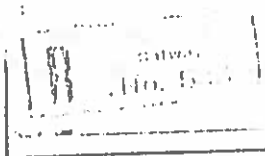


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It is hard to believe that nine months have passed since we produced the first part of this supplement. At this rate of progress, we will be well into the next Millennium before we get it finished. This is not necessarily a bad thing; the longer the process goes on, the more information can be added, and the greater the opportunities for correcting our mistakes.

With this part, we have included the first of the planned appendices. This one covers the Penny Post Towns in the Galway area. Also, as an unplanned appendix, we include a few photographs of some of the offices. We have been asked to include these, and we do so with our apologies for the poor quality of the copies. Over the years, we have consulted a great many maps; it would not be possible to reproduce all of them, but we have included a few of these for information.

We would record our sincere thanks to Mr. Jimmy O'Connor, An Post Regional Manager, Galway, whose assistance in producing this supplement has been invaluable.

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June 1991.



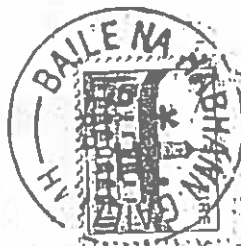
Ballynahoneen:

1872 Directory - stated to be 7m. from Athenry.
(Possibly a corruption of Ballymoneen, a townland near Casla, 7m.
from Athenry).

Ballynahown: 8m. NW of Spiddle.

(24/8) 1899 - opened; P.T.: Galway.
by 1912 - M.O. & Savings Bank office.
1923 - Baile na hAbhann, Gaillimh.

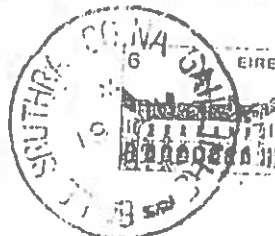
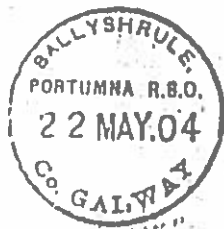
English: Townland of the River.



Ballyshrul: 4m. W of Portumna.

1905 - opened; P.T.: Portumna.
by 1918 - Postal Orders issued, but not paid.
1923 - Baile Srutha...
1959 - P.T.: Ballinasloe.
1977 - Baile Sruthail, Beal Atha na Sluaighe.

English: Town of the Stream.



Barna: 4m. W. of Galway.

1840 - opened; P.T.: Galway.
1846 - P.M.: Michael Kilkelly;
- Dublin mail arr. at 12.04 p.m.; disp. at 9.16 a.m.;
- Dist. from Dublin: 137m.
1857 - P.M.: Michael Kilkelly;
- Dublin mail arr. at 7.30 a.m.; disp. at 6.30 p.m.;
- Dist. from Dublin: 130m.
1923 - Bearna, Gaillimh.

English: Gap.



Barnaderg:

7m. SE of Tuam.

- (Oct.) 1863 - opened; PT: Athenry. (Replaced dangan).
1883 - Nearest MO office: Tuam.
1901 - Dist. from Dublin: 150m.
by 1912 - PT: Ballyglunin
- MO & telegraph Office.
1923 - Bearna Dhearg.
1964 - Bearna Dhearg, Beal Atha Glunin, Co. na Gaillimhe
(1/7) 1970 - PT: Tuam.
- Bearna Dhearg, Tuaim, Co. na Gaillimhe.

English: red Gap.



Bealadangan: 23m. NW of Galway.

- 1874 - opened; PT: Galway.
- nearest MO office: Spiddle.
1901 - dist. from Dublin: 158m.
1912 - nearest MO office: Lettermore.
1923 - Beal an Daingin.
1977 - Beal an Daingin, Gaillimh.

English: Rivermouth of the Fortress.



Belclare:

4½m. SSW of Tuam on Headford Road.

- (April) 1864 - opened; PT: Tuam.
1913 - Telegraph office.
1922 - Beal Atha an Chlair.
(1/7) 1917 - PT: Galway.
(21/11) 1966 - PT: Tuam
1977 - Beal Chlair, Gaillimh.
English: Mouth of the Plain.



Boyouanagh: 7m. from Dunmore, on Castlerea Road.

1899 - opened; PT: Ballinasloe.
1910 - PT: Glenamaddy.
1923 - Buidhe-Abhnach.
1938 - PT: castlerea.
1964 - Buibheanach, An Caislean Riabhach, Co. na Gaillimhe.
1977 - Buibheanach, An Caislean Riabhach, Co. Ros Comain.

English: Yellow Marsh.

(Also spelt: Boyanagh).



Bracklagh: 2m. SW of Ballymoe.

by 1905 - opened; PT: Ballymoe.
by 1922 - PT: Castlerea.
1923 - closed (31/5/23).

English: A Speckled Place.



Briarfield: 6m. W of Mount Bellew.

1950 - opened; PT: Ballinasloe.
1953 - Pairc na nDriseog.
1977 - An Driseachan, Beal Atha na Sluaighe, Co. na Gaillimhe.

English: Place of Briars.



Brownsgrrove: 4½m. NE of Tuam on Dunmore Road.

- (20/2) 1874: Opened; P.T. - Tuam.
1923: Ceathramha na Lathaighe.
1977: Ceathru na Lathai, Tuaim, Co. na Gaillimhe.
(9/2) 1989: Closed.
English: Muddy Quarter.



Bullaun: 4m. from Loughrea on the Castleblakney Road.

- 1883: Opened; PT - Loughrea.
(31/3) 1917: Closed
1949: Re-opened (1st. May).
1966: Closed

Irish: Bollan.
English: Well in a Rock.
(also spelt: Bullane).



Bunnakill: 3m. from Maam Cross, on Oughterard Road.

