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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For this issue's message I want to return to my previous column in which I talked about the formation of chapters. Most chapters are located on either the East or West Coast, with the exception of the Lone Star Chapter in Texas. Why is that? No chapters in that large area between the coasts.

I once read that publications like THE REVEALER should use as often as possible the names of members. I also read that if one wants to get people to do things, one should ask a specific person, rather than make a general request. With these two ideas in mind, I am going to ask some people to make an effort to form some EPA chapters.

Illinois has a lot of members. So John B. (Libertyville), Larry C. (O'Fallon), James C. and Richard W. (Wheaton), and Jacqueline A. (Carthage) - Use your 1991 EPA Directory. Write to each other. Get the names and addresses of others in Illinois. Write to them. Don't let distance stop you; form a chapter!

Majorie B. (Eden Prairie), Daniel D. (Minneapolis), and Warren G. (Fairmont) - what about a chapter in Minnesota?

Frank B. (Kent), Joseph C. (Lakewood), Dr. M. (Whitehall), Robert H. (Salem) a chapter in Ohio?

Maurice B. (Pacific Junction) and Terry C. (Marion): an Iowa chapter?

In Wisconsin? Laurence A. (Madison), Frank B. (Portage), Kenneth G. (Baraboo), John M. (Hartland). Do it!

There are also a lot of members in the South, but no chapters. Someone do something: Robert C. (Miami, FL), Donald H. (McIntyre, GA), David G. (Kiawah Island, SC), Gordon V. (Kenner, LA). Let's go, you guys. Check the directory. Write some letters. Form a chapter. It will take some effort. But it's worth it.

What's that? No Directory? You don't get off that easily. Write to me. I have plenty of copies. And a new one will be coming along.

Give it a try, Gang

**From the Desk of the Editor**

Well, this issue has truly been unique. In the past, I have been able to bid an issue goodbye 15 days after the deadline, passing it off on Bob Corless. I then would proceed to turn my efforts toward the next one.

In January, I was notified that Bob had suffered a debilitating stroke which eventually led to his

death on 15 February. The transfer of his responsibilities was begun in late January. I actually received the printed Winter issue the first week in February. After filing for permits, printing the auction and researching the address list and updating; packing and posting, the Winter Issue was in the mail on the 24th of Feb. This could not have been done so

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quickly without the superb recordkeeping by Bob.

I am asking the membership, now, to understand that in assuming the duties of Bob Corless, I freely admit my ignorance and beg for your understanding, patience and cooperation. There are many facets of Bob's operation of which I am not aware. There could be private agreements made by him that will fall thru the cracks without your help. If Bob has been doing anything for you and it suddenly stops, write to me immediately. If any member has had any personal correspondence since 1 December 1992, please double check the request with me. I wish to continue as Bob would have but I need your help.

Some of the things I can think of that are of concern are extra copies of The Revealer due to officers or individuals. If you do not receive what you think you are supposed to have, you are to reestablish your requirements with me as soon as possible. Please let me know how many copies you need and for what reason. Address changes that have been sent to Bob after 1 December may have slipped thru the cracks. My mailing list that I received appears to be updated thru mid

(See Editorial on page 69)

SECRETARY'S REPORT

New Members

New members are accepted subject to no objections received within 45 days of publication.

- #2324 W. Thomas Garland, 188 Hale Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540
- #2325 John E. Burke, 2236 G. Street, Eureka, CA 95501
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- #0641 Joseph M. Savage, 9422 Lawndale Ave., Evanston, IL 60203

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- #0094 Earl E. Johnson, Rt 4, Box 60, Wetumpka, AL 36092
- #0392 John O. O'Brien, 7139 Rolling Bend Road, Apt C, Baltimore, MD 21207
- #0333 Robert D. Corless, 1826 W. Indianola Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85015

Resignations

- #1790 Roy S. Flewelling, Box 217, Hyannisport, MA 02647
- #1465 D. Matthews, 76 Avonbrae Crescent, Lanarshire, Scotland, ML3 7PJ

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Maurice Barrett #2259, John Ferreira #2285, Virginia Hall #2065, Sylvia Hanvey #2173, Charles Janeway #2109, Michael Jolly #2242, William Kehoe #2229, Michael Kelly #2284, Thomas Kelly #2266, Frank Kernozak #1080, David Kratz #2241, Craig Marshall #2273, William Mc Lain #1935, Devarona Miller #1359, Thomas Moore #1974, Paul O'Neil #1890, Jeanne Parziale #1073, Mary Prado #1969, Eric Rockenhaus #2276, Mike Ryan #1214, Thomas Stillman #2191, Richard Tucksmith #2288, Joseph Wynne #1786.

Membership Status

Membership as of November 15, 1992	613
New Members	3
Reinstatements	2
Deceased	3
Resignations	2
Dropped NPD	23
Membership as of February 19, 1993	590



EPA Annual General Meeting

by Patrick J. Ryan, Sr.

The 1993 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Éire, Philatelic Association will be held on May 8, 1993 at 1 PM in conjunction with the American Stamp Dealers' Postage Stamp Show. These events will be held in the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City. Dave Brennan of the, John Barry Chapter will be our local Representative.

Anyone who plans to attend the show and/or the AGM may wish to consider the Ramada Suite Hotel in Lincoln Harbor, Weehawken, New Jersey. A ferry leaves the Hotel every 15 minutes for the Convention Center. Room rates are \$114 per night, double occupancy. This is a considerable savings from the New York rates which tack on an additional 14% tax. You also enjoy two free cocktails each evening and a complimentary Continental Breakfast in the morning. This is a special rate for the EPA so when you make your reservations, make certain that you mention that you are a member. Or, just contact Dave Brennan (Hotel 01-617-5600; himself 908-766-78) for further information. Early reservations are a must. If you fly into Newark International Airport, there is a complimentary shuttle service to the Hotel. Look for it!

