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SECRETARY'S REPORT

We were very surprised at the response to our suggestion that the purchase of one of the new Identifiers from Ed Ryan would prove to be an excellent investment. Our thanks to those members who have acquired an Identifier from the Association. If you haven't ordered one, do yourself a really big favor and send Ed your check for \$3.25. We shall both benefit.

We have concluded that the vast majority of our members are most reticent about telling us of their Philatelic achievements. We know of many who have won awards at local or regional shows - so why do you keep the news of these honors to yourself? We are always interested in hearing of Irish collections winning awards. Please let John Blessington or I share in your good news.

There has been a substantial problem in distributing "The Revealer" to our members. With this issue we do have a new publisher. Until we both become familiar with each other there may be a few mailing problems. Because the entire membership list is being placed on new addressograph plates we do expect transpositions and other problems. The magnitude of the job precludes the miracle of one-hundred percent accuracy. If there are errors in the address on your "Revealer" envelope do write to me so we can develop an accurate mailing list. Both the new publisher and I thank you for your tolerance during this period.

Our special thanks are extended to non-members Nora Vinande and Kathy Burns who donated many hours during the past two months to a special project of the Association. Their help and expertise is appreciated.

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ELECTIONS

It is that time again. Enclosed with this issue of **The Revealer** is a ballot for the election of the next slate of officers of the E.P.A. On the ballot also, is a proposal to raise dues. Please mark your ballot and forward it to Bill McCaw, at the address shown, no later than June 1st, but don't put it off until then, mail it today.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

It was heart warming to hear from so many of you in reply to my last President's Notes and especially gratifying to know that we have so many willing to volunteer for E.P.A. projects. Many thanks.

AUCTION - The comments on whether we should have an annual E.P.A. auction were many and quite varied. Most of those that wrote, strongly wished to retain the quarterly auctions, and that we will certainly do. Quite a number felt that a large annual auction in addition to the quarterly auctions would be a good idea. Therefore, if we can gather sufficient high calibre material, we will give the annual auction a trial run.

CHAPTERS - I am happy to report that several members on the East Coast have expressed interest in an E.P.A. chapter in their areas. Please feel free to call upon me for any assistance you may require. I envision at least two chapters on the East Coast...one in the Philadelphia-South Jersey area and the other in the Boston area. Presently, plans are being formulated for an E.P.A. meeting to be held in conjunction with the A.P.S. Stamp Show in Boston on either August 25 or 26.

DUES - An increase in dues will be necessary, as current economic conditions have caused our costs to rise substantially. The cost of printing, postage, paper, photographs, etc. have been continually increasing. The Board of Directors, after careful consideration, has recommended that dues be increased from \$5.00 to \$7.00 (or the equivalent, in the sterling area). The increase will insure continual quality of the Revealer as well as other E.P.A. activities for the benefit of the members. In this issue of The Revealer you will find a ballot for the proposed dues increase, the increase to become effective September 1, 1979. It is hoped that you will consider an affirmative vote on this important measure. Vote as your conscience guides you, but please vote.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER - William S. Stilwell (E.P.A. #488) has been selected to work on putting together a new membership roster which will include the collecting interests of our members. It is hoped that we will be able to enclose a member's collecting interest questionnaire with the next issue of The Revealer in order to help Bill compile the roster.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE - The nomination committee composed of Preston Pope, Chairman, Mike Lenane, Vince Linnell, Bill McCaw and Ed Ryan, did an excellent job selecting a slate of officers for the next term. Thank you, gentlemen, for all of your hard work and the excellent job you performed.

SPECIALTY GROUPS - No offers have been received recently from members wishing to form Specialty Groups. Therefore, all I can add is myself to form a Meter Stamps of Ireland Specialty Group. I would enjoy hearing from all E.P.A. Irish Meter Stamp Collectors.

GARVIN F. LOHMAN

From The Editor's Desk . . .

With this issue The Revealer is being printed by a new printer. We have moved the printing from Wisconsin to Maine. The move was necessitated by a number of things, not the least of which was cost. But there were other problems as well. As each issue was printed the time to print got longer and longer until the last two issues didn't get into the mails until the month following the masthead date. In addition, the printer managed to get our mailing list in a terrible condition.

For the past five years we have mailed The Revealers in bulk by air parcel post to Mike Priestley in Scotland where he added British postage and remailed each issue. This allowed overseas members to participate in the auction on a competitive basis with the members in North America. Last issue we took the auction out of the pages of The Revealer and printed it as an insert...we plan to continue this practice. Starting with this issue we will mail The Revealer to overseas members direct by surface mail. However, we

will mail the auction sheets to Mike, in bulk, and he will re-mail them so that overseas members may continue to participate in the auction. I will be interested in receiving comments as to how well this first issue works.

I am amazed and gratified by the response from the membership to the January Revealer. The articles on First Day and St. Patrick's Day cover collecting have elicited more mail than any other articles published during my two years as Editor. As I am writing this, early in March, the letters are still arriving. I haven't had a chance to evaluate the information offered as yet but it is possible that enough data will be generated to warrant a follow up article in a future issue.

Starting in this issue is Norah K. Wright's Article, "A Catalogue of the Perfin of Ireland". This first appeared in "The Journal of Irish Philately" publication of "The Irish Philatelic Circle." Information received from their members resulted in the revised listing we are printing. Response from our membership to fill in the missing information is solicited. Information concerning Perfins not listed is needed as well as identification of firms not shown. In order to verify an identification a cover bearing the Perfin with an identifying return address must be located for each missing firm. Send information to me and I'll pass it along to the author. Photo prints (xerox's) of covers would be appreciated.

In the January Revealer was an article by ex-President Bill McCaw about Pat Stillwell's exhibit. When he sent me the article he left it up to me to select a title, so I called it "An Old-Timer is Impressed." Bill lost no time in informing me he was a long way from being an "old-timer." I must hasten to agree...he's an "old-timer" only in his service to the E.P.A. For many years, before he was President, Bill and his two daughters would stuff and address each issue of The Revealer on his dining room table. It was when his daughters (and the E.P.A.) grew up that we had to make other arrangements to take care of the mailing of The Revealer.

Congratulations are in order to member Kathleen M. Berry for her new book "6 More Years of Christmas Stamps", published by "The Collectors of Religion on Stamps", 600 W. Orange Grove Rd., Tucson, Arizona 85704 (\$10.00). It is a beautifully produced book, offset printed, on coated stock, with high quality illustrations. The Christmas stamps and postal stationery of the world are listed. This book updates the 1972 book, "75 Years of Christmas Stamps" authored by Kathleen with the late Waller A. Sagar. It is interesting to note that it takes 124 pages to list 6 years' issues while it took only 80 pages to list the issues of the previous 75 years. Highly recommended for anyone interested in Christmas on Stamps.

A word of warning...the 6p Olympic Council of Ireland stamp is being offered for sale with the gold missing? Member David Scribner "Passes the Word" that one is being offered for sale by an eastern U.S. dealer for \$10.00. This is not a post office printing error...the gold has been removed by chemical means!! Your editor has had a chance to examine one and under "black light" the missing "Eire" and "6p" reappear as though the gold were still there. Be skeptical when offered so-called "errors" which have not been authenticated.

The second issue of "Irish Stamp News" has been received and continues the high quality established by the first issue. The lead article, "The Rarest Irish Postage Stamp - An Enquiry", is a well documented research paper authored by E.P.A. member Gerard Brady and is highly recommended. Other E.P.A. contributors are Preston Pope, Fred Dixon, Brian Warren and Eddie Fitzgerald. If you are not subscribing to this Journal you are missing a fine publication. Subscription from Irish Stamp News, 3 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin 2, Ireland.



