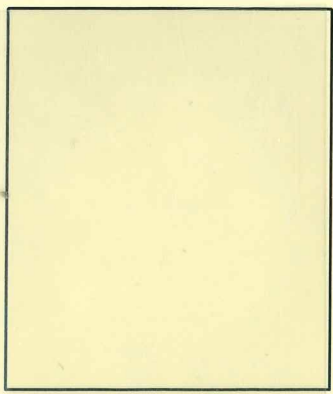
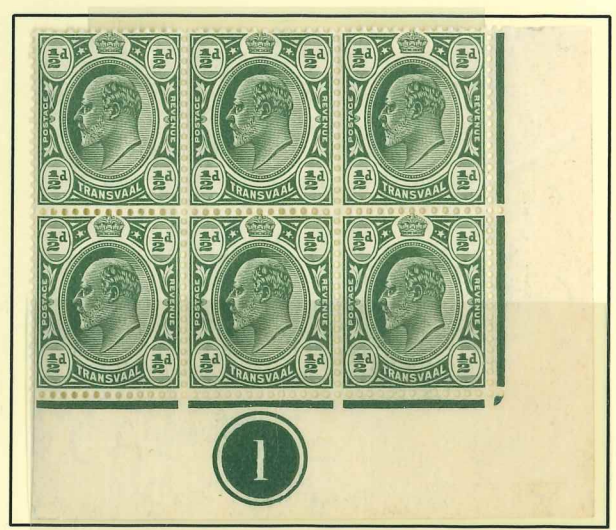
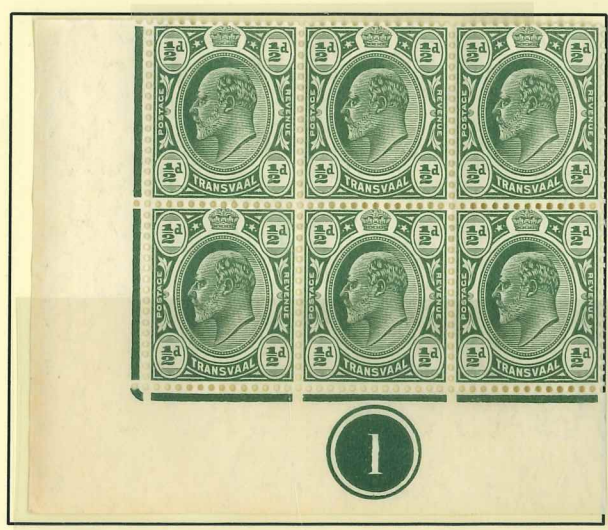
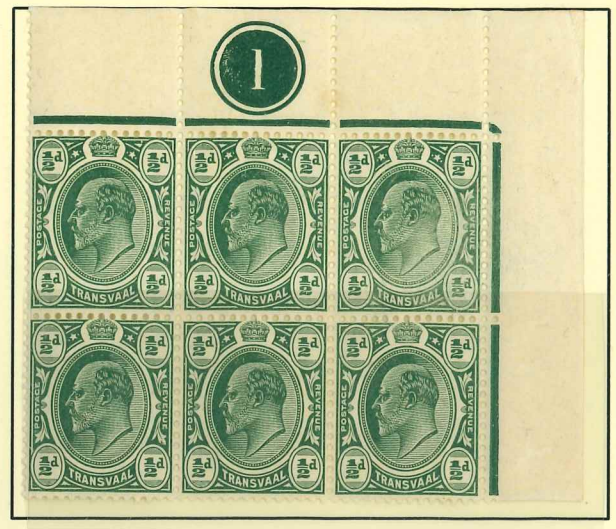


