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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:

1841-1842 (EP5a)_Septimus Smith Esq., Solr, Blandford (actually used AU17 1847)

Comment:

Septimus Smith was an influential and respected solicitor at Blandford. His name appears on the List of Bailiffs: 1592 to 1834 against the year 1831.

Septimus SMITH Esq. was baptized 29 October 1793 Axminster and died 14th August 1849 Blandford Forum, Dorset married Iwerne Courtney 15 January 1818 Sophia ANDREWS of Iwerne Courtney Blandford Forum Administration 15 November 1834.

Blandford Forum (or simply Blandford), is a small historic market town on the River Stour in the North Dorset district of Dorset, England noted for its Georgian architecture.

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