

King's Lynn Penny Post, 1814 - 1839

Initially there were just three village receiving houses:

No 1 Castle Rising

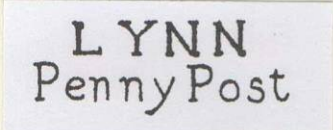
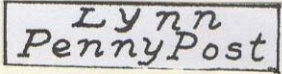
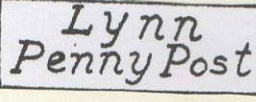
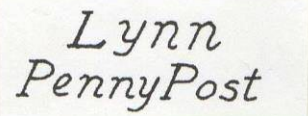
No 2 Snettisham

No 3 Heacham



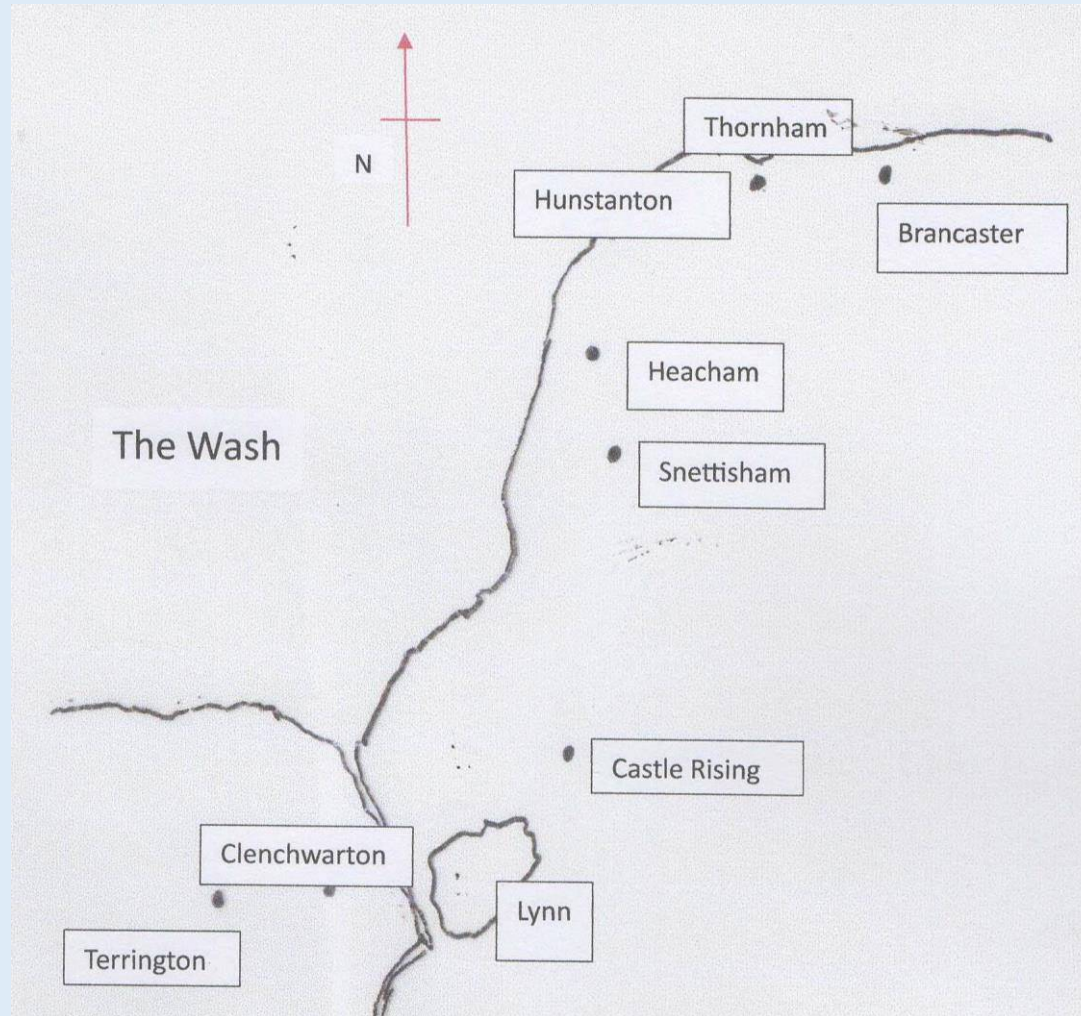
New Conduit Street, site of original
Lynn Post Office

The four types of Lynn Penny Post hand stamps are shown below, referred to as Types 1 to 4

Type 1 No frame 36 x 13 mm red/black Rarity C 1814 – Sep. 1829		Type 2 Small frame 40 x 10 mm black Rarity E Oct. 1829 – Sep. 1834	
Type 3 Large frame 40 x 13 mm black Rarity D Jan. 1833 – Sep. 1837		Type 4 No frame 35 x 13 mm black Rarity F Mar. 1838 – Dec. 1839 Only on mail from Lynn	