We are going to have a grand old time. So, join in on the fun and renew old friendships or just make some new ones. We hope to see you there. ♣

Bogus Irish Specimens

by Joseph Foley

In August, 1992, at the APS convention in Oakland, CA, I came across a set of the Irish Railways Sesquicentenary Commemoratives (Scott 581-4) with "SPECIMEN" overprint.

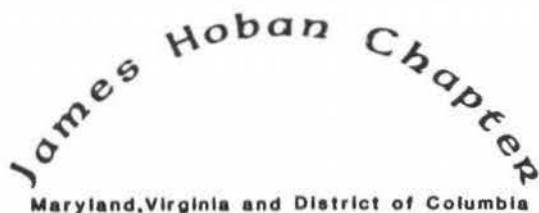
The overprint was applied diagonally to the upper left corner of each stamp and did not contain the entire word (23p: "PECIMEN"; 26p: "ECIMEN"; 29p: "ECIME"; and 44p: "PECIME", in most cases part of the first and/or last letter is truncated). The overprint is unevenly applied in purple ink and appears to be from a rubber stamp. The letters are all upper case, sans-serif and a little over 3 mm. high.

I had not seen anything like these before and the dealer was kind enough to let me borrow the set to examine and try to authenticate, with an option to buy. None of my references were of any help and I brought the set with me to STAMPA in Dublin. I talked to a couple of officials of An Post and they were not aware of any authorized specimen overprints. Most collectors and dealers were unfamiliar with them. However, two dealers thought they were the same or very similar to some bogus overprints applied in Germany for philatelic purposes. Apparently, someone by the name of Sieger (and the spelling of the name is not certain) had produced them.

There is a specimen overprint known on some of the airmail stamps (see October, 1977 *Revealer*, p. 20 and the '91 *MacDonnell Whyte Stamps of Ireland*, p. 103). However, the overprint on the airmail stamps is entirely different. ♣

CHAPTER REPORT

James Hoban Chapter



by Bob Moskowitz

James Hoban held its tenth anniversary celebration at BALPEX 92. Featured were a presentation by Joe Foley on the Overprints, a special philatelic anniversary gift for dues paying members, and a party after the meeting. We want to thank those people from other chapters who attended the meeting and the party, especially Professor Black Bush.

Current plans include a joint meeting with the Commodore James Barry Chapter at DELPEX, a new slide project, and an expanded newsletter. We are also planning to continue our popular workshops for the non-specialist.

James Hoban Chapter members live mainly in the Maryland, Washington, Virginia areas, although we have, and, welcome, those from outside this area. If you are interested in joining, write the Secretary, 1634 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore, MD 21231.

James Hoban Chapter extends to all EPA members an invitation to its meetings.



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The Class of 1992

by Mike Conway

In 1991, the Éire Philatelic Association added 26 new members. In the year that just ended, the Association welcomed 44 new members. This represents a 70% increase when comparing 1992 to 1991.

Not only did we dramatically increase the number of new members, our retention rate was also quite impressive. We began the year 1992 with 585 members and, to date, 555 members (95%) have paid their dues for 1992-93.

The Association continues to believe that the most effective method of recruiting is on a one-to-one basis. One of the reasons we added 44 new members can be largely attributed to a handful of members who took the time to extol the benefits of membership in the EPA. On behalf of the membership, I would like to thank the following members for their fine work. Joseph Foley and Dick McBride each recruited 4 new members. Bob Moskowitz, Steve Spoerl and Peg Zellers, 3 new members each; Bob and Belinda Kemper and the APS, 2 each; Dave Brennan and Hugh McGoldrick, 1 each.

New members hail from California (5), New Jersey (5), New York (4), Pennsylvania (4) and two each from Ireland, Florida, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Now that we have turned the corner, let's keep the momentum going. When you encounter a collector who may be interested in Ireland, mention the Association. Take a minute to explain the benefits of membership. For \$10.00 a year, each member receives quarterly issues of THE REVEALER, and access to mail auctions, active chapters, an outstanding library, slide programs and the most knowledgeable philatelists in the world.

Please take the time to recruit one new member in 1993. ♣

Irish Barred Numeral Cancellations

by Tom Current



A seminar was held on the Irish Numerals at the APS Stampshow in Oakland (Aug 28th), sponsored by EPA, organized by Joe Foley, which I chaired. I made a report on the status of a study of these fascinating cancels and we had very interesting presentations from their collections by Joe

Foley, Gar Lohman, and Tom Leon.

Also present and participating were Joe Bettinger, Michael Chatfield, Preston Pope, John Madigan, John Jordan, Charles & Lois Teed, and Richard Boyles.

I've been making occasional reports on numeral cancels used in Ireland (1844-1906), called "Doing the Numbers", for THE REVEALER for several years but this has led to a much more comprehensive survey being launched.

(See Numerals on page 71)

English Language Machine Cancels of Dublin, 1906-1922

by Charles J. G. Verge

In July 1972 appeared the first of four issues of the *Journal of Irish Philately*. It was ostensibly a new publication which was to incorporate *The Revealer* and *Irish Philately* and was to be issued jointly by the Éire Philatelic Association and the Irish Philatelic Circle. It lasted one volume.

However, in the second issue of that one and only volume, one finds what is probably the only in-depth study ever made of the machine cancels of Dublin from their first use in 1906 under British rule to the changeover to the Irish government in 1922. A period of 16 years of English-language cancels, four different machines (Columbia, Krag, Hey-Dolphin and Universal) and many varieties. It was written by the late O. M. Richards, long time editor of *Irish Philately* and entitled simply: *The Machine Cancellations of Dublin, 1906-1922*.

I have been fascinated by these cancellations for some time and became aware of Mr. Richards' article only when I purchased back issues of *The Revealer*. To make the information more user friendly, as the expression goes today, and to make it easier to look for these cancels during dealer box hunting, I have devised the tables found with this article. The bulk of the information is from Mr. Richards' article to which I have added information from my own collection and that I have gleaned through reading the literature published since Mr. Richards' article was written. It is notable how little information has changed since then. I have also used the cancellation tracings from Mr. Richards' article to illustrate the tables.

