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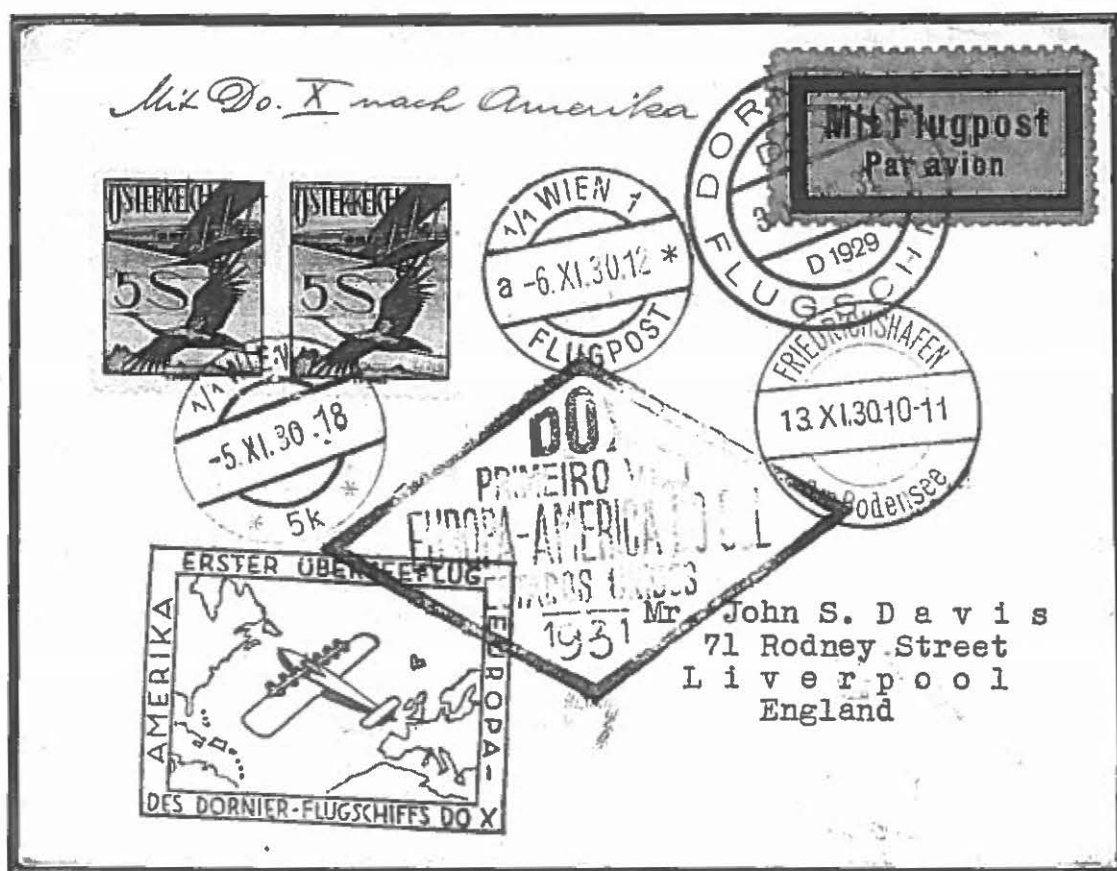
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1930 Austrian cover for the January 1931 Dornier Flight
Europe to America. Display of 4 February.

Dear Member,

It is the week after Easter and I am putting the finishing touches to the first journal of 2010. It is always difficult to find time to put it together, so it has to be done when time allows. So far in 2010 one new member has been elected. We have no notification of resignations or bereavements. We had an interesting first quarter with the first two displays missed, one however will be seen in July and one replacement. Reports appear in the journal regarding these. The Annual General Meeting held on 4 March was successful and you will find the main reports reproduced for your information.

NEWS

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES :

Since the issue of the last journal one new Country member has been elected

David Sean Broderick.

We wish him a long and happy membership. In the same period no resignations or bereavements have been notified.

AUTOMATIC LABEL MACHINES

These have now been installed in Liffey Valley and Kilkenny.