Random Notes by F. E. Dixon

SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

Longford has long been exceptional, notably in its persistent use of BUY PRIZE BONDS whatever other offices were publicising. In 1978 it was the first to bring in the POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS die, early in November.

A FISCAL FIND

A batch of fiscal stamps included some badly stained through exposure to damp, and I gave them the extreme treatment of boiling. As I spread them out to dry a watermark caught my eye, the multiple Crown GvR, introduced in UK in 1924. The stamp is the 2d blue Excise Revenue with Saorstat overprint. How many others of the set occur on this paper?

This stamp is not recorded in Booth's admirable catalogue published in 1976. One set he lists puzzles me: UK Income Tax with Saorstat overprint. But the overprinted series did not appear until 1927! Can anyone confirm the existence of this series with overprint?

1978 "EUROPA" STAMPS

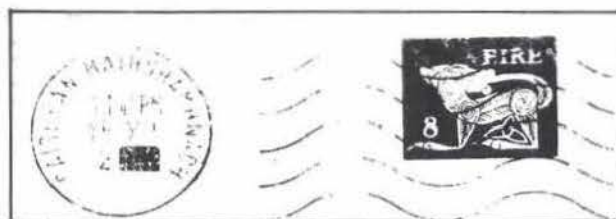
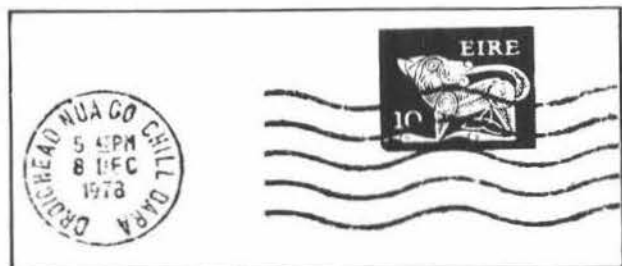
18th century follies were a peculiar choice to represent Irish architecture, and inevitably I find fault with the style of lettering, and the absence of EIRE's accent. And the printing! It is the worst since 1969 An Dail. Some of the scratches are at least seven on one stamp (row 3, No. 1). The lines are reminiscent of particle tracks in cloud chambers.

THE SINKING OF THE "LEINSTER"

The POSTAL WORKER magazine in its issue October/November 1978 commemorated the 60th anniversary by reprinting J. J. Higgin's account of how he was the only survivor of the 22 Post Office staff on board. The stairs leading to the deck were demolished by the first torpedo, but he kept afloat until the rising water brought him up to a gaping hole.

NEW CANCELLING MACHINE

The pre-Christmas rush is the usual time for introducing new machines, and the first I have seen for Newbridge, Co. Kildare, was current 8 December.



AN OLD ONE REVIVED

In the following week Castleblayney was using its rarely employed machine, formerly at Port Laoise. Note that it does not seem to have a '78 date-plug.

N S C

The National Savings Committee has produced a handsome leaflet "Stamp na hEireann, Uimhir a 2," with a 1/2 page summary of postal history and 3 1/2 pages of colour reproductions of essays (3) and commemorative stamps.

PAGUST

For Christmas 1978 "Pagust" has more than a page of "Philatelia", including the suggestion that even before the promised Irish Postal Museum is an accomplished fact there could be a series of Postal Museum Publications, beginning with Mrs. Reynold's researches into postal history and my findings regarding the design competition of 1922.

POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS

The slogan was still being carried by Dublin machines on 28th December!!

IRISH FORCES IN LEBANON

I have very little luck in contacting people with relatives serving with the Irish Forces serving with the United Nations units. However, I have seen some recent envelopes from the Lebanon. They have no postmarks or stamps, only a circular cachet with the UN emblem and UNITED NATIONS/INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON. A peculiar feature is that all (with dates early in December '78) had the date inverted.

BROTHERS OF ST. JOHN OF GOD

The expected stamp issues for 1979 include one commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment in Ireland of the Brothers of St. John of God. The Brothers are already using on their letters a colourful label, which I recommend as suitable for embellishing covers bearing the stamps. The address of their administration centre is Granada, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.

MISSING YEARS

Each year at least one major office, plus a few minor ones, fails to get its new year die in time. This year I note that Sligo began 1979 with the year-line on its machine blank.

REGISTRATION LABELS

The changeover to "Irish" names on registration labels is quite slow. One recent "DUBLIN" label may have been old stock, but it is more likely to be a recent supply ordered by an official who had forgotten the new policy.

NEW NAME IN CANCELLATIONS

In November 1977 a Philatelic Information circular listed the offices involved in the first phase of the changeover to the forms recommended by the Placenames Commission. The circular promised notification of the date of commencement of the second phase. One cancellation I have seen suggests that the 2nd phase has started. It is MAINSTIR FHEAR I AI for Fermoy, in lieu of MAINSTIR FHEARR MUIGHE. However, the 1st phase is not finished. Templeogue in December was still TIGH MOLOG, and not yet TEACH MEALOG.

The Origin of the 1914 Unionist 1d Label *by J.J. Brady*

When the English Parliament passed the Home Rule Bill for Ireland in 1914, several anti-home rule political labels appeared in and around Belfast. These labels have been attributed to the unionists and were sold to raise funds for their political party. Of particular interest here is the design used on the 1d orange "Patriots Maintain the Union" label (DF#L25, HIB. #L22).

The printing firm of Harrison & Sons had the contract to produce the postage stamps for Great Britain in 1911, and prior to the issuance of the first English coil stamps in 1912, several different designs and testing labels were submitted by Harrison to the English Post Office for consideration as coils. One of these designs, illustrated here, is exactly the same coat of arms type used for the Unionists anti-home rule label, with the exception of the inscription tablet wording at the bottom of the stamp.

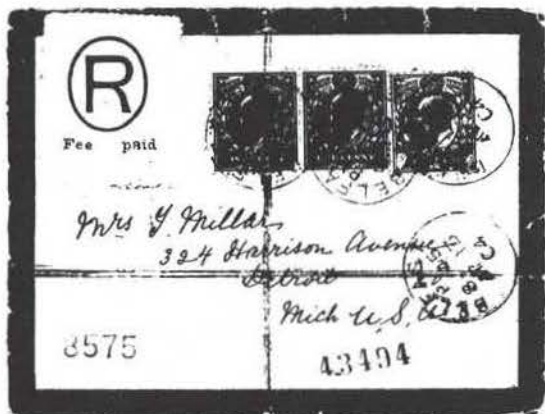


The Harrison testing coil stamps are perforated 15 x 14, gummed and on unwatermarked paper. It is safe to assume that the 1d Unionist labels were prepared by Harrison and Son in 1914 and the firm changed the inscription tablet from reading "Harrison & Son, Stamp Engravers & Printers, London" to "Patriots Maintain the Union." These testing labels are found in dull green, violet, light blue and rose.

Experimental Registration Label?

By Eugene M. Labiuk

Registration labels were first used in Great Britain on February 18, 1907.*



ANTI-PARTITION POLITICAL LABEL

By J. J. Brady



Illustrated here is an interesting political label that was affixed to a 1949 First Day Cover of the 1p and 1/ Air Mail stamps. The label is green and orange on cream paper, unwatermarked, and rough roulette.

The label appears to be an early anti-partition of Ireland propaganda stamp and shows the map of Ireland with the counties of Ulster sectioned off and color coded to match the map key at the bottom of the label. The top inscription reads "The Partition of Ireland is a Crime Against International Justice. It must be Righted."

