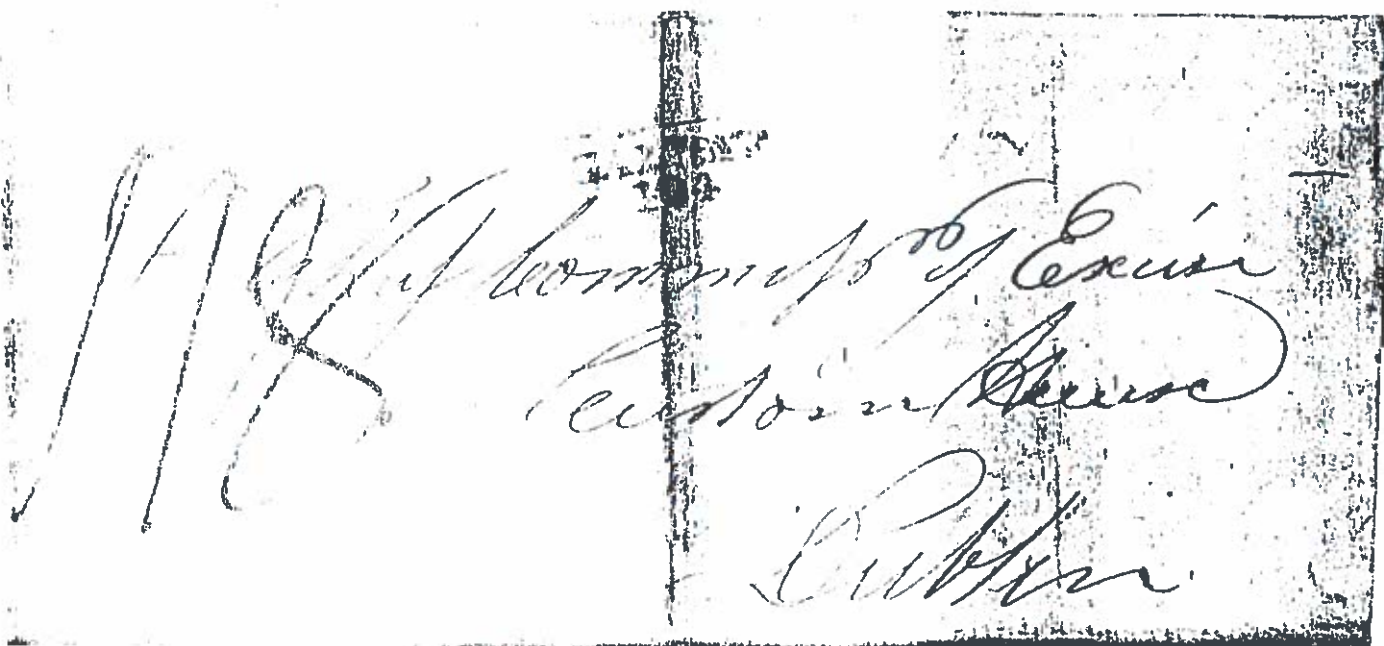


Mid Western Philatelic Society

GALWAY POST OFFICES.

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NEWSLETTER.

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(Part 1).

Introduction:

For some years past, the three of us have been co-operating in the study of Postal History, and in particular, the study of Galway Postal History. Over that time, we have pooled what we have learnt, to the benefit of each of us. The objective in publishing what we have learnt at this time is two-fold:

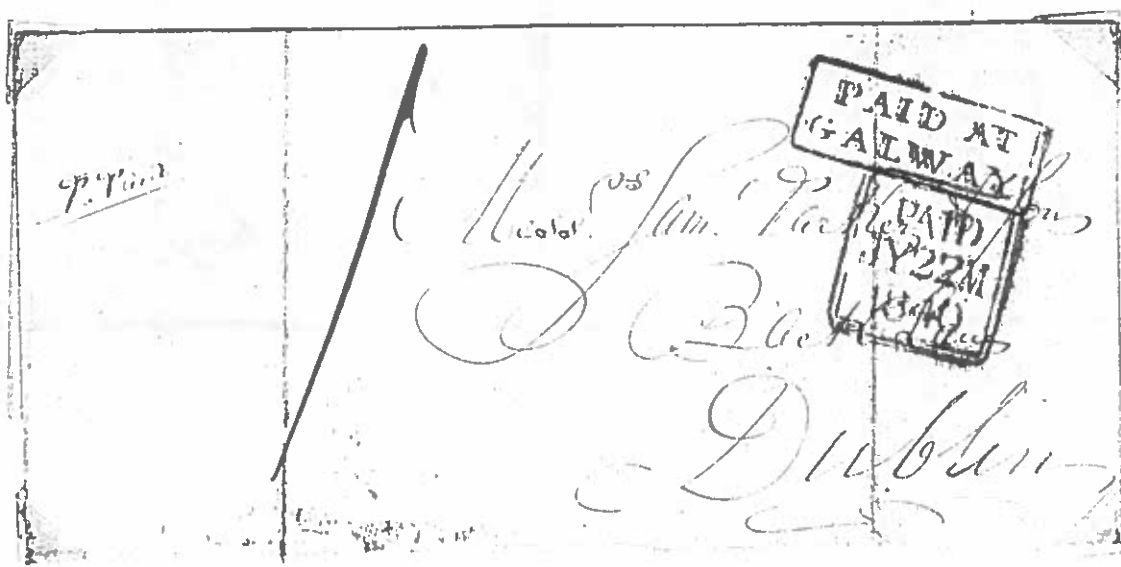
- (a) to share what we have learnt with others who may be interested, and
- (b) in the hope that others, who may have information which we do not may be prompted by our small effort to publish what they have, or to share it with us for publication in a future supplements for the benefit of all.

We have chosen to break the information down by office, simply as this appears to us to be the most convenient way of presenting the information; we do, however, intend to include information relevant to Galway P.H. in general, by way of appendices. The accumulated supplements will thus build, over a period of time, into a picture of the present state of our knowledge of Galway P.H.

Contributions from anyone who has knowledge of the area for inclusion in future supplements would be very welcome, and will be duly accredited.

We would express our sincere thanks to Stan Challis, who, most generously, made the results of his research in this area available to us, and to Tony Cassidy for his advice and practical help. Acknowledgements will appear, with an index, in the final supplement.

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Historical Background:

The origin of the name Galway is lost in antiquity, though many theories as to it's meaning exist. The most generally accepted is that the city takes it's name from the river, in which was drowned Gaillimh, the daughter of Breasail"

That a city existed from quite ancient times is quite certain; Galway Bay is likely the Ausoba of Ptolomy, who describes people called the Auterii, and a city which he calls Nagnata, which is almost certainly the city of Galway.

The city was destroyed by the Danes in 835, but was gradually rebuilt, and was partially fortified by about 1124. It was destroyed by Connor, King of Munster in 1132, and again, by Turlough O'Brien. The town appears to have been rebuilt by 1154.

Following the Norman invasion, Connacht was granted to William FitzAndlm de Burgo by Henry 11, in contravention of Henry's treaty with Roderick O'Connor in 1179. After many years of upheaval, Galway was conquered by Richard de Burgo in 1232. At this time the town consisted of a strong and fortified castle, and a community of fishermen and merchants. Whilst there were many wars, battles and bloodshed round about, Galway grew in prosperity and population. In 1270 the fortification of the town commenced, and after the fortifications were completed, the town greatly increased in prosperity due largely to increased foreign trade.

Galway reached its peak of prosperity and importance about 1600, and then began to decline. It's decline was greatly speeded by Cromwell's military campaigns, and the city did not recover until well into the 20th. century. To-day it is a bustling modern city, of great charm, which has succeeded in retaining some of the best of it's heritage.



Notes:

The list of Offices over, includes all those which have or had any connection with Galway. Those within the County are dealt with in the main text; those in other counties, by way of appendix.

The initial after the office name signifies County in which office situated (C,M,W,R,O - Clare, Mayo, Westmeath, Roscommon, Offaly);. Telegraph Office only (T); Telephone Call box only (TB).