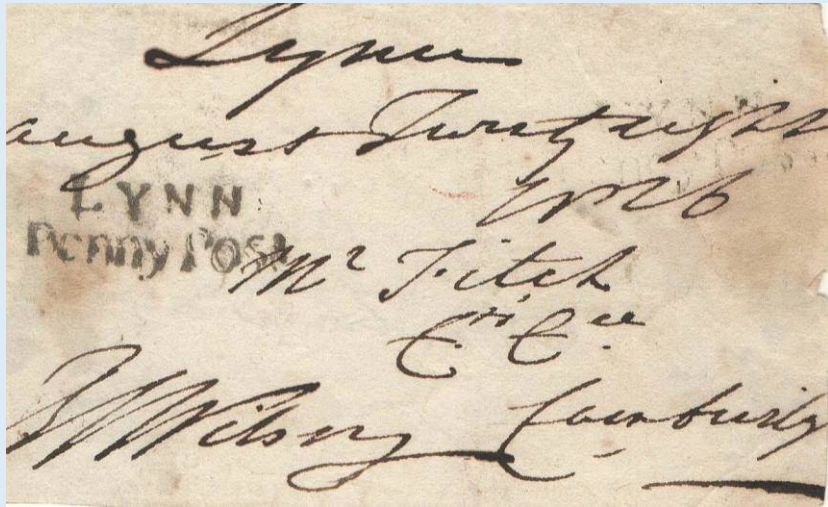
Lynn Penny Post area

Lynn to Terrington
5 miles

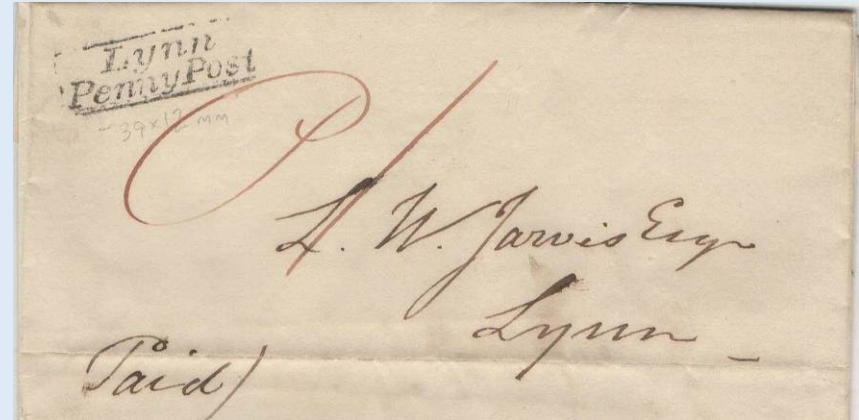


Lynn to Brancaster
21 miles

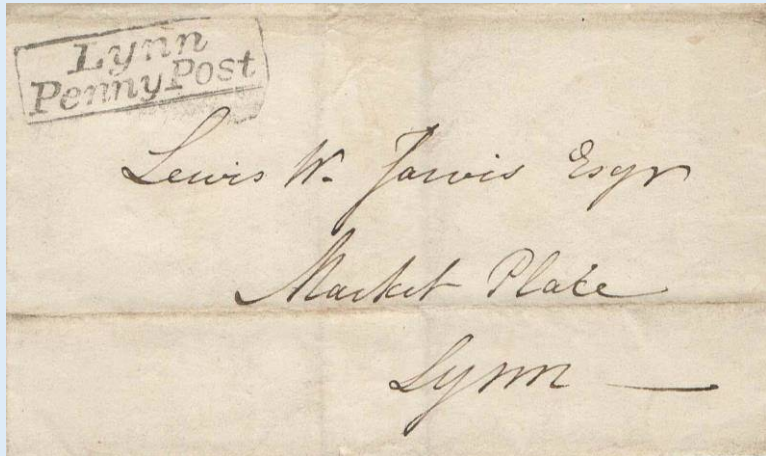
Lynn town's Penny Post hand stamps



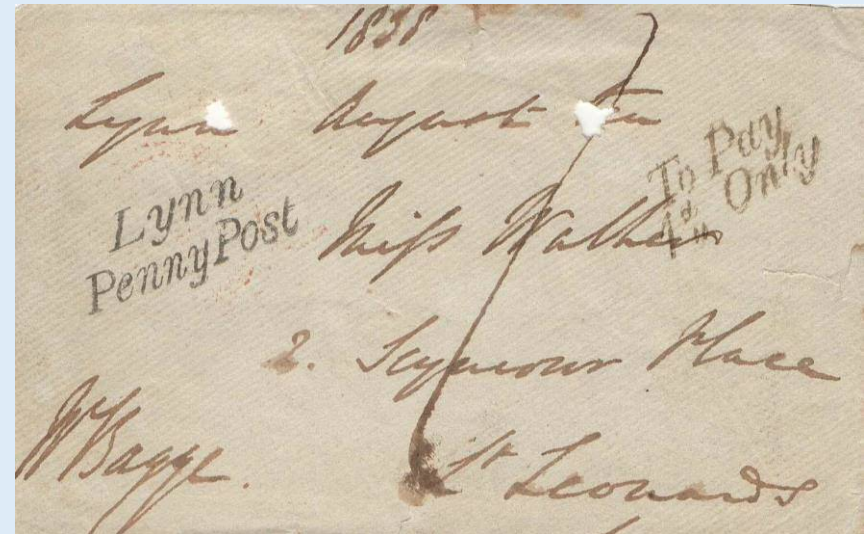
Type 1



Type 2



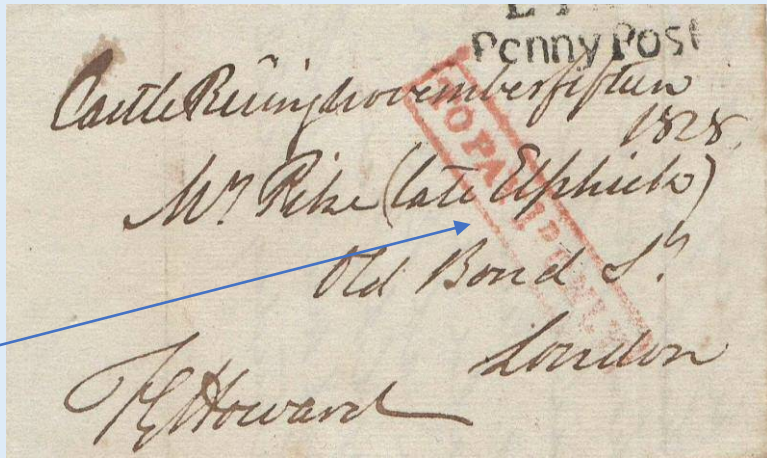
Type 3



Type 4

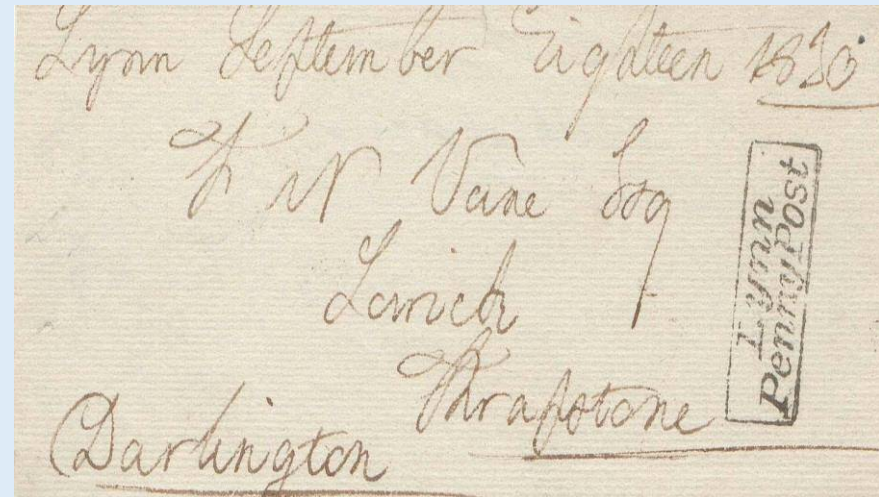
Free letters sent from Lynn, via the Lynn Penny Post