The key at the bottom of the label illustrates four features of the map. These are (1) Partition Boundary, (2) Majority Against Partition, (3) 25% to 50% Against Partition, and (4) Majority for Partition.

It would be interesting to hear from other members who might have information on this label.

Photo Courtesy of Adrian Boutrelle

The registered cover illustrated was posted at the Connswater (back stamped) city office of Belfast on April 13, 1904, and arrived at Detroit, Michigan on April 22, 1904. The postage and registration rate being 4½d.

The interesting aspect of this cover is the large registration label in the upper left corner with the R in oval and the words FEE PAID, printed blue on white. The size is 1½ x 15/8 inches and is rouletted perforated.



With official registration labels bearing the office and register number not coming into use until 1907, could this label possibly be an experimental type used by the post office? Or was the label used to indicate registration on registered mail other than registered postal stationery envelopes?

*The Encyclopedia of British Empire Postage Stamps, Great Britain and the Empire in Europe, by Robson Lowe.

HISTORY OF PERFINS

By John J. Blessington

Perfins have been around for a long time...from 1868 in fact...but very little has been written about them in *The Revealer*. For many years collectors considered stamps with perforations in them as damaged stamps. In more recent years such stamps have been recognized as collectable, a legitimate part of philatelic history. The Spring 1972 issue of *The Revealer* (pp818-822) published an article by the late Fred J. Gomme entitled "Irish Perfins or Spifs" which was a preliminary listing of Irish perfins. The publication of Norah K. Wright's latest "Catalogue of the Perfins of Ireland" in this issue makes this an appropriate time to review the history of perfins and perfin collecting.

WHAT ARE PERFINS? The word PERFINS was formed from the phrase "PERForated InitialS" and was coined in the U.S. In the U.K. the designation SPIFS was in general use for many years coming from the phrase "Stamps Perforated with Initials of Firms and Societies." The use of this latter term has died out to a great extent and PERFINS seems to be most generally used today. PERFINS, then, are stamps perforated with the initials (or other designs) representing the using firm.

WHY PERFINS? In the 1860's, prior to the start of the Money Order System in England, postage stamps were a form of negotiable currency and were used for small payments through the mail. Postal regulations were such that stamps could be redeemed for cash on presentation at the Post Office. There were only two conditions; they had to be in multiple (2 or more) and the transaction was subject to the deduction of a 2½% commission by the Post Office. Firms having large quantities of stamps on hand found themselves the victims of thefts by their poorly paid junior clerks or dishonest employees who had only to present stolen stamps to the Post Office to augment their salaries. Although much of the loss was petty, the firms soon found it necessary to seek some means of putting an end to the thievery.

The first method put into effect was to have the firm's name printed on the backs of the stamps, either before the gum was applied or on top of the gum. One of the firms using the underprinting method was Copestake, Moore, Crampton & Co. The underprinting took care of the postage they bought for their mail but they also received a large quantity of stamps from their customers in the country. To protect these stamps they suggested to the post office that such stamps be perforated, by the firm, with the initials S.C., those of the senior partner, Sampson Copestake. They furnished to the post office as specimens stamps

so perforated. In due time the Post Office refused to grant permission for their use.

These stamps had been furnished to Copestake's by a Mr. Joseph Sloper who was the inventor of the machine which had perforated them. Joseph Sloper held the exclusive patent rights to the equipment for defacing or marking documents by perforation. His main business was cancelling bankers checks and drafts. Mr. Sloper entered into negotiations with the Post Office. After a time, he was successful in obtaining a letter, dated 13 March 1868, from the Post Office which allowed him to perforate stamps.

Mr. Sloper, by this letter, was given a monopoly for the production of perfins, for his patents still had a little over three years to run. He availed himself of this opportunity and during that three years added many of the London firms to his list of clients as well as many clients on the continent. Perforating became the accepted method of safe guarding stamps from pilferage. When his patents ran out in 1872 other firms entered the business, but competition didn't phase him. The successor to Joseph Sloper, the J. Sloper & Co. Ltd. is still in business well over a hundred years later. Interestingly enough, their charges are less than those of 1870.

From this beginning the use of perfins spread around the world. A few years ago "The Perfins Club", a U.S. based society of perfin collectors, took a survey of their member's collections...they found perfins from 215 different countries.

LITERATURE ABOUT PERFINS Thanks to Hugh Vallancey, the noted British philatelist, the early history of Sloper was recorded. His book "British Stamps Perforated with Firms' Initials", published in England in 1933, is a compilation of the facts he was able to gather from his personal contact with the Sloper & Co. Ltd., firm. In 1937 John S. Nelson published, also in England, "The Handbook of British Perfins." In this he recorded his personal research at the British Patent Office, Post Office, and other public offices. He was able to verify and add to the history of perfins brought to light by Mr. Vallancey. These two books well document the birth of perfins. In addition there have been a number of articles published over the years in various philatelic publications as well as listings of the perfins of many countries. The above mentioned "Perfins Club" maintains a comprehensive library of publications on perfins. Members of the "Security Endorsement & Perfin Society of Great Britain" are currently compiling a bibliography of perfin literature.

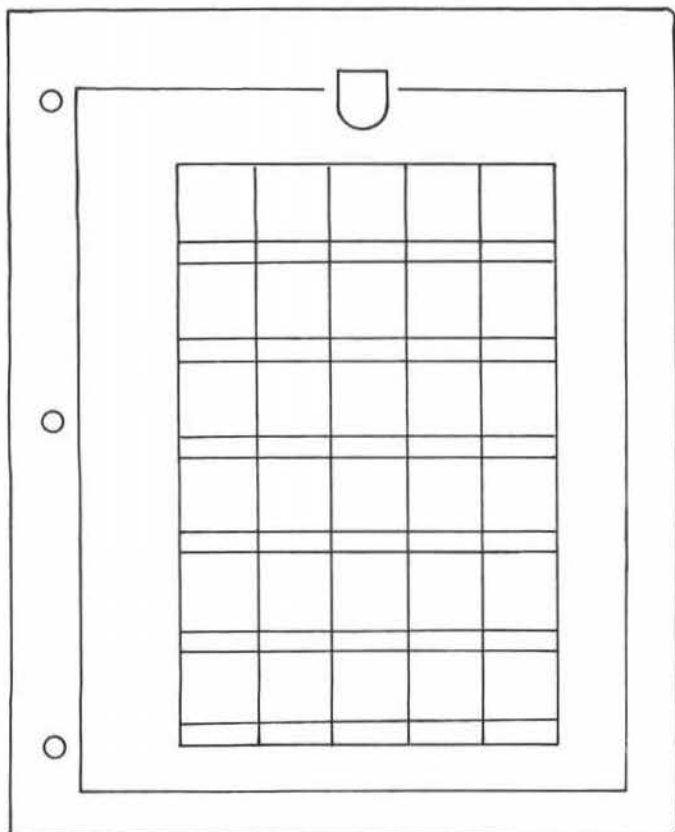
COLLECTING PERFINS

BY JOHN J. BLESSINGTON

SOURCE AND VALUE Your friendly neighborhood stamp dealer will rarely have Irish perfins for sale. Occasionally a dealer will strip perfins out of a purchased collection of used stamps feeling that the perfins detract from the saleability of the collection. If you are on the right spot at the right time, or if you have made prior arrangements, you can get these for very little money. Most collections of perfins are assembled by securing stamps from other collectors, usually by trading. I don't know what the going rate may be today for perfins, but in the past I have purchased them in the 3c to 5c range. From time to time, collectors have been willing to pay more. Not enough is yet known as to the rarity of any given Irish perfin, so they all change hands at the same value. Perfins on cover are another matter, however. In the U.S. finds are few and far between. They are doubly desirable when the return address matches the perfin. Pick up any you find.