TITANIC EXHIBITION

A Titanic Exhibition is currently being held in the Exhibition Centre, City West and runs until June next.

PHILATELIC BUREAU

The Philatelic Bureau in the G.P.O. Dublin has been temporarily relocated to Counters 19 and 20 to facilitate works in relation to an exhibition and display area within the G.P.O,

Displays

Irish Maximum Cards

7 January

Due to severe weather conditions on the night Ely House was closed and the meeting was cancelled. This display will now be seen on 8 July.

Irish Official Mail

21 January

Due to unforeseen circumstances this display was unavailable on the night.

First Flights 1920s - 1930s

4 February

This was a replacement display given by Frank Mc Donald as due to personal problems the advertised display could not be shown. The display showed flight covers including Zeppelins during this period from Great Britain, Austria, India and Canada. Included were - 1928 cover

Belfast to Liverpool by Flying Boat for Liverpool Civic Week, 1929 Liverpool, New York, Miami, Nassau cover carried by SS Deutschland to New York and then flown to the Bahamas, 1928 card for the Austrian Internal Flight Salzburg to Klagenfurt, 1929 Franz Schubert card flown on Airship LZ 127 from Friedrichshafen to Vienna, 1931 Dornier Flight cover, 6 December 1934 cover for the flight Karachi to Lahore and return Flight cover, 1935 Bombay to Hyderabad and return to mention some of the items shown.