Type 1



London
L 810,
TO PAY
1d ONLY

Type 2



Type 3



London
L 690

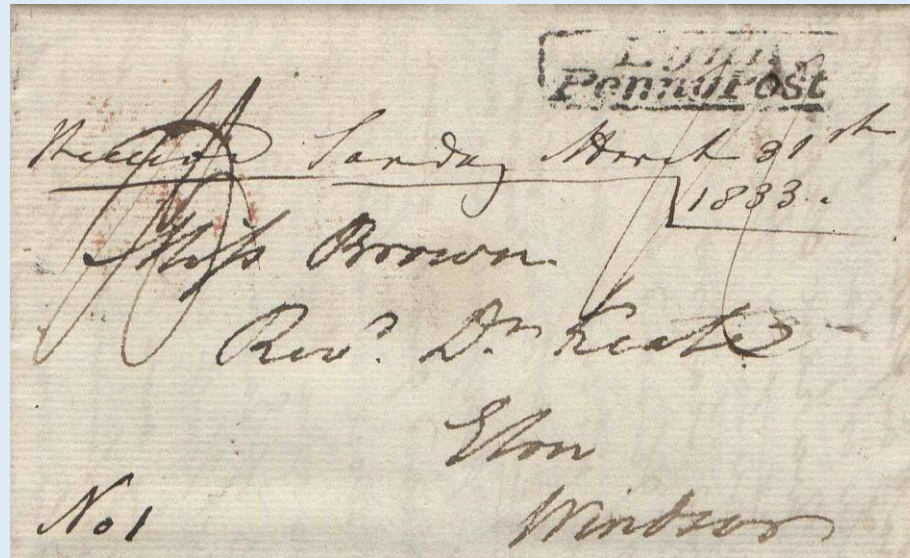
No 1 - Castle Rising



LYNN PP
Type 1



Shown courtesy of Paul Lascelles

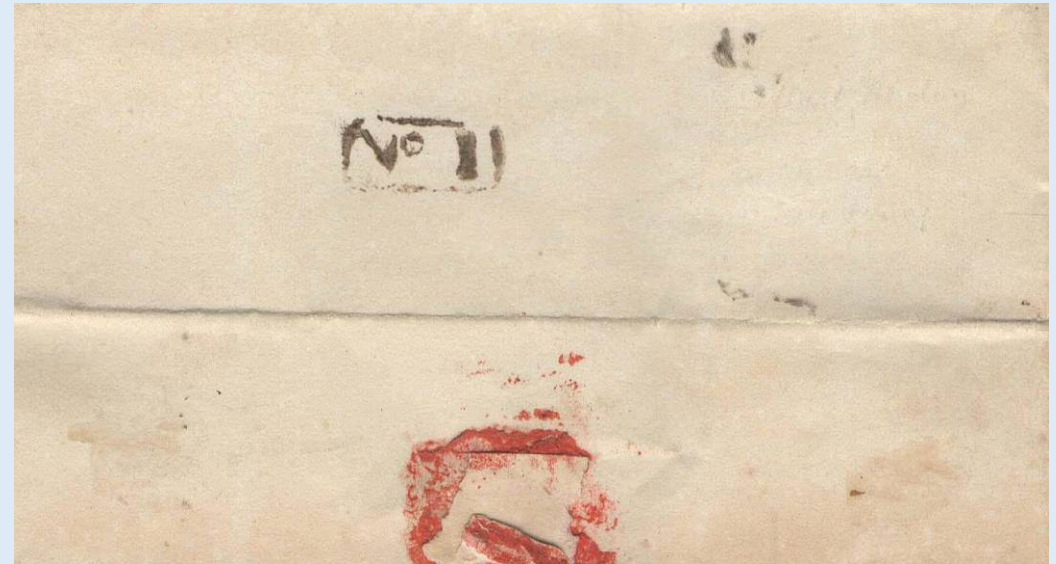
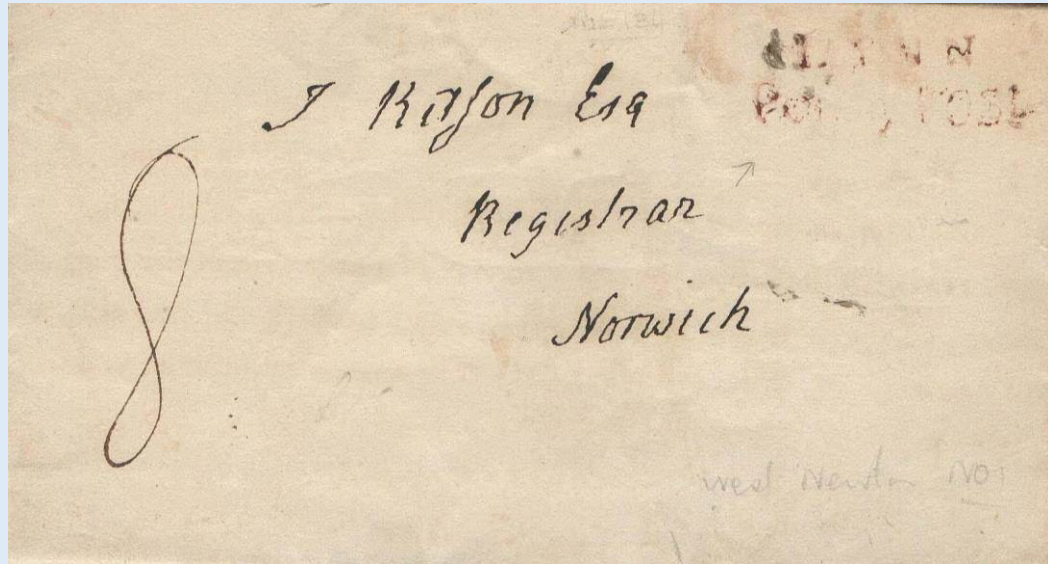


Courtesy of Terry Wagg

Why a m/s No1?

The letter was
written in
Clenchwarton!

No 1, ex West Newton



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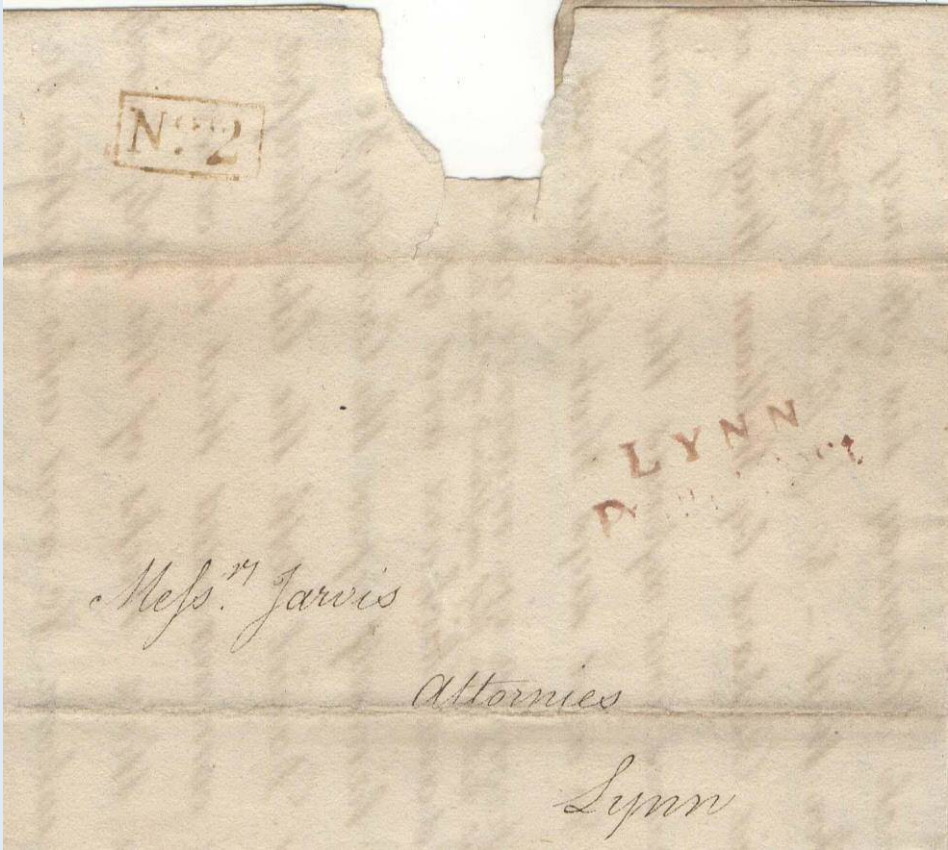
A letter, sent in in 1820s, by Mr Weatherhead, advising the Bishop's registrar that he intends to give up his curacy at Michaelmas

West Newton is about 2 miles from Castle Rising, and abuts the former Castle Rising manor boundary

No 2 Snettisham

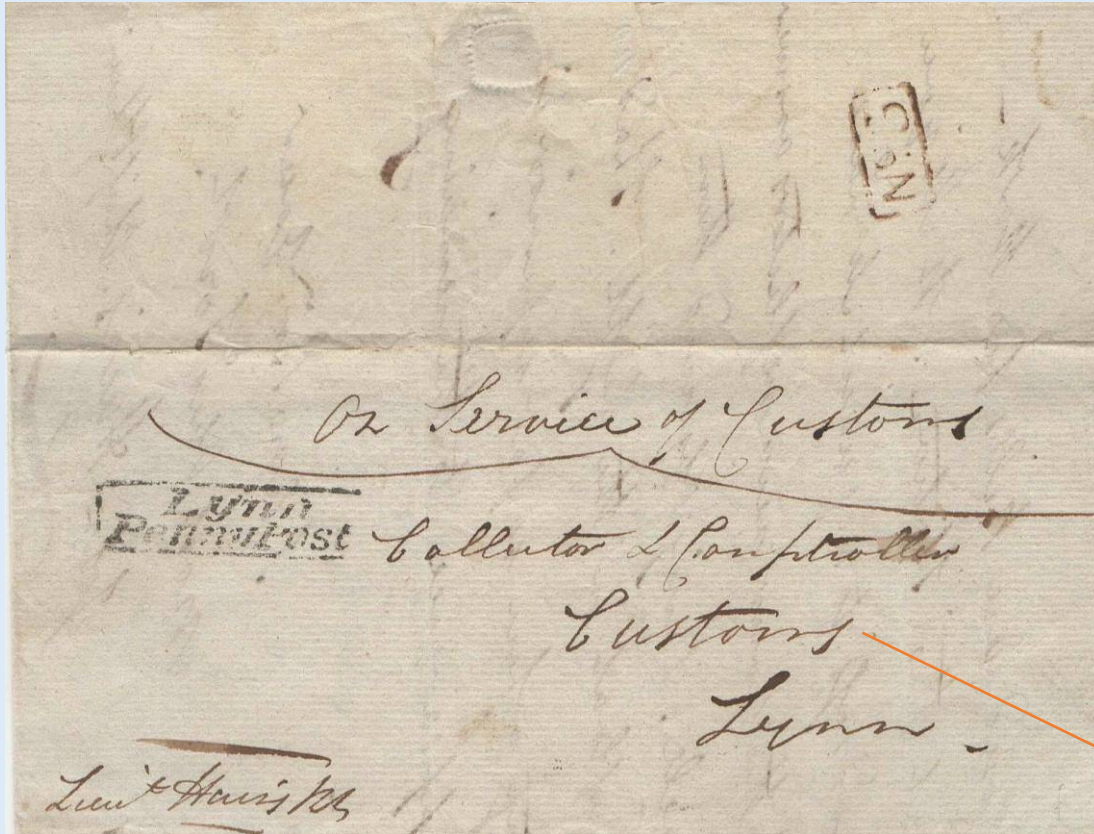


Snettisham's St Mary's church, replicated as a cathedral in Canada.



