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**POST OFFICE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS IN NIGERIA**

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For many years, since the 1950's, I have been recording the identification numbers of Nigerian Post

Offices as I have discovered them on stamps and letters. The commonly used dated hand cancel devices do not carry any number device. Only the Money Order (M.O.) or Postal Savings (S.B.) cancel devices commonly carry such numbers and so they are not too commonly seen on either stamps or covers. Yet they do appear, from time to time, and that is the basis of this listing. Several ‘normal’ stamp canceller types incorporate an identification number, for example Jones type 76.

My own list has been supplemented by that of fellow member, Neville Jones, who is the Editor of the modern Nigeria part of our study circle.

Note: 1. Since the list was begun in the 1950's it does include the Cameroons.

2. Number 256 and 266 seem to be the same P.O. This must be studied. Only 266 seen, on Savings Bank cancel

3. Number 6482 is probably a 6th canceller at Maiduguri (No. 482). Agree. Most likely counter no 6 at office 482

4. The list, for the most part, is in alphabetical order. It will be interesting to note the changes as the number of Post Offices increases.

Without seeing an official post office list of identification numbers, which must exist but has not been reported, we do not know whether all the gaps in numbering were actually assigned, to offices which did not use a canceller of the type which included an identification number. Important offices such as Abeokuta do not appear on this list, while other later established ones, such as Eleruwa are interpolated out of alphabetical order. Inspection of the list suggests that ‘new’ offices were generally interpolated rather than assigned numbers commencing from the end of the original list