I am hoping that the readers of *The Revealer* will help me update these tables by checking their collections and providing me with the information they possess. A photocopy of the cover of piece in question would be appreciated. I can be reached by writing to Box 2788, Station 'D', Ottawa, Canada K1P 5W8.

The following signs have been used when an early or late date is not known conclusively:

< = on or after the date indicated

> = on or before the date indicated

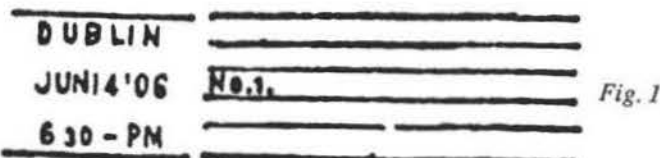


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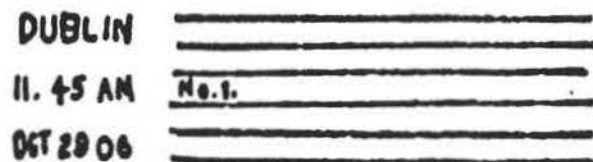


Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4

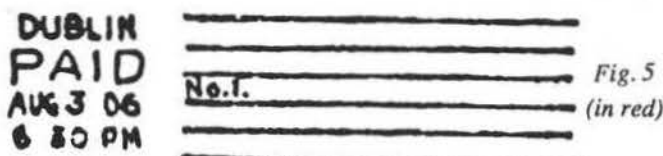


Fig. 5
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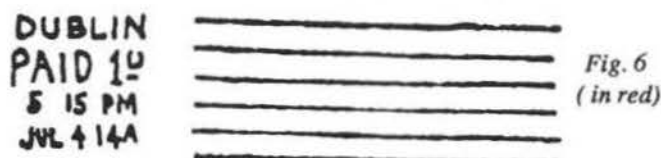


Fig. 6
(in red)



Fig. 7

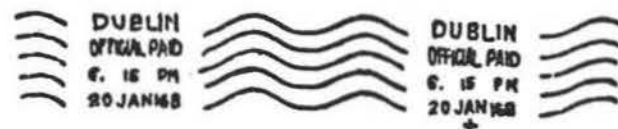


Fig. 8 (in red)



Fig. 9



Fig. 10

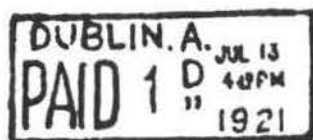


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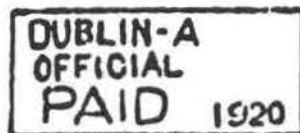


Fig. 12 (in red)



Fig. 13



ENGLISH LANGUAGE MACHINE CANCELS OF DUBLIN, 1906-1922

COLUMBIA

Type of mail	Figure #	Early date	Late date	Description
Regular	1	1906.06.14	1906.06.20	Date over time, No 1. Lines above and below
Regular	1	1906.06.21	1907 Aug.	Time over date, No 1. Lines above and below
Regular	2	1906.10.--	--.--.--	Time over date, No 1. No lines
Regular	3	1907.01.24	1908.05.24	Machine A, No 1
Regular	3	1907.01.--	< 1909.09.25	Machine A, no No 1. Dublin 16 mm. in length
Regular	3	> 1909.01.19	1913.02.17	Machine A, no No 1. Dublin 19 mm. in length
Regular	4	1919.10.11	1919.10.31	Machine B
Paid	5	> 1906.08.03	1914.07.04	Machine No 1, Dublin Paid (for official mail)
Paid	6	> 1906.08.03	1914.07.04	Machine A, Dublin Paid ½ d. (for bulk mail)
"	"	"	"	Machine A, Dublin Paid 1 d. (for bulk mail)

Another Columbia machine was used in Belfast. Earliest recorded date is 1908.08.20. In 1913, the straight cancelling lines were exchanged for wavy lines. Earliest recorded is 1913.09.04. A slogan *Buy National War Bonds Now* was used in late December 1917-early Jan. 1918.

KRAG

Type of mail	Figure #	Early date	Late date	Description
Regular	7	1912.12.12	< 1916.04.24	Machine B
Regular	7	1914.10.--	1914.11.--	Machine with no letter designation
Regular	7	1915.01.01	< 1916.04.24	Machine A
Paid	8	1912.12.--	< 1916.04.24	Machine B, Dublin Official Paid (for official mail)

Krag machines were also issued to Ballymena -- a wavy line machine, Cork -- a straight line machine and a wavy line machine, Galway -- a wavy line machine, Kilkenny -- a wavy line machine, Limerick -- a wavy line machine and Londonderry -- a wavy line machine.

HEY-DOLPHIN

Type of mail	Figure #	Early date	Late date	Description
Regular	9	1916.04.29	1916.12.31	Machine B. Code letter B at top
Regular	10	1917.01.01	1922.05.12	Machine B. Code letter B at bottom
Regular	10	1917.07.13	1922.05.12	Machine A. Code letter A at bottom
Paid	11	--,--,--	1922.11.05	Machine A, Paid 1 d. (for bulk mail)
"	"	"	"	Machine A, Paid 1 ½ d. (for bulk mail)
"	"	"	"	Machine A, Paid 2 d. (for bulk mail)
Paid	12	> 1917.12.21	1922.11.05	Machine A, Official Paid

Regular

Belfast was issued a machine in December 1914. Earliest recorded date is 1914.12.14. The machine acquired a 'A' designation on 1922.07.01. Earliest recorded is for 1922.07.14. The latest is 1922.12.25. A double ring die appeared in 1923.

Paid

There exists for Belfast Paid and Official Paid dies struck in red.