LYNN Type 1 in red, posted in 1818

No 3 Heacham



From RN Lieutenant to the Lynn Custom House
with a Type 2 LYNN PP mark sent in 1832



Heacham's Post Office in around 1910



No 3 Heacham



Type 3 *Lynn PP* and No 3 receiving house mark on this pre-paid letter sent in 1836



Lynn's Tuesday Market Place, where the solicitor, Louis Jarvis was based. He had his own 'box' in the town's sorting office.

1817, two Marshland villages added



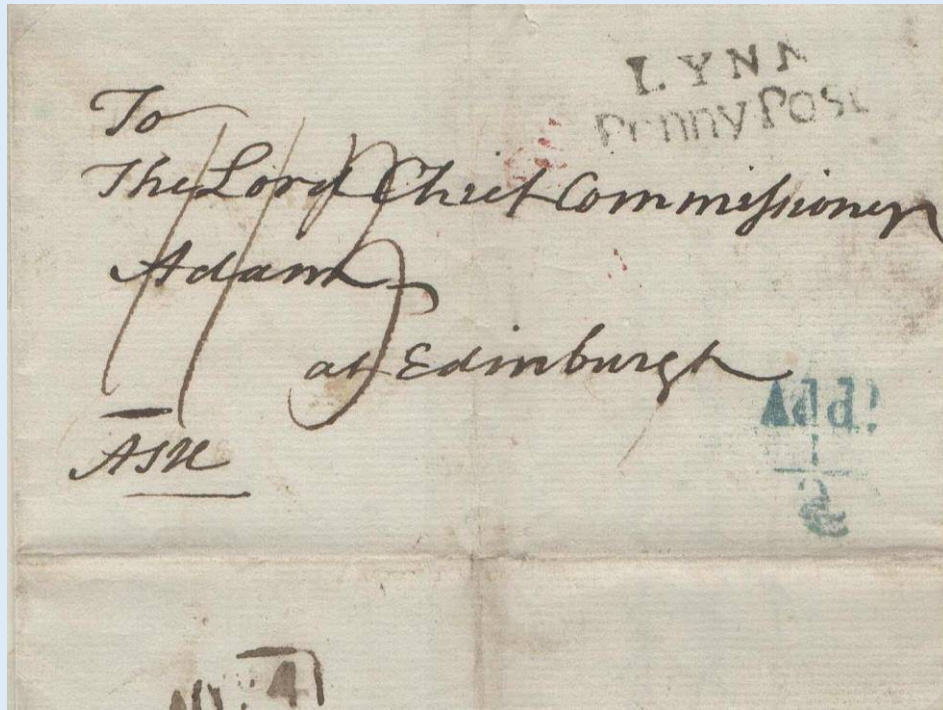
Terrington St Clement Post Office

Terrington was given the receiving house number 4, despite Clenchwarton (No 5) being nearer to Lynn.

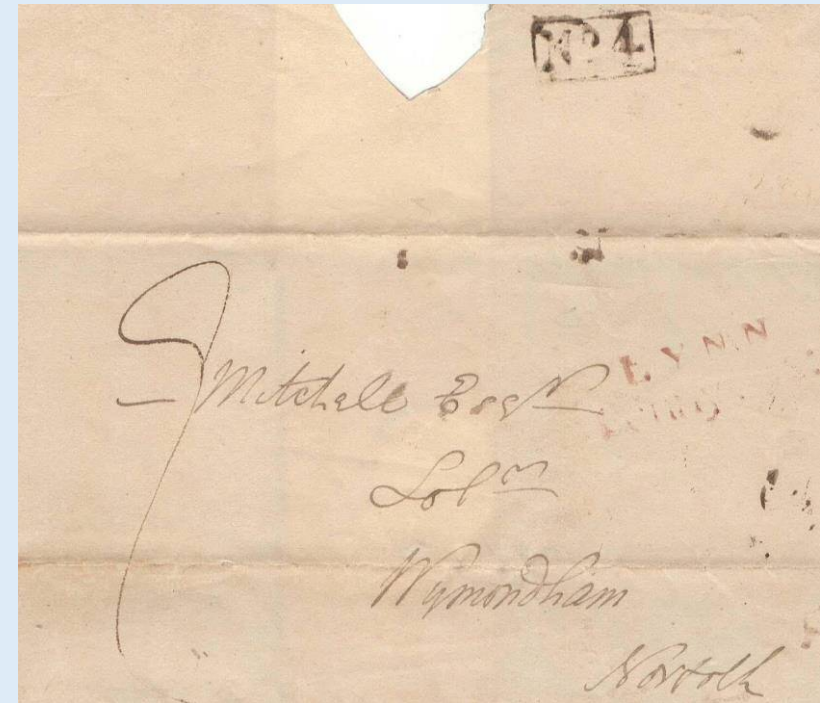
This road led up to Sleaford and Newark where the Great North Road passed through.

However, mail to Scotland from Lynn was sent cross country to Caxton, west of Cambridge to catch the northbound mail coach services.

Terrington St Clement, No 4



The Additional $\frac{1}{2}$ mark is that of Newcastle, NR 574a, in use between June 1824 and early 1830. Type 1 LYNN PP mark



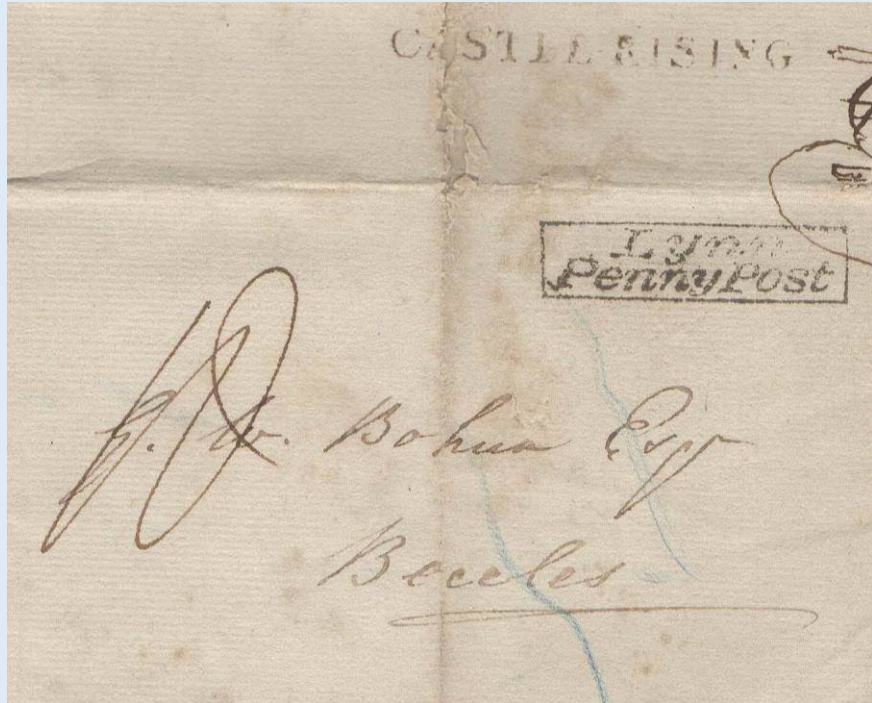
9d postage, as sent via Thetford in 1818
With Type 1 LYNN PP hand stamp