HOUSING YOUR COLLECTION Once you have acquired some perfins you have to decide how to organize them so that you know what you have. You can mount them on pages or on stock cards or you can find a means of storing them alphabetically. Here are a few ideas your editor has found useful. First of all, there are no pre-printed pages for Irish perfins (The Perfins Club does have an all purpose page.) You will have to make your own if you decide that a mounted collection is what you want.

Pictured is a sketch of a page ruled for mounting perfins. It is a Minkus blank page for Ireland, punched to fit the standard three ring binder for 8½ x 11 inch pages. The page has been ruled to accept 30 definitive sized stamps (5 across by 6 down). Each stamp space is approximately 1/16" larger than a definitive stamp. Below each stamp space is a box. To use, mount a definitive stamp, face down, in a space and record the perfin pattern, in pencil, in the box below. Commemorative will take up two spaces.



Some collectors prefer black backing so that the holes show better. Cut a piece of black paper the same size as the stamp space...mount the stamp on the black paper and then mount the assembly in the stamp space. When starting a collection it might be best to allot one line for each letter of the alphabet, at any rate, leave room to grow. Another thought, using Norah Wright's catalog in this issue, write in each pattern she has listed and then you only have to fill the appropriate space when you acquire a perfin. Other methods of ruling can be devised that will work equally as well as this one. No means of recording the identity of the perfin has been provided. If one were to mount perfins for exhibiting, provisions for such information should be included.

If you don't want to mount your collection on pages, here are a couple of ideas gleaned from the pages of "The Perfins Bulletin" journal of "The Perfins Club". Use regular no. 6½ size business window envelopes (get them from a print shop). Store one pattern in each envelope. You will be able to see the perfins through the window and there is plenty of room to write information on the face of the envelope. File alphabetically in an appropriate size box. The other idea (the one the author uses) is to use file cards with glassine envelopes mounted on them. Use 3" x 5" file cards and #3 glassines (2½" x 4½"), or, if you prefer larger, 4" x 6" cards and #4 glassines (3½" x 4½"). Affix the glassine to the card so that the flap side is exposed and the bottom of the glassine is in line with the bottom of the card. This leaves ample room to add the perfin pattern and identification (when known) across the top. File alphabetically in a standard card file box. Double-sided transparent tape is a good way to affix the glassine, although any non-wrinkling paper glue can be used.

PATTERN TYPES Little or no work has been done to classify Irish perfins by pattern type, at least the author knows of none. As yet we don't know enough about the type of equipment used in Ireland nor the methods used by each firm when they punched their stamps. As a matter of interest we will record a method of classification published by "The Perfins Club", a system worked out to record the positions of official Canada perfins (OH/MS). Perhaps this might prove the impetus to start researching the subject as it might apply to Irish perfins.

In the U.S. there are six types of perfin machines. There are those having one, two, three, five, ten or 100 dies respectively. The Front Cover shows a 5 die hand operated machine manufactured by the "Cummins Perforator Co." Chicago, Ill. It isn't known how many different types of machines have been used in Ireland. Most perforating machines, at least on this side of the Atlantic, are of the five-head type. They are set up, five dies in a row, to puncture five definitive stamps. (Commemoratives usually get two patterns.) Assuming a sheet of definitives is folded into quarters and four thicknesses are punched simultaneously, it is obvious that there are a number of positions and varieties. On top of that, we are at the mercy of the clerk punching the stamps! He could care less if they are punched from the front or back or upside-down.

When a perfin reads correctly, viewed in an upright position with the face up, it is considered "normal." Because of the various folds and methods of punching there are eight different positions or types possible from each single die. Using the perfin AB/CD a uniform method of denoting these positions or types is shown below.

Normal	Reversed	Inverted	Inverted Reversed
AB	BA	CD	CD
CD	CD	AB	AB
Type 1	Type 1R	Type 2	Type 2R
Left Hand	Left Hand Reversed	Right Hand	Right Hand Reversed
AB	BA	CD	CD
AC	CB	BD	BD
Type 3	Type 3R	Type 4	Type 4R

Note: These are all shown with the stamp in a normal position, face up.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS The History of Perfins has been paraphrased from the two publications, "British Stamps Perforated with Firm's Initials", Hugh Vallancey, London, England, 1933 (there are later editions) and "The Handbook of British Perfins", John S. Nelson, Westerham, England, 1967.

Much information on perfin collecting comes from various issues of "The Perfin Bulletin" journal of "The Perfins Club", different editors and publishers over the years.

Information about "The Perfin Club" is available from Floyd A. Walker, Secretary, P.O. Box 82, Grandview, Missouri 64030. He will also furnish information concerning "The Security Endorsement & Perfin Society of Great Britain."

CATALOGUE OF THE PERFIN OF IRELAND

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The perfins are listed in the system used by the Security Endorsement and Perfin Society of Great Britain in listing their perfins. They use five columns for their listing.

1. The letters forming the perfin and full stops (if any)
2. The number of holes in each letter
3. The height of the letters
4. The type of ampersand
5. The name of the concern, if known, using the perfin.
(Editor's Note: Revealer format requires that this identity appear on a second line.)

HEIGHT

The height of letters is measured in millimetres. It is taken from the center of the lowest hole to the center of the topmost and is measured to the nearest 1/2 millimetre above.

AMPERSAND

- Type I is the type of ampersand most generally found on the earlier types of GB stamps and is characterized by its flat top and square back.
- Type IA Flat top rounded back
- Type II Triangular shaped top
- Type III Diamond shaped top with square back
- Type IIIA Similar top but with rounded back
- Type IIIB is a variation of Type IIIA with an additional pin at the foot of ampersand.
- Type IV This type is a less common type and is found mainly on early issues and has both rounded top and back.

The same initials may be found in conjunction with two or more of these ampersands and may indicate different firms or branches of a firm.

The oblique strokes between the letters means one line over the other: Perfin AC Listed as AC/LD
LD

This catalogue includes the perfins of Ireland, north and south, and perfins on the UK stamps used in Ireland from mid Victorian days up to the present time, as well as the 1922 Overprints and Irish Commemorative and Definitive stamps. I see nothing to be gained by putting these into separate categories. I prefer to mount the stamps of the various firms from early times up to the present day, as one would mount the stamps of any country and not break the continuity by putting them into sections. Even if some collectors wished to have the catalogue divided into sections it is early days to attempt this as much research is needed.