UNIVERSAL

Type of mail	Figure #	Early date	Late date	Description
Regular	13	1920.03.12	1920.04.--	6 wavy bars
Regular	13	1920.05.--	1920.09.--	7 wavy bars
Regular	13	1920.09.--	> 1920.11.17	7 wavy bars. Top bar damaged
Regular	13	> 1920.11.17	--,--,--	6 wavy bars. Top bar removed
Regular	13	> 1921.05.--	1921.07.27	5 wavy bars. Top and bottom bars removed

Universal machines are known for Belfast in 1921, Cork and Limerick with an earliest recorded date in that city of 1921.08.13. The Limerick machine was transferred from Dublin. The Gaelic changeover for Cork and Limerick was in May 1922, probably at the same time as Dublin 12-13 May 1922.

HEY-DOLPHIN - Gaelic changeover

Type of mail	Figure #	Early date	Late date	Description
Regular			1922.05.12	English last day. Machine A
Regular			1922.05.12	English last day. Machine B
Regular		1922.05.13		Gaelic first day. Machine A
Regular		1922.05.13		Gaelic first day. Machine B

What are the change over dates from English to Gaelic on machines in other cities?

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Dues/Donations/Life Memberships.....	\$7,990.35
Interest/Dividends.....	281.42
AGM Auction.....	25.00
EPA Auction.....	1,100.00
Special Offers.....	150.00
Directory Advertisements.....	495.00
Back Issues.....	150.00
Revealer Ads.....	270.00

TOTAL INCOME \$10,461.77 \$10,461.77

EXPENSES:

Revealer:

Printing.....	\$2,650.00
Typesetting.....	1,720.05
Editor Expenses.....	75.00
Mailing (Incl. Bulk Mail Permit Fee), Publishers expenses, Envel. Labels, Collating, Auction enclosure.....	1,633.72

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Ad Managers' Expenses.....	35.98
Miscellaneous:	
Insurance APS.....	12.00
Awards-Clark/Linnell/Field.....	85.96
Stationery.....	83.60
Cal Sec. State Filing Fee.....	5.00
British Philatelic Federation.....	65.63
Fed. Phil. Soc. of Ire. Dues.....	32.00
Stamp Ad Youth Ed.....	37.50
Stamp Collector Ad Youth Ed....	150.00
WCSE Table Balance.....	400.00
AGM Room Rental.....	50.00
Directory Printing.....	314.00
Dues Collection: Envelopes/ Labels/Postage.....	176.50

Other Expenses.....	\$1,872.40
Transfer to Merrill Lynch Reserve Account for new Life Members.....	\$2,000.00

TOTAL EXPENSES... \$9,951.17 \$9,951.17

INCOME OVER EXPENSES... \$ 510.60

BALANCE SHEET

1 SEP 1991 THRU 31 AUG 1992

ASSETS:

Hemet Federal Savings & Loan.....	\$6,024.36
Merrill Lynch Accounts.....	21,508.60

OVERSEAS ACCOUNTS:

*Bank of Ireland Dublin (IR£ 309.62).....	495.39
Special Offers as of 31 Aug 92.....	369.86
**Inventory.....	6,490.00
Library-Cash on hand 31 Aug 92....	62.12
Inventory.....	2,000.00
Auction-Cash on hand 31 Aug 92...	1,204.69
Back Issues-Cash on hand 31 Aug 92.....	421.88
Inventory not valued.....	

TOTAL ASSETS.....\$38,576.00 \$38,576.90

LIABILITIES:

Reserve Accounts:

In trust for 38 Life Members....	\$5,890.00
In trust for Revealer (4 issues)..	7,100.00
For Westpex '95, CAPEX '96 & Pacific '97.....	1,500.00
Dues paid in advance.....	236.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$14,726.00 \$14,726.00

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* Irish punt = \$1.60

** Inventory carried at full retail value, not cost basis.

Account at Barclays Bank London closed June 1992 due to excessive charges being levied by the bank. The funds in the amount of \$400.00 were transferred to Hemet Federal Savings & Loan. This action was approved by the Directors at their meeting in Chicago, May 1992.

Editorial

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January. Individual requests directly to Bob may have gotten lost or misplaced. You need to let me know. If there are any other special arrangements you have had with Bob, please write and let me know.

Next problem! The larder is empty. Please notice the 16 pages in this issue. If you check closely there are 1 1/2 pages of paid advertising. It is of real concern to an editor to be

(See Editorial on page 70)

U 18 (PSE 20), The Present Irish Postal Stationery Envelope

by Otto Jung

It was on March 14, 1990, when, for the first time, a stamp showing no denomination was used for an Irish postal stationery envelope. We thought this must be the final type, for it fitted all rises of face value in the future. But we did not take into account AN POST's inventiveness! This may be a very highfaluting word, for the simple fact is that AN POST, from that time on, used the envelope variations that manufacturer, Glenmalure, produced and had sold in stationery shops. So the keen collector had to examine regularly just what was at the counter.

Not to be seen, at first glance, was some change in the stamp itself because it is so slight that it needs a very close look to become aware of it. The overall size was enlarged from 18.5 x 30.5 mm to 18.5 x 32.5 mm, which produces a larger distance between 'POST' and 'ÉIRE'; but, the main difference is the Roman "a", which is used in the new example within the modern type of the other letters. This was a big mistake on the part of the typesetter to mix a single Roman letter among the modern ones. It reminds me of some airletter forms in the fifties and sixties, when the Roman letters "r" and "s" were mixed among the Irish letters.