Clenchwarton, No 5

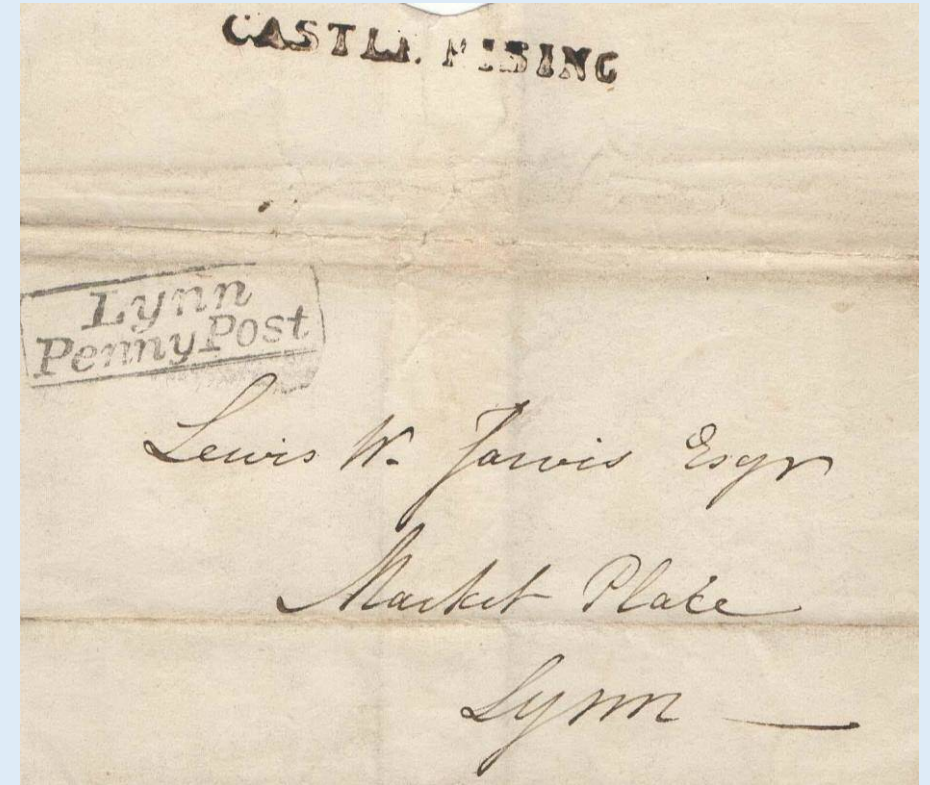


One of many letters recorded sent to Miss Brown at Eton College with a Type 2 LYNN PP mark

CASTLE-RISING! With and without a hyphen



Lynn PP Type 2, sent in October 1829



Lynn PP Type 3 on 1834 wrapper

What was so important about Castle Rising that it felt justified in opting out of using its No 1 receiving house number?

1835, coastal villages added to the Lynn Penny Post

Thornham and Brancaster were originally receiving houses 6 and 7 in the Rougham Penny Post.

These together with (Old) Hunstanton became part of the Lynn P P in 1835 after the extension of the London to Lynn mail coach service to Wells next the sea.

Initially their receiving house numbers were:

Hunstanton – No 8, the nearest to Lynn!; Thornham No 7 and Brancaster No 6

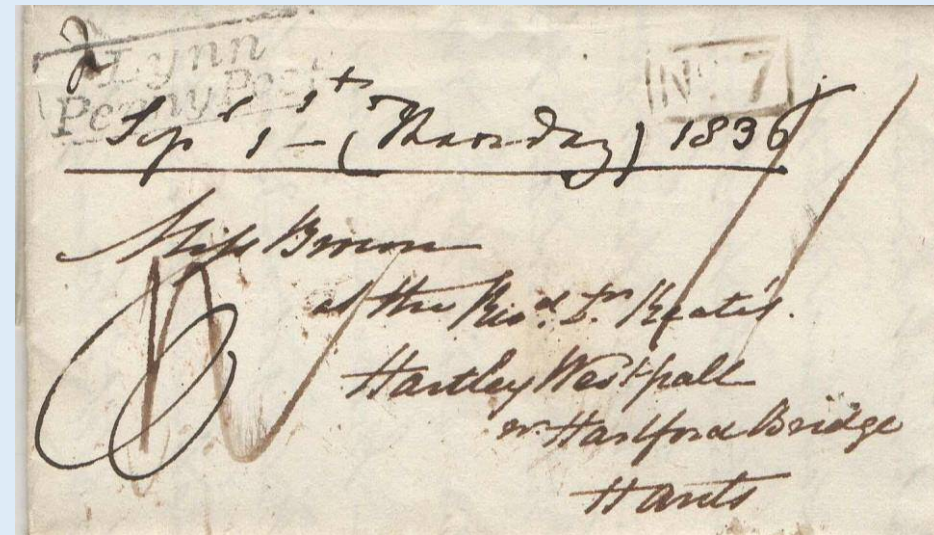
This was deemed illogical and so apart from the original three receiving houses which retained their numbering, the new regime became:

No 4, Hunstanton, No 5 Thornham, No 6 Brancaster, No 7 Clenchwarton and No 8 Terrington.

Boxed receiving house numbers remained in use.

1836, re-numbering of receiving houses

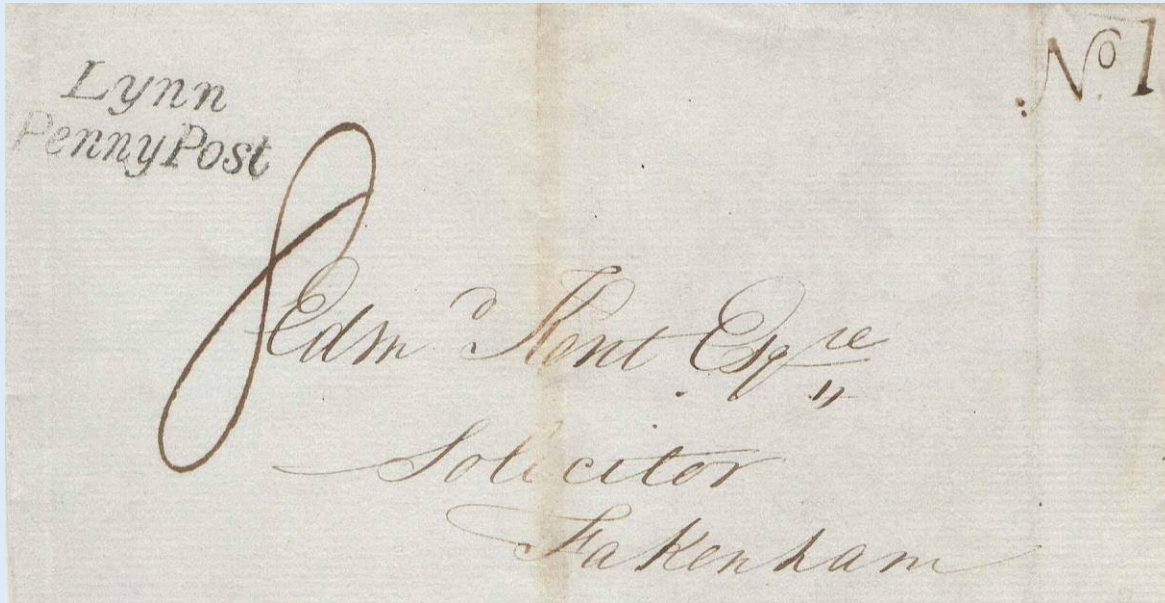
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- 3 Heacham
- 4 Hunstanton
- 5 Thornham
- 6 Brancaster
- 7 Clenchwarton
- 8 Terrington



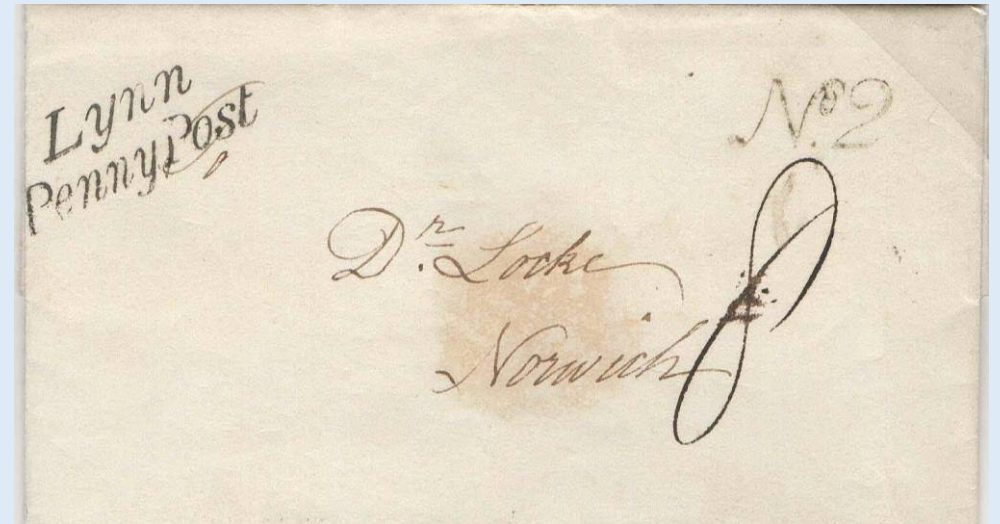
New No 7, Clenchwarton, together
with LYNN PP Type 3 mark.