A question mark after the name indicates that information is lacking - perhaps only one reference in the P.O. Lists, and no indication of location.

The numbers assigned to each entry have no significance beyond convenience.

Where two towns have the same name, they are distinguished by initials after the name- e.g. Kilkerrin (Bs.) i.e. Ballinasloe. (Rcs) = Recess; (G) = Galway. - which relate to their H/O.

Index, references etc. will appear in the final supplement.

Galway Post Towns.

(Including Towns associated with Galway.).

1. Aasleigh (M)	55. Clarenbridge	109. Glencorrib (M)	161. Monivea
2. Abbey	56. Cleggan	110. Glentane	162. Mount Bellew (
3. Abbeyknockmoy	57. Clifden	111. Glinsk	163. Mount Shannon
4. Ahascragh	58. Cloghan's Hill	112. Gort	164. Moyard
5. Ardrathan	59. Cloghbrack	113. Gortnadieve	165. Moycullen
6. Arran Island (Kilronan)	60. Clonbern	114. Guilkagh	166. Moyglass
7. Athenry	61. Clonbur	115. Gurteen	167. Moylough
8. Athenry Stn. (T)	62. Clonfert	116. Gurteeny	168. Munster Harbou
9. Attymon	63. Clontuskert	117. Gurtymadden	169. Murrough (C)
10. Attymon Stn. (T)	64. Cloonminda		
11. Aughrim	65. Cloughmore (?)	118. Headford.	170. Newbridge
	66. Colemanstown		171. New Inn
	67. Collinamuck	119. Inisboffin	
12. Ballinaboy	68. Cornamona	120. Inishere	172. Old Town (R)
13. Ballinafad	69. Corrandulla	121. Inismaam	173. Oranmore
14. Balliamore Br.	70. Costelloe	122. Inistoirbirt	174. Oughterard
15. Ballinasloe	71. Craggagh (C)	123. Inisturk (M)	175. Ower
16. Ballinasloe Stn. (T)	72. Craughwell	124. Inisturk Sth. (T)	
17. Ballindereen	73. Creggs	125. Invarin	176. Peterswell
18. Ballyconeely (P)	74. Crusheen (C)	126. Island (C)	177. Pollremon
19. Ballyconree	75. Cummer		178. Portumna
20. Ballycrissane	76. Curra	127. Kellysgrove	179. Powers Cross
21. Ballydangan (W)	77. Curragh West	128. Kilcreest	
22. Ballyforan (R)	78. Currandrum	129. Kilcolgan	180. Recess
23. Ballygar	79. Curranroe (C)	130. Kilconly	181. Renvyle
24. Ballyglunin		131. Kilconnell	182. Rosmuck
25. Ballymacward	80. Dalystown	132. Kilkerrin (Bs.)	183. Rosscahil
26. Ballymoe	81. Dangan	133. Kilkerrin (Rcs)	184. Rossmore
27. Ballynahowan	82. Dereen	134. Killeenadeema	185. Roundstone
Ballynahoneen	83. Derrybrien	135. Killimor	
28. Ballyshrute	84. Derryerglinna	136. Killoran	186. Shannon Br. (C
29. Ballyvaughan (C)	85. Derrygimley	137. Kilmeen	187. Sheevant (?)
30. Barna	86. Derrynaclough	138. Kilmurvey	188. Shrute (M)
31. Barnaderg	87. Drumgriffin	139. Kilrikle	189. Spiddle
32. Bealadangan	88. Dunloe Hill	140. Kilronan	
33. Belclare	89. Dunmore	141. Kilsallagh	190. Taughmaconnell
34. Bell Harbour (C)	90. Dysart (R)	142. Kiltormer	191. Toomard
35. Boston (C)		143. Kiltulla	192. Toombeola
36. Boyounagh	91. Errislannan	144. Kinvara	193. Trien (M)
37. Bracklack	92. Eyrecourt	145. Kylebrack	194. Trilliman
38. Briarfield		Kylebrock (?)	195. Tuam
39. Brownsgrrove	93. Fiddane (?)	146. Kylemore	196. Tubber
40. Bullaun	94. Finny (M)		197. Turloughmore
41. Bunnakill	95. Foxhall	147. Lawrencetown	198. Tynagh
42. Burrin (C)		148. Leenane	
	96. Galway	149. Letterfrack	199. Whitegate (C)
43. Caherlistrane	97. : Bohermore	150. Lettergesh	200. Williamstown
44. Caltra	98. : Dominick St.	151. Lettermore	201. Woodford
45. Camus	99. : Fr. Griffin Ave.	152. Lettermullen	202. Woodlawn
46. Cappataggle	100.: Mervue	153. Levally	
47. Carna	101.: Newcastle	154. Loughrea	
48. Carraroe	102.: Renmore		
49. Cashel	103.: Salthilli	155. Maam	
50. Castleblakney	104.: Seamus Quirk Rd.	156. Maam Cross	
51. Cill Mhic Craith	105.: Taylors Hill	157. Meelick	
52. Claddaghduff	106. Galway Stn. (T)	158. Menlough (Bs.)	
53. Claregalway	107. Garrafranes	159. Menlough (G)	
54. Clare Island (M)	108. Glenamaddy	160. Milltown	