U 18: stamp in modern letter type

U 20: stamp with Roman "a"

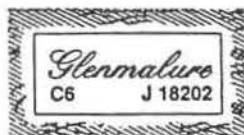
In event of non-delivery return to
misprinted "n" on reverse



no white frame



with white frame



with number C6 J18202

To make the envelopes opaque to some extent, the interior has a printed overlay showing the repeated word "Glenmalure"

Number	Stamp	Interior print	Day of issue	Annotations
U 18ala	18.5x30.5 mm modern type	orange brown "Glenmalure" without white frame	14.3.90	rough off-white paper
U 18alb	18.5x30.5 mm modern type	orange brown "Glenmalure" without white frame	9/90	white paper
U 18all	18.5x30.5 mm modern type	light brown "Glenmalure" white frame	6/90? 7/90?	misprinted "n" correct "n"
U 18bal	18.5x30.5 mm modern type	blue "Glenmalure" without white frame	10/90?	One row of "Glenmalure" above the boxed area
U 18bbl	18.5x30.5 mm modern type	intensive blue "Glenmalure" without white frame	10/92?	three rows of "Glenmalure" above the boxed area
U 18bll	18.5x30.5 mm modern type	(light) blue "Glenmalure" with white frame	5/91? 8/92?	light blue interior print blue interior
U 20a	18.5x32.5 mm Roman a	light blue "Glenmalure" with white frame	11/91?	
U 20b	18.5x32.5 mm Roman a	blue code number C6 J18202	11/91?	

within a pattern of lines. In addition, centered once, "Glenmalure" is printed in a fully coloured rectangular box in the negative manner; i.e. white. The first print has a reddish brown overlay; the next one is light brown, and the "Glenmalure" box has a white frame; a misprint of the "n" of the word "return" on reverse is found on most envelopes. In 1991, the interior overlay was changed to blue, without white frame, to light blue with white frame; there must have been a reprint of the unframed type in 1922: the interior print is intensive blue, and the box is positioned deeper (three lines of "Glenmalure" above the box against one line on all other issues). In early 1992 (?) a change of the overlay print was carried out, to be seen mainly in the box with "Glenmalure". It now appears blue on white with the code C6 J18202. The paper of nearly all envelopes is white (shades), but the first issue is found on a much heavier, rough paper.

This article is based on material Dirk Santifort, Padraig O'Mathuna and the German stamp dealer Heinz-Günther Grunz sent me, what the GPO and its German agent dispatched, and, on Brian Warren's (thank you) and my own research. Undoubtedly more variations will follow; we shall have kept an open eye for them. ♣

Editorial

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within 5 days of the deadline and still have 4 pages to fill. It seems that ever since last Summer the overflow has been dwindling. Now it has disappeared and I am at a deficit. If I have to fill those pages with my own ramblings I can assure you that the membership will be dropping. The deadline for the Summer Issue is 1 June. I have also added the Deadline dates to the masthead. Happy collecting! ♣

The John Blessington Memorial Library

by Peter Bugg



I have had so few requests in the past several months that I am beginning to feel like the Maytag repair man. If it was not for a handful of members, I would forget I even had the EPA library in my office. The way I see it is we either have a brilliant group of members who do not need to broaden their knowledge of Irish

philately or we have a large group of members who do not know that this resource exists. I think the latter is more near the truth!

Last Fall, I worked on a new listing of available material and I hope to have this out to the membership in the near future. At the present time, I have a limited number of the old list, so, if anybody just can't wait for the new listing, drop me a line and I will send one to you. If you have a special area of interest, let me know. I will do some digging and see what I can come up with for you. If you are interested in starting an exhibit, we have copies of award winning exhibits, and, also books on preparing an exhibit. If you already exhibit, how about sending us a copy of your exhibit to help others in the future. What a treasure chest of information can be discovered in an award winning exhibit.

As always the library can use donations. Just today I was returning some issues of *The Revealer* to the shelf and noticed that several of the issues are photocopies. I just can't believe that someone out there does not have issues to donate and complete our original set. We can use any relevant material, and, don't forget, your donation is tax-deductible. A cash donation can also be made to help defray the running costs and purchase newly issued materials.

Please don't let me end up like the Maytag man! Send in your requests and start to discover the wealth of knowledge on my office shelves.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The authors reference to "The Maytag Man" for the benefit of our overseas readers, relates to a popular U.S. TV commercial about a repairman of Automatic Clothes/Dish Washers and Clothes Dryers whose products are so dependable that the repairman has no work. The job we all have been seeking all our lives. ♣

EPA Elections

by Peter Bugg

As Chairman of the nominating committee for the upcoming elections I am asking all members of the EPA to send me nominations for officers and directors for the coming two years by May 1st.

BYLAWS, ARTICLE VIII,

Section 2. The elective directors shall be elected biennially by the membership. At least one director shall be resident in Europe.

BYLAWS, ARTICLE IX,

Section 1. The elective officers shall be a president and two vice presidents, one of whom shall be resident in Europe.

BYLAWS, ARTICLE IX,

Section 2. The elective officers shall be elected biennially by the membership.

BYLAWS, ARTICLE X,

Section 1. Nomination for any elective officer shall be submitted to the committee in writing no later than 1 April preceding the election. Any five members in good standing may submit the name of a candidate. All candidates must agree in writing to serve in the office they are elected to fill. Election shall be written ballots prepared by the nominating committee and mailed in the official journal to all members not less than sixty days prior to the date set by the nominating committee for the closing and counting of ballots.

Mail your nominations and relevant paperwork to: -

Peter Bugg, Committee Chairman, 5 Forest St., Franklin, Mass. 02038. ♣

NUMERALS

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S. D. (Stan) Challis (Roskelly, Brock Road, Saint Peter Port, Guernsey, CI) is coordinating the data and providing the computer system. Dr. Cyril I Dulin is associated with Stan in the project, bringing to it much expertise and a very extensive collection of the numeral cancels. You will recall his outstanding *Revealer* article (Spring 1992, pp 62-67).

