

GOVERNMENT PRINTING WORKS, DUBLIN CASTLE.  
 OVERPRINT BY SOMERSET HOUSE  
 ISSUE 12T STAMP REF. T71 10/-

OVERPRINT VARIETIES



BC. Refs. T71BS/VP  
 T71BS(N)/V12a  
 Hibernian T71c

T71BS/VP (fm)

Plate 3/8R, with broken 'S' in 'POSTAGE'

Composite vertical pair, upper stamp 'Narrow' date, lower stamp 'Wide' date

Stamp frame line height 22.8mm, gutter width between stamps 4mm.

**Variety**

V12a Upper 'narrow' date stamp with hollow accent over second 'a' of 'Saorstát'  
 (position of variety not from R4/4, example most likely from R2)

Pair purchased from Daniel Kelleher Auctions February 2010 for US\$1840.

Item previously in the collection of Joseph E Landry Jr.

€2,500



T71BS/HP (R4/3 fm, R4/4 umm)

Plate 3/8R, with broken 'S' in 'POSTAGE'



Lot 2179 ★  
**Ireland, 1925, 10s dull gray blue Seahorse, narrow overprint (Scott 79 var.), vertical pair,**  
 top stamp "hollow accent" variety, Very Fine, o.g.  
 S.G. 85 var. Hibernia T71c; €2,490 (\$3,573).  
 Estimate \$1,500.  
 Realized \$ 1,600 + 15%

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T71BS (vfu)  
Printer's Plate 3/8L  
Broken 'S' in 'POSTAGE'  
Stamp frame line height 23.1mm.  
'Narrow' date overprint  
Overprint lettering good

€450

12TT71A1  
Check if allocation to Issue 12T correct?  
Composite

12TT71A1

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ISSUE 12T STAMP REF. T69 2/6**



T69BR/VP (umm)  
Plate 6/8, with broken 'R' in 'CROWN'. Part 'P' & 'O' also broken  
Composite vertical pair - R7/4 upper stamp 'Narrow' date, R8/4 lower stamp 'Wide' date  
Stamp frame line height 23.3mm., gutter width between stamps 3.8mm.

E700



T69BR/HP (fm)  
Plate 6/8, with broken 'R' in 'CROWN'. Part 'P' & 'O' also broken  
Composite horizontal pair - left stamp 'Wide' date, right stamp 'Narrow' date  
Stamp frame line height 23.2mm.

**Variety**

Adjacent stamps 'out of alignment' (OAP), commonly found with this issue.

PHIL  
KANE



T69BR/HP (umm)  
Plate 6/8, with broken 'R' in 'CROWN'. Part 'P' & 'O' also broken  
Composite horizontal pair - left stamp R1/2 'Wide' date, right stamp R1/3 'Narrow' date  
Stamp frame line height 23.2mm.

**Variety**

Adjacent stamps 'out of alignment' (OAP), commonly found with this issue.

E700

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OVERPRINT ERRORS

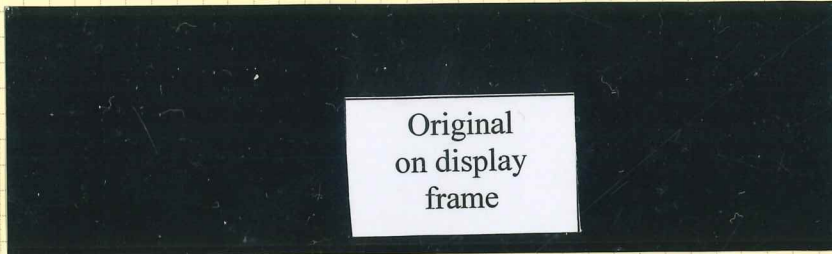


T69BRd (umm)  
Plate 6/8, with broken 'R' in 'CROWN'  
Composite setting single, 'Wide' date  
**Error / Variety**  
'Sacrstat' for 'Saorstat'