Galway Post Offices.

Abbey: Portumna (8m)/Gort (22m) Rd.

1880 - opened; H/O - Loughrea; Nearest M/O office - Woodford.

1923 - Mainistir Chineil Feichin .

19 - An Mhainistir, Baile Locha Riach, Co. na Gaillimhe.

English - The Abbey.



Abbeyknockmoy: Galway (18m)/Mount Bellew Bridge (8m) Rd.

1967 - opened; H/O - Tuam. (Replaced Dereen).

1982 - Mainistir Cnoc Maigh, Tuaim.

English - Abbey of the hill of Muaidh.



Ahascragh: Ballinasloe (7m)/Mount Bellew Bridge (9m) Rd.

1810 - Opened; H/O - Ballinasloe.

1814 - Single letter Rate (Dublin) - 8d.

1811/1834 - Milage Mark in Black - '78'.

1828/1840 - Penny Post (Mount Bellew Bridge; 1832-1833).

1835 - P.M.: anne Fallon; Distance from Dublin: 78m.

- single letter rate - 9d.

1844 - Number in P.O. lists: 3. (This number was assigned to Bunratty in 1874).

1846 - P.M.: Ellen Fallon;

- Dist. from Dublin: 99m.

Dublin Mail arr. at 7.20 a.m.; disp. at 5.40 p.m.

1849 - P.M.: Ennel Fallon;

Dublin Mail arr. at 7.10 a.m.; disp. at 5.40 p.m.

1858 - P.M.: Ellen Fallon;

- dist. from Dublin: 75m.

- Dublin mail arr. at 3.25 a.m.; disp. at 9.25 p.m.

1923 - Ath Eascrach Cuan.

1977 - Ath Eascrach, Beal Atha na Sluaighe.

English: Ford of the Sand-Hill.

Ahascragh (continued):

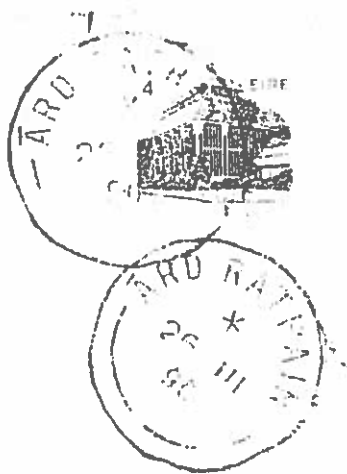


Ardrahan: Galway (17m)/Limerick(44m) Rd.