- 1860: Opened(?) - closed - by 1883;
(18/4) 1910: Re-opened; PT - Maam Cross.
(16/4) 1917: Closed

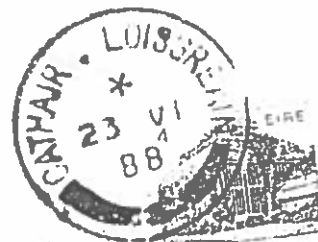
Irish: Bun na Cille.
English: The Hollow of the Church.
(also spelt Bunnakyle).

Caherlistrane:

4m. NW of Headford.

- (26/1) 1857: Opened; PT - Tuam. Nearest MO office - Headford.
(30/6) 1921: Closed.
(6/11) 1922: Reopened.
1923: Cathair Loisgreain.
1923: Closed temporarily - 26/2/23 to 10/5/23.
1977: Cathair Loistreain, Gaillimh.

English: Stone Fort of the Place where Corn is burnt off the ear.



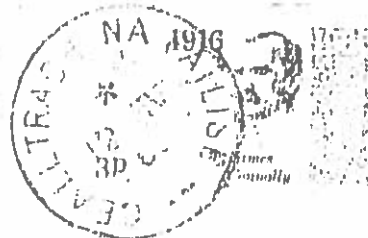
Caltra:

12m. NW of Ballinasloe, on Tuam Road.

- by 1863: Opened; PT - Ballinasloe; Nearest MO - Castleblakney.
1923: Cealltrach na Pailise.
1977: An Cealtrach, Beal Atha na Sluaighe, Co. na Gaillimhe.

English: An Old Burial Ground.

(Also: Caltragh).

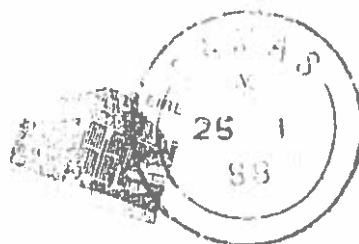


Camus:

8m. S of Maam Cross, on Costelloe Road.

- 1962: Opened (25th. Apr.); PT - Galway. (replaced Maam Cross).
1977: Camas, Gaillimh.

English: Anything that bends, a winding stream.



Cappataggle: 8m. SW of Ballinasloe, on Loughrea Road.

1883: Opened; PT - Ballinasloe. Nearest MO - Aughrim.
1923: Ceapach an tSeagail.
1977: Ceapaigh an tSeagail, Beal Atha na Sluaighe.
English: Tillage plot of Rye.



Carna: 36m. W of Galway & 22m. S of Clifden.

1864: Opened; PT - Galway. Nearest MO - Roundstone.
: Closed.
1878: Reopened.
1887: P.O. List - 99.
by 1896: RSO.
by 1912: MO & Telegraph office.
1923: Carna.
1977: Carna, Gaillimh.

English: A Monumental Heap of Stones.



Carraroe: 25m. W of Galway.

1880: Opened; PT - Galway. Nearest MO - Spiddle.
by 1912: MO & Telegraph Office.
1923: Ceathramha Ruadh.
1977: An Cheatru Rua, Gaillimh.

English: Russet Rocky Land. (Or Red Quarters; or Red Pillar stone).



Cashel: 6m. SE of Ballynahinch.

- (12/7) 1884: opened; PT - Recess. (Replaced Toom Beola).
1887: PO lists: No. 524.
by 1896: Post Town & RSO.
by 1912: MO & Telegraph Office.
1923: Caiseal, Srath Salach.
by 1951: PT - Galway.
1977: An Caiseal, Gaillimh.

English: Circular Stone Fort.



Castleblakney: 25m. NE of Galway.

- 1733: Opened.
1788: Single letter rate: 4d.
Distance from Dublin: 80m.
1796: Single letter rate: 6d.
1808: Sarah McMorris - PM.
1814: Single letter rate: 9d.
1835: Randal Kent - PM.
Distance from Dublin - 84m.
Single letter rate: 9d.
1844: PO lists - No. 110 (withdrawn by 1857).
1846: Roderick Rabbitt - PM.
Distance from Dublin: 106m.
Dublin Mail arrived at 8.07 a.m. & 1.55 p.m;
" " dispatched at 11.20 a.m. & 4.53 p.m.
by 1846: MO Office.
1849: J. Ferguson - PM.
Dublin Mail arr. at 6.37 a.m. & 1.55 p.m; - disp. at 11.20 a.m.
& 6.23 p.m.
1858: John Ferguson - PM.
PT - Ballinasloe.
by 1883: Telegraph Office.
by 1912: PT - Ballinasloe
1923: Gallach Ui Cheallaig.
1924: Gallach Ui Cheallaigh, Beal Atha na Sluagh.
1977: Gallach, Beal Atha na Sluaighe, Co. na Gaillimhe.

Penny Post: A penny post operated between Casletblakney & Moylough in 1832.

Milage Mark: A S/L Milage Mark (abbreviated) was in use between 1819/1830;
Distance - 84m.; Colour - black.

English: Place of the
Standing Stone.



Also called Gallagh or Killasola

Cill Mhic Craith:

4m. ESE of Loughrea.

- (1/11) 1937: Opened; PT - Loughrea.
1964: Cill Mhic Craith, Baile Locha Riach, Co. na Gaillimhe.
1989: Pat Lyons - PM.

English: MacCraith's Church.



Claddaghduff:

6m. NW of Clifden.

- (23/8) 1883: Opened; PT - Galway.
by 1896: PT - Clifden
1923: Cladach Dubh.
by 1959: PT - Galway.
1964: Cladach Dubh, Gaillimh.

English: Black Sea Shore.



Claregalway:

7M. NE of Galway, on Tuam Road.

- 1833: Opened (R.H).
1846: PM - Patrick Reilly.
: Distance from Dublin - 140m.
: Dublin Mail arr. - 5.05 p.m; disp. - 7.38 a.m.
: PT - Galway.
1847: as 1846.
1849: as 1846.
1856: PM - Bart. Hession.
: Distance from Dublin - 134m.
: Dublin Mail arr. at 8.00 a.m.; disp. at 6.00 p.m.
by 1912: MO & T Office.
1923: Baile Chlair na Gaillimhe.
1977: Baile Chlair, Gaillimh.

