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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Joseph E. Foley

### A PERSONAL NOTE

Late last year I was diagnosed as having prostate cancer. Priorities shifted. For several weeks, I was principally occupied with various tests and obtaining opinions from several physicians. Treatment has commenced and the prognosis is good. Obviously, this has had some impact on many other activities, including the ÉPA. My thanks for your kind words and patience, particularly with the extended delay in the appearance of the Golden Book.

However, the real strength in any organization relies on more than just one person and we are no exception. Giving proof to that is the yeoman work done by past president (a.k.a. "Yeoman" and sometimes "Himself") Dave Brennan. His report on the plans for our AGM follows:

### THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

I just got back from Atlantic City and checked out the beach to make sure the sand was raked and the beach chairs and cabanas were in prime condition. All of which is in anticipation of your arrival in August for our

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

(continued)

AGM, which is held in conjunction with the APS Show. The show will be held in the new convention center, not the old one on the boardwalk. We have made arrangements for a block of rooms at the Hampton Inn Bayside, Black Horse Pike in West Atlantic City. This motel is two miles from the convention center. As of this date, we have about twenty members/spouses signed up for this weekend.

The tentative schedule as of May 1st is as follows:

**Wednesday, Aug 14th:** Set up exhibits and a free evening to visit the casinos and try your luck.

**Thursday, Aug 15th:** Show opens. The evening will be a dinner and show at a casino.

**Friday, Aug 16th:** ÉPA board meeting at 3 P.M. in the convention center, and in the evening, an informal dinner at one of the local restaurants.

**Saturday, Aug 17th:** The Annual General Meeting of the ÉPA will be held at 2 P.M. in the convention center, and in the evening, another dinner with our group at a first-class restaurant.

**Sunday 4 P.M.:** The show ends and we will be taking down our exhibits, followed by an evening of Irish music at The Irish Pub at St. James Place and the boardwalk.

We will have a hospitality room at the Hampton Inn which will be open after the show and closed only during the dinner hour. However, I would be remiss if I did not inform you that in New Jersey we are having a severe drought, so we ask you to bring your beverage of choice to share with your fellow members.

I will have a firm itinerary printed and mailed to all of the registered members who will be attending the show, and for late attendees, please contact Joe Foley or Dave Brennan for a copy of the schedule. Get out the suntan lotion and your bathing suits and we'll be looking forward in seeing you at our AGM in Atlantic City. ♣

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## In Memoriam

## Eddie Fitzgerald

Died May 18, 2002

There will be a further commentary by Eddie's long-time friend and colleague Brian Warren in the Fall issue of *The Revealer*.

## THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS - 2001

(continued from last issue)

by Brian Warren

**Dual Currency Self-Adhesive Roll:** The roll format does not differ from the previous Australian issue (25/25/26/24 plus 2 labels). The labels do not have a phosphor frame. No new labels were added to the Australian rolls. There was no ISSP printing. I understand that all future self-adhesive rolls (and booklets) will be produced in Australia. First day facilities with pictorial cancel were available for this issue.



**NVI Booklets:** The booklets feature the first Irish stamps with No Value Indicators (NVI) to facilitate use both before and after the changeover to the euro. The three booklets contain 10 x N (inland rate -30p/38c

Blackbird and Goldcrest), 10 x E (european rate -32p/41c Robin) and 10 x W (worldwide rate -45p/57c Song Thrush) stamps respectively. Each booklet contains two columns of five stamps, folded twice, with a gap between stamps 1 and 2 in each column. In the case of the National booklet both Blackbird (column 1) and Goldcrest (column 2) designs are included. The surplus paper is retained and the phosphor frame extends into the surrounding margin of each stamp. The European and Worldwide booklets contain 10 small self-adhesive airmail labels on the reverse of the middle pane.

No first day facilities or pictorial cancel were available for this issue. However, the issue date coincided with the Dublin Stamp Society postmark referred to below and NVI covers exist with this cancel. The booklets will be re-issued with euro values next April.

### PRESENTATION BOOKS, FOLDERS AND PACKS

There was a reduction in the number this year with only eight regular packs/folders for single issues as compared to ten in 2000.

**1st January - Celebrating the Millennium (2nd Issue - Epic Journeys) Pack:** The pack contains a large card with the sheetlet attached and cancelled with the pictorial first day postmark. Cost: IR£6.00 - face value: IR£3.60.

**24 January - Lunar Presentation Pack:** The pack contains a Year of the Snake miniature sheet. Cost: IR£3.60 - face value: 96p.

**26 April - Jordan Presentation Pack:** The pack contains a complete sheetlet of 16 x 30p/38c stamp (featuring the Formula 1 Jordan Grand Prix car) plus the self-adhesive booklet. Cost: IR£11.95 - face value: IR£7.80.

**3 May - Ned Kelly Presentation Pack:** The pack contains the Ned Kelly Miniature Sheet. Cost: IR£3.60 - face value: IR£1.00.

**10 July - Battle of Kinsale Presentation Pack:** The pack contains the set of four stamps. Cost: IR£3.60 - face value: IR£1.37.

**5 September - Sailing Presentation Pack:** The pack contains the set of four sheet stamps. Cost: IR£3.60 - face value: IR£1.52.