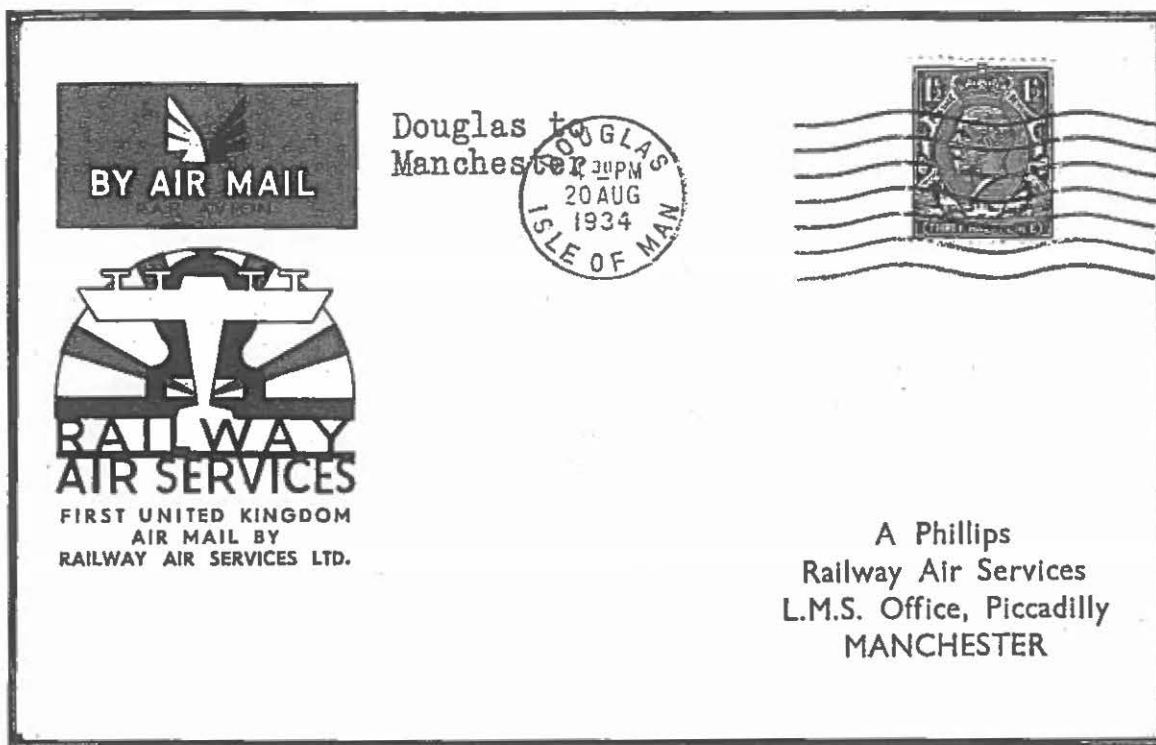
Irish Postal History on Screen

18 March

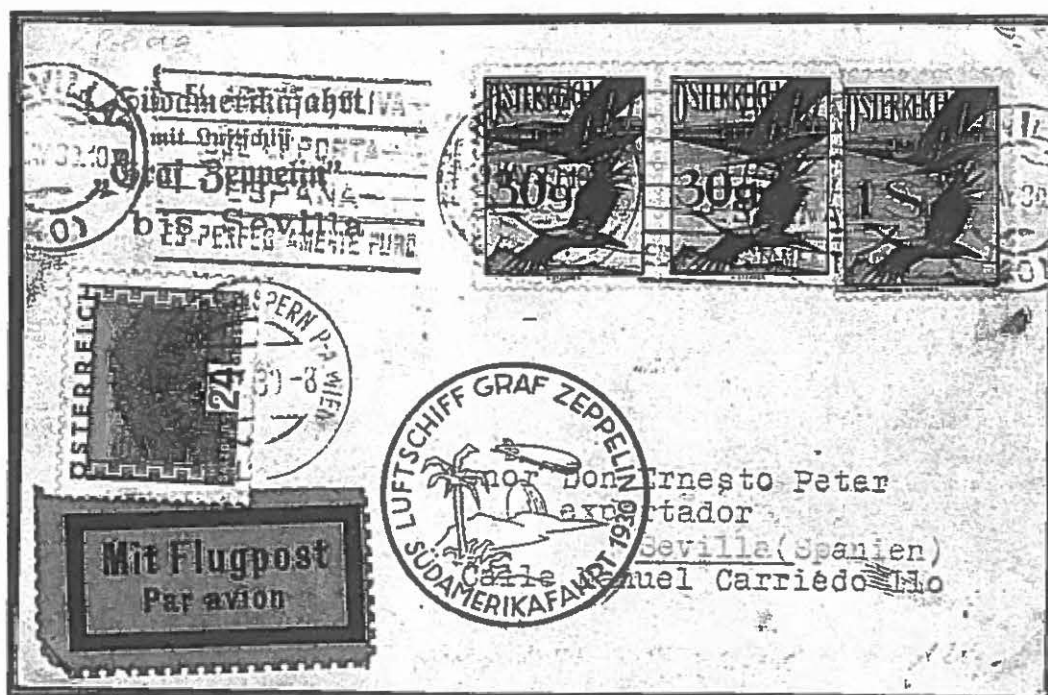
This pin point presentation was given by the President Mr. John Lennon and showed the Irish Postal System from the 16th century to the present. It outlined the appointment of Postmasters from the United Kingdom to Ireland and the reporting system employed. It showed the post roads as well as cross posts and the stages on them. It dealt with the introduction of Bishop marks, mileage marks, town names as well as duplex cancellations. It covered the Coach Era and the introduction of Uniform 4d and subsequently Uniform Penny Postage. The 1916 Rising and the effects it had on the postal system and the subsequent censoring of mail during the War of Independence by the IRA was also touched upon. It was very well received by those present.

Forth Coming Meetings at Ely House

29 April	The Revolutionary War	John Fitzsimons
13 May	Dobbs & Society Cup Competitions	Entries by 29 April
27 May	British Commonwealth	Robert P Towers
10 June	Canada by Decades	Mike Burrington
24 June	Extra Super Bourse	Catalogue out 13 May
8 July	Irish Maximum Cards	Brian Warren
22 July	Personal Choice	Robert Moore



20 August 1934 Railway Air Service inter city air service between Douglas, Isle of Man and Manchester. Display of 4 February.



1930 postcard for Vienna to Seville, Spain Leg of 1930 AIRSHIP GRAF ZEPPELIN/SOUTH AMERICA FLIGHT. Display of 4 February.