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| 2 | Abak |
| 3 | Lagos GPO |
| 5 | Abraka |
| 6 | Ado Ekiti |
| 7 | Afikpo |
| 8 | Agbor |
| 9 | Agege |
| 10 | Agenebode |
| 11 | Ahoada |
| 13 | Apapa |
| 14 | Arochuku |
| 16 | Auchi |
| 17 | Awka |
| 18 | Abonnema |
| 18 | Ado Ekiti Chr. Sch. |
| 19 | Agbado |
| 20 | Azare |
| 21 | Aba Town |
| 23 | Ajeromi |
| 24 | Agbani |
| 25 | Abuja |
| 26 | Ikeja Airport |
| 28 | Ajalli |
| 29 | Abudu |
| 30 | Agbeni |
| 31 | Ago Iwoye |
| 36 | Awgu |
| 37 | Secretariat B03 Ibadan |
| 39 | Akwukwu-lsseleuku |
| 41 | Abbi Abraka |
| 45 | Afuze Ausni (=Benin) |
| 47 | Aguata |
| 55 | Aiyetoro |
| 72 | AldersTown-Warri |
| 95 | Eleruwa-Ibadan |
| 106 | Badagry |
| 107 | Bamenda |
| 108 | Bansara |
| 109 | Barakin Ladi |
| 110 | Baro |
| 111 | Bauchi |
| 113 | Benin |
| 114 | Bida |
| 115 | Birnin Kebbi |
| 116? | Bonny |
| 117 | Brass |
| 118 | Buea |
| 119 | Bukuru |
| 120 | Burutu |
| 121 | Buguma |
| 122 | Bama |
| 125 | Bomadi-Warri |
| 149 | Cable Point Asaba |
| 150 | Chindit Barracks Zaria |
| 159 | Ubuluku-Ogwashiuku (see also 659) |
| 160 | Damaturu |
| 161 | Degema |
| 162 | Duchin Wai |
| 163 | Denton St. EB |
| 165 | Diobu |
| 173 | Ebute Metta |
| 174 | Ede 3 |
| 176 | Eket |
| 178 | Epe |
| 182 | Etinan |
| 183 | Effurun |
| 184 | Ekpoma |
| 185 | Eleiyele-Ibadan |
| 186 | Ejigbo BO Oshogbo |
| 187 | Etinan |
| 187 | Eku |
| 189 | Egbe |
| 193 | Erin Ile Offa |
| 201 | Ekwerizu-Owerri |
| 202 | Effun Alaye |
| 226 | Funtua |
| 237 | Gboko |
| 238 | Gombe 2 |
| 239 | Gudi |
| 240 | Gusau and Jagindi Kafanchan |
| 250 | Ikenne-Shagamu |
| 251 | lgbara Oke |
| 252 | Irrua Uromi |
| 254 | Idoani |
| 255 | Igbaja |
| 256 | Idah |
| 257 | Ijero Ekiti Lagos |
| 261 | Ile Oluji |
| 263 | Ibadan |
| 264 | Agodi Gate BO Ibadan |
| 265 | Iddo Station |
| 266 | Idah |
| 267 | Idumagbo |
| 268 | Ife |
| 270 | Ijebu Ode |
| 271 | Ikare |
| 273 | Ikirun |
| 274 | Ikom |
| 277 | llesha |
| 279 | Imo Abeokuta |
| 280 | Imo River |
| 281 | Issele Uku |
| 283 | Ikeja and see 326 |
| 284 | Ikerre |
| 285 | Iwo |
| 286 | Ikorodu |
| 287 | Ijebu Igbo |
| 289 | Ibusa |
| 290 | !fon |
| 291 | Idanre |
| 292 | Ipetu ljesha |
| 293 | Illah Issele Uku |
| 294 | Ikole |
| 295 | Iddo Station |
| 296 | Ikot Akan |
| 297 | Ijero Ilesha |
| 300 | Isonyin |
| 312 | Illa Orangun |
| 315 | Igarra-Auchi |
| 318 | Ife Ezinihitte |
| 326 | Ikeja and see 283 |
| 327 | Igbo Ora |
| 328 | Ise Ekiti |
| 330 | Ibokun |
| 331 | Ikoyi Lagos |
| 334 | Iperu |
| 336 | lseyin |
| 347 | Ife B02 |
| 399 | Jantar Area Jos |
| 402 | Jos |
| 403 | Jos North |
| 404 | Jos Town Jos |
| 420 | Kabba |
| 421 | Kaduna Head Office |
| 422 | Kaduna Junction |
| 423 | Kafanchan |
| 424 | Kano |
| 425 | Katsina |
| 426 | Kaura Namoda |
| 427 | Koko |
| 428 | Kontagora |
| 429 | Kumba |
| 430 | Kwale |
| 431 | Kaduna Town |
| 432 | Sabongari Kano |
| 433 | Kano City |
| 434 | Kano Airport |
| 436 | Keffi |
| 440 | Kingsway Stores Lagos |
| 460 | Lafiagi Lagos BO |
| 461 | Lagos 6 7 9 10-20 23 30 |
