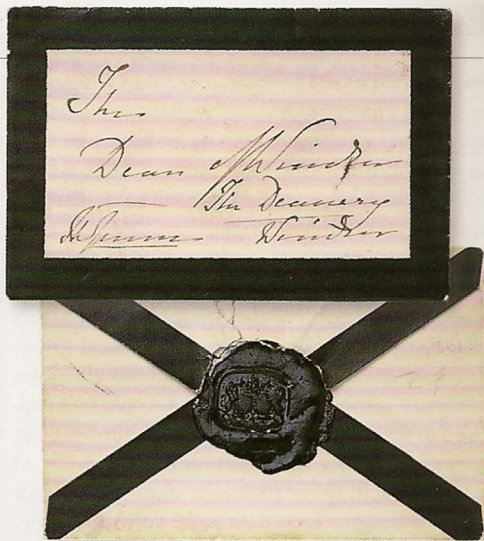


## Cover corner

BLACK-EDGED Victorian mourning covers are not uncommon; many thousands were sent to announce the passing of loved ones. A fascinating exhibit on mourning stationery was shown at Stamp Show 2000 last May. What makes the cover featured here particularly interesting is that it was written and sent by Queen Victoria to the Dean of Windsor. It bears her signature 'The Queen' in the bottom left corner. On the reverse is a fine black wax seal of the Royal Arms. The envelope was presumably delivered by Royal messenger, hence it did not travel through the post and does not bear any postal markings, and as the letter is no longer enclosed in the envelope it is not possible to date the cover. Nevertheless it is an interesting piece of Victorian postal history. We are obliged to Glenn Morgan, author of *Royal Household Mail*, for allowing us to reproduce this cover from his collection •



A Victorian mourning cover from Glenn Morgan's collection. A feature on Mr Morgan, the Librarian of the National Philatelic Society, was published in the *Bulletin* of February 1998.