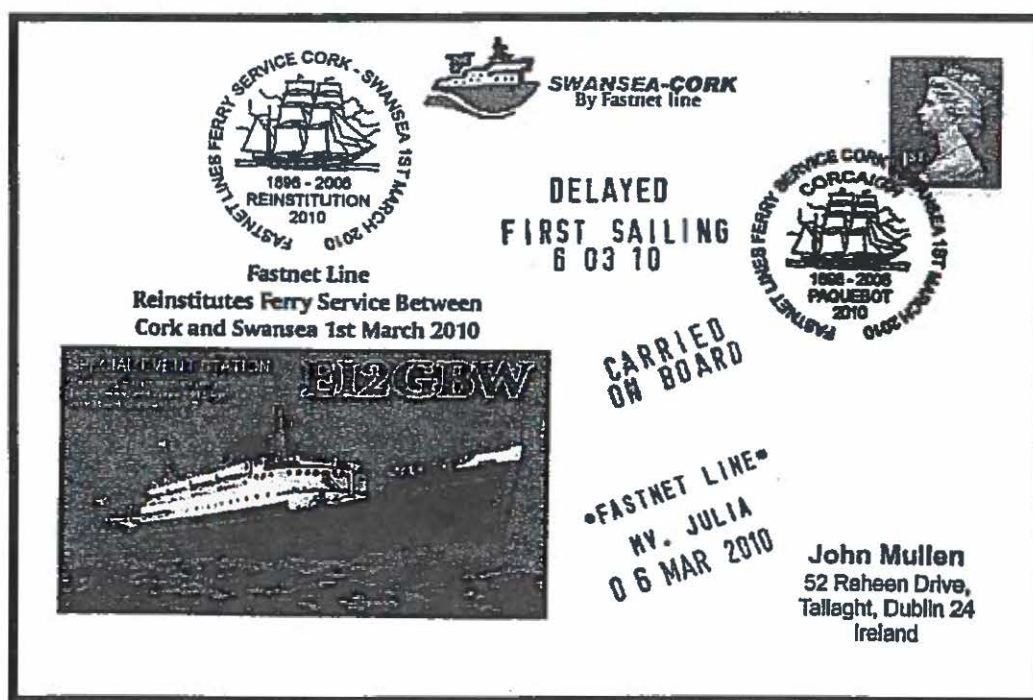
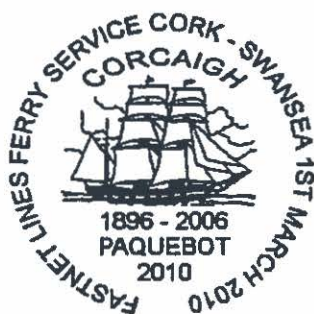
Cork – Swansea Fastnet Line Ferry Service 1st March 2010

By John Mullen

A Shipping service between Cork and Swansea has existed since 1896, a Ferry Service was operated from 1987 to 2006 by the Swansea Cork Ferry Service Ltd an Irish based company, which ceased in 2006, with a journey time of 10 hours across the Celtic Sea from Ringaskiddy Cork to Swansea, Wales.

After a major campaign to reinstate the ferry service and failing, a new company was set up by Cork businessmen, Fastnet Lines, which started negotiations with the Finnish Authorities, which included acceptance from the Finnish Courts, MV Julia was purchased. MV Julia was built in 1982 and previously serviced the Scandinavian Peninsula; she has 10 decks with the capability to hold 440 cars, 30 freight vehicles and 1860 passengers.

MV Julia left Finland en-route for Cork on the 17th September 2009 calling at the Port of Swansea for berthing trials along the way. Since that time she has been berthed at the Port of Cork where she went through the normal certification procedures. On the 1st March she was due to set sail on her maiden voyage to Swansea. Due to technical difficulties the first sailing was delayed until Saturday 6th March 2010, each cover received a three lined legend DELAYED FIRST SAILING 06.03.10. To acknowledge this new service An Post issued a Special Paquebot hand stamp designed by the writer.