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World War I POW Covers

by Hans G. Moxter

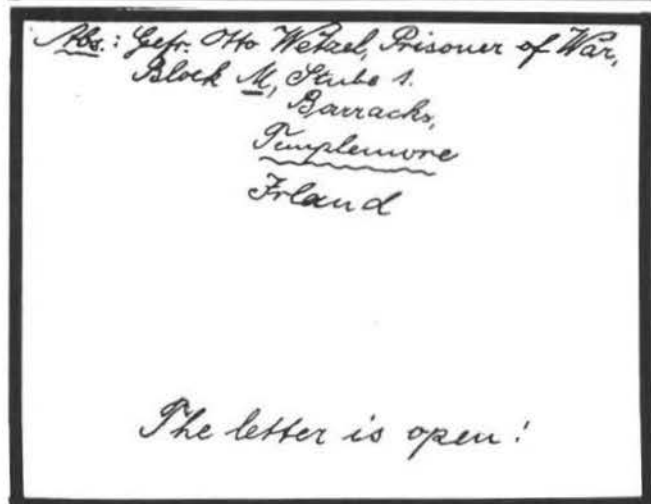
A. German POW Covers

From Cashel comes the news that our friend Padraig O'Mathuna has found a cover in a London auction that went

into the camp at Templemore. It was mailed in January 1915 from a small village west of Berlin.



Below you see a cover going from the same camp to an address near Berlin/Germany.



B. Irish POW Covers from Limburg, Germany

Another fine piece of mail went on auction in Dublin with Mac Donnell Whyte Ltd. on first August 1992 and I understand that Padraig O'Mathuna is now the proud owner. This card was mailed late in 1915 from the POW camp at Limburg/Lahn to an address at Dublin. Note that the card has already "Ireland" printed on its address side. Early in 1915, Irish prisoners of war in Germany were concentrated in and around Limburg and were given preferential treatment. About April 1915, Sir Roger Casement visited the camp and spoke to his countrymen "about joining an Irish Brigade solely for the purpose of fighting for Irish freedom." Only about 50 men did actually volunteer and were later taken to Zossen near Berlin. The project was a failure.

The card shown here has the additional feature that upon arrival at Dublin, it was remailed and received a postmark which dates it to 17th January 1916.

NUMERALS

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The project contemplates listing all numerals known at this time to exist on cover—by post office, time periods, key types and sub-types of obliterator and duplex, and certain characteristics of the cancellation—number and thickness of bars, town dies, codes, etc.

One model is the study by John Parmenter and associates on Welsh and English numeral cancels. It has now run to six volumes. Challis and Dulin plan to use fewer illustrations, and to exclude Dublin from the first phase which they hope will be manageable in one volume. The book when ready will be published by the authors, but that will be some distance into the future.

Initially, collectors with major collections will be solicited to provide the raw data in a format which Stan Challis is developing for guidance. There are many decisions yet to be made but progress is very good to this time.

I want to thank Stan and Cyril very much. What they are doing is of interest to many of us. But they are substantially beyond my expertise so I am just a spectator. I would be happy to relay any comments or suggestions, however, that EPA members might have. We wish the program great success.

The Story of a Benz

by Canon Harden Johnstone

In the year 1989 (11th April) the Republic of Ireland issued special stamps to commemorate the Centenary of the Motor Car in Ireland. A race was held on public roads in the area of Counties Kildare, Laois and Carlow. Twelve cars took part. The race was won by the Belgium driver, Jenatzy, driving a Mercedes. Among the four special stamps issued was a 28p



depicting a Benz Comfortable. This Benz was imported by Dr. John Colahan of Blackrock, Co. Dublin and was the first Benzine (petrol) driven car in Ireland. The stamp has a picture of Dr. and Mrs. Colahan sitting in the car. This car still survives. It is a 3 1/2 H.P. car; the Registration survives, 1K.52, (the first two owners had not registered it otherwise it would have been 1K1!) as well as the Engine Number 1542. It has solid rubber tyres - 'Tires' spelt the American way. Dr. Colahan kept it for a short while. The second owner was a Mr. D. Craig and the third owner Revd. R.V. Bury, curate of Glenageary, Co Dublin from 1896 to 1905. He sold it to Harold Elliot for 10 shillings. Apparently it had been damaged in an accident. Elliot was a student; he and my uncle, Matthew Richard Hughes, who was also a student, were friends. M. R. Hughes - usually known as Dick - had been at Portora School, Enniskillen, where he held the high jump record for many years and then Aravon, Bray, which prepared students for University and is now a preparatory school. The two young men repaired the Benz, having pushed it from Glenageary to Killiney, and, then, decided to drive it down to Dick's home, Ballyrichard, Mullinahone, Co. Tipp. Dick was then 17 years old. They started off from Killiney Glebe at 3:30am on the morning of Saturday, June 21st, 1907 - a photograph taken of the two young men before they started exists. That evening they arrived in Carlow after an adventurous journey. They took a wrong turn somewhere in the foot hills of the Dublin Mountains. They had to stop frequently for water and petrol for the car. They had a number of petrol cans tied on to the car. There is another photograph of the car surrounded by curious onlookers taken in the Main Street in Carlow at 2pm the next day. That evening, they arrived at Ballyrichard. The following day, Elliot had to go to London to take an Exam for a Bachelor of Science Degree. My uncle gave him £5 for the car. Dick kept it for a while driving around. Now and again, it would break down and he would send for a farm horse to tow it home. Other interests claimed him. The farm had to be cared for and tennis became his great love.

Benz had been put away into an inner part of a barn and left there. Some parts of it disappeared. Fortunately the wheels and the frame survived and rust had not harmed it.

After Dick's death, his nephew Tom Hughes inherited the place which he was to get after Dick's oldest surviving sister, Anna, died. When Anna died a remaining sister, Frances, who lived with her, had to leave. Soon after she left, Tom realised the remains of the Benz were gone. He told his cousin, the writer of this article, who found out Frances had given away the car to a neighbor. He got her to get it back to Ballyrichard. Tom took a great interest in it. He had it brought up to a loft, where he began restoring it. He got in touch with the Benz Company in Germany. Although the Benz factory had been bombed, it was confirmed that the car was indeed a Velo Comfortable. Motor Museums in Britain were also contacted. Glasgow was especially helpful. He got the engine going and took it out on the road for short drives. The writer had a drive in it. That same sister, Frances, told the writer that she had cycled to Athy to watch the Gordon Bennett race.

