 2 - "burgh2" in the right side and [redacted] in the left side.

It can be difficult to see, but it is the best I have



### 1.3.3 Number 3



Kirkwood proof book 1895 small 3

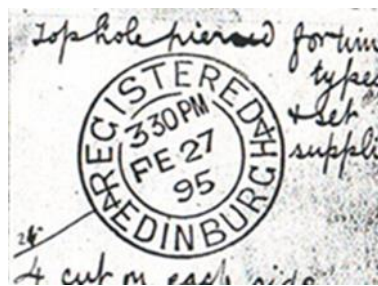


1898 bigger 3



#### 1.3.4 Number 4

##### 1.3.4.1 Number 4. "Cut in the inner circle" (Mackay 1188)



Kirkwood Proof Book 1895

##### 1.3.4.2 Number 4 – no cut.

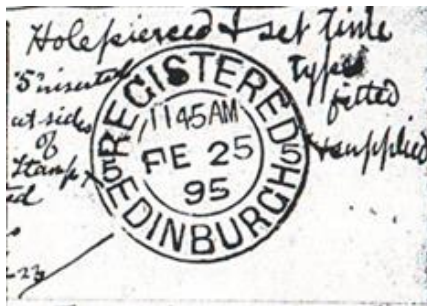


SS LAURA's last trip in 1898 – stamps are missing

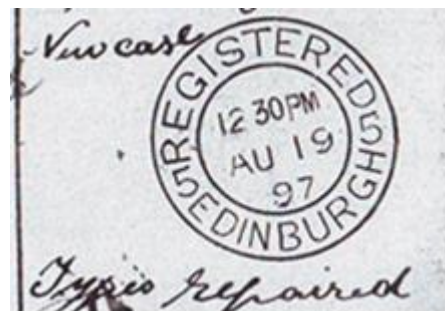




### 1.3.5 Number 5.



Kirkwood proof – small 5



Kirkwood proof - Repair i 1897 - big 5





Indriði Pálssons collection

1.4 Two circle two short black bars with and without a number after "EDINBURGH".

1.4.1 with no.1 after Edinburgh





**1.4.2 with no. 2 after Edinburgh**

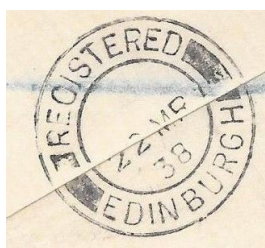


**1.4.3 without no**

Mackay show an example (# 1190) from 1933 without the number after Edinburgh

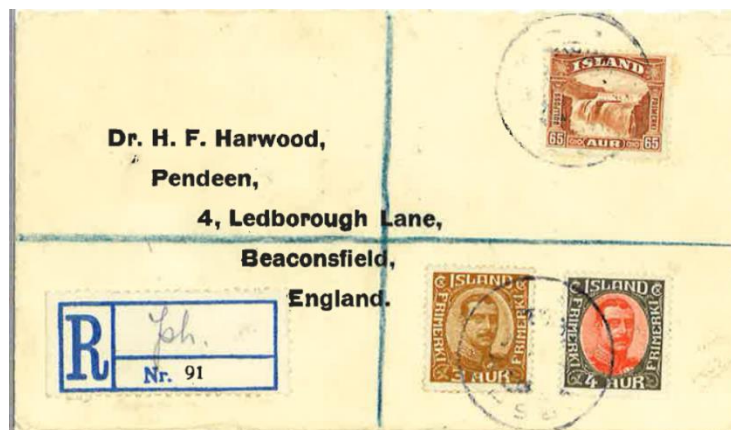


And from 1938:



**1.5 Two circle - "EDINBURGH" and at "R" between arcs.**

**1.5.1 Between fat arcs - Mackay # 1194**



#### 1.5.2 R between thin arcs - Mackay # 1195

The example shown by Mackay (# 1195):



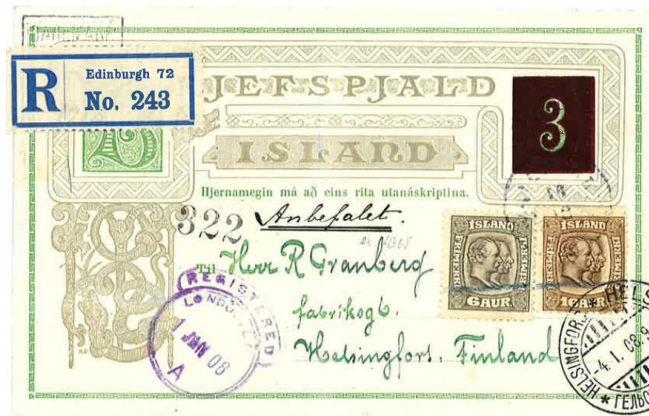
#### 1.6 And one of the many others

Mackay show as # 1191 an example, unknown to me on Icelandic mail, with two circles date and year in the middle. "REGISTERED" and "EDINBURGH", and "no. 12":



### 1.7 Only Edinburgh R-paper mark – no cancellation

In addition, just for fun:



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