Special Government Rescue Flight

By John Mullen

While working for the Aid Agency Goal, Shanon Cummins was abducted at a Goal compound at Katum in the Darfur region by so called freedom fighters. Through the intervention of Minister Michael Martin of the Irish Government and the Government of Sudan, Shanon was released after nearly four months, 107 days detention to be exact, during this time she and one of her fellow workers were subject to mock execution terror, by being made to kneel down and bullets were sprayed all round them, this was one of the many torture tactics used on the two girls.

Shanon's hostage ordeal came to the perfect ending at 11.30pm on the 19th October as the Government Jet arrived at Baldonnel. Brigadier General Ralph James escorted Shanon's parents from the terminal to the plane amid large applause and celebrations, also there to meet the arrival was Goal CEO Mr. John O'Shea. Welcome home Shanon.



Brig. Gen. Ralph James speaking to John Mullen



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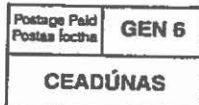
**SPECIAL RESCUE FLIGHT
SUDAN - BALDONNEL
WELCOME HOME
DARFUR HOSTAGE
SHANON CUMMINS**



FLIGHT CONTROL

19 OCT 2009

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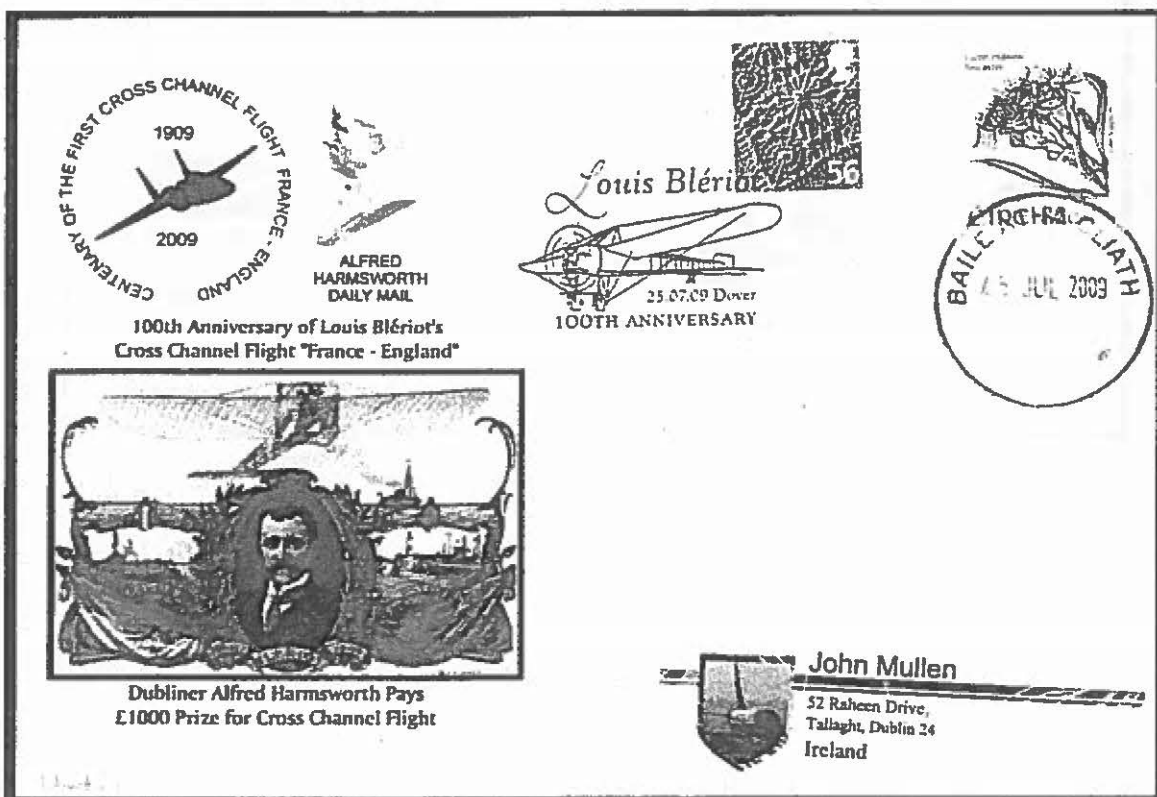
Dubliner Sponsored Louis Blériot Pioneering Flight "France – England" 1909