There is, at Ballyrichard, a small memento of that day. When Tom died in 1972 the car still lacked running boards, padding on the seats and a coat of paint. He left it to his son, Wyndham, who was not really interested in the Benz, being too absorbed in farming. So, as he needed capital, he decided to sell it. He had many offers from Wales and Western Australia, etc. but he decided to sell it to the Mercedes-Benz Headquarters in Dublin on condition it was kept in Ireland as it is now. Mr. Denis Dowdall of the Benz Company had it completely restored. The writer saw it, in its gleaming coat of dark green, on a turntable at a Motor Show held at the Royal Dublin Society in Dublin in 1986, where it attracted much attention. Mr. Dowdall has twice taken it to England for the London to Brighton run and to the Irish Gordon-Bennett Rally six times. So it gets plenty of publicity. It is now on display in the Customer Centre at the Mercedes-Benz Headquarters in Dublin. ♣

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

9 Dec. 1992

Dear Editor:

I am writing in regard to the remarks by Mr. Moskowitz in the fall issue of the Revealer, re postal rates from 1922 onward.

I would refer you to the Oct. 1974 issue of the Revealer (Whole #116), which has an extensive listing of postal rates, except airmail, from July 1, 1922 to July 1, 1973

The list was supplied by the then Irish Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs.

Yours,
James E. Collins
EPA #1198

EDITOR'S NOTE: I might add that if one were to consult the Index to the Revealer you would discover that there are a total of 12 articles written & published as Irish Postal Rates. Interested parties may obtain copies of these articles from the EPA Librarian, Mr. Peter Bugg. ♣

Irish Hooded Hand-stamps (Scrolls)

by Dr. C. I. Dulin

Scrolls:

Among the less common hand-stamps of Ireland is that of the Scroll, a hooded single circle type. Scrolls were initially used in England, at London and Liverpool, from about 1882 and their use there covered a variety of applications from the cancellation of ordinary mail to late fee purposes. Additionally, varieties of the stamp can be found for registration and even some military outlets. A Scroll was also used as a newspaper cancellation (inscribed Stamford Mercury).

In Ireland, they were issued to only four offices, at Cork, Limerick, Londonderry and Waterford (see Fig. 1) and are found as obliterations, or, more infrequently, as back-stamps.



Fig. 1

As far as I am aware, there has not been a systematic investigation of Irish Scrolls, although there have been many references to them. Accordingly, the following is a brief account, written in the hope that members may expand more fully upon it with examples from their own collections.

Irish Scrolls:

Apart from the overall basic design, the four offices used different types of stamp. Only one, that for Londonderry, carried the office number, 172. It is probable that the reason for this was to avoid possible confusion with the London Scroll, when under-inked or smudged impressions were made. It may be recalled that the London Scroll was inscribed with "London" E.C." or "London".

All Irish Scrolls were in use from early 1883 to the late 1890s and thus can scarcely be considered as experimental. Additionally, they are found concurrently with the Diamond Duplexes, then, in general use at the time. Thus far, little has been found in archive data, but a Cork Scroll is contained in the Impression book at the G.P.O. archives in London. Apart from the 1844 diamonds, it is one of the very few Irish stamps to be found in those volumes. It is dated December 27, 1882.



Two Pairs Three
Horizontal Lines
Hood Narrow



Two Pairs Two
Horizontal Lines
Hood Wide

Fig. 2

Cork:

This, with Limerick, is the commonest of the quartet. There were at least two easily differentiated types issued. The first has two pairs of three horizontal lines above and below the date, the second has two pairs of two horizontal lines and a much wider hood (see Fig. 2). Both appear to have been used at the same time, although possibly the second type was introduced somewhat later (c. 1886?). Codes seen include D, E, F, H, I (possibly a recumbent H), J, K and P, all with the figure 2 in the lower segment. Doubtless others exist and, in fact, the Impression book example has the Code C. Latest example noted is that for 9 JU 99 (Code D).

Limerick:

Seen with two pairs of three horizontal lines and two horizontal lines above and below the date. Figures 2 or 5 in lower segment. Code letters include I (or 1) and, doubtless many other Codes exist. Mackay in his book, *Irish Postmarks Since 1840*, illustrates an example with two pairs of two horizontal lines and no Codes in upper or lower segments. It is not certain whether this is real or artistic license.

Londonderry:

Office number 172 in serif in upper segment. Single line above and below date. Codes noted include 1 B, 1 S and 1 T. Many more likely to exist. Unlike the other three office stamps, the date has figures and letter in serif. The code in the lower segment is found in serif and non-serif.

Waterford:

Scarcest of the Scrolls. Has two pairs of three horizontal lines above and below the date. Invariably with figure 2 in lower segment. Codes C, D, F and L have been seen, but many more likely to exist. Also known with date as Month-Day-Year (De 24 91) instead of the usual Day-Month-Year.

Reason For Issue:

It is difficult to imagine why the Irish Scrolls were introduced. Although it seems more than a coincidence that the four offices which used them were the largest in the country after Dublin and Belfast. This, of itself, does not seem to provide much of a clue. If used at the largest English offices (London and Liverpool) why were they not issued to Dublin and Belfast?

The four Scrolls were used concurrently with the Diamond Duplexes and apart from the diamond element with its office number, the Scrolls gave the same information. Unlike their English counterparts, the Irish types never incorporated the collection time (as real time as opposed to the code) into the

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A New H & K Packet Hand-stamp

by Dr. C. I. Dulin

It is not very often that one finds a cancellation that, apparently, has not been previously described. The first reaction is that it must have been known and may be just a very scarce marking. This is especially so as it belongs to a group of impressions that have been extensively studied.

