

Comparison made using "The New Practical Shorthand Manual" by Benn Pitman 1892

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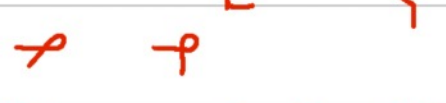

Revisions to Pitman's Shorthand were ongoing throughout the 19th century, and also varied between the UK and USA revisers, and therefore this comparison chart is only the starting point for informed and thoughtful transcription of any example of shorthand writing from approximately that period.

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STROKES		Benn Pitman 1892	New Era
Way Yay Hay	way wise swallow		
	away await wasp		
--Semicircle W	weep wit wax		
	wage wife wing		
	sweep sweet swing		
Yay	yea yes yellow		
--U	yacht yoke youth		
	yell yawn yam		
	yore unique		
Hay	hay heavy		
--Tick H	hug heap Hebrew		
	hiss hose whip		
--H omitted	health hear		
VOWELS			
Reversed vowel scale for dots only	bee bay baa		
	pick peck pack		
2nd place vowels = heavy after stroke, light before next	bait bet loaf love		

OY	toy coil			2
U not joined	few ensue due			
Triphones & diphones separate signs	quiet chaos science			
OUTLINE POSITION				
Accented vowel decides position	variety undo			
3rd position under line for horizontals	same Sam			
	ached act none noun			
Halved stroke: 3rd position under line	pit pet pat shut shout			
CIRCLES				
Ses at beginning	suspense sustain sister			
HOOKS				
FL & FR	flee free offer decipher			
	flame frame youthful			
VL & VR	evil every			
THL THR	Ethel through either			
SHL up, SHR down	official fisher			
MR & NR, thickened, to not look like W hook	rumour dreamer joiner			
RL	realise relative			
	relieve relationship			
	plural floral rural			
LR	learn collar			

TW DW	twig twice dwell			3
Initial W hook to M N L R	womb win no-one			
	well were wire			
	warp warehouse			
Add circle S to W hook	swim swoon swell swore			
Omit H in HW-L	weal/wheel wheeled			
Shun & -ter-ther-der = shun only on the circle S side This use of the large hook for -ter etc was short lived, editions before and after generally use the TR stroke etc	passion patter station stutter			
	cushion cutter section scatter			
	abrasion brother			
HALVING				
NRD thick	honoured dishonoured			
Upward Ess if convenient	finest nicest bravest			
DOUBLING				
To curves only	render tender			
	winter wonder			
	water whither			
PREFIXES & SUFFIXES				
circum- self-	circumspect self-love			
contra-i-o counter	contravene countersign			
	counterpart counteract			
-ins- uns- -ens	inspiration insurrection			

	unseemly insulation		
-ing -ings	sitting sittings running		
-ing the	taking the, doing the		
-ble	legible untenable		
-ful -fore	successful mindful		
	therefore wherefore		
-ever	whenever, it is ever		
-self	myself, one's self, yourself		 oneself
MISC			
-ir-/-ur vowel	birth mirth		
	earnest		
Intervening vowels	secure figure		
	skill telephone parcel		
various	subscribe amplify		
	punch plunge		
	full stop/period question mark		
SHORT FORMS			
are	you are, are you		
a/an/and - horizontal or vertical tick in phrases	and for a, and when a		
	or a, but a, of a, to a		
	and is the, and is a		

WORD-SIGNS	
opportunity	/
up	/
hope happy	/
appear	7
principle-al-ly	7
practice	7
opinion	7
upon	7
happen	7
part	7
spirit	7 9
profit prophet	2
by	/
be object-ed	/
bill	7
balance	7
before	7
objection	7
subjection	7
board	7
build billed	7
behind	7
until	7
whatever	7
dollar	7
had advertise-	ment

deal	7
difference-t-ly differ-ed	7
each	/
much	7
advantage	/
large	7
danger	7
larger	7
gentleman	7
common kingdom	7
call equal-ly	7
difficult-y	7
can	7
accordingly	7
accurate	7
give-n	7
together	7
ago	7
begin	7
begun began	7
govern-ed- ment	7
good	7
for	7
fill	7
full-y	7
feature	7

after	7
future	7
afford	7
ever	7
however	7
value	7
over	7
every very	7
valued	7
thank thousand	7
three	7
though	7
these	7
those	7
either	7
other	7
astonish-ed- ment	7
establish-ed- ment	7
wish	7
sure surely	7
assure	7
assured	7
will	7
here	7
are	7
Lord	7

where	7 5
aware	7
him am	7
impossible-ly- ility	7
million	7
Mr remark-able-y	7
more	7
somewhat	7
immediate-ly	7
matter	7
when	7
near nor	7
under hundred	7
nature	7
thing	7
long language	7
your	7
yourself	7
he	7
the	7
a an	7
and	7
ah	7
or	7
on	7

already	l
owe oh O	l
who whom	l
I eye high	v
we with	c
were	c
year years ye	u
yet	u
is, his	o
as, has	o
proper-ly-ty	l
above	l
acknowledge	l
correct-ed	l
representation	l
ABBREVIATIONS	
advance	l
advanced	l
advances	l
advantageous-ly	l
aggregate-d	l
antagonise-d-ism	l
approximate-ly	l
aristocrat-ic	l
suspicious-ly	l

bank	l
bankrupt	l
bankruptcy	l
collect-ed	l
confidential-ly	l
congregate-d	l
conspicuous-ly	l
dangerous	l
decapitate-d	l
delight-ed	l
delinquent-ly-cy	l
democrat-ic	l
designate-d-ion	l
determine	l
determination	l
dignity-fy-fied	l
dilapidate-d-ion	l
diplomat-ic	l
disadvantage	l
discrepant-cy	l
discriminate-d-ly-ion	l
domestic	l
eccentric-ity	l
electric-al-ity	l
emphatic-al-ally	l

enthusiasm-tic	l
entire	l
essential-ly	l
executor	l
executrix	l
extinct	l
extraordinary-ly	l
fastidious-ly	l
hospitable-y-ity	l
indifferent	l
indignant-ly	l
indiscriminate-ly	l
infinite-ly	l
infinitesimal-ly	l
influential	l
inheritance	l
inquire	l
inst.	l
instinct-ive-ively	l
intellect-ual-ually	l
intimidate-d-ion	l
magazine	l
magnanimous-ly-ity	l
magnetic	l

magnetism	6
manufacture-d	l
manuscript	l
mortgage-d	l
neglect-ed	l
perpetual-ly-uate	l
perspicuous-ly-ity	l
practicable-y-ility	l
privilege-d	l
prospect-ed-ive	l
reformation	l
require	l
requirement	l
respect-ful-ly	l
respective-ly	l
satisfy	l
satisfactory-ily	l
stenographer	l
substantial	l
territory	l
tranquil-ly-ity	l
transfer	l
unreasonable	l