By John Mullen

Alfred Harmsworth was born in "Sunnybank" Chapelizod, Dublin on the 15th July 1865. At the age of two, his father moved his family to England. When Alfred was 15 years of age he was forced to give up school to support the family due to the death of his father. He became a journalist and at the age of 21 had amassed a fortune of one thousand pounds. He then set up his own publishing house and soon he was making a profit of fifty thousand pounds a year. He also bought up bankrupt newspapers and quickly turned them in profit. On the 4th May 1896, he set up a new newspaper, the Daily Mail. His influence on British public opinion on the Irish situation of 1919/21, through his papers, forced the British Government to come to terms with Sinn Fein leadership, which resulted in the signing of the 1921 Treaty. This occurred eight months before his death on the 14th August 1922.

It was Alfred's prize of one thousand pounds that Louis Blériot won on his pioneering flight from France to Dover, England in 1909

In the year 1919 a prize of ten thousand pounds was put up by Alfred which encouraged John Alcock and Arthur Whitten Brown to undertake the first Transatlantic flight. These are but two of the many prizes that Dubliner Alfred Harmsworth of the Daily Mail sponsored during his lifetime.



Centenary First Flight cover showing GB Louis Blériot hand stamp and a selection of printed cachets

Louis Blériot was born in Cambrai, France, on the 1st July 1872. He was the son of a manufacturer and from an early age, came into contact with machinery. He attended a technical college and qualified as an engineer, after military service he entered the business world. At the age of 28 he looked at the problem of flight, and experimented with different variations of the aeroplane which saw him crash on many occasions eventually succeeding. In 1906 he established the first aeroplane factory in France. Two years later on 4th October 1908 Alfred Harmsworths Daily Mail offered a prize of £1000 to the first man to cross the channel between England and France by aeroplane. Blériot rose to the challenge and built his "Blériot XI" powered by a 25 horsepower motorbike engine. On the 24th July 1909 he took off from Calais and headed for Dover. The French Navy ordered a destroyer to escort the brave Blériot but to the surprise of the crew, Blériot's plane left the destroyer miles behind eventually crash landing on English soil after a flight of 37 minutes, the prize had been secured.



Commemorative flight Nurnberg – Paris with a selection of cachets.

Titanic Artefact Exhibition
Citywest Hotel Saggart Co. Dublin

By John Mullen

The Titanic exhibition opened on the morning of the 19th December 2009 at Citywest Event Centre Citywest Hotel. I arrived at about 10am and proceeded to the entrance where I paid my 18euro, the exhibition is very good but lacks a great number of cards and letters that we are all aware off. When I brought this fact to the attention of the exhibition crew I was told that more than one exhibition was happening at present around the world.

Never the less there is quite a quantity of material which includes Portholes, Post cards a small quantity of letters a number of ceramics and glass that was recovered from the Titanic, also ceramics and glass from other ships of The White Star Line, the Imperial Hotel Malvern, the Isle of Man Steamer Company, On display were some large pieces of coal that were supposedly carried on the Titanic, but all in all worth a visit as the exhibition will be at Citywest until June 2010.

On entering the exhibition a photograph is taken and a ticket is issued and as one passes through the entrance door the ticket is scanned and a Boarding Pass is issued with the name of one of the original passengers printed on the boarding pass, at the end of the exhibition one can check to see if the named passenger died or survived.

As you reach the end you are met by a member of the crew, and you are shown your photograph which is superimposed onto the ship, three different photographs, which you may purchase, one for 17euro or all three for 21euro.

I was fortunate to meet the Vice President of Premier Exhibitions Mr. Tony Doblin from Atlanta Georgia USA, whose company carries the diving rights to the Titanic and my old friend Mr Jim Mansfield owner of the Citywest Complex and both of them signed covers for me, see illustration.

