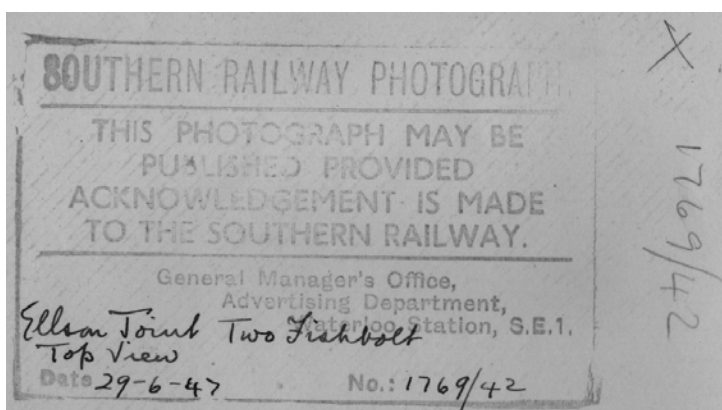
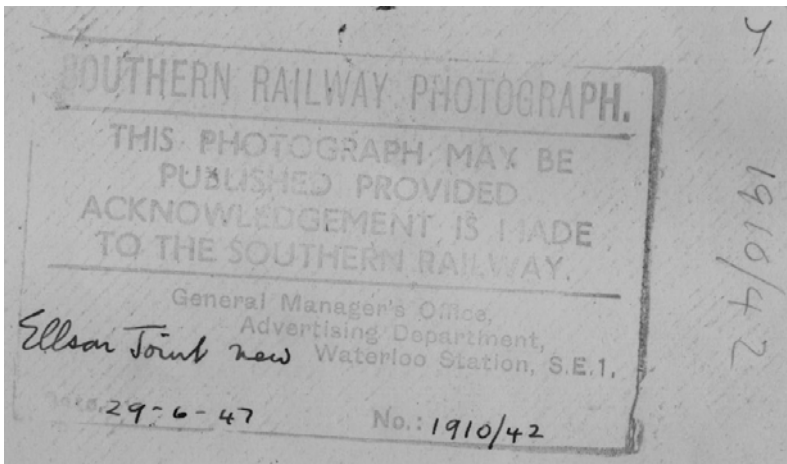


David Wroe Ellson Joint Photos album

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21st. August, 1992

WOULD ALL SECTION
SECRETARIES PLEASE ASK
THEIR "EXPERTS" AND/OR
ENTHUSIASTS FOR ANY HELP!
PLEASE CONTACT MR NICHOLLS
DIRECT.

Dear Sir,

I wonder if you can help me with my research into certain elements of railway permanent way.

1. I have been searching, without success so far, for an illustration of the ELLSON RAIL JOINT. It was described in the Journal of the Permanent Way Institution 1943 in an article "British Railway Track" but there was no illustration. I have a hazy recollection of seeing one in a railway journal some time in the late 1930s but have searched for it in the archives of the National Railway Museum without success.
2. I also have a recollection of a rail joint called the BROGDEN JOINT but can find no reference to it in any material I have been able to examine, including the article on Rail Joints by W.A.White in the 1936 volume of the Journal of the Permanent Way Institution. Perhaps I am in error in thinking that such a joint existed.
3. I believe that it was James Beattie of the London & South Western Railway who first introduced the CHECK RAIL on a true railway as opposed to a tramway. I cannot yet discover the date for this or the place where it was first laid. I have found a reference to the London & Brighton Railway recommending the installation of check rails at the London & Greenwich Railway junction and on similar curves in 1847 but can find no further details.

If you have time to point me to books or other publications where I may find the information I require I shall be more than grateful. I can then seek to obtain them from the British Library or other sources.