€500

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 ISSUE 12T/ STAMP T70 5/-

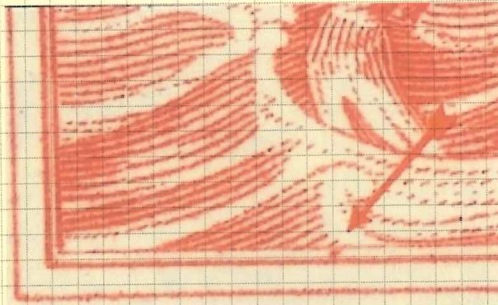
STAMP ERRORS



Original  
 on display  
 frame

T70 pair (fm)  
 Printer's plate 4/5L  
 Composite setting pair - 'Wide' & 'Narrow' date  
 Left stamp R3/3, Right stamp R3/4  
 Stamp frame line height 23mm.  
**Variety**  
 T70f - Inner frame notch on stamp R3/3  
 BPP certificate Nr 943, 25 Oct. 2011

Hibernian Ref.  
 T70d (Horiz-fr)



T70 pair (umm)  
 Printer's plate 4/5L  
 Composite setting pair- both stamps 'Wide' date  
 Left stamp R2/3, Right stamp R3/3  
 Stamp frame line height 23mm.  
**Variety**  
 T70g - Inner frame notch on stamp R3/3

Hibernian Ref.  
 T70da (Both wide)

6550

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T69BR (umm)

Plate 6/8, with broken 'R' in 'CROWN'

'P' in 'POSTAGE' broken

Composite setting single, 'Wide' date

Stamp frame line height 22.8mm.

Variety

V12b - Faint accent on second 'a' of 'Saorstat'

£300

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OVERPRINT VARIETIES



T69BR (umm)

Plate 6/8L, with broken 'R' in 'CROWN'

'P' in 'POSTAGE' broken

Composite setting block - all stamps with 'Wide' date setting from LHS of sheet

Stamp frame line height 22.9mm.

**Varieties**

T69BRe - accent missing over 'A' in 'SAORSTAT' (top right stamp)

V12b - faint accent over second 'A' of 'SAORSTAT' (bottom right stamp)

UF12d - letters defective, faint and damaged (bottom left stamp)

€800

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T69BR (umm)

Plate 6/8L, with broken 'R' in 'CROWN'

'P' in 'POSTAGE' broken

Composite setting block- 'Narrow' date from R5/1 & R6/1, 'Wide' date from R5/2 & R6/2

Stamp frame line height 22.9mm.

Left cross 3A dimensions (a) 2.1mm, (b) 4.3mm, (c) 3.2mm, (d) 3.7mm, (e) 9.5mm

**Varieties**

V12b - faint accent over second 'A' of 'SAORSTAT' R6/2

V12d - double outline of first 'S' in 'SAORSTAT' R5/1 & R6/1

F12a - faint second 's' in 'SAORSTAT' R5/2 & R6/2

€1,300



R5/1 & R6/1



R6/2

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T69BR (fm)

Plate 6/8, with broken 'R' in 'CROWN'

'P' in 'POSTAGE' broken

Composite setting single, 'Narrow' date

Stamp frame line height 22.9mm.

€120

**Variety**

V12I - Short thin tail to final '2' of '1922', known as the '1929' variety. From either R1/4 or R2/4.

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T69BR (umm, but hinge reinforced centre right)

Plate 6/8, with broken 'R' in 'CROWN'

'P' in 'POSTAGE' broken

Composite setting pair- top stamp 'Wide' date from R8/1, bottom stamp 'Narrow' date from R9/1

Stamp frame line height 22.9mm.

Overprints unclear and worn due to cliché wear

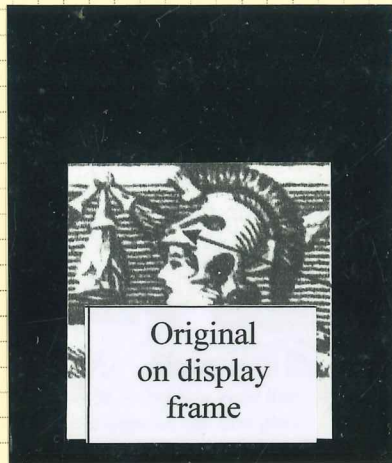
**Varieties**

V12i - crossbar to 'É' of 'ÉIREANN' missing, stamp from R8/1

V12a - hollow impression of accent over 'á' in 'SAORSTAT'

€600

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 ISSUE 12T/ STAMP T70



T70/VP (fm)  
 Plate 4/5L

Composite vertical pair - upper stamp 'Wide' date, lower stamp 'Narrow' date  
 Stamp frame line height 23.2mm., gutter width between stamps 4mm.