English: The Town of the Plain.

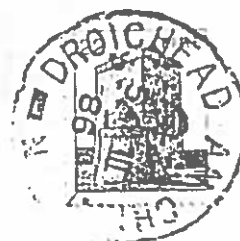


Clarínbridge:

10m. from Galway on Gort road.

- 1861: Opened; PT - Oranmore.
by 1912: PT - Galway; Nearest MO office - Kilcolgan.
1923: Droichead an Clairín.
by 1927: PT - Galway.
1964: Droichead an Clairín, Gaillimh.

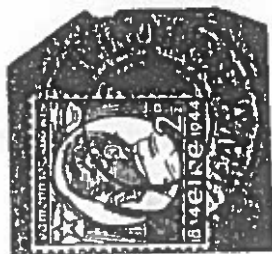
English: Bridge of the little plank.



Cleggan:

7m. NW of Clifden.

- 1858: Opened; PT - Galway; Nearest MO office - Clifden.
1885: No. 139 in P.O. lists. PT.
1896: RSO.
by 1924: PT - Clifden.
: Cloigeann.
(4/11) 1957: PT - Galway.
1977: An Cloigeann, Gaillimh.



Clifden:

40m. NW of Galway.

- 1822: Opened: PT - Galway.
1823: Mileage Mark - black, milage - 144m.
1834: Penny Post to Galway.
by 1840: PT. & MO.
1844: No. 134 in P.O. lists. (withdrawn by 1857).
: Distance from Dublin - 178m.
: Dublin Mail arr. at 7.15 p.m; disp. at 6.00 a.m.
: Catherine Thomas - P.M.
1849: Dublin mail arr. at 3.20 p.m.; disp. at 9.20 a.m.
1856: " " " " 9.00 a.m.; " " 4.45 p.m.
: (Catherine Thomas - PM).
by 1860: PT - galway.
1870: (Catherine Thomas - PM.
: Dublin mail arr. at 8.45 a.m.; disp. at 4.00 p.m.
by 1883: Telegraph office.
1887: No. 129 in PO lists.
by 1912: PT.
(4/11) 1957 PT - Galway.

Clifden (continued):

1923: Clochan, Co. na Gaillimhe.

1977: An Clochan, Gaillimhe.

English: A bee-hive shaped house.
(or a Row of Stepping stones)



Cloghbrack:

7m. NW of Cong, on the road to Partry Mtns.

by 1910: Opened; PT - Clonbur.

1923: Cloch Breac

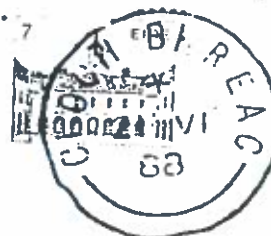
by 1924: PT - Ballinrobe (Co. Mayo); Nearest MO office - Clonbur.

by 1964: PT - Claremorris (Co. Mayo).

1977: An Cloch Breac, Clar Chiaiinne Mhuiris, Co. Mhaigh Eo.

English: Speckled Stone.

(Alos spelt: Cloughbrack).



Clonbern:

8½m. NE of Tuam.

1874 : Opened; PT - Ballinasloe; Nearest MO office - Dunmore.

by 1912: PT - Moylough.

by 1916: MO office; Nearest T office - Glenamaddy (6m).

1923: Cluain Bheirne; PT - Ballinasloe.

1977: Cluain Bheirn, Beal Atha na Sluaighe, Co. na Gaillimhe.

English: Bearn's Meadow.



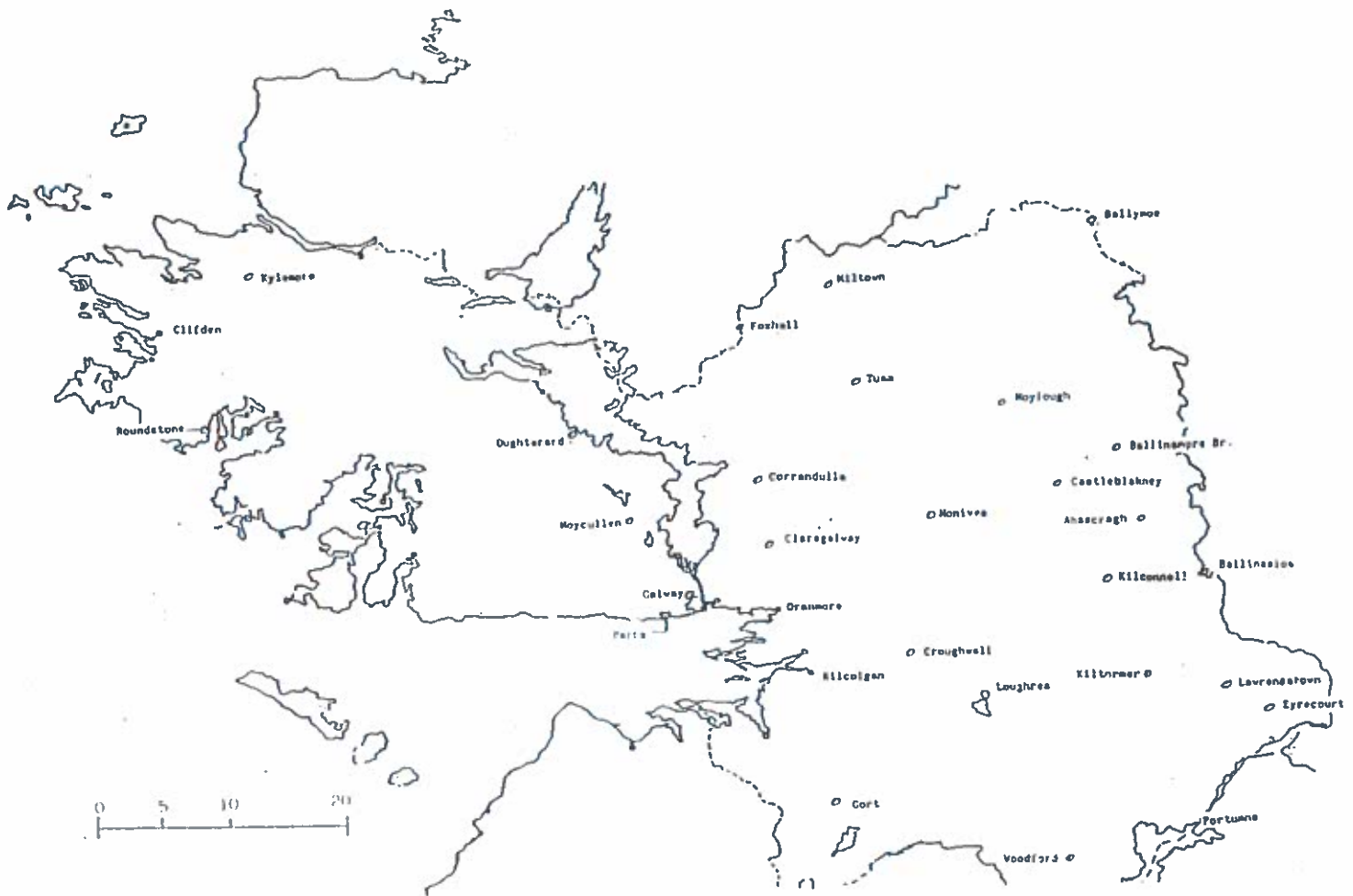
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Penny Post Towns.

