

# J E R S E Y

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The only previous set of Jersey stamps devoted exclusively to Anniversaries (July 1974) commemorated four famous personalities connected with the Island. Seventeen years later we have the opportunity of recalling five significant local anniversaries that fall in 1991 and these are described below:-

**15p Jersey's first (Occupation) stamp.**

During World War II, when Jersey was occupied by German troops, the stock of British postage stamps became depleted and it was necessary for the Island to supply its own needs. Jerseyman Major N. V. L. Rybot was responsible for this design in which he incorporated the Jersey Coat of Arms. The stamps were printed by the Jersey Evening Post in sheets of sixty and were issued on 1st April, 1941.

**20p Extension of Jersey Eastern Railway to Gorey Pier.**

Although it had been possible for passengers to buy railway tickets in Jersey to take them to Paris, by way of the ferry to Carteret, the transfer arrangements at Gorey were far from satisfactory due to the distance of the station from the steamer pier. This was rectified on 25th May, 1891 when the line was extended from what became known as Gorey Village Station to a new terminus, about half a mile distant, at the approach to the Pier. The railway ran until 1929 when both it and the Company's bus service closed down for good.

**26p The Jersey Herd Book.**

This was introduced in 1866 to establish an official registry of Island cattle. This system ensured that only animals of a certain standard would be kept for future improvement. One of the greatest assets of the breed is that it is practically free of disease. The health of the 'Jersey' is naturally most important and, having resistance to diseases, is used extensively in cross-breeding to upgrade indigenous cattle in tropical and semi-tropical regions of the world.

**31p Laying the Foundation-Stone, Victoria Harbour.**

At six o'clock in the morning of 29th September, 1841 a cannon salvo heralded the start of the day's festivities. Many houses were colourfully decorated with flags, ribbons and flowers. By half past nine companies of Royal Jersey Militia had assembled in the Parade from whence they marched to the Royal Square to serve as escort for the official procession. Led by a military band, the dignitaries made their way to the harbour where, in the presence of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and the Bailiff of Jersey, the new quay foundation-stone was laid for Victoria Harbour.

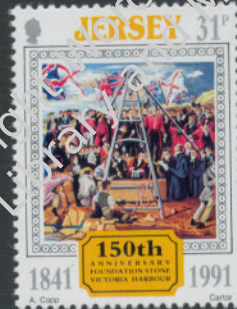
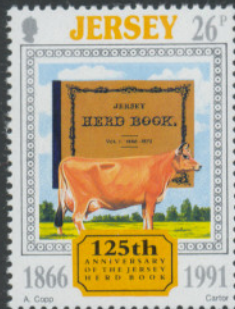
**53p Hospital Bequest Marie Bartlett.**

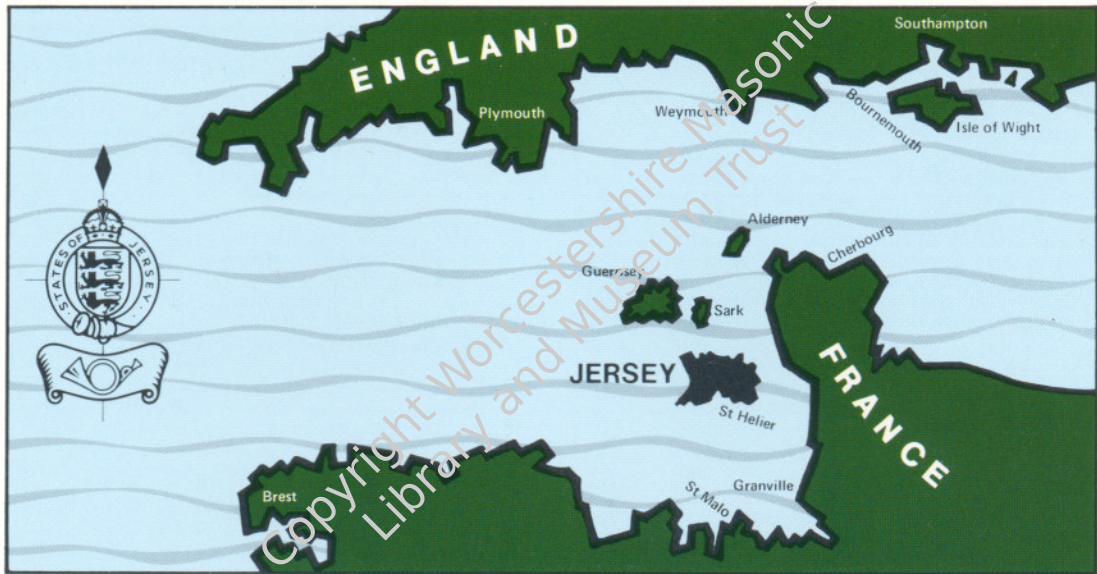
When this wealthy widow died in 1741 she left a considerable amount of money for the establishment of a hospital. As a result of many difficulties in implementing her Will it was not until 1765 that the building was started, with the first patients being admitted in 1772. If Marie Bartlett, whose portrait hangs in the Gloucester Street entrance hall, could see the extent to which the Hospital has developed she would doubtless derive much satisfaction in knowing that her foresight and bequest has been fully justified.

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