1837, new *script style* receiving house numbers

No 1 Castle Rising & No 2 Snettisham

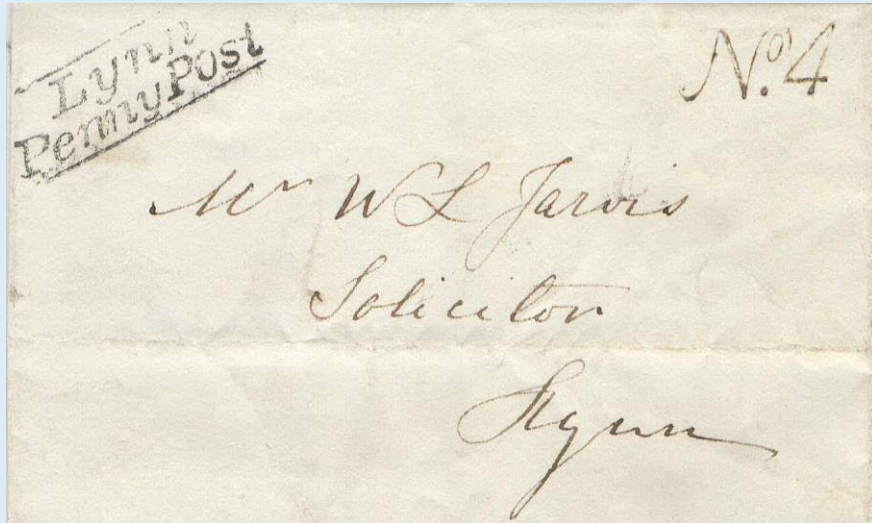


Lynn Penny Post, the Type 4 unframed hand stamp introduced in March 1838

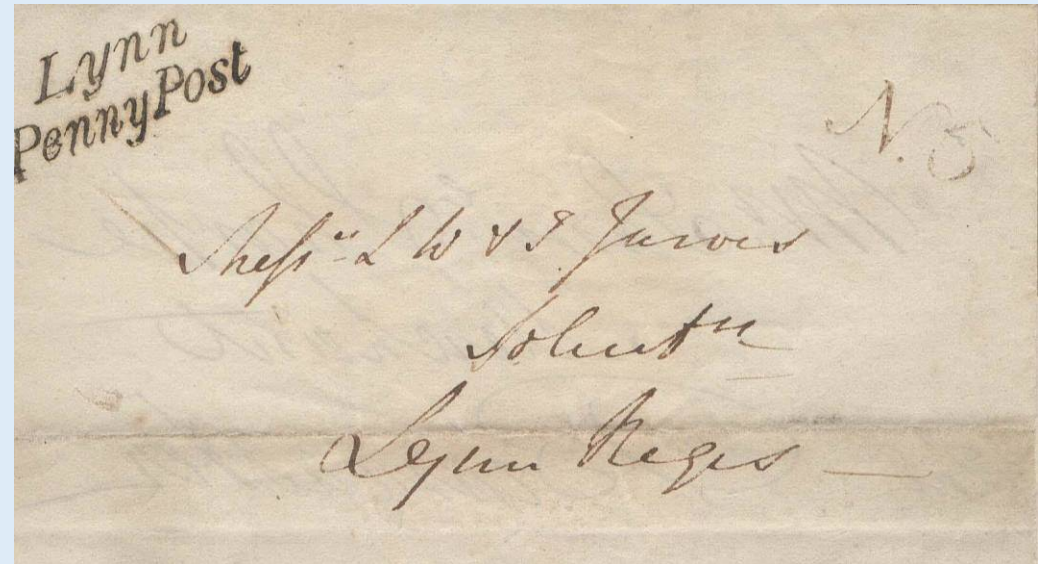


Sent by the Rev. Bacon of Fring in 1838 with another strike of the Type 4 *Lynn Penny Post* mark.

No 4 Hunstanton & No 5 Thornham

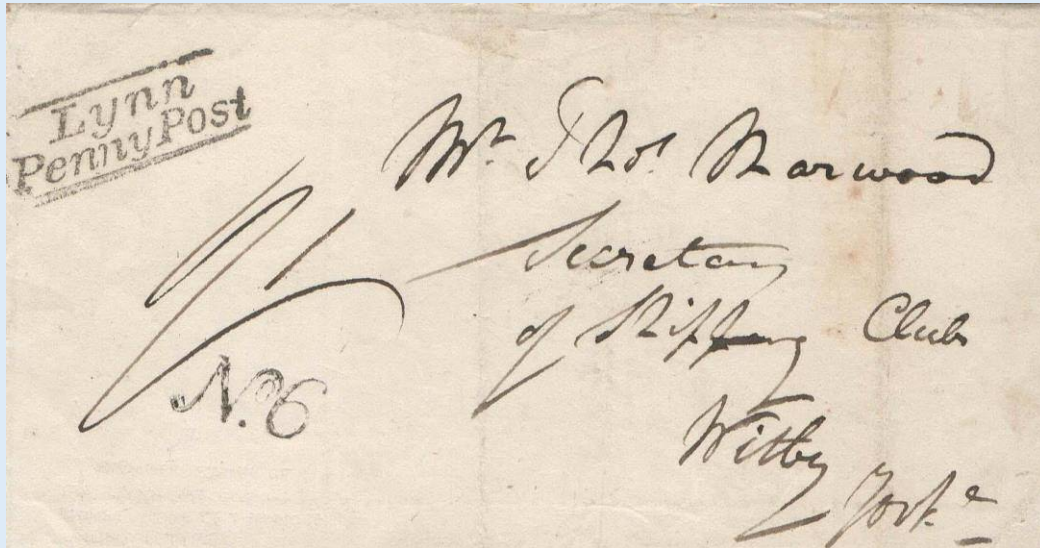


Sent from Hunstanton Hall in May 1837,
a relatively late use of Lynn's Type 3
Penny Post mark.



Just a 1d postage for this wrapper to Lynn's
premier solicitor with the un-framed Type 4
Script-style hand stamp, sent in August 1838

No 6 Brancaster, No 7 Clenchwarton

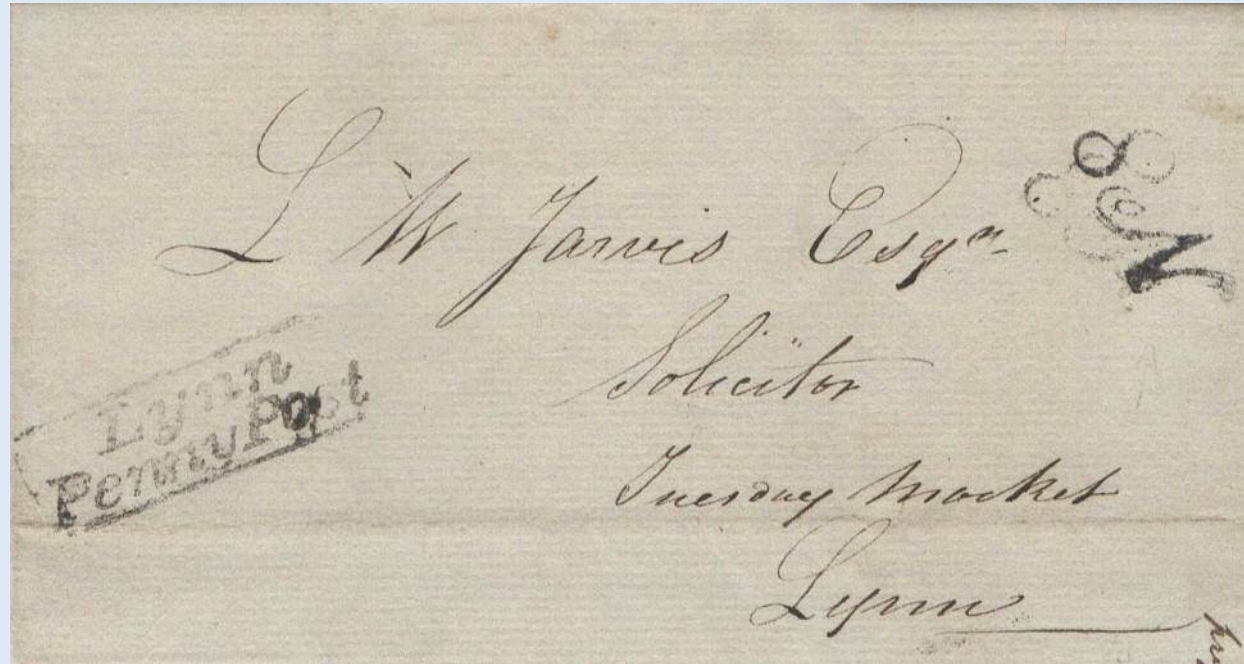


Originally receiving house No 8 of the Rougham Penny Post, it became Lynn No 6 receiving house in 1836. It is marked here on this November 1837 letter to Whitby with Lynn's Type 3 hand stamp