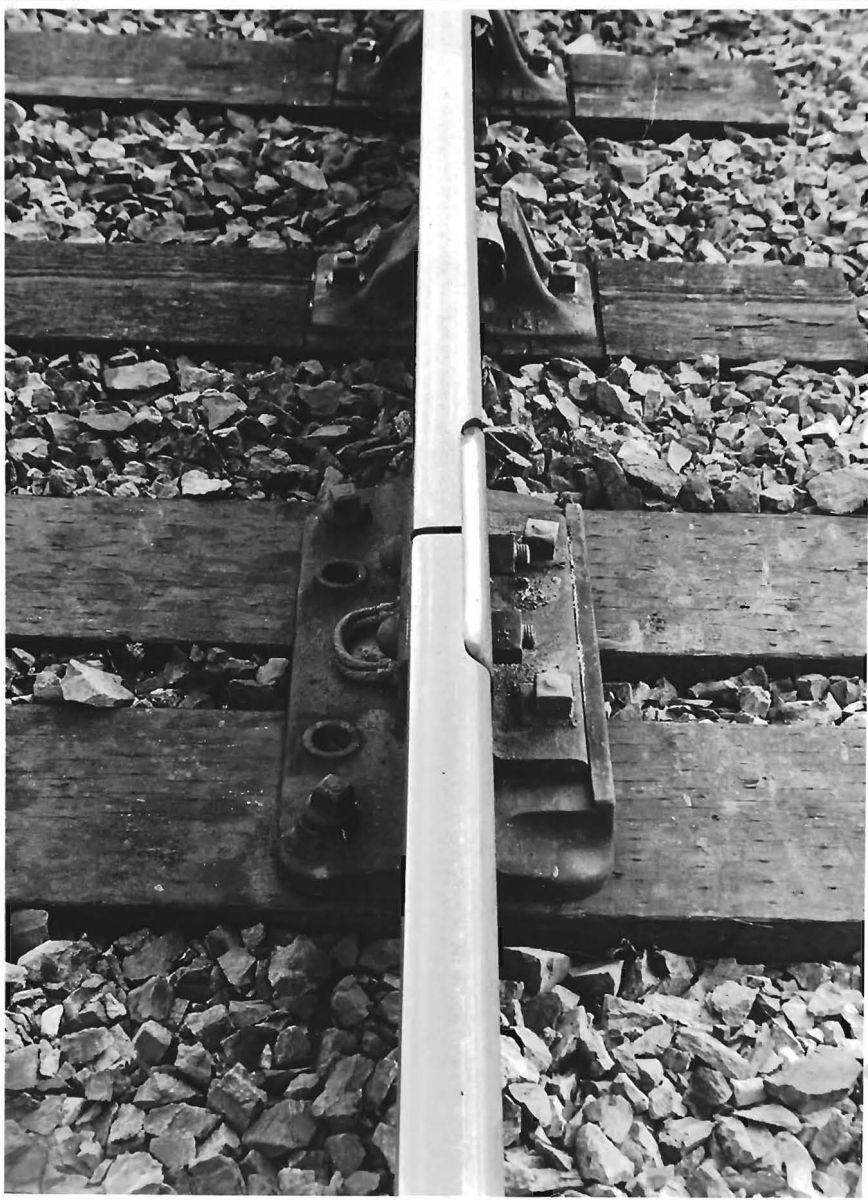
Thank you in anticipation. I enclose a stamped & addressed envelope for the convenience of your reply.

Yours faithfully,

A.R. Nicholls

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~~Mr. L. J. Harris,
Hon. Gen Secretary,
Permanent Way Institution,
27 Lea Wood Road,
Fleet, Hampshire GU12 8AN~~



SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM

THIS IS MADE IN RAILWAY.

Design Office,
 Research Department,
 Atlanta Station, S.E.1.