- 1833 - opened; P.T.- Oranmore.
- 1835 - P.M.: Robert Lambert;
 - Dist. from Dublin: 97m
 - Single letter rate: 10d.
- 1846 - P.M.: George Taylor;
 - Dist. from Dublin: 122m.
 - Dublin mail arr. at 11.20 a.m.; disp. at 1.30 p.m.
- 1844 - No. 7 (withdrawn by 1857) in P.O. lists.
- 1849 - P.M.: Geo. Taylor;
 - Dist. from Dublin: 122m.
 - Dublin mail arr. at 8.50 a.m.; disp. at 4.00 p.m.
- 1858 - P.M.: Michael Taylor;
 - Dist. from Dublin: 104m.
 - Dublin mail arr. at 2.18 a.m.; disp. at 10.12 p.m.
- 1874 - No. 6.
- by 1883 - RSO & P.T., Telegraph & M.O. office.
- by 1928 - P.T. - Galway.
- 1923 - Ard Rathain;
- 1977 - Ard Raitin, Gaillimh.

A Penny Post operated between Ardrahan and Burrin in 1835.

English: Fern Height.



Athenry: 25m. from Ballinasloe, on the northern road to Galway.

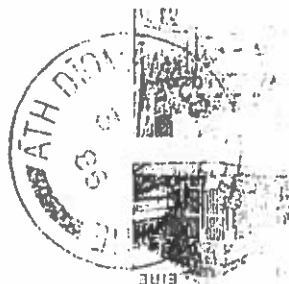
- 1677 - opened; Single letter rate: 4d.
 - 1796 - Single letter rate: 6d.
 - 1805 - do : 7d.
 - 1810 - do : 8d.
 - 1813 - do : 9d.
 - 1814 - do : 10d.
 - 1819 - Milage Mark - dist. from Dublin: 100m.
 - 1826 - Single letter rate: 9d.
 - by 1835 - do : 10d.
 - H/O: Craughwell.
 - 1844 - P.O. Lists: No. 16.
 - 1846 - P.M.: Neptune Persse; H/O by this date.
 - Dist. from Dublin: 120m.
 - Dublin mail arr. at 10.40 a.m.; disp. at 2.10 p.m.
 - 1849 - P.M.: Neptune Persse;
 - Dublin mail arr. at 8.20 a.m.; disp. at 4.20 p.m.
 - 1856 - P.M.: James Barrett;
 - Mail from Dublin arr. at 12.05 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.; disp. at 8.55 a.m. and 12.00 midnight.
 - mail from Tuam arr. at 11.45 a.m.; disp. at 12.40 a.m.
 - mail from Loughrea arr. at 11.20 a.m. & at 8.55 a.m.; disp. at 1.00 a.m. & 4.40 p.m.
 - mail from Galway, Gort etc. arr. at 9.05 a.m. & 12.30 a.m.; disp. at 3.25 p.m. & 11.30 p.m.
 - 1858 - P.M.: James Barrett;
 - dist. from Dublin: 114m.
 - Dublin mail arr. at 12.05 a.m. & 3.50 p.m.; disp. at 12.20 p.m. & 9.10 a.m.
 - 1870 - P.M.: Ann Rush;
 - Dublin mail arr. at 12.00 midnight & 1.30 p.m.; disp. at 12.20 a.m. and 12.00 noon.
 - by 1883 - Telegraph & M.O. office.
 - 1923 - Baile Atha an Riogh.
 - 1977 - Baile Atha an Ri, Co. na Gaillimhe.
- English: Town of the Ford of the Kings.



Attymon: 6m. N.E. of Athenry.

1895 - opened; P.T.: Athenry.
1923 - Ath Diomain
1977 - Ath Tiomain, Baile Atha an Ri.

English: Simon's Ford.



Aughrim: 4m. From Ballinasloe, on Galway road.

1813 - opened; P.T.: Ballinasloe.
1818/1828 - Milage Mark; dist. from Dublin 76m.
1844 - P.O. No. 22 (withdrawn by 1857.
1923 - Eachdhruim, Beal Atha Sluagh.
1977 - Eachroim, Beal Atha na Sluaighe.

English: The Ridge of the Horse.



Ballinaboy: 2m. S. of Clifden.

1910 - opened; P.T.: Clifden.
1923 - Beal an Atha Buidhe.
1955 - Closed (temporarily closed on 31/5/55; finally closed on 1/11/55)

English: The Mouth of the Yellow Ford.