T70/HP (um)  
 Plate 4/5R

Composite horizontal pair - left stamp 'Wide' date, right stamp 'Narrow' date  
 Stamp frame line height 22.8mm.

BPA Certificate 13197, October 1983

**Variety**

'Wide' date stamp - 'éireann', letters 'ean' deformed and small  
 Adjacent stamps 'out of alignment' (OAP), commonly found with this issue.

E900

**(E) IRISH FREE STATE OVERPRINT BY SOMERSET HOUSE**

**STAMP VARIETIES**

Reference	Stamp Variety Description
E1/VP	Composite vertical pair - inverted 'T' between bottom frame lines, from narrow date setting Plate 4/5L Stamp R2/1 and Stamp from wide date setting R3/1
E2/VP	Composite vertical pair - inner frame notch, from wide date setting Plate 4/5L Stamp R3/3 and Stamp from narrow date setting R2/3
E3/HP	Composite horizontal pair - inner frame notch, from wide date setting Plate 4/5L Stamp R3/3 and Stamp from narrow date setting R3/4



# ATTEST

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Nr.943

Datum 25.10.2011

### IRELAND

1927 Saorstát 3-line overprint by Somerset House in black on 1918 Great Britain Bradbury Wilkinson 5/- rose-red horizontal pair from row 3 with sheet margin at right, left stamp with "inner frame notch" from R.3/3, unused with full original gum, each stamp with small hinge remainder, is

**genuine**

and free of hidden faults at the time of examination.

Centring, perforations and other characteristics clearly identify the stamps illustrated below.

Michel 38IVw Abart★, Stanley Gibbons 84ah var. ★,  
Hibernian T70h d★.



f.d.R.

*Roy Hamilton-Bowen*

Prüfgebiete: Gibraltar, Irland, Malta

Die Prüfung erfolgte auf Grund der Prüfordnung des Bundes Philatelistischer Prüfer e.V.

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Wide

Narrow

**T70VP (SG84a)  
Vertical Composite Pair**

€450

Wide

Narrow

PHIL  
KANE



Adjacent overprints  
out of line (OAP)

**T70HP (SG84a)  
Horizontal Composite Pair**

Overprinted stamps from this issue are fundamentally an extension of issue (D). The main difference being that Somerset House sourced new clichés from Eire in order to repair worn settings. These replacement clichés were however taken from the earlier Thom issue (C), which used the wide date setting.

For the normal composite setting six narrow date clichés were replaced, which gave rise to twelve wide date overprints occurring in a full pane of forty stamps.

Single stamps are difficult to attribute to composite settings.

**STAMP CHARACTERISTICS**

Broken 'Visor' (BV) in Britannia's helmet, stamps from the left and right panes of printer's plate 4/5.

**OVERPRINT CHARACTERISTICS**

Overprint dimensions

Panes are made up of both narrow and wide date clichés and are referred to as either composite, or wide and narrow date settings.



15.00mm

12.50mm

5.00mm & 6.00mm

Height of overprint 8.50mm

Overprint with Black Ink

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Perforation PL (sheets top fed)  
Narrow date single from Composite setting  
Stamp frame line height 23mm.  
Marginal trim line 2B dimensions : f -12.4mm, g - 20.9mm

€650

**Varieties**

V12a Hollow accent over second 'a' of 'Saorstát', Stamp from R10/4  
V12h Needle eye accent over é in éireann. Shape of accent over é displays flat leading edge.  
Item previously in the collection of Joseph E Landry Jr.

12TT71C

Check if allocation to Issue 12T correct ?  
Composite



T71BS (fm)

Plate 3/8R, with broken 'S' in 'POSTAGE'  
Perforation PL (sheets top fed)  
Narrow date single from Composite setting  
Stamp frame line height 22.9mm.  
Marginal trim line 2B dimensions : f -12.5mm, g - 20.5mm

**Varieties**

V12h -Needle eye accent over é in éireann, Stamp from R10/4  
Weak/damaged 'a' and accent over 'a'

€450



T71BS (umm)

Plate 3/8R, with broken 'S' in 'POSTAGE'  
Perforation PL (sheets top fed)  
Narrow date single from Composite setting  
Stamp frame line height 22.9mm.

**Varieties**

V12h -Needle eye accent over é in éireann, Stamp from R10/4  
Damaged letters of overprint

€650