A long letter from an estate manager to the owner in Hampshire.
Type 3 LYNN PP hand stamp

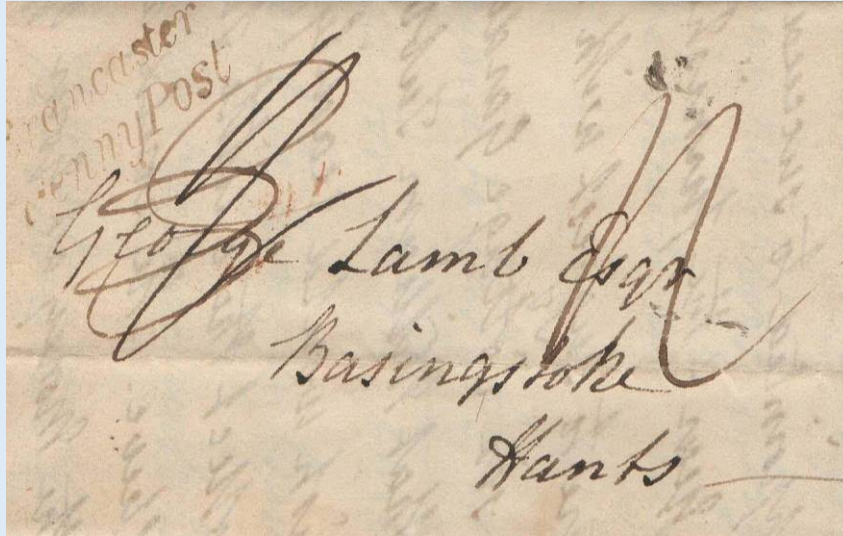
No 8 Terrington St Clement



Another 'local' letter to Lynn with a Type 3 *Lynn PP* hand stamp sent in October 1837

1838 Village Penny Post hand stamps

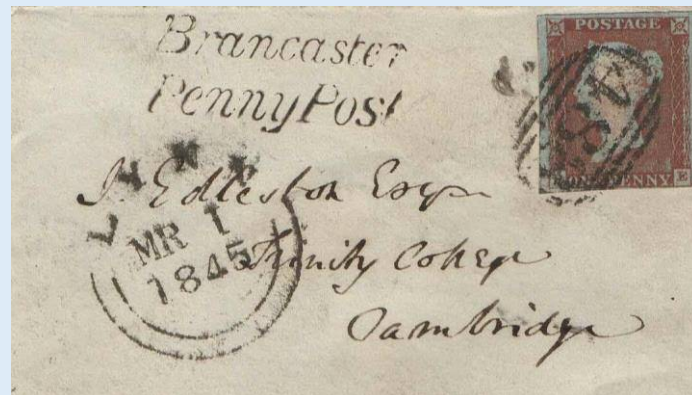
Sent in 1839,
so village PP
mark
correctly
struck on the
front of the
letter



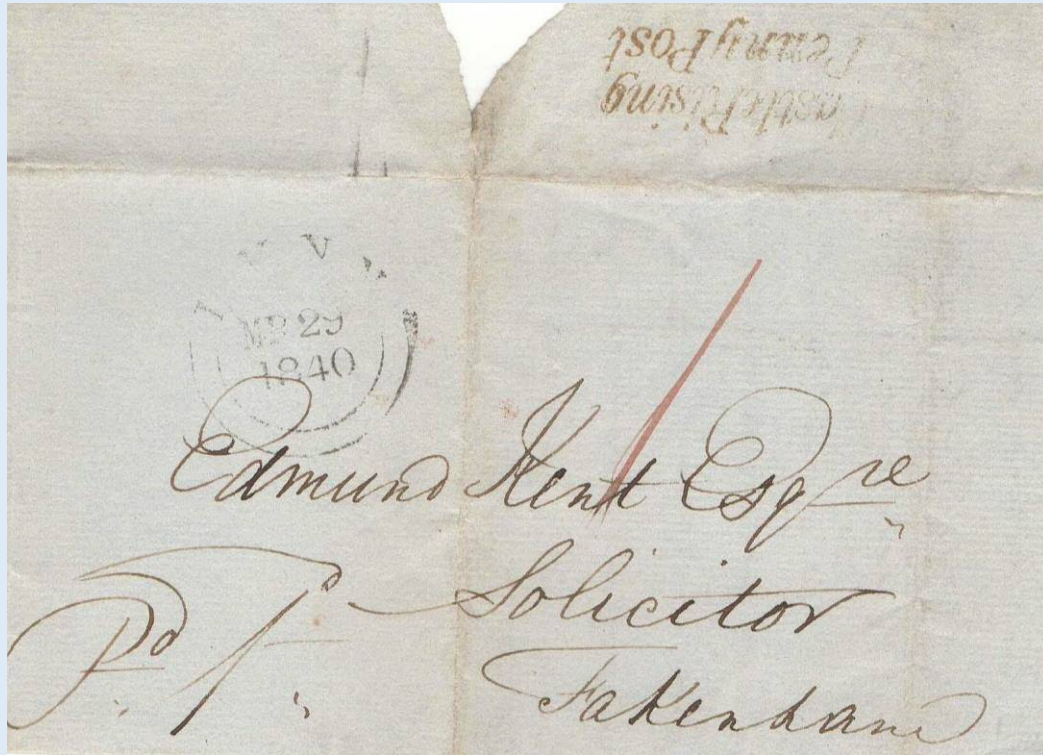
Latest Known Dates of usage (LKD)

Castle Rising	February 1852
Snettisham	February 1853
Heacham	April 1853
Hunstanton	July 1853
Thornham	April 1853
Brancaster	February 1852
Clenchwarton	January 1847
Terrington	September 1841