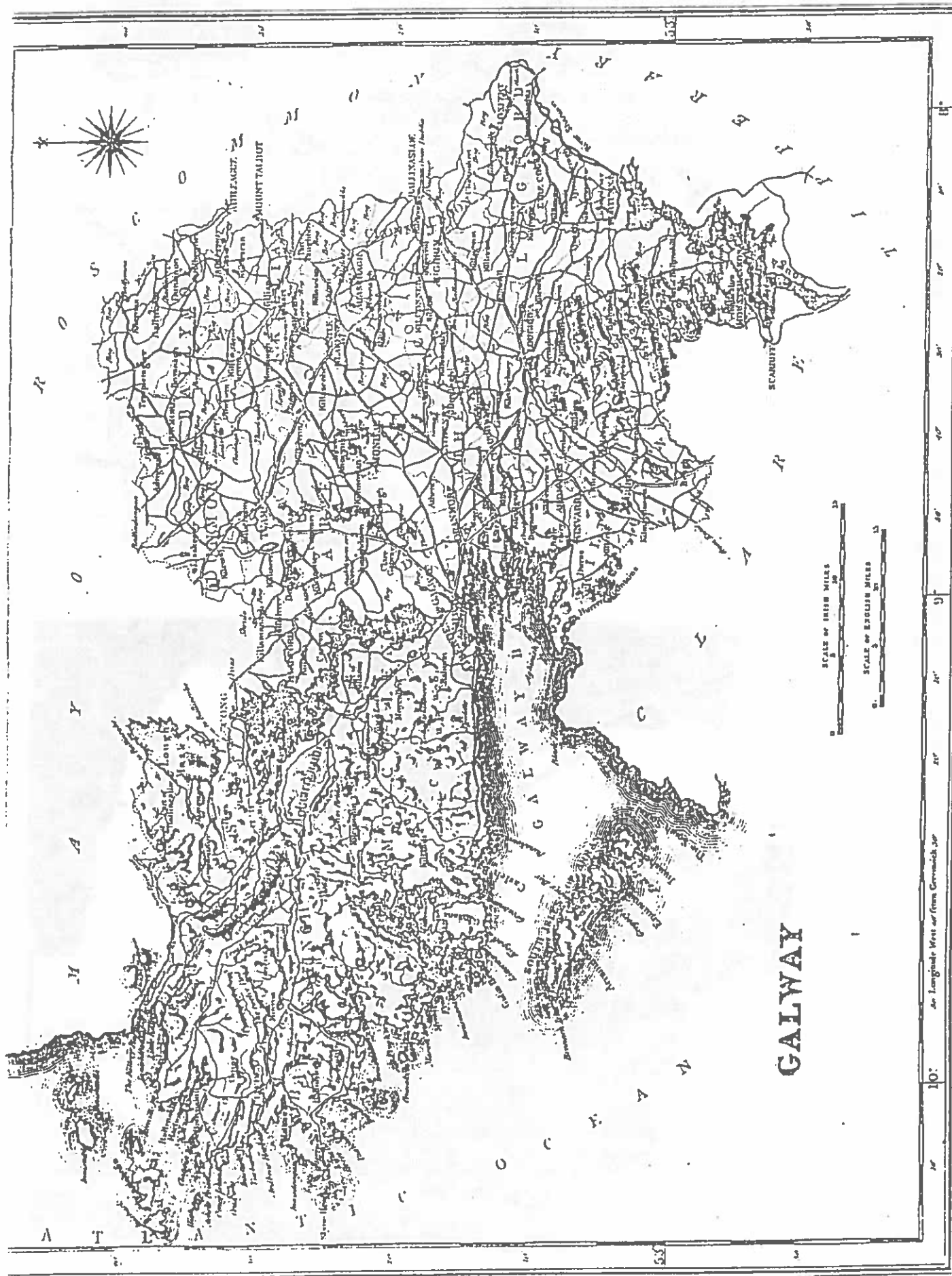
<u>Town.</u>	<u>Connection.</u>	<u>Opening Date.</u>
Ard Rathan	Burrin	by 1835
AHASCRAGH	Ballinamore Bridge	15.8.1832
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	ROSCOMMON (R)	1837
BALLINASLOE	Kiltormer	1841 (?)
	Lawrencetown	22.11.1834
Ballindine (M)	TUAM	1836
Ballymoe	ROSCREA (R)	by 1836
	CASTLEREA	by 1836
Barna	GALWAY	6.1.1833
Burrin (C)	GALWAY	by 1835
CASTLEBLAKNEY	Moylough	1832
Clare (Galway)	GALWAY	6.1.1833
	TUAM	1833
	Loughglynn (R)	-
	Frenchpark (R)	by 1835
CLIFDEN	GALWAY	1834
	Oughterard	1840
Carndulla	TUAM	2.3.1834
CRAUGHWELL	Monivea	1834
Crusheen (C)	ENNIS	1837
	GORT	1838
Eyrecourt	Kylemore	1840
	Lawrencetown	1835
	Trilliman	1838
Foxhall	TUAM	1839
GALWAY	Barna	1840
	Clare (Galway)	6.1.1833
	CLIFDEN	1834
	Moycullen	17.8.1835
	Oughterard	1834
	Roundstone	10.10.1833
GORT	Crusheen (C)	1838
Kilcolgan	Oranmore	1836
Kilconnell	Aughrim	by 1836
Kiltormer	BALLINASLOE	1841
Kylemore	Eyrecourt	1840
Lawrencetown	BALLINASLOE	22.11.1834
	Eyrecourt	1840
LOUGHREA	Woodford	1.7.1832
Milltown	TUAM	6.7.1832
Monivea	Craughwell	1834
Moycullen	GALWAY	17.8.1835
Moylough	CASTLEBLAKNEY	17.11.1832
ORANMORE	Kilcolgan	1836
Oughterard	GALWAY	1834
	CLIFDEN	1840
PORTUMNA	Carrigahorrig (T)	1838
ROSCOMMON	Ballinamore Bridge	1838
Roundstone	GALWAY	10.10.1833
	CLIFDEN	1840

Penny Post Towns (Continued):

<u>Town</u>	<u>Connection.</u>	<u>Opening Date.</u>
Sheevant	TUAM	1836
Trilliman	Eyrecourt	1838
TUAM	Ballindine, (M)	1836
	Clare (Galway)	1834
	Carndulla	2.3. 1834
	Foxhall	1839
	Milltown	6.7. 1832
	Sheevant	1836
Woodford	LOUGHREA	1.7. 1832

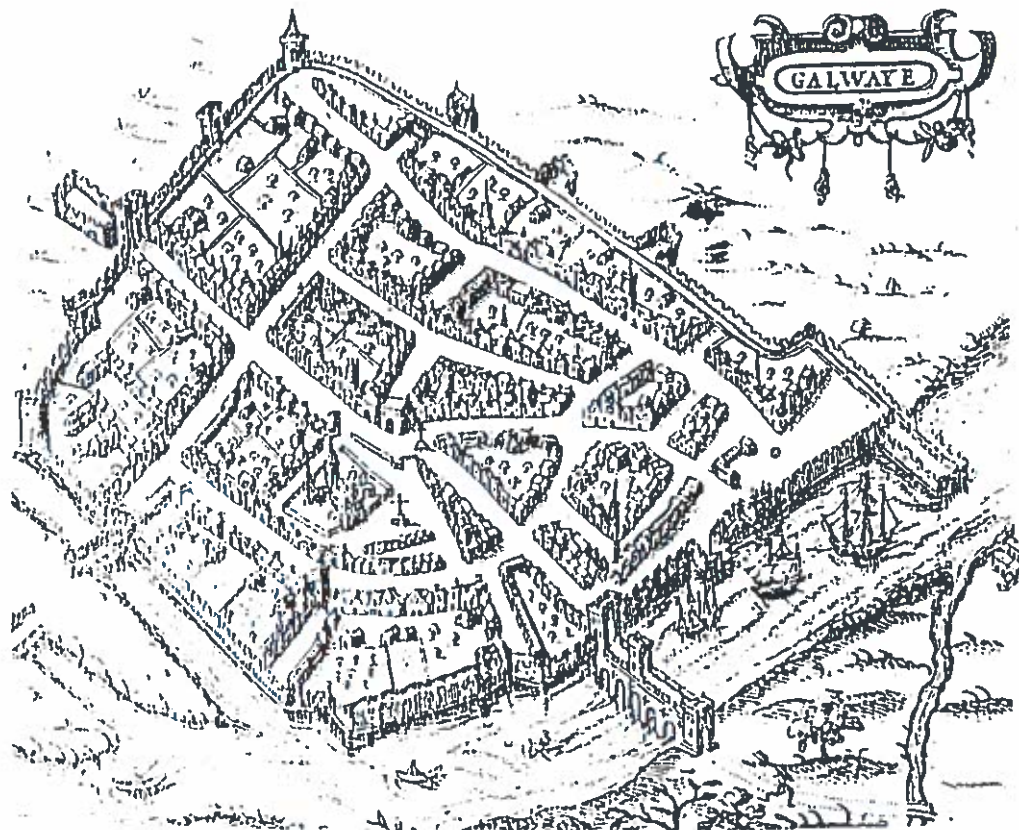


(Note: We have no locations for Sheevant or Trilliman. Offices outside County Galway not shown).

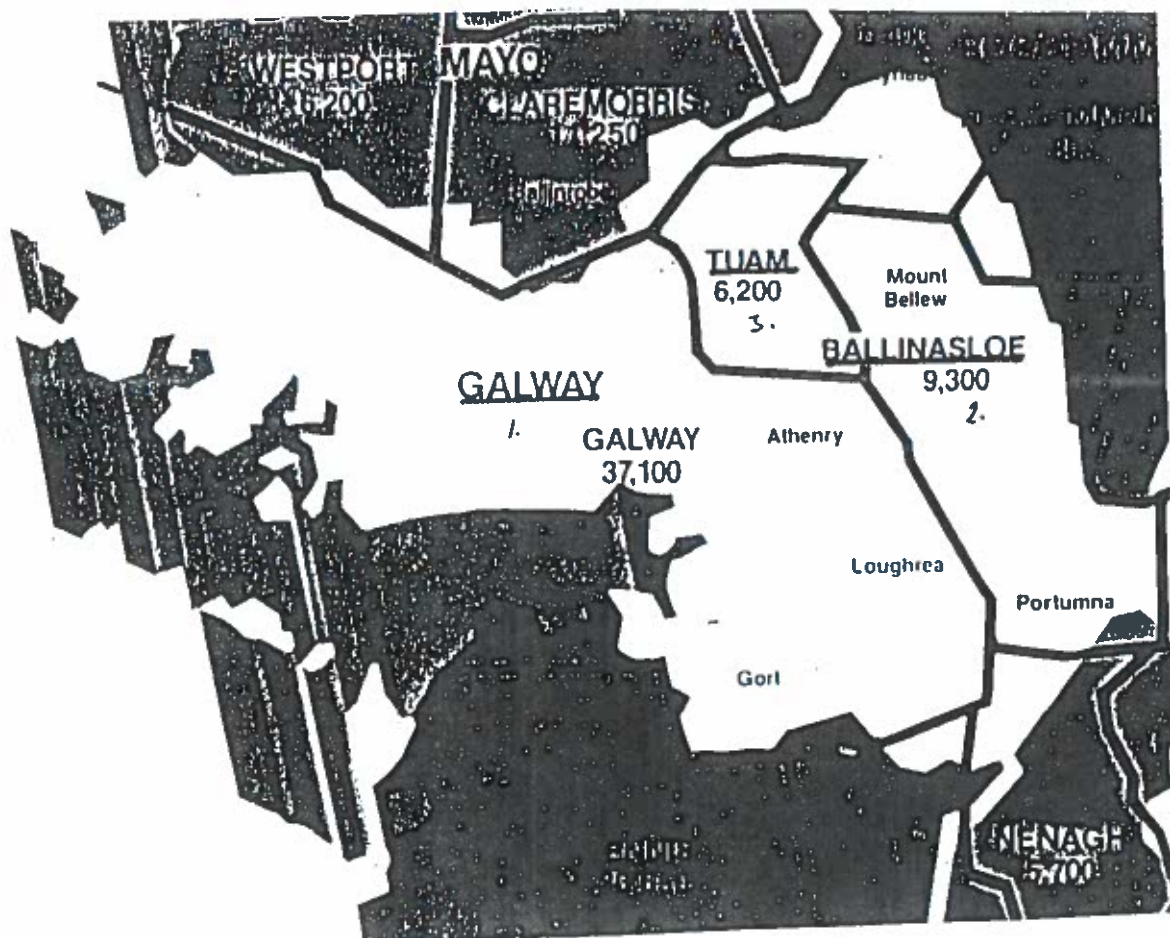


Lewis - 1835.

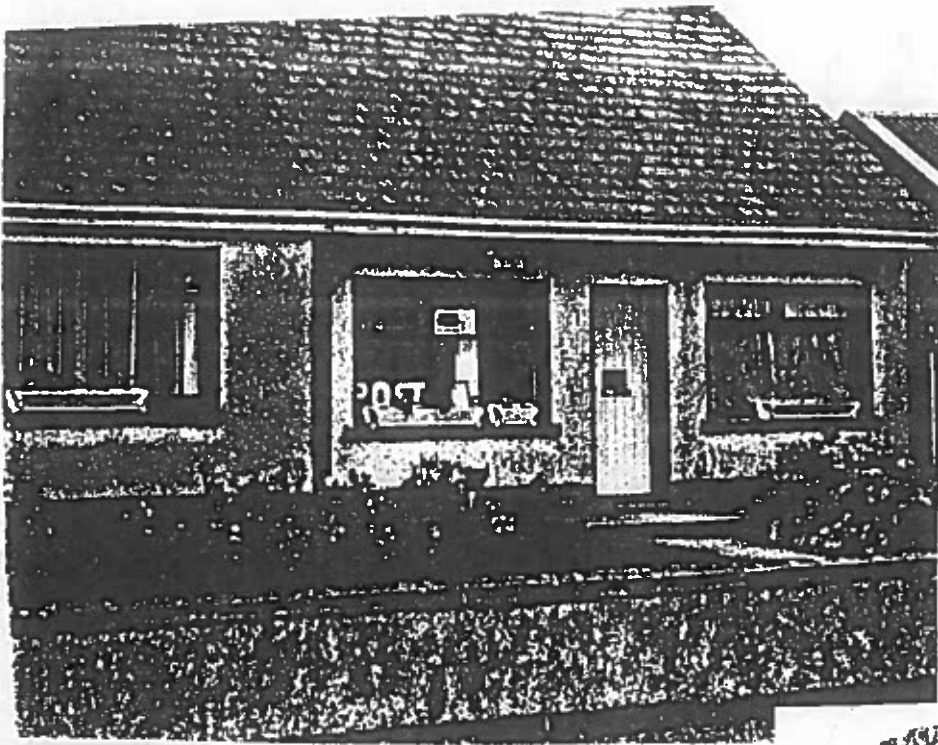
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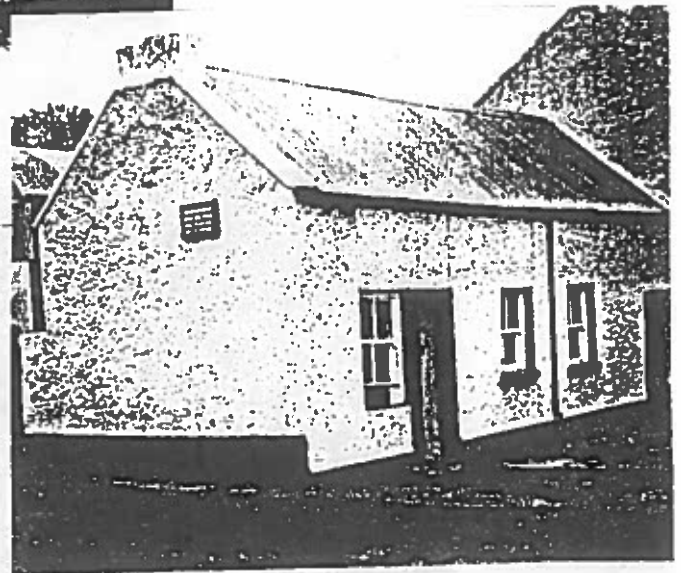
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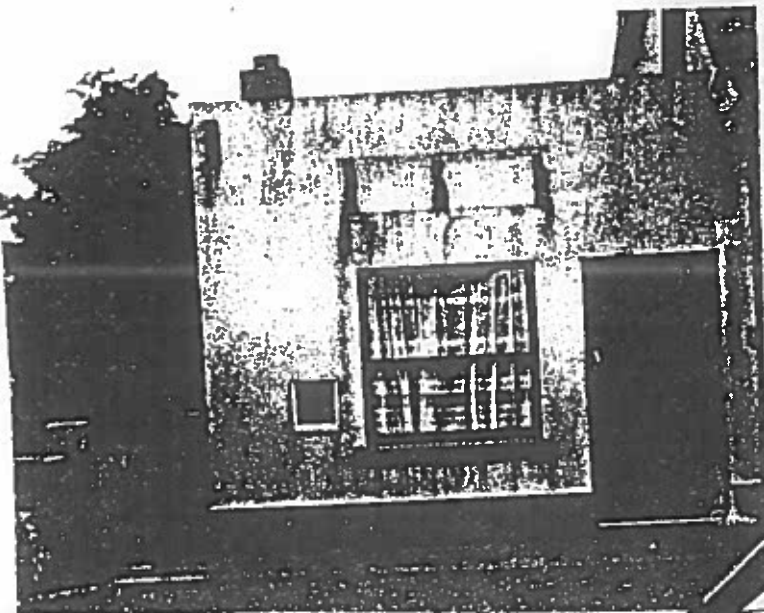
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Ballyshrute -----



-----Browns Grove.

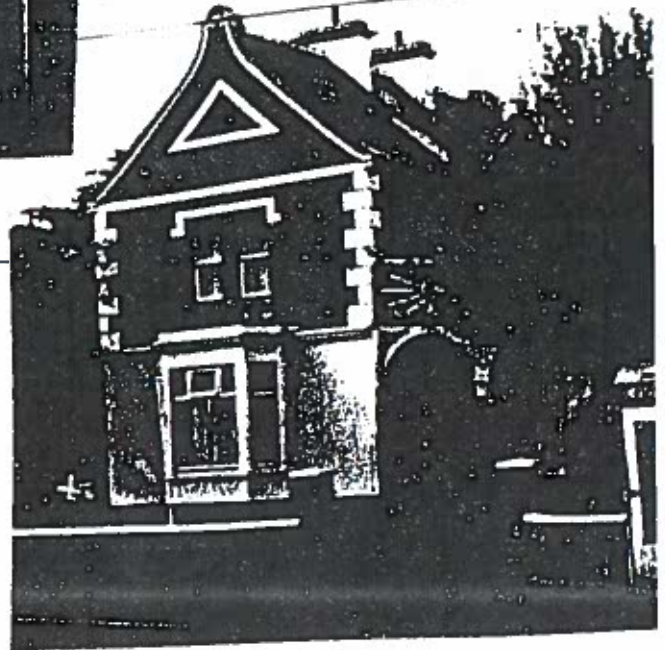


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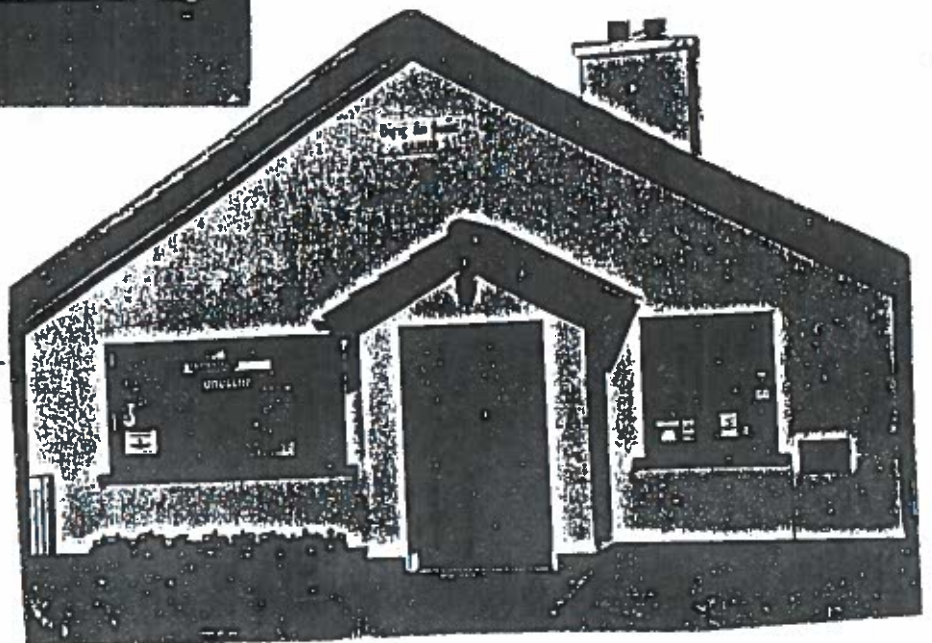
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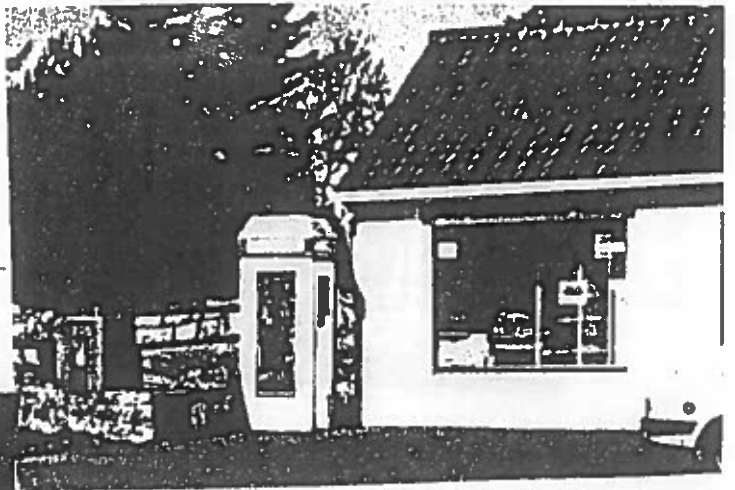
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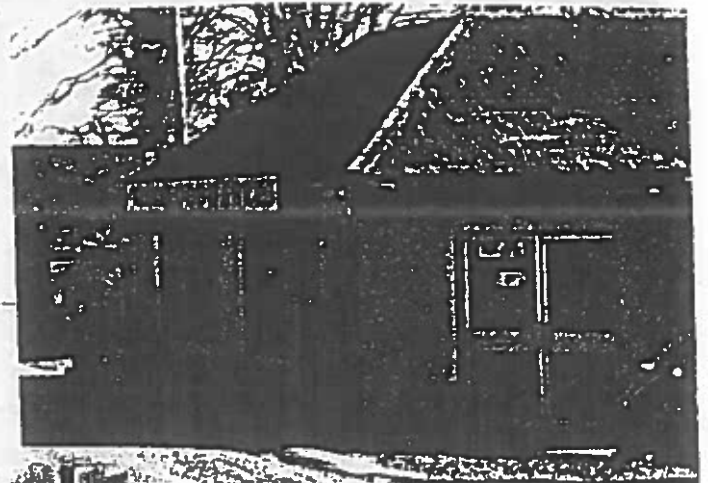
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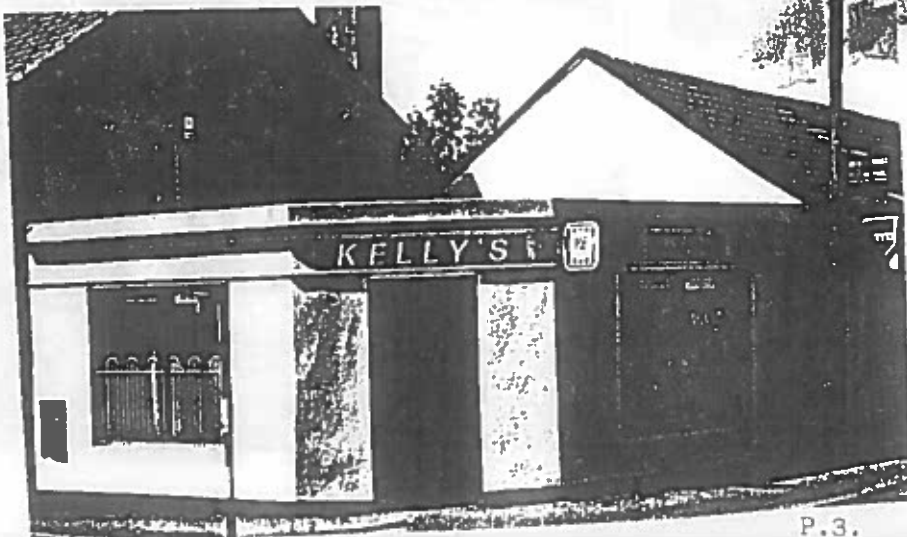
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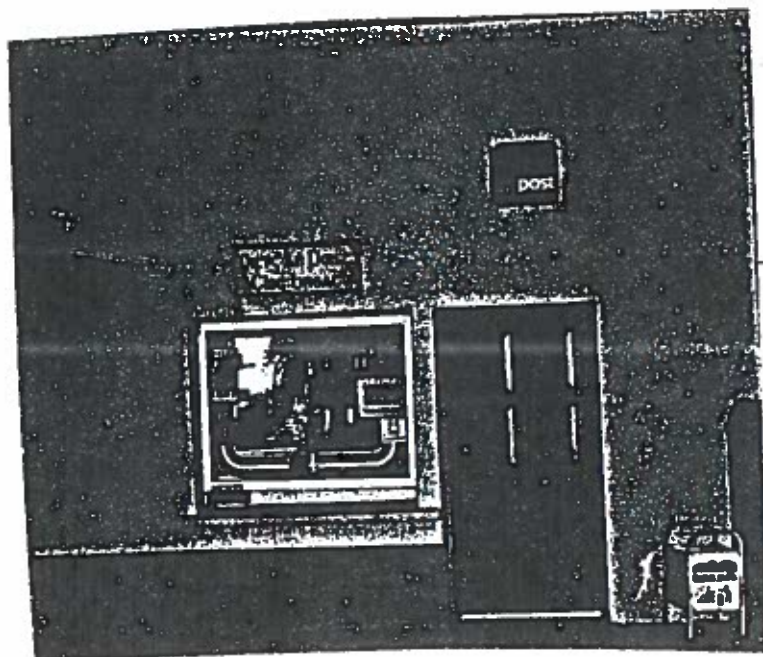
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