In 1714, the last year of her reign, Queen Anne granted a patent to Henry Mill. It was patent no 385 and Henry Mill affirmed that he had:
"..by his great study, pains and expense, lately invented and bought to perfection an artificial machine or method for the impressing or transcribing of letters, singly or progressively one after the other, as in writing, whereby all writings whatsoever may be engrossed on paper or parchment so neat and exact as not to be distinguished from print.. the impression bing deeper and more lasting than any other writing, and not to be erased or counterfeited without manifest discovery".

Details of Henry Mill's machine are not known.

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*This is an interesting web site.*
Underwood No 1  Circa 1896  Milwaukee Museum

Underwood No 5  1901
S/ N 1757275-5
Both machines from: Antique Typewriters and Office Collectables by Darryl Rehr

Remington No 2 Circa 1878  The first successful typewriter.
From: Antique Typewriters and Office Collectables by Darryl Rehr e Page No 112
ISBN 0-89145-757-7

Lots more pictures on the web site
"The Type Writer" - Shoales' Type Writer with illustrations. The article begins,

"In the month of July, 1867, we published an article describing a type writing machine invented by a Mr. Pratt, of Alabama, which had then just been placed on exhibition in England. Referring to the subject of writing by mechanical means, we stated that "its manifest feasibility and advantage indicate that the laborious and unsatisfactory performance of the pen must sooner or later become obsolete for general purposes."