LETTER "A"

PERFIN	NUMBER OF HOLES	HEIGHT	AMPERSAND
AA/Co LD	10, 10/8, 4, 7, 7 Alliance Assurance Co. Ltd.	5	
AAO/Co	10, 10, 10/8, 4 Anglo American Oil Co.	5	
AAO/C ^o	10, 10, 10/8, 6 Anglo American Oil Co.	5 1/2	
AAO/Co	8, 8, 8/7, 4 Anglo American Oil Co.	4 1/2	
AC/LD	10, 8/7, 11 Arnott & Co. Ltd. Dublin	4 1/2	
AC/LD	10, 8/7, 11 Arnott & Co. Ltd. Dublin	5	
A&C ^o /B	10, 13, 8, 6/13 Allman & Co. Bandon		
ACo/LnD	10, 8, 4/7, 5, 11	4 1/2	
AF/&Co	10, 8/12, 8, 6 Alex Findlater & Co. Dublin	4 1/2	(IIIA)

A.G.S./&C. ^o	10, 10, 10/14, 10, 6 Arthur Guinness Son & Co.	4 1/2	(III)
AG/S	8, 9/9 Arthur Guinness Son & Co.	4 1/2	
A.G.S./&C. ^o	10, 10, 13/14, 10, 8 Arthur Guinness Son & Co.	5 1/2	(III)
A.G.S./&C. ^o	10, 11, 12/13, 10, 8/7, 6, 9 Arthur Guinness Son & Co.	5 1/2	(III)
AIO/C ^o	10, 5, 10/8, 6 Antrim Iron Ore Co.	5 1/2	
AN/J/SL	10, 13/14/10, 7 Junior Army Navy Society Ltd.	4 1/2/9/4 1/2	
AO/&Co	10, 10/14, 8, 4 A Oppenheimer & Co.	5	(I)
AW/&Co	10, 16/14, 8, 4	4 1/2	(III)
LETTER "B"			
B	Bessbrook Providers	8-7 Oval-14	
BASS	14, 10, 10, 10 Bass Ratcliff & Gretton Ltd.	4 1/2	
BB/LD	13, 13/7, 7	5 1/2	
B.C.	14, 8	5 1/2	
BC/&C. ^o	13, 8/13, 8, 6	5 1/2	(III)
B&Co/LnD	12, 12, 8, 6/7, 7/11	4	(IIIA)
B&D	15, 14, 12 Bewley & Draper Ltd. Dublin	5	(III)
B.E.	13, 10 British Engine Boiler & Electrical Ins. Co.	5	
B&F	13, 12, 10	4 1/2	(IIIA)
B/Ln	14/7, 7	5	
B/LnD	14/7, 5, 7	5	
B/NCR	12/13, 8, 11 Belfast & Northern Counties Railway	4	
BP/CoLn	14, 10/8, 6, 7, 7 British Petroleum Co. Ltd.	5	
BP/Ln	14, 10/7, 6 British Petroleum Co. Ltd.	5	
BRN	14, 7, 7		
BRC ^o /L ^o	13, 12, 8, 6/7, 7 Belfast Rope Co. Ltd.	5	
BRC ^o /L ^o	13, 12, 8, 6/7, 7 Belfast Rope Co. Ltd.	4 1/2	
B.R/Co/Ln	13, 11/8, 6/7, 7 Belfast Rope Co. Ltd.	4 1/2	
B&S	14, 6, 10	5	(II)
BSS/CoLn	13, 11, 11/8, 6, 7, 7	5 1/2	
B.T&C ^o /L ^o	13, 7, 12, 8, 6/7, 5, 7	4 1/2	(IIIA)
B.T./&C. ^o	13, 7/13, 8, 6	5 1/2	(III)
B.T/D	13, 7/11		
B/TH	14/7, 12 British Thompson Houston Co. Ltd.	5	
B/TH	15/7, 12 British Thompson Houston Co. Ltd.	7	
LETTER "C"			
C	7	4 1/2	
C	9	6 1/2	
CASH/&CO	8, 10, 11, 11/12, 8, 10 Cash & Co Cork	5 1/2	(IIIA)
C.B	10, 13	7	
CB/&C	10, 14/14, 10	5 1/2	

PERFIN	NUMBER OF HOLES	HEIGHT	AMPERSAND	DN/SP		
CB/PR	8, 14/10, 12 Cork Blackrock & Passage Railway	5		11, 13/11, 10 Dundalk & Newry Steam Packet Co.	5½	
CBS/CR	8, 14, 10/8, 12 Cork Bandon & South Coast Railway	5		DOCK/RELL	9, 8, 7, 9/9, 9, 6, 6 W.J. Dockrell & Co. Dublin	5½
C&B/SOHO	8, 14, 14/10, 10, 12, 10 Crosse & Blackwell Ltd.	5	(I)	D.O./&/C ^O .L ^D	11, 10/13/8, 6, 7, 7	5½ (III)
C/&C ^O	8/12, 8, 6	4½	(IIIA)	DR/Co	10, 11/8, 6 Dunlop Rubber Co.	4½
C/&C ^O	8/13, 8, 6	5½	(III)	DRCO/L ^{TD}	10, 11, 8, 6/8, 5, 7 Dunlop Rubber Co.	4½
C/&Co	8/14, 8, 6	5½	(IV)	DSC/L	11, 10, 8/7	4½
C/&Co	8/9, 7, 6	7	(III)	D.S./C ^O .L ^O	14, 12/8, 6, 7, 7 W. J. Dockrell & Co. Dublin	5½/4½
C/&C ^O	9/12, 9, 6 Clery & Co. Dublin	6½	(III)	D.S/L ^D	12, 11/7, 7	5
C&CO/L ^D	8, 13, 8, 6/7, 6	5½	(III)	LETTER "E"		
C&Co/L ^{TD}	8, 13, 8, 6/7, 5, 7	6	(III)	E	13	10
C/&C ^O /L ^K	11, 13, 11, 6/9, 12 Cannock & Co. Ltd. Limerick	6	(III)	EC/1	10, 8/5 Educational Company of Ireland	6
CC/&Co	8, 8/12, 8, 6	4½	(IA)	ESSO	9, 9, 9, 8 Esso Petroleum Co.	4½
CCW	8, 8, 14 C. C. Wakefield & Co. Ltd.	4½		LETTER "F"		
CIE	7, 4, 9 Coras Iompair Éireann	4½		Y		
C.I.E.	7, 4, 9 Coras Iompair Éireann	4½		R		
CIS/L ^{TD}	3, 5, 10/7, 5, 7	4½		F (diagonally)	8, 12, 8 J. S. Fry	4½
CLEEVE	8, 7, 10, 10, 9, 10 Cleeves Confectioners Limerick	5½		LETTER "G"		
CN/&C	8, 13/12, 8 Clarnico Works	4½	(IIIA)	G	19 Guinness & Co. Dublin	7½
CP/Co	8, 10/8, 4	5		G	15 Guinness & Co. Dublin	8½
C&R	8, 14, 12	5	(III)	GA/C ^O	10, 10/8, 4 Guardian Assurance Co.	4½
CS	12, 10 Cherry & Smallbridge	5	(III)	GA/C ^O	9, 8/7, 4 George Angus & Co. Belfast	4½
C.S.	10, 12	8		G & C ^O		
CSC	8, 10, 8	5½-6		GC	12, 9	8½-8
CSC	8, 11, 8 Clyde Shipping Co.	5½		G/CC	9/7, 7	5½
C.S.C	8, 11, 8 Clyde Shipping Co.	5½		GCC	11, 8, 8 Grand Canal Co. Dublin	5½
CSP/CO	8, 10, 10/8, 6 Cork Steam Packet Co.	5		GE/C	11, 10/8 General Electrical Co.	5½/5
CU/AG	7, 8/8, 9 Commercial Union Assurance Group	4½		GJ/BL ^D	10, 7/14, 7, 7	5½
LETTER "D"				GJB/L ^D	10, 7, 13/7, 7	5½
D	12	11		GL ^D /B	10, 7, 7/14 Gallaher Ltd. Belfast	5½/4½
DB/&S	11, 13/13/11	6	(III)	GL ^D /B	10, 7, 7/13 Gallaher Ltd. Belfast	5½/4
D/&Co/L ^{TD}	10/12, 8, 6/7, 5, 7 Dwyer & Co. Ltd. Cork	4½	(IIIA)	GPC	10, 9, 8	5½
DC	9, 7 Dublin Corporation	5		GSP	10, 11, 9	5½
D/&Co	9, 13, 7, 4	4½	(I)	GS	9, 9 Glasgow Co-op Society	4½
D.C.B/L ^{TD}	11, 9, 13/7, 5, 6	4½		GSR	9, 9, 10 Great Southern Railway	4½
D&CoL ^{TD}	Monogram 74 (in all) Dockrell & Co., Ltd. Dublin	15 overall		GSR	10, 11, 12 Great Southern Railway	4½
D ^D	Interlocked 22 (in all)	10		GS/R	9, 9/10 Great Southern Railway	4½
DD/CC	11, 11/8, 8	5½		G/SWR	10/10, 17, 11 Great Southern and Western Railway	4½
DD/CL ^{TD}	11, 11/8, 7, 5, 7	4½		GS/WR	10, 10/15, 11 Great Southern & Western Railway	4½
D.E/C.I	11, 10/8, 5	5½		GS/WR	10, 11/14, 12 Great Southern & Western Railway	5
D.G	11, 10	6				
D&H	12, 12, 12	5½	(IIIA)			
D.M./C.	11, 15/8	6				