Incorrectly
applied to the
front in 1845



Castle Rising

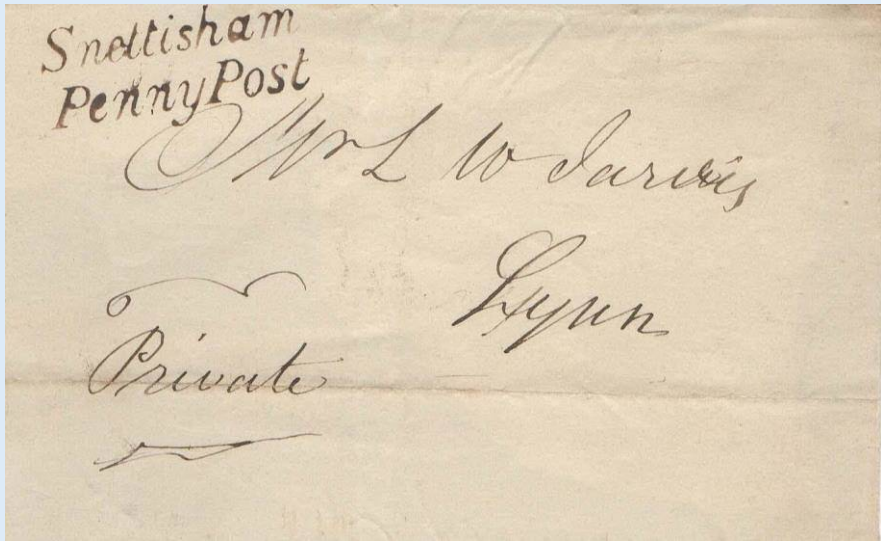


Sent during the **Uniform Penny Post** period
on 29th March 1840



Posted 1st March 1850

Snettisham



Sent in
February
1839

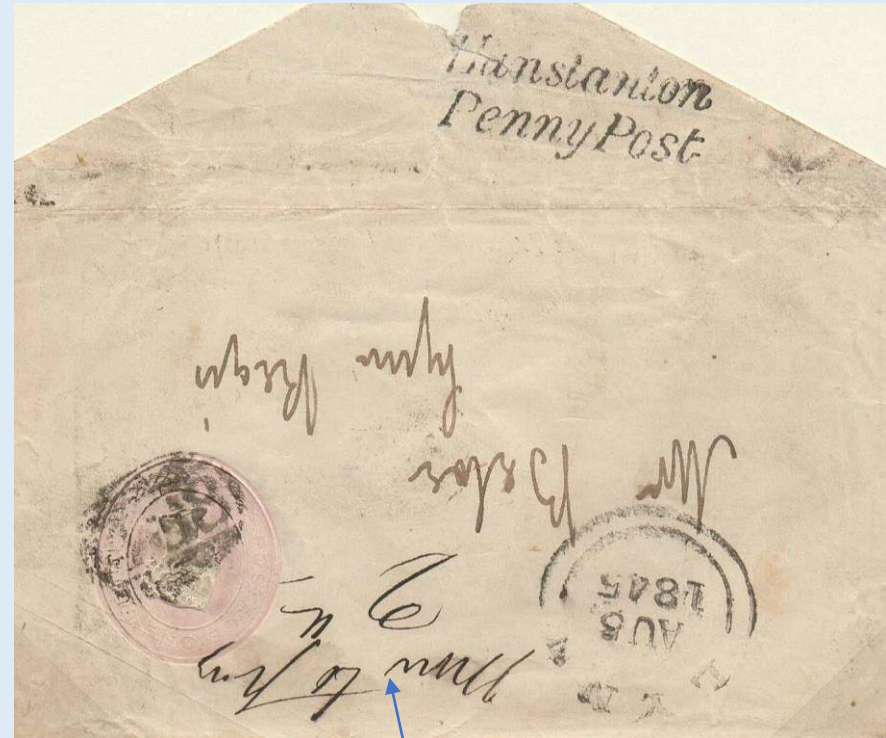


Applied to
the
reverse of
the letter



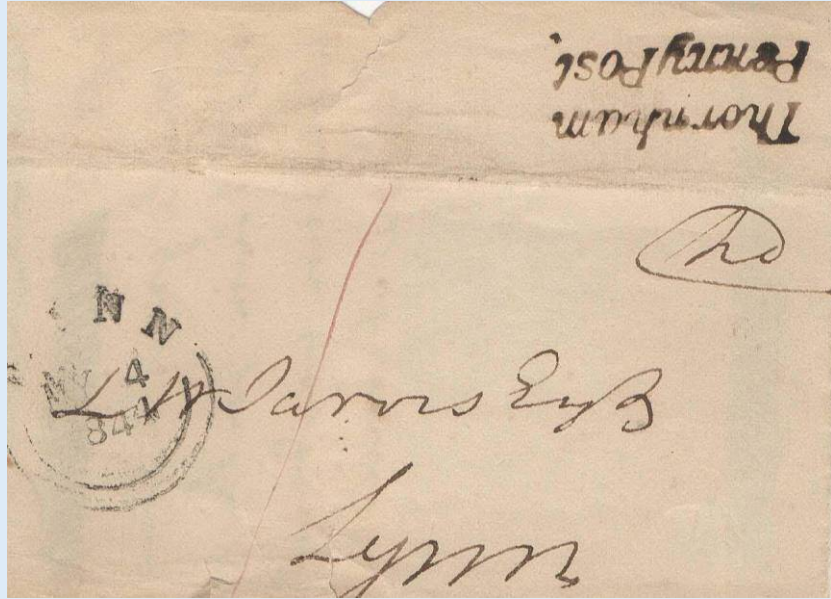
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Heacham and Hunstanton

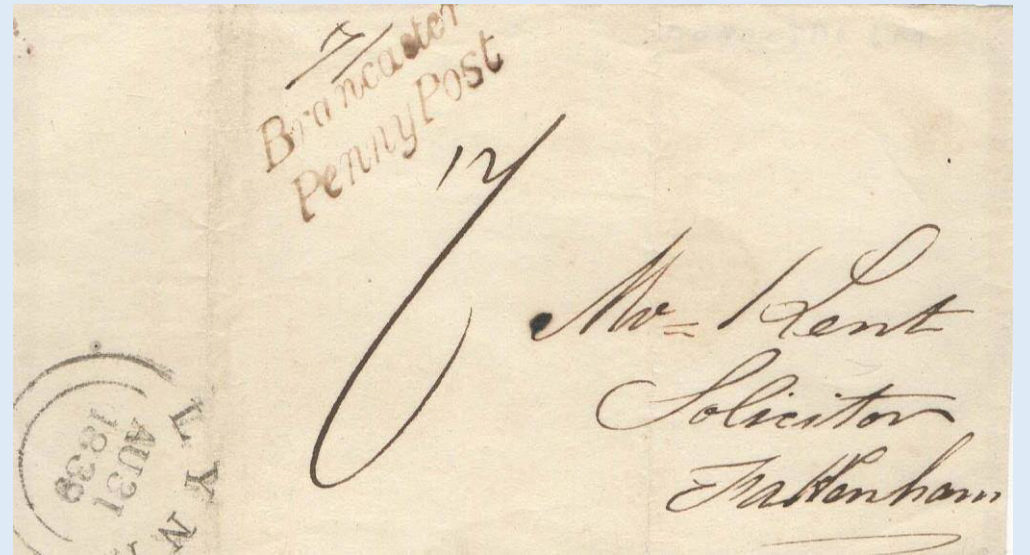


Why the 'More to pay, 2d'?

Thornham and Brancaster



No stamp available in 1844!

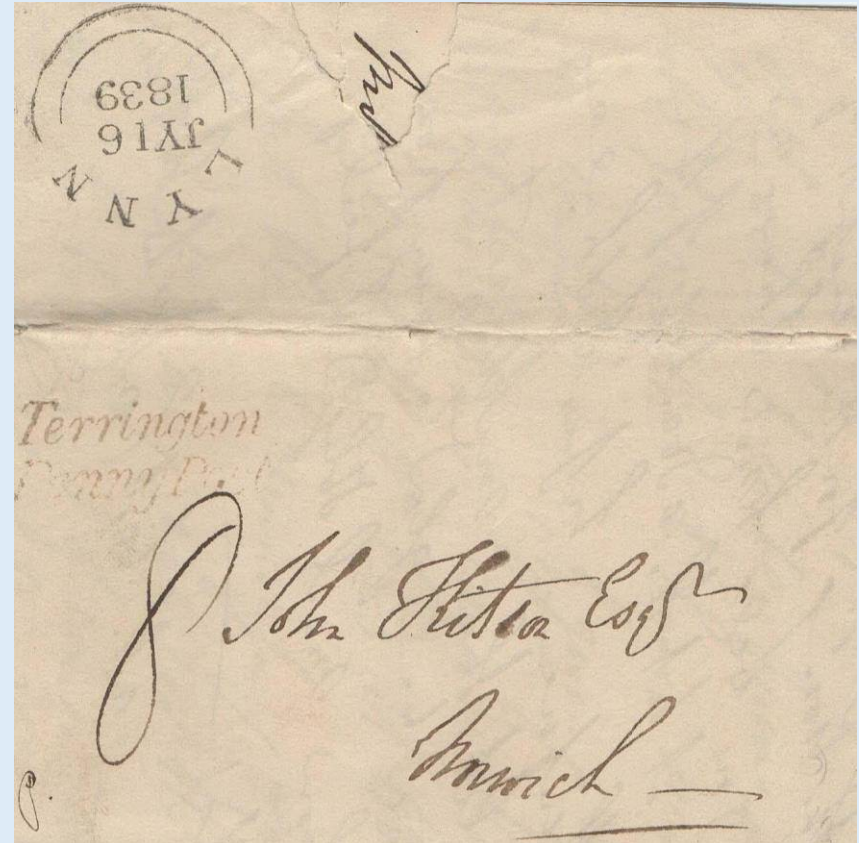


7d postage to Fakenham on 1839 letter

Clenchwarton and Terrington



Another letter to Basingstoke solicitor, with village PP hand stamp wrongly applied to the front. Late use of Lynn's Maltese cross canceller



8d postage to Norwich, via Thetford, sent in July 1839

The Lynn Penny Post carried on in all weathers!



Thank you for watching