The 1905 1/2d Issue



Pair and pane separation strip with inverted watermark

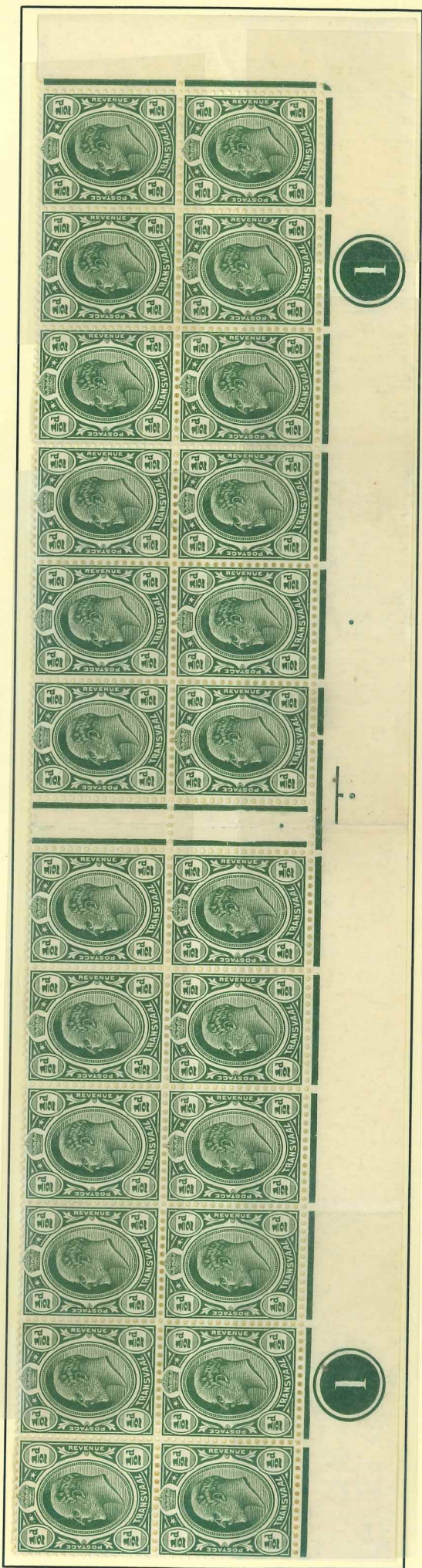
The 1905 ½d Issue



Plate 1 was produced in 1905



Plate 2 was produced in 1911



Multiple



The 1905 1d Issue



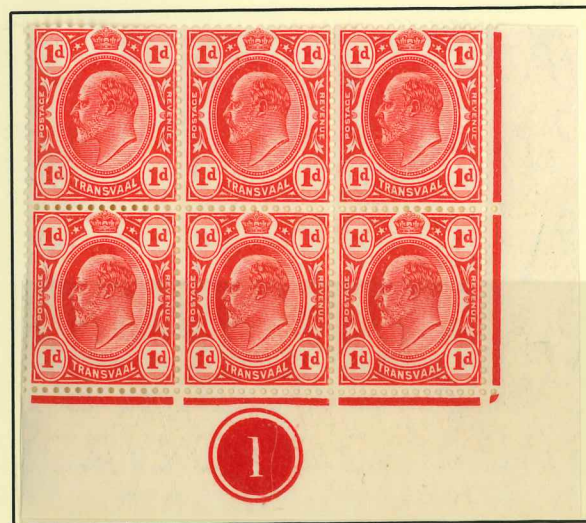
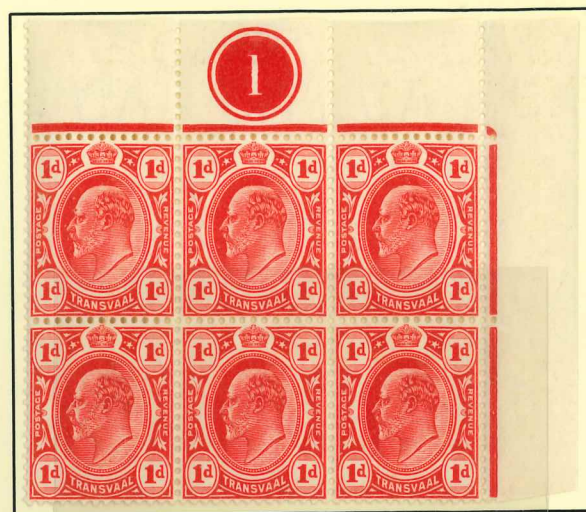
Key elements of a sheet printed from plate 1.

The 1905 1d Issue



Key elements of a sheet printed from plate 2. Plate 2 was produced in 1907.

The 1905 1d Issue



Union of South Africa

The Union was formed on 31 May 1910, but the first definitive postage stamps were only issued on 1 September 1913. In the interim, the stamps of the four former colonies were used across the entire Union.



First printing from plate 2 in 1911



First printing from plate 3 in 1911



First printing from plate 4 in 1912

The 1/2d and 1d stamps of the four former colonies were insufficient to last until the new Union stamps were issued. Consequently, new plates of the Transvaal 1/2d and 1d were made up as required, and stamps printed from these new plates were used to fill the gap until the issue of the new Union stamps on 1 September 1913.







Multiples

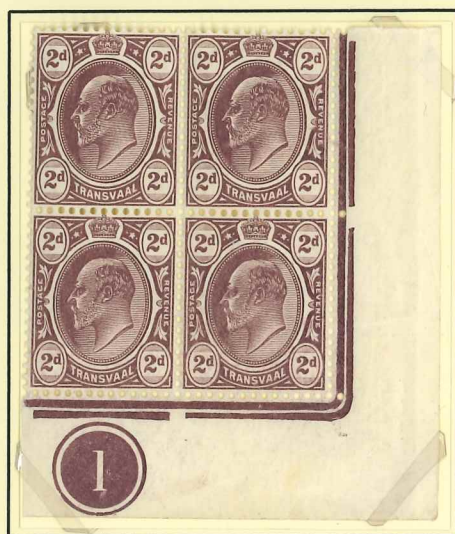
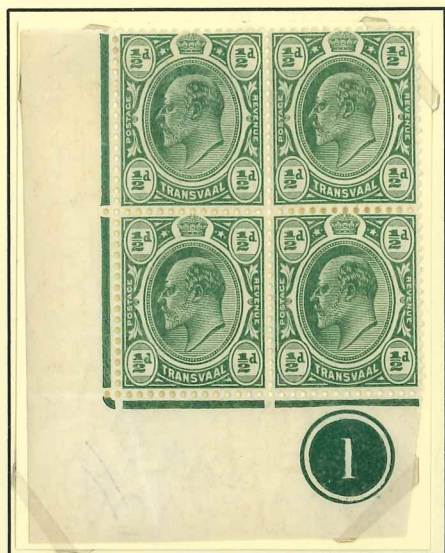


Plate blocks of the 1906-09 issue, with two shades of the ½d denomination.