PERFIN	NUMBER OF HOLES	HEIGHT	AMPERSAND			
LETTER "H"				JT/D	6, 6/9	4½
H	12	5½		J.&W.S	7, 12/13, 11	5½ (III)
H/&C ^O	12/13/10, 6	6½		JW/&/TC	7, 14/14/7, 8	4½ (III)
H.D./&C	12, 12/13, 9	5		LETTER "K"		
HD/&S	12, 11/14, 10	4½	(IA)	K	10	9½
	H. Denny & Sons Limerick			K	10	5
HD/&S	12, 11-12, 11	4	(IIIA)		28, 10	12½, 5½
HD+S	12, 11, 15, 10	5			T.W. & I Kelly Lr Gardiner St. Dublin	
HD/&S	11, 11/13, 11	5½	(III)	KEN/NAN	11, 10, 13/13, 10, 13	
HD/&S	14, 14/19, 15	8			Kennan & Sons Dublin	
H.F	12, 8	5½		KG/&C ^O	10, 10/13, 8, 6	5½
H.F./&S	11, 8/13/11	5½	(III)	K ^{LD}	14, 7, 7	10½
H.L/C	11, 5/8	5½			Kodak Ltd.	
H.L./C ^O	12, 5, 9, 6	6		K LTD (monogram)	59	14 x 17
HJN	11, 8, 14	5		<u>K</u>	10, 9	5½
HL/D	11, 7/11	5½		S		
HLHL (continuous)	19 overall Acme Printing Works (Messers Hely & Co)	11		K/&/S	10/11	5½
					J.T. Sinclair Co. Ltd.	
HM	12, 17	6½		LETTER "L"		
	Huet Motors			L	8	10
HM/L	11, 15/7	5½		LA	6, 8	4½
					London Assurance Co.	
LETTER "I"				LAF/AYE/TTE	7, 10, 8/10, 7, 10/7, 7, 10	4½
IAO/C ^O	5, 10, 10, 8, 6	5½			Lafayette Westmoreland St Dublin	
	Irish American Oil Co.			L.B	7, 15	5
IAO/C ^O	9, 10, 10, 8, 6	5½		LB/L ^{LD} /PS	7, 13/7, 7/9, 10	4½
	Irish American Oil Co.				Lever Bros. Ltd. Port Sunlight	
LB/C ^O /B	4, 12/6, 6/12	4½		LB/L ^{LD} /LP	7, 14/7, 7/7, 9	4½
	Ireland Brothers Ltd. Belfast			L.BROS	7, 13, 12, 10, 11	5
LB/L ^{LD} B	4, 12/6, 6/12	4½			Lunham Bros. Cork	
	Ireland Brothers Ltd. Belfast			L&E.F	7, 14, 10, 10	4½ (III)
IBP/C ^O L ^{LD}	4, 11, 8/7, 4, 6, 4	4½		L/G.A.	8/10, 10	6½
IBP/C ^O L ^{LD}	4, 11, 8/7, 4, 6, 7	4½		L&L/L ^{LD}	7, 10, 12, 7/7, 6	5 (III)
LC/L ^{LD}	5, 8, 6/7, 5, 7	4½			Leahy Kelly & Leahy Ltd. Belfast	
IDCO/L ^{LD}	?			LI.	6, 6	4½
I/GNR	5/10, 10, 13	4½			London Lancashire Insurance Co.	
IHC	5, 12, 7	5		L.L/D	7, 6/11	5½
IL/D	6, 8, 13	6½		L&L/&G	6, 12, 6/12, 9	4½ (IA)
IRC ^O /L ^{LD}	5, 5, 8, 6/7, 5, 7	6			London & Liverpool & Globe Insurance Co.	
IS/L	5, 10/7	4½		L&L/&G	7, 13, 7/13, 10	5½ (III)
	Irish Shell Ltd.				London & Liverpool & Globe Insurance Co.	
IS/L	4, 9/6	4		LOANE	8, 10, 10, 14, 10	L-6, rest-5
	Irish Shell Ltd.				Loane Cookstown	
IT/C	9, 10/10	5½				
	Imperial Tobacco Co.					
LETTER "J"						
J	?					
J.B	7, 13	5				
J&C ^O	7, 12, 8, 6	4½	(IIIA)			
	Jacobs & Co. Dublin					
JGS	7, 10, 11	6				
JJ&S/L ^{LD}	7, 7, 13, 11/7, 5, 6	6	(III)			
	John Jameson & Son Ltd.					
JMS/L (in shamrock)	J-6, M-11, S-9, L-6					
J.P	10, 11	5½				
JP/S	7, 10/11	5½				
	John Player & Son					
JP/S	9, 10/9	5½				
	John Player & Son					
JP/&S	7, 9/11, 10	6	(IA)			
JP/&S	7, 10/14, 10	5	(I)			
J.S	7, 10	6				

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IRISH POSTMARKS FROM 1922 ONWARDS

PART 4

BY J. T. HOWLEY

3C Temporary ('Interim') English Datestamps

As mentioned in the January Revealer, some offices used temporary datestamps inscribed in English after they stopped using the original British cancellers. These were all "homemade". Since they were made up from locally-available typeface, there are maybe hundreds of varieties in the size and shape of the letters, in size of datestamp, and in the arrangement of the inscriptions. At least two types (see Figures 8B and 12) are rubber; possible also Figure 8C; the balance seem to be of metal. A common characteristic of all, except Figures 11, 11A, and 11B, is that the date and year are in a straight line across the center.

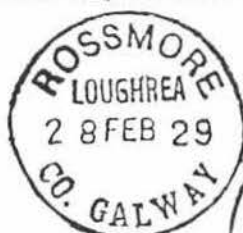


Figure 8



Figure 10



Figure 9



Figure 11



Figure 12

I have sorted these 'interim' cancels into five categories:

Category 1 Those which have the Office name at the top, the District Office below it, and the County name at the bottom as shown in Figure 8.

Category 2 Same as Category 1, but without any District Office, see Figure 9.

Category 3 Those with the Office name at the top and the District Office at the bottom, Figure 10.

Category 4 Those with the Office name only at the top, see Figure 11.

Category 5 The unique, rather crude, rubber datestamp, shown in Figure 12.

Considering the shape and size of the letters and other variations, I believe there are at least 17 distinct types in Category 1 (Figures 8 and 8A thru 8R).