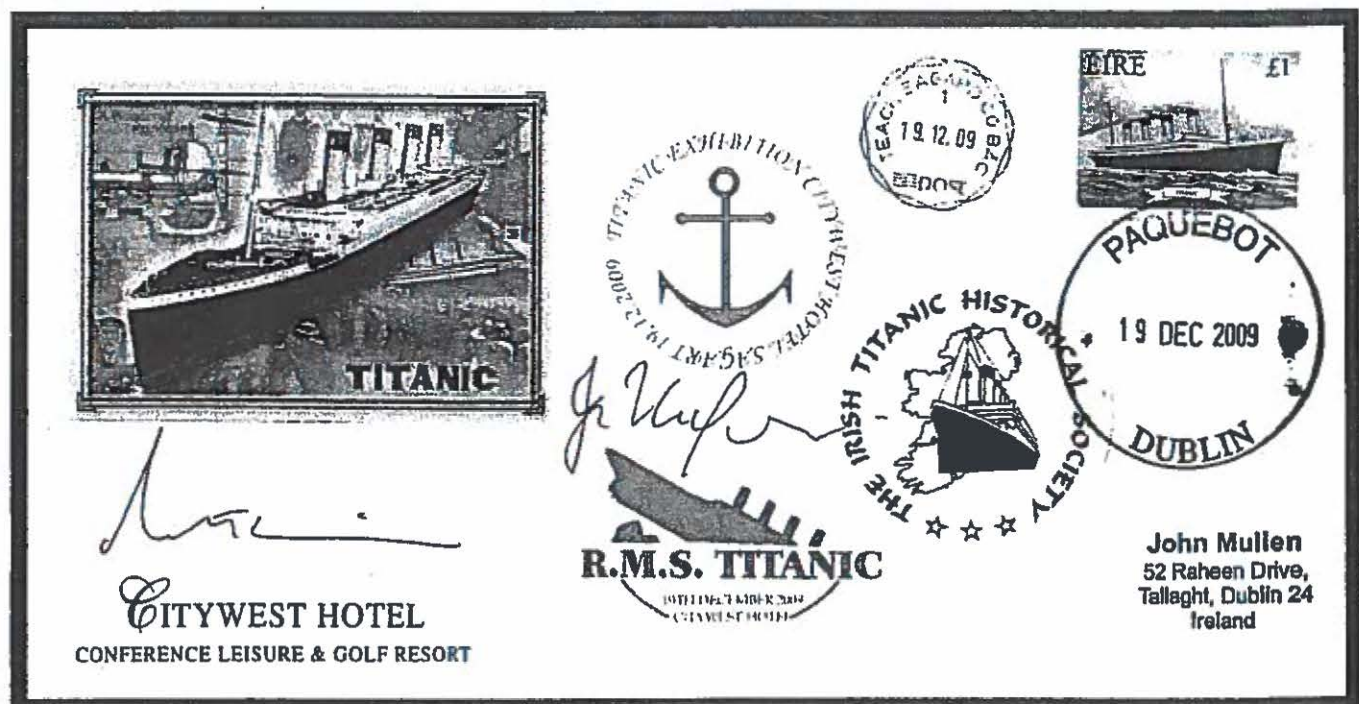
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Entrance ticket which one half is retained but I persuaded the powers that be to allow me to keep both

One of the interesting items for sale at the exhibition is a booklet of 24 post cards in black and white, with a very affordable price of 7euro showing scenes of the Titanic inboard and outboard and tells the story of the Titanic, its crew, survivors and artefacts recovered.



Boarding Pass in the name of
Mr. Frederick Edward Giles, Cornwall, England. Age 21yrs.



Citywest Official cover on which I printed a picture of the Titanic, two green printed cachets a circular label "The Irish Titanic Historical Society which I had in stock, £1 Titanic stamp tied by a Dublin Paquebot date stamp of the 19th Dec 2009 and the Saggart cid date stamp of the 19th Dec 2009. Signed by Mr. Tony Doblin and Mr. Jim Mansfield. I also have a limited number of covers with the Saggart cid tying the Christmas booklet stamp with the Dublin Paquebot date stamp in reverse order.