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The 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:
1875 (CP4)_J H Barrow Esq., Daltongate, Ulverston (actually used MR28 79)

Comment:
John Harrison Barrow, 43 Daltongate, Ulverston * abt. 1821 married June 1850 † Sept QRT 1891

In 1856, *Eliza Bond,* a 60 ton schooner built at Chester was owned by Thomas Roper, Henry Bond and with a John Harrison Barrow as managing owner.

In 1868, the *Ellen & Sarah,* a 53 ton schooner built by Petty & Postlethwaite in 1837 was sold by Thomas, James and Richard Roper to John Harrison Barrow. She foundered in April 1882.

In 1886, following an auction, a John Harrison Barrow of Ulverston is recorded as being a draper.

In 1887, John Harrison Barrow was Chairman of Ulverston Urban District Council holding discussions regarding the Furness Railway Bill.

The possible family link between John Harrison (English clockmaker, who invented the marine chronometer) and Sir John Barrow (English statesman) is tantalising.

Ulverston (Cumbric: Ylferston) is a market town in the South Lakeland district of Cumbria in north-west England. Historically part of Lancashire, the town is located in the Furness area, close to the Lake District, and just north of Morecambe Bay.

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