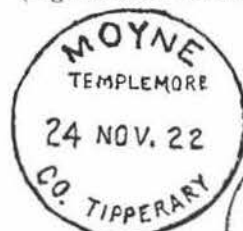


Figure 8A



Figure 8B



Figure 8C



Figure 8D



Figure 8E

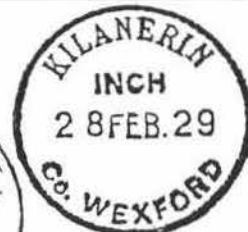


Figure 8F

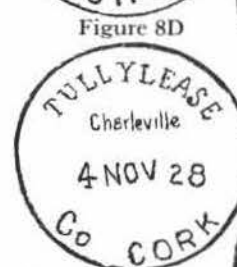


Figure 8G



Figure 8H



Figure 8J

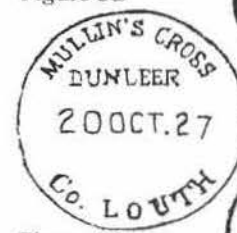


Figure 8K



Figure 8L

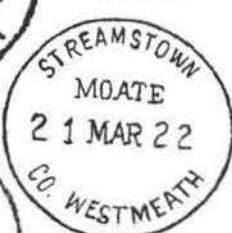


Figure 8M



Figure 8N



Figure 8P

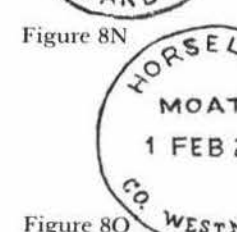


Figure 8Q



Figure 8R

Category 2 has 4 different types (Figure 9 and 9A thru 9C).



Figure 9A



Figure 9B



Figure 9C

Category 3 has 12 different types (Figure 10 and 10A thru 10L).



Figure 10A



Figure 10B



Figure 10C



Figure 10D



Figure 10E



Figure 10F

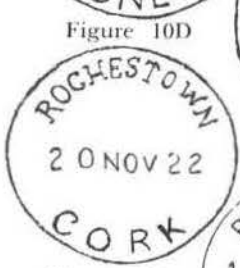


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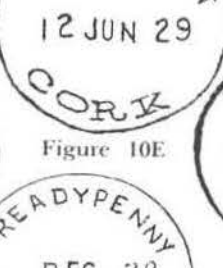


Figure 10H



Figure 10J



Figure 10K

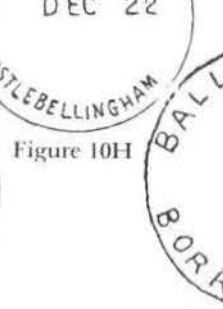


Figure 10L

Category 4 has 4 different types (Figure 11 and 11A thru 11C).



Figure 11A



Figure 11B



Figure 11C

Temporary datestamps with double outer circle are scarce; examples of these are shown in Figures 9C (note that "Co" is not used herein) and in Figures 11A and 11B. The only example of a 'split-ring' cancel I have found is Figure 11C.

This is, however, far from being a complete catalogue of all varieties. Many datestamps combine features illustrated on several of the figures. For example, CAV 42 has the Office name as in Figure 8A, the District office as in Figure 8G, and the County as in Figure 9. Incidentally handstamps with the District Office in lower-case letters are few: CAV 42 and CORK 291 are the only ones I have found.

An interesting feature of the handstamps of the northern counties is that several offices were for some time served from District Offices in what is now Northern Ireland, e.g. Derry, Strabane, Belleek, Aghnacloy.

Earliest use of these handstamps I have found, February 1922, are TIP 34 (Figure 10G) and WEST 58 (Figure 10F). Duration of use was quite limited. Some offices which continued to use 'permanent' English datestamps for some years, eventually used an 'interim' stamp in the early 1930's. Latest use of any of these stamps are: LIM 3, Figure 10K, in January '33; DUB 51, Figure 10B, in Jan. '33; CLARE 89, Figure 8J, in Apr. '33; KER 32, Figure 12, in Jun. '33; and WEX 77, Figure 10K, in Nov. '33.

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LIST OF OFFICES

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CONTINUED

COUNTY DUBLIN

Gaelic Name	English Name
1. AEROPHORT B-A-C (1)	Dublin Airport
2. AN AILL	Naull
3. AN BARDA	The Ward
4. AN CHABRACH (2), (3)	Cabra
5. AN CHU'LOG (1)	Coolock
6. AN CUAN AOIBHINN	Portobello Bridge
7. AN DAIL	The Dail (Parliament)
8. AN ISRAID MHOIR	High St.
9. ARD AIDHIN (3)	Artane
10. ARDAN SYDNEY	Sydney Terrace, Blackrock
11. ASCAL BHAILE M'UNNA (3)	Ballymun Ave.,
12. ASCAL BHAILE PHILIP (3)	Philipstown Ave.,
13. ASCAL BHEARNON (3)	Vernon Ave. (obs.)
14. ASCAL FHASAIGH (3)	Fausaigh Ave.,
15. ASCAL GHARRAN CHNO (3)	Nugget Ave.,
16. ASCAL LEANA AN DAILL	Lissadel Ave.,
17. ASCAL O COLEAIN (1) (3)	Collins Ave.,
18. BAILE AN BHOITHIR	Boothstown, Blackrock
19. BAILE AN MHUILLIN*	Milltown
20. BAILE AN TEAMPAILL	Churchtown
21. BAILE AN ULLIOIRD	Orchardstown
22. BAILE ATHA CLIAITH	Dublin
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26. BAILE BRIGIN	Balbriggan
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29. BAILE GAOLACH*	Irish town
30. BAILE HARMAN	Harmonstown
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32. BAILE NA gCORR	Dollymount
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38. BAILE THORMAID, U'AGHT (3)	Upper Ballyfermot
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40. BAILE U' GHAIRIGH	Garristown
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42. BAILE U'ILLIAM*	Williamstown, Blackrock
43. BEANN EADAIR	Howth
44. BOTHAR AN CHAPTAEN	Captain's Road
45. BOTHAR AN TEAMPAILL (3)	Church Road
46. BOTHAR ATHA NA mBO	Annamoe Road
47. BOTHAR BEANN gCROT (3)	Galtymore Road

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60. BOTHAR NO gCRANN, UACHT (3)	Upper Trees Rd., Blackrock	136. MUIRINE	Marino
61. BOTHAR NO hOTHARLAINNE*	Infirmary Rd.	137. MULLACH BHINN EADAIR (3)	Howth Summit
62. BOTHAR NA hUAIME (3)	Navan Rd. (obs.)	138. MULLACH IDE	Malahide
63. BOTHAR NA hGARRDHAI (3)	Botanic Rd.	139. MULLACH hEADAIRNE	Mulhuddart
64. BOTHAR OLIBHEIR PLUINGCEID	Oliver Plunkett Rd. Dun Laoghaire	140. PAIRC AN BHAILE NUA (3)	Newton Park, Blackrock
65. BOTHAR RAGHNALLACH	Ranelagh Rd.	141. PAIRC FEITHEANNACH (3)	Woodbine Park, Blackrock
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67. BOTHAR SEAN TALMAN (3)	Shantalla Rd.	143. PICE	? (obs.)
68. BOTHAR SHEINLEASA (3)	Shanliss Rd.	144. PORT CHAEMHGHEIN	Camden St.
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71. CAISLEAN CNUCHA	Castleknock	147. RAEDH GARDNAR	Gardiner's Row
72. CAISLEAN NUA LIAMHNA	Newcastle	148. RAEDH GRANBI	Granby Row
73. CALRAIGHE	Mount Merrion Blackrock	149. RAEDH MHUIRGHTHEAN	Merrion Row
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96. COILL tSAILEACHAIN	Kilsallaghan	171. SRAID AN DAMA	Dame St.
97. COIMIN NA RINNE (3)	Ring Commons, Balbriggan	172. SRAID AN DIUC	Duke St. (obs.)
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101. DAL UI GHATHASAIGH	Delahassy Balbriggan (obs.)	176. SRAID ANNA THEAS	South Anne St.
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210. SRAID SOMERSET*	Somerset St.
211. SRAID TALBOID	Talbot St.
212. SRAID THOBAIR PHADRAIG	Nassau St. (obs.)
213. SRAID TIGHE LAIGHEAN	Molesworth St. (obs.)
214. STAISUN CHILL FIONNTAN	Sutton Station
215. STAISUN DROICHID AN ROIGH	Kingsbridge Station
216. STAISUN INSE CHAOIR	Inchiore Station
217. STAISUN NA CLOICHE LEITHNE	Broadstone Rd. Station
218. STAISUN RAEDH NANIARTHARACH	Westland Row Station
219. STAISUN SRAID AMIENS	Amiens St. Station
220. TAMLACHT MHAOILRUAIN	Tallaght
221. TAOBH NA COILLE	Sandyford
222. TAOBH THUAIHDH (9) (3)	North Side
223. TEACH LORGAN	Stillorgan
224. TEACH SAGRA	Saggart
225. TIGH MOLOG	Templeogue
226. TIR AN IUBHAR	Terenure
227. TOBAR MHAIREIDE	St. Margaret's
228. TRAIGH CHRIONAIN*	North Strand
229. ?	Hazelhatch (obs.)
230. ?	Highfield Rd. (obs.)