Ballinafad:

1933: Opened; P.T.: Galway.
1977 - Beal an Atha Fada, Gaillimh.
1988 - Closed.

English: Mouth of the Long Ford.

Ballinamore Bridge: 12m. NW of Ballinasloe.

- 1832 - Opened; P.T.: (probably) Ahascragh.
 - 1832 - A 1d. post existed between Ballinamore Bridge and Ahascragh between Aug. 1832 and 1835 (at least).
 - 1846 - P.M.: William Burke;
 - P.T.: Ahascragh;
 - Dist. from Dublin: 106m.
 - Dublin mail arr. at 9.30 a.m.; disp. at 3.00 p.m.
 - 1849 - P.M. William Burke;
 - Dublin mail arr. 8.00 a.m.; disp. at 4.45 p.m.
 - 1858 - P.M.: William Burke;
 - Dist. from Dublin: 75m.
 - Dublin mail arr. at 8.55 a.m.; disp. at 5.05 p.m.
 - by 1858 - P.T.: Ballinasloe.
 - 1858 - nearest M.O. office - Ballygar.
 - 1923 - Droichead Bheil an Atha Moir.
 - 1977 - Droichead Bheil an Atha Moir, Beal Atha na Sluaighe.
- English: Bridge at the Mouth of the Big Ford.



Ballinasloe: 15m. from Athlone, on the main Galway road. Known as Dunloe until 17th. century (Dunloe = Hill of Deodhra).

- 1733 - opened.
- 1784 - Single letter rate - 4d;
- 1796 - single letter rate - 5d;
- 1800 - P.M.: Richard Carroll;
- 1805 - Single letter rate - 6d;
- 1808 - Milage Mark (Black) - dist.: 72m;
- 1810 - Single letter rate - 7d;
- 1813 - do - 8d;
- 1814 - do - 9d;
- 1824 - P.M.: Thomas Carroll;
 - Dublin mail arr. at 9.00 a.m.; disp. at 4.45 p.m.;
 - Galway mail arr. at 9.25 a.m.; disp. at 4.20 p.m.;
- 1817/1831 - Milage Mark (Black) - dist.: 71m.;
- 1834 - 1d. post to Lawrencetown;
- 1835 - P.M.: Richard Carroll;
 - single letter rate - 9d;
- 1836 - 1d. post to Kiltormer;
- 1844 - No. 32 in P.O. lists;
- 1846 - P.M.: Richard Carroll;
 - Dublin mail arr. at 6.17 a.m.; disp. at 6.43 p.m.;
- 1849 - P.M.: Richard Carroll;
 - Dublin mail arr. at 4.37 a.m.; disp. at 8.23 p.m.;

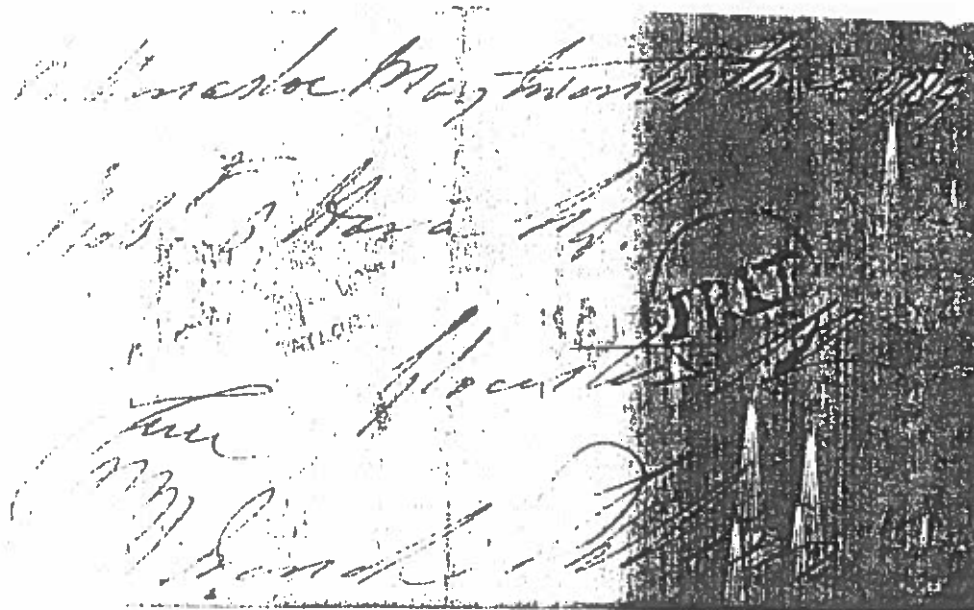
Ballinasloe (continued):