Ellsaw Joint Two Fishbolt
Top View
 Date 29-6-47 No. 1769/42

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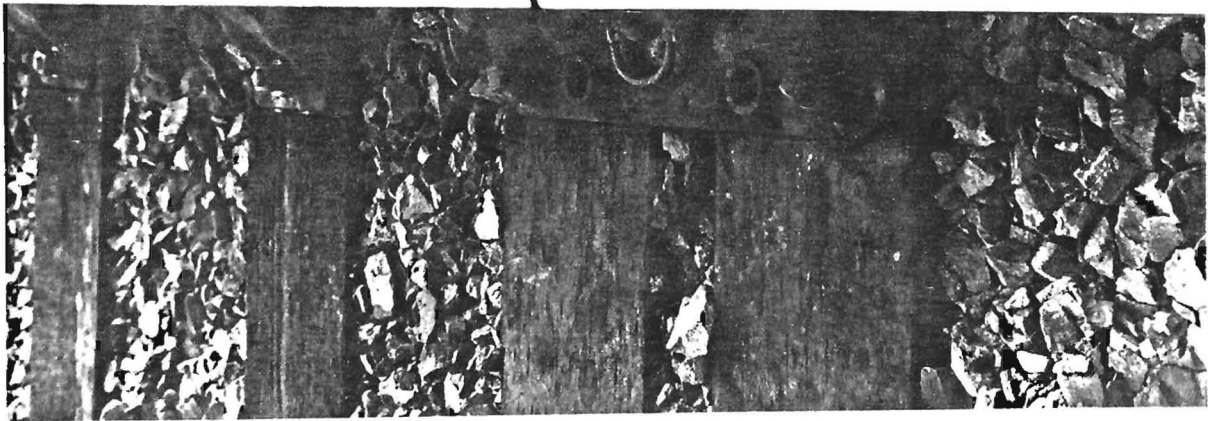
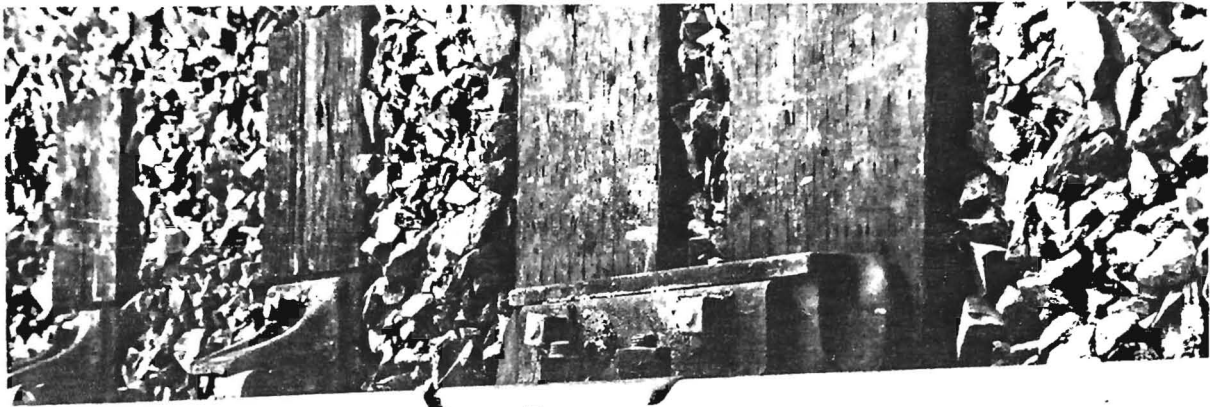
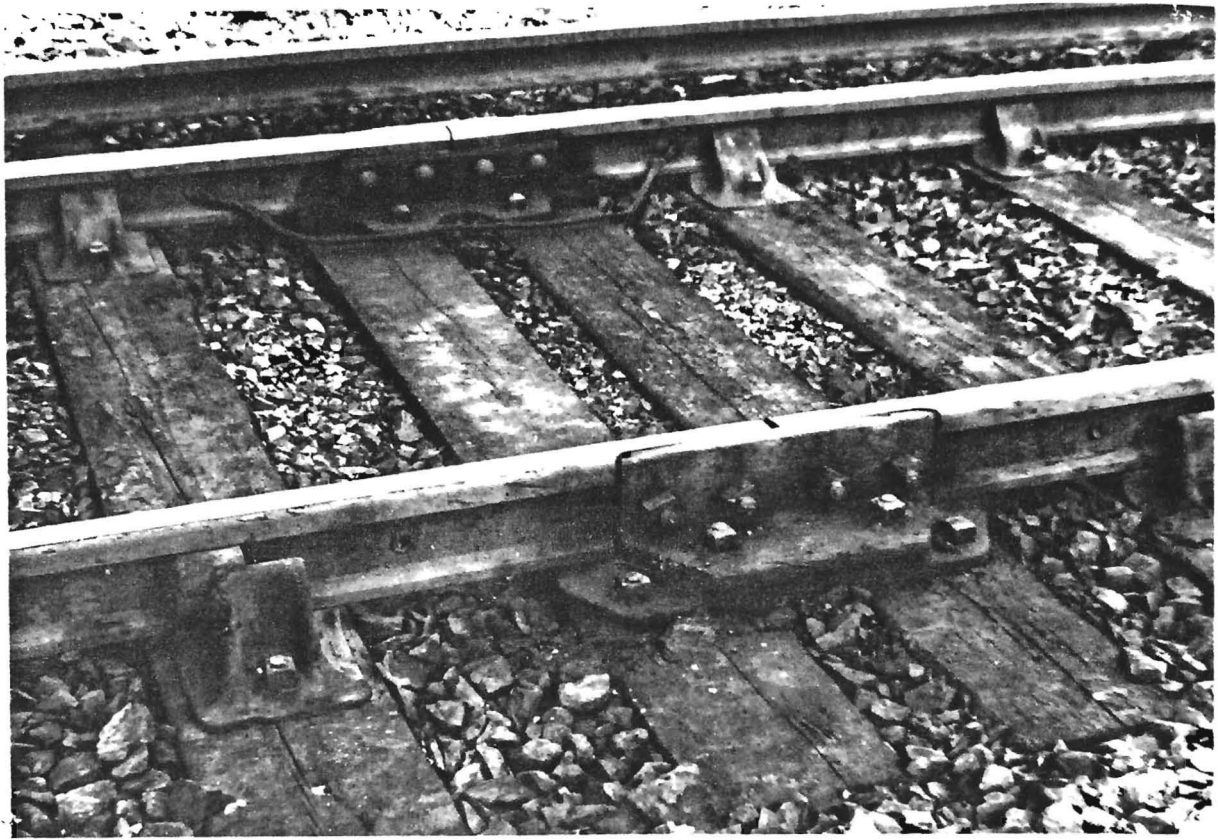
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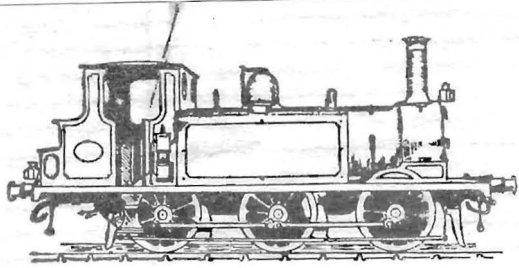
Dear Mr Nicholls

The General Secretary (now Mr. Carmelton) sent me a copy of your letter regarding joints etc. I enclose photo. copy of the Ellison joint. This is from two photographs: SR 29/6/47 when this Section was in its care. Working drawings of the joint may be held by the Network Technical Centre, Whiteley Road, Croydon.

Yours sincerely,
D J Wroe

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2nd. November, 1992

Dear Mr. Wroe.

Thank you very much indeed for the photocopies of the Ellson rail joint. It is very kind of you to put yourself out for me in this way. I do appreciate it.

I was able recently to view two of the last existing Ellson joints, at Bank Station of the Waterloo and City line but, in view of the current concerns in London over security, did not feel I could risk asking the platform staff for permission to photograph them.

Again, thank you.

Yours sincerely,

A. R. Nicholls