- NOTES (1) Office opened in 1969 (2) CABRACH, to 1969 (3) No Postal Business? (4) CULOG, to 1969 (5) Office opened in 1971 (6) Formerly Kingstown (7) SEINCHILL, to 1965 (8) Great Brunswick St. (early) 72 Pearse St. (1928-1970) (9) Office opened in 1971 (10) MUIRBHITHE to 1969

COUNTY GALWAY

Gaelic Name	English Name	District Name
1. AN BOTHAIR ARD	Taylor's Hill	Galway
2. AN CHOILL BREAC (1)	Kylebrack Loughrea	
3. AN CHOILL MHOR (2)	Kylemore	Galway
4. AN FAIRCHE (3)	Clonbur	Claremorris, Mayo
5. AN MAAM	Maam	Galway
6. AN SPIDEAL (4)	Spiddal	Galway
7. ARD RATHAIN	Ardrahan	Galway
8. ATH CINN	Headford	
9. ATH DIOMAIN	Attymon	Athenry
10. ATH EASCRACH CU'AN	Ahascragh	Ballinasloe
11. BAILE AN DOIRIN	Ballindereen	Galway
12. BAILE AN MHUILLIN	Milltown	Tuam
13. BAILE AN RAINH (obs.)	Kellysgrove	Ballinasloe
14. BAILE ATHA AN RIOGH	Athenry	
15. BAILE CHLAIR NA GAILLIMHE	Claregalway	Galway
16. BAILE CROSAN	Ballycrissane	Ballinasloe
17. BAILE GEARR	Ballygar	Roscommon
18. BAILE LOCHA RIACH	Loughrea	
19. BAILE MHIC AN BHAIRD	Ballymacward	Ballinasloe
20. BAILE MHIC CONROA	Ballyconree	Clifden
21. BAILE MOR SHIL ARMCHADHA	Lawrencetown	Ballinasloe
22. BAILE NA HABHANN	Ballynahown	Galway
23. BAILE SRUTHA	Ballyshrule	Portumna
24. BAILE U' CHOLMAIN	Colemanstown	Ballinasloe
25. BAILE U' CHONGHAILE	Ballyconneely	Galway
26. BAILE UILLIAM	Williamstown	Castlereagh, Ros.
27. BEAL AN ATHA BUIDHE (obs.)	Ballinaboy	Clifden
28. BEAL AN ATHA FHADA	Ballinacfad	Galway
29. BEAL AN DAINGIN	Bealadangan	Ballinasloe
BEAL ATHA AN CHLAIR (5)		

(To Be Continued)

NOTES

- (1) COILL BREAC to 1958
 (2) COILL MHOR to 1960?
 (3) FAIRCHE to 1959
 (4) SPIDEALL to 1955
 (5) To 1964 see GAL 33
 (6) BEAL ATHA AN CHLAIR to 1961
 (7) No Postal Business?
 (8) Early name. See GAL 49
 (9) Formerly CEATHRAMHA NA LATHAIGHE
 (10) Listed in 'Eolai' ad BAILE CLOCH NA RON
 (11) To 1958. See GAL 2
 (12) To 1960 (?) See GAL 3
 (13) CARN DOLLA to 1960

- (14) To 1959. See GAL 4
 (15) To 1960 (?) See GAL 80
 (16) Early form of CEATHRAMHA NA LATHAIGHE?
 (17) Early name. See GAL 115
 (18) Formerly LEATHBHAILLE
 (19) Office opened in 1968
 (20) Office opened in 1971
 (21) CLOCHANAIDE to 1970



Letters to the Editor

PROOF SHEETS IN THE LONDON POSTAL MUSEUM

The article by C.I. Dulin and P.H. Williams on "Overprinted Proof Sheets in the London Postal Museum Archives" in the January Revealer afforded me a lot of pleasure and some welcome information.

I collect G.B. & Commonwealth controls - singles up to blocks of six in most cases - my plate identifications are limited to those having characteristics showing on my control pieces. And, worse luck, I don't have the Postal Museum to do research in. Therefore information from members of the EPA, GBPS, and GBOS residing in England is most welcome.

I checked the article - values 4d through 1s - against my collection and all check out except the following:

- 1) All King George V 6d stamps printed until the end of 1933 came from Somerset House and therefore had the "stop controls" - in this case S.21.
 - 2) The S.G. Specialized Catalogue lists only plates of the 6d with S.21 control - 4 and 6. Plate 4 is described as having "base of (marginal rule) 20th left side splayed out"; plate 6 as having no characteristics appearing on a control piece. My corner strip of three has the marginal rule 20th left side thicker in the upper two-thirds and normal below, with very slight splay to the right of the base. I had identified it as plate 6, but could be wrong. Is there any chance of rechecking this?
 - 3) The S.G. Specialized Catalogue lists three plates of the 9d agate with S.21 control - 1f, 2b and 3b. I have two pieces with the Dollard black overprint - an imperforate corner block of six, plate 2b, and a perforated corner pair, plate 3b. Now Dulin and Williams report an imperforate sheet, plate 1f.
- I wonder why so many different plates of the 9d value were overprinted? Is any data available as to the quantities of each control overprinted? I have seen some information on some of the Commonwealth countries in the GBOS OVERPRINTER as to the quantities shipped.

It will be a great help if Dulin and Williams are able to complete their study with the 4d and 3d values as hoped for.

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1976 October	Wexford Opera Festival. Set of 3 cachets in violet. The turn of the Screw, Merry Wives of Windsor & Giovanna D'Arco, each on plain cover with Wexford CDS postmarks	2.50
1976 Dec. 27th	Freemasons, Cork 1726-1976, plain cover	1.00
1977 June 24th	I.O.M.T.R. Congress, Dublin, Philart Cover	1.00
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	Return Flight, Bristol-Cork	3.25
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	Return Flight, Bristol-Cork	3.25
1978 May 27th	Dan Air Services First Flight, Cork - Jersey	2.75
	Return Flight, Jersey-Cork	2.75
1978 April 13th	Bremen Anniversary Flight by the RAF, FDC, Flown by Concorde over the route taken on April 12th & 13th, 1928, Backstamped New York and London	3.25

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	Jan. 29th	(3v)	Scott 298a, 299a, 302a	2.75
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