However, while going through a recent lot purchase of H & K Packet material, one marking seemed to be unfamiliar - a NIGHT MAIL on a double ringed canceller. Unfortunately, it is only on piece (see Fig. 1), but, there is no doubt about the date or the marking (drawn in Fig. 2). Nowhere, in the literature or past auction catalogues that I have, is it mentioned.



Fig. 1

The only other NIGHT MAIL H & K hand-stamp previously known is the very scarce type shown in Fig. 3, where it surmounts the twin arc date stamps used in the 1860s to 1870s. The twin arc NIGHT MAIL itself is known used around 1870, only, and, as a cancellation rather than as a date stamp. The double ringed H & K date stamps (which Cyril Kidd describes as French types in his definitive work on the Packet hand-stamps, "The Irish Mail" - others call them Trollope types) were used in 1880s and 1890s and the NIGHT MAIL example shown here is dated 1887 and, perhaps significantly, Code 2.



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

Kidd described the twin arc NIGHT MAIL as mysterious and suspected it was somehow connected with the disappearance of the even numbered stamps of the general series (Numbered 1 to 12, the even numbers he considered as rare and were in use only until about 1868). For the French double ringed series, the even numbers are even scarcer than in the twin arc types and (as per Kidd) only numbers 4, 6 & 8 are known in a series that probably ran up to 15.

Additionally, on the basis of this single example, the double ringed NIGHT MAIL also appears to have been used for cancellation and not as a date stamp.

It is also tempting to ascribe these NIGHT MAIL hand-stamps to a very specific purpose (their rarity alone would indicate that) and then theorise as to what that purpose might have been. I have not seen enough of the twin arc NIGHT MAIL stamps to determine how they were actually employed, but, here, there is no doubt that the pair of vermilion 1/2d stamps were cancelled in the Dublin office (Type VII Duplex Code 5d) and the 1d lilac treated quite separately. Kidd, in describing the example of the twin arc NIGHT MAIL he has seen, notes that "the pair of 1d stamps is cancelled with a very crude 186 of Dublin." He is ambiguous about whether the NIGHT MAIL was used as an additional cancellation or as a date stamp.

Is it possible, then, that the NIGHT MAIL cancellation was used as a special form of Late Fee? If other examples of NIGHT MAIL also share the characteristic of Dublin Office cancellations, then perhaps it is possible that the NIGHT MAIL hand-stamps were not used on the Packet, but wholly in the Dublin Office for letters that had to hastened aboard for the Packet. Of course, this would raise the awkward question of why these hand-stamps were used when Late Fee inscribed Duplexes were in general use at the Dublin Office throughout the period. Such theorising could go on, with more qualifications and ifs & buts. Perhaps the best recourse, as usual, is to appeal to members for more information on NIGHT MAIL examples they may possess. With more data, perhaps concrete ideas would emerge.

SCROLLS

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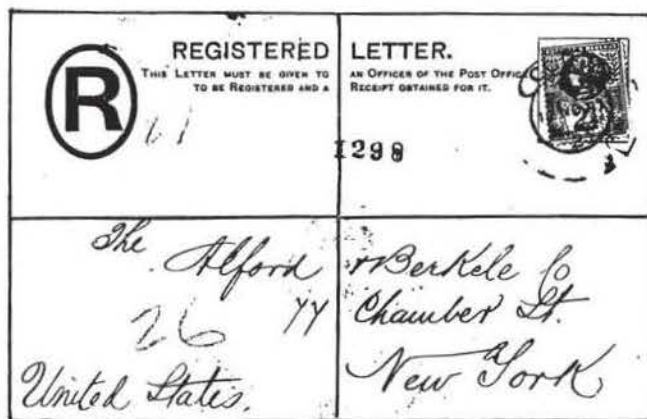


Fig. 3

stamp and hence were in no way innovative in this respect.

In terms of application, again nothing appears to have been specific for their employ. Impressions are usually as obliterations on ordinary mail, but they were also used on registered mail (see Fig. 3) and as receiving back-stamps.

Hopefully this brief summary may spur members to provide both data and comments on those somewhat curious hand-stamps.

† Robert D. Corless

by Joseph E. Foley

If we're fortunate, we meet some people of whom we can say our own lives were so much the better for having had the privilege of knowing them. Such a man was Bob Corless. Bob passed away on February 15, 1993 at age 79. He put up a valiant fight against cancer.

I first met Bob in the 1960's. As I recall, it was our mutual friend, Jim Chemi then editor of the *American Philatelist*, who introduced us. We shared many interests in stamps and belonged to many of the same groups.

Bob joined the EPA in 1960. He was elected a director of the Association in 1979 and from 1981 served in the important role of publisher and distributor of *The Revealer*. Bob also had an interest in printing and was of great help to the EPA and other philatelic groups in taking care of their printing needs. Among Bob's efforts for the EPA were all of our recent directories, the catalog of our library, our auctions and the index to *The Revealer*.

In addition to Ireland, Bob formed collections of the U.S.,

Canada, Newfoundland, Australia, New Zealand and the Vatican. He had a penchant for postally used stamps and a good eye for condition. He had a strong interest in postal stationery and was a director of the United Postal Stationery Society from the 60's to 1982 and served as president of that group from 1975 to 1979.

Corless was a long time member of the American Philatelic Society and was elected Secretary in 1963, Director in 1965 and Vice President in 1969. In addition he was very active in a number of specialty groups and many Arizona philatelic organizations, including ARIPEX, The Arizona Philatelic Rangers and was the Dean of the Arizona Philatelic Hall of Fame.

When I lived in Colorado, I had occasions to visit Phoenix on business and frequently had an opportunity to visit with Bob and his wife Ad. They were fine visits and the more I got to know Bob, the more I liked and admired him. He was a person who rolled up his sleeves and worked for the groups he belonged to. Even in his final illness, he kept as active as he could and continued to support philately almost to the very end.

A great many stamp collectors will miss Bob Corless and we extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and children. ♣

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