**5 September - GAA Hall of Fame Collection Folder:** The folder contains the complete sheetlet of 16 x 30p/38c stamps plus the self-adhesive booklet of 10 x 30p/38c stamps. Cost: IR£11.95 - face value: IR£7.80.

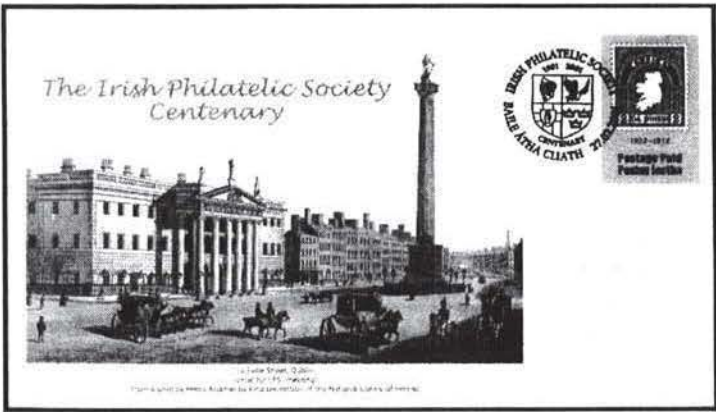
**9 October - Fauna and Flora (Fish) Presentation Pack:** The pack contains the set of four stamps. Cost: IR£3.60 - face value: IR£1.39.

**5 November - Year Pack:** The Year Pack contains one each of the special and commemorative stamps issued during 2001 including both the sheet and self-adhesives for the Europa and Sailing sets, a pair of the Christmas self-adhesive (cut from a normal booklet with backing) but excluding Millennium set, the self-adhesive Greetings booklet pane and any of the miniature sheets - a total of 49 stamps with a face value of IR£17.63 - cost: IR£19.90.

**3 December (postponed from 5 November) - Year Book:** Each book contains all special and commemorative stamps issues as per the year pack together with the three miniature sheets (Year of the Snake, Jordan and Ned Kelly). A numbered black print of the 30p (38c) Perch stamp is also included in the book. Neither the special Jordan miniature sheet with additional inscription for Belgica 2001 nor the self-adhesive Greetings booklet pane was included.

Total printing of 3,500 standard copies (2000: 3,500) and 150 (2000: 150) full-bound leather editions. Cost: IR£32.00 - face value: IR£21.53.

## POSTAL STATIONERY

| Date of Issue | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Cost    | Notes                                                         |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|               |    |         |                                                               |
| 17 Feb.       | St. Patrick's Day - set of four prepaid postcards                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 65p     | per card                                                      |
|               | - set of four greetings cards                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | IR£1.30 | per card including prepaid envelope                           |
| 27 Feb.       | Centenary of The Irish Philatelic Society                                                                                                                                                                                                              |         |                                                               |
|               | Postcard issued by An Post                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 65p     | 5,500 printed Business Print                                  |
| ?             | Registered Envelope - 1st Reprint                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | IR£2.50 | Reference to weight step now 100 grms. (previously 50 grms.)  |
| ?             | Registered Envelope - 2nd Reprint                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | IR£2.50 | Label now has R in red (previously blue) – ref. also 100 grms |

**St. Patrick's Day Cards:** Four postcards were available featuring (1) Shamrock in Green Eye; (2) Shamrock and Spaceman superimposed on Earth from Space; (3) Montage of Irish Culture; and (4) Shamrock with Triangular Leaves on Celtic Spiral Background. The Postage Paid imprint has the usual R.J. King design and matches the imprint of recent years. The St. Patrick's Festival logo also appears on each card. The price of individual cards was 65p, an increase of 15p.

Four greetings cards complete with prepaid envelope bearing the same R.J. King stamp design were also available featuring (1) Prayer of St. Patrick; (2) Couple at Window, York St., Dublin, 1954; (3) Macnas Group at St. Patrick's Day Parade, 1996; and (4) Green Sheep. The price of individual cards was increased by 30p to IR£1.30 as compared to 2000.

There was no illustrated leaflet in post offices this year advertising the issue. The Green Sheep design was somewhat inappropriate as due an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in Britain and Northern Ireland large numbers of sheep had to be destroyed during the period February/March. There has only been one

outbreak in the Republic of Ireland which required the destruction of all sheep on the Cooley Peninsula in Co. Louth.

In the event of non-delivery return to

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"In the event....." and three lines in alignment

In the event of non-delivery return to

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"In the event....." set to right of three address lines

Two types of envelope were used for the Greetings Cards. The first type of envelope was the same as used in 2000 – the envelope is white and the three lines for the return address at top left are in line with the wording "In the event.....". The second type is on cream paper and the three lines are position 2mm to

the right of the same wording. The cut of the back flaps also differ.

The usual green "first day of issue" cancel was available from the bureau and other large main post offices (e.g. Kilkenny) for use on both postcards and envelope. The issue date coincided with the Collectors' Road Show in Kilkenny and both first day and show cancels could be applied to the cards presented at the An Post stand at the show.



*Overprinted Card as sent to Stamp members*

In order to prevent the spread of Foot and Mouth disease, a large number of sporting and other outdoor events were cancelled or postponed including the St. Patrick's Day Parades. Most Parades were rearranged for the weekend