| 462 | Lagos BO (Catholic Mission Street) (?=City Hall Branch Office later??) |
| 463 | Broad Street Lagos |
| 464 | Lau |
| 465 | Lokoja |
| 468 | Moloney Street Lagos |
| 469 | Lafenwa |
| 469 | Totoro Abeokuta (Yes checked) |
| 470 | Lafia |
| 481 | Maidobi |
| 482 | Maiduguri (and see 6482 Maiduguri) |
| 483 | Makurdi |
| 485 | Mamfe |
| 486 | ? Mapo Hill Ibadan |
| 487 | Minna |
| 490 | Mobile P.O. No. 1 Aba |
| 491 | Mushin |
| 493 | Mbieri |
| 494 | Mobile P.O. No. 2 (Benin) |
| 495 | Mobile P.O. Ibadan |
| 496 | Mobile P.O. No. 4 (Jos) |
| 497 | Mobile P.O. Enugu |
| 499 | Mopa-Kabba |
| 500 | Mubi |
| 503 | Mobile P.O.Kano |
| 504 | Mbaitoli |
| 506 | Mobile P.O. Enugu |
| 507 | Mobile P.O. Enugu |
| 508 | Mobile P.O. Port Harcourt |
| 509 | Mobile P.O. Port Harcourt |
| 510 | Mobile P.O. Port Harcourt |
| 511 | Mobile P.O. Lagos |
| 512 | Mobile P.O. Benin |
| 513 | Mobile P.O. Kaduna |
| 516 | Fegge Onitsha |
| 519 | Nembe |
| 520 | Nguru |
| 521 | Nsukka |
| 522 | Numan |
| 523 | Nwaniba |
| 524 | Nbawsi |
| 525 | Nnewi |
| 526 | Nkwogwu |
| 529 | Ora (see also 586) |
| 545 | Orerokpe-Warri |
| 546 | Otwa-Auchi |
| 551 | Oleh-Ughelli |
| 552 | Oguta South Oguta |
| 554 | Oka |
| 555 | Obiaruku-Abraka |
| 556 | Oye lkin |
| 557 | Okuku |
| 561 | Offa |
| 563 | Ogidi |
| 562 | Ogbomosho |
| 564 | Ogoja |
| 565 | Oguta |
| 566 | Ogwashi Uku |
| 567 | Okene |
| 568 | Okigwe |
| 569 | Okitipupa |
| 570 | Ondo |
| 571 | Onitsha |
| 572 | Opobo Lagos |
| 573 | Orlu |
| 574 | Oron |
| 575 | Oshogbo |
| 576 | Otta |
| 577 | Oturkpo |
| 578 | Owerri |
| 579 | Owo |
| 580 | Oyo |
| 582 | Onitsha Town |
| 583 | Bori Ogoni |
| 584 | Oyan |
| 585 | Oshodi (correcting typo) |
| 586 | Ora (?different office from the 529 one) |
| 587 | Onitsha BO |
| 588 | Oke Ado |
| 590 | Owode |
| 594 | Obudu |
| 600 | Port Harcourt |
| 601 | Potiskum |
| 602 | Aggrey Road Port Harcourt BO |
| 604 | Pankshin |
| 609 | Omuaran |
| 614 | Rayfield Bukuru |
| 618 / 635 | Samaru-Zaria / Samaru |
| 619 | Shaki Oyo |
| 620 | Sapele |
| 621 | Shagamu |
| 622 | Sokoto |
| 624 | Sapele Town Sapele |
| 626 | Sobe-Ifon |
| 628 | Egborode-Sapele |
| 629 | Shendam-Barakin Ladi |
| 630 | Tiko |
| 632 | Surulere |
| 636 | Sapele Road Benin |
| 641 | Somolu |
| 645 | Uwani BO Enugu (Owani) |
| 650 | Ubiaja |
| 651 | Ughelli |
| 653 | Uyo |
| 654 | Uzuakoli |
| 656 | University College Ibadan |
| 657 | Umunede-Agbor |
| 658 | Udi |
| 659 | Ubuluku (see also 159) |
| 660 | Uzairue |
| 662 | Usoro Ughelli |
| 663 | Upper Igun-Benin |
| 664 | Uromi |
| 673 | Ogbunike |
| 685 | Okigiwi (Okigwi?) cf 568 |
| 688 | Odo-ona Ibadan |
| 691 | Odotu Street Ondo |
| 697 | University SO Nsukka |
| 698 | University of Lagos Yaba |
| 700 | Victoria |
| 701 | Vom |
| 709 | Wasimai-Abeokuta |
| 711 | Wukari |
| 719 | Warri |
| 730 | Yaba |
| 731 | Yemetu |
| 732 | Yola |
| 750 | Zaria |
| 753 | Sabongari Zaria |
| 775 | Mobile P.O. 3 |
| 777 | Mobile P.O. 5 |
| 795 | M Muhammed International Airport |
| 1255 | Wuse |
| 6482 | Maidugurri (and see 482 Maiduguri) |

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