



ISLANDS *Kontakt*

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Wikipedia: Burntisland (/bɜːrntˈaɪlənd/ Scots: Bruntisland) is a royal burgh and parish in Fife, Scotland, on the northern shore of the Firth of Forth.

It is known locally for its award-winning sandy beach, the 15th-century Rossend Castle, as well as the traditional summer fair and Highland games day. To the north of the town a hill called The Binn is a landmark of the Fife coastline; a volcanic plug, it rises 193 m (632 ft) above sea level.

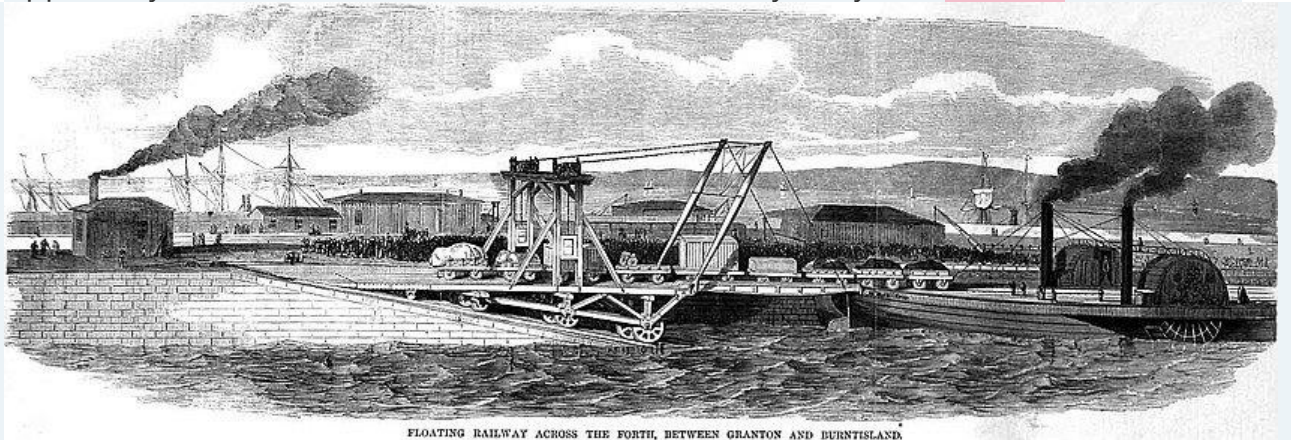
In IslandsKontakt # 66 there is an article from Ole Svinth and this colorful map:



Burntisland is to be seen right above “Edinburgh.”

¹ Among editors are highly reputable philatelists: Ebbe Eldrup, Jørgen Steen Larsen and Ole Svinth.

Apparently the site of the first Roll on Roll off Railway Ferry! (To Granton 1850-1890)



FLOATING RAILWAY ACROSS THE FORTH, BETWEEN GRANTON AND BURNTISLAND

<https://www.burntisland.net/forth-pl.htm>

Cancellations from the 19th century:



SHIPLETTER - PAQUEBOT

Robertson under E.28:

BURNTISLAND

In Fifeshire (Scotland). 18 miles from Edinburgh. (By Ferry 9 miles.)

Burntisland lies on the north shore of the Firth of Forth directly opposite Granton, with which connection by ferry has existed for centuries. A port and harbour of no small importance, yet the only maritime postal history record in the possession of the author is part of a letter bearing the handstamp illustrated below; date unknown.

SHIP LETTER BURNTISLAND

S.1

S.1 — Both lines 47 mm. Letters 4 mm. Black.

In Robertson Revisited, Second Supplement by Colin Tabcart (2016) a stamp called P1:

Burntisland

PAQUEBOT

P1. 34x4 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	-	1992	Hosking 3

It is in Dovey & Morris - Hosking's 4th Edition no 271.

PAQUEBOT

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Shilling have a drawing of a "twin-arc" stamp from 1912 with "FIFE" between the arches:

BURNTISLAND b/Edinburgh



Stempeltyp: Zweikreis-Handstempel

Außen-Ø : 26,5 mm

Innen-Ø : 17 mm

Ortsbuchstaben: 3 mm

Belegte Verwendung: 1911 - 14

Später kommt der gleiche Stempel mit Tag vor Monat vor.

and a "one-arc" stamp also with "FIFE" between the arches from 1921:



Stempeltyp: Zweikreis-Handstempel

Außen-Ø : ca. 25,5 mm

Innen-Ø : ca. 15,5 mm

Ortsbuchstaben: ca. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ mm

Belegte Verwendung: 1921

Holz show two kings (dated 22.3.1911 when sold from the Flemming Østergaard collection, see below) and a drawing of a "twin-arc" stamp with stampers no 1 but without year.



Mike Tuttle has a description in "Iceland: Foreign Port of Arrival & Transit marks" Part 2 June 1999 and 10 June 2001 – (Scandinavian Contact)(unfortunately I do not have a copy of part 2 and part 10 refer to part 2!)

Pór Þorsteins has compiled the following list of sailings paid for caring mail from Iceland. What comes out of that?