- 1856 - P.M.: Richard Carroll;
 - Dublin mail arr. at 7.00 a.m. & at 3.30 p.m.; disp. at 9.30 a.m. & 10.00 p.m.
 - Galway mail disp. at 2.20 p.m. & 10.00 p.m.
- 1858 - P.M.: Richard Carroll;
 - Dublin mail arr at 2.55 p.m. & 11.20 p.m.; disp. at 9.50 a.m. & 1.10 a.m.
 - dist. from Dublin: 92m.
- 1878 - P.M.: John J. Barry;
 - P.M.: R.K. Malone.
- by 1872 - Telegraph Office.
- 1903 - P.M. Joseph O'Hagan;
- 1909 - P.M.: J.J. Doran;
- 1923 - P.M.: J. West;
 - Beal Atha na Sluagh.
- 1942 - P.M.: L. O'Neill;
- 1948 - P.M.: N. W. Thompson;
- 1954 - P.M.: M. O'Riordan;
- 1963 - P.M.: J. J. McDevitt;
 - First Slogan P.M. introduced (Support the Freedom from Hunger Campaign).
- 1967 - P.M. Liam Barr;
- 1969 - P.M.: Kevin Clear;
- 1977 - Beal Atha na Sluaighe, Co. na Gaillimhe.
- 1989 - P.M. Larry O'Brien.

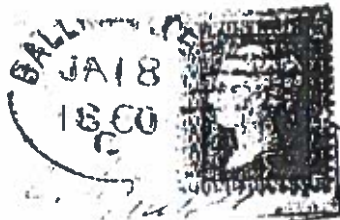
English: The Ford Mouth of the Hosts.

Post Office: The Office was in Dunloe Street until 1810, when it appears to have been moved to Main Street. The new P.O. in the square opened in 1965.

A town sub-office existed at the Junction of Dunloe Hill and Brackernagh, under the name of Dunloe Hill from approx. 1910 to 1918.



May 1789. Ballinasloe to Dublin.

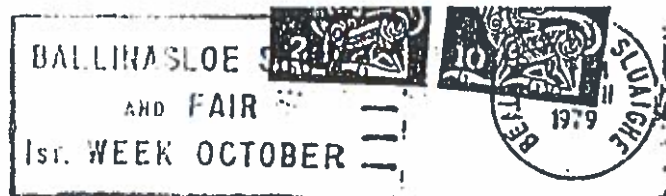


Slogan P/Marks:



No. 1 (MacKay No. 152):
Introduced 1963.

No. 2 (Mackay No. 159)
Introduced 1966.



No. 3 (186):
Introduced 1968.

No. 4 (146)
Introduced 1971.

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No. 5 (101).
Introduced 1979.

Ballindereen: apx. 3m. N. of Kinvara.

by 1931 - opened; P.T.: Galway.
1977 - Balile an Doirin.

English: Townland of the small Oak Groves.



Ballyconneely: 6m. SSW of Clifden.

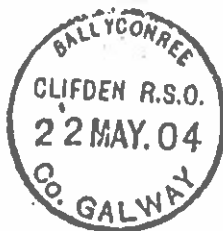
1860 - opened; H/O.: Galway; Nearest MO.office: Clifden.
by 1912 - Telegraph & MO Office.
1923 - Baile Ui Chonghaile.
1977 - Baile Conaola, Gaillimh.

English: O'Conneely's Townland.



Ballyconree: 5m. WNW of Clifden.

by 1904 - opened; P.T.: Clifden.
1923 - Baile.Mhic Conroi.
1973 - closed (7.12).
1977 - Baile Conraoi, Gaillimh. (Listed as a call box only).



Ballycrissane: 4m. NNW of Portumna.

1853 - opened; P.T.: Ballinasloe. Nearest MO office: Eyrecourt.
1858 - P.M.: John Mullins;
- Dist. from Dublin: 107m.
- Dublin mail arr. at 5.25 a.m.; disp. at 6.55 p.m.
1923 - Baile Crosan.
1977 - Baile Crosain, Beal Atha na Sluaighe.

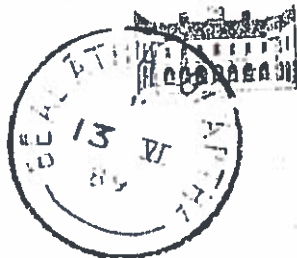
English: Crosain's Town.



Ballygar: 8m. SW of Roscommon; 22m. WNW of Ballinasloe.

- by 1857 - opened; H/O: Ballinasloe.
- 1857 - P.M.: Sml. Thompson;
 - Dist. from Dublin: 109m;
 - Dublin mail arr. at 10.00 a.m.; disp. at 4.00 p.m.
- by 1857 - MO office.
- 1923 - Baile Gearr.
- 1977 - Bael Atha Ghartha, Ros Comain.

English: Ford Mouth of the Enclosed Garden.



Ballyglunin: 6m. SE of Tuam.

- 1856 - opened; P.T.: Athenry.
- 1858 - P.M.: William Freaney;
 - Dist. from Dublin: 100m.
 - Dublin mail arr. at 1.50 a.m. & 5.00 p.m.; disp. at 7.55 a.m. & 10.35. p.m.
- 1860 - Rly. stn. opened.
- by 1863 - MO office.
 - H/O: Tuam.
- 1874 - P.O. list: No. 43.
- by 1912 - MO & telegraph office
- 1923 - Beal Atha Glunin.
- 1976 - rly. closed.
- 1977 - Beal Atha Glunin, Co. na Gaillimhe.

English: Glunin's Ford Mouth.

(Alos known as Ballyclunin & Ballyglunin Park).



Ballymacward: 4m. from Castleblakney, on Kilconnell road. (18m. from Ballinasloe,

- 1865 - opened; P.T.: Ballinasloe.
 - 1867 - nearest MO office: Castleblakney.
 - 1883 - " " " : Woodlawn.
 - 1901 - Dist. from Dublin: 109m.
 - by 1912 - P.T.: Woodlawn.
 - Telegraph office.
 - by 1921 - P.T.: Ballinasloe.
 - 1923 - Baile Mhic an Bhaired.
 - 1977 - baile Mhic an Bhaired, Beal Atha na Sluaighe.
- English: Town of the son of the Bard.



Ballymoe: 5m. S. of Castlerea.

- 1808 - opened; Sub. to Castlerea.
- 1821/1840 - Penny Post to Roscommon & Castlerea.
- 1844 - 47 in P.O. lists.
- 1846 - P.M.: James Kelly;
 - Dist. from Dublin: 108m.
 - Dublin mail arr. at 11.10 a.m.; disp. at 1.20 p.m.
- 1849 - Dublin mail arr. at 9.00 a.m.; disp. at 3.30 p.m.
 - P.M.: James Kelly.
- 1858 - P.M.: James Kelly;
 - dist. from Dublin: 77m.
 - Dublin mail arr. at 8.05 a.m.; disp. at 4.20 p.m.
- by 1863 - M.O. & Savings Bank office.
- by 1883 - R.S.O. & H.O.
- by 1912 - Telegraph Office.
- 1923 - Beal Atha Mogha.
- 1977 - Beal Atha Mo, An Caislean Riabach, co. Ros Comain.

A S/L milage mark was in use between 1821 & 1830, in Black - dist. 85m.

English: Mo's Ford mouth.