More or less nothing. There are not many cancellations on stamps from Burntisland:

SHIP	DEPART	FROM	ARRIWAL	TO	REMARKS
URANIA	05.02.1906	REYKJAVIK		BURNT-ISLAND	1KR.
URANIA	05.02.1907	REYKJAVIK		BURNT-ISLAND	1KR.

Also used on mail from Denmark:



Send to the captain on SS SKINFAXE (Dampskibsselskabet "Scandia") but returned NO 26 08 to Denmark, Korsør.

HILDI	08.03.1909	REYKJAVIK		BURNT ISLAND	6KR.
RAP	22.12.1909	REYKJAVIK		BURNT ISLAND	2KR.
VIGSNÆS	15.03.1910	REYKJAVIK		BURNT ISLAND	1KR.
VIGSNÆS	06.04.1910	REYKJAVIK		BURNT ISLAND	2,25KR.
EROS	22.04.1910	REYKJAVIK		BURNT ISLAND	1KR.
TRYG	25.04.1910	REYKJAVIK		BURNT ISLAND	1KR.
VIGSNÆS	30.04.1910	REYKJAVIK		BURNT ISLAND	1KR.
GARIBALDI	09.08.1910	REYKJAVIK		BURNT ISLAND	1KR.
FRATHVANG	25.02.1911	REYKJAVIK		BURNT ISLAND	1KR.
			22.03.1911	BURNT ISLAND	



1912

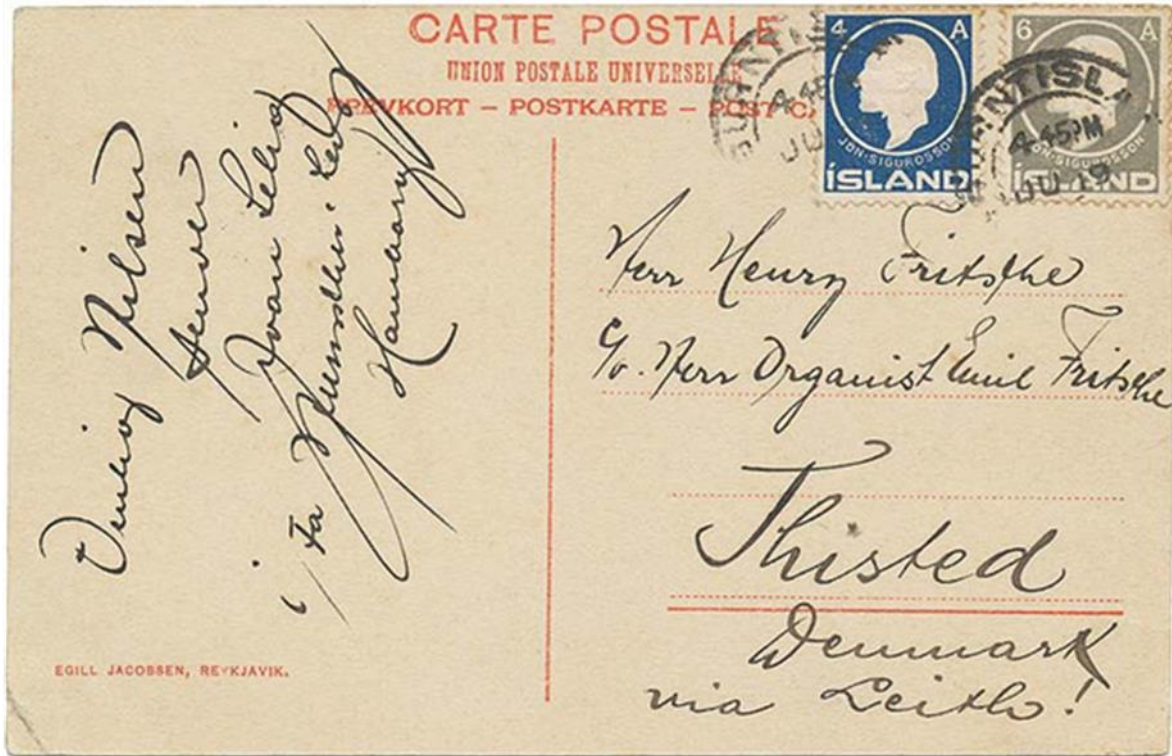
			03.05.1912	BURNT ISLAND	
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			19.06.1912	BURNT ISLAND	
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² From IslandsKontakt # 66



1914

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In addition, Shilling show the following - also from 5 MY 1914:

³ A copy from Mike Tuttle shown in IslandsKontakt # 69



A single copy from 1. NO 1914:



1921



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It is all!? Who can add further to the list?

⁴ A copy of a copy in IslandsKontakt 66 form a copy received by Ole Svinth for A Carøe. The ship cancellation is SS Columbia probably belonging Anchor Line build 1902, 1914-1918 requisitioned as Armed Merchant Cruiser renamed HMS Columbella, 1919 returned to owners renamed Columbia. 1926 sold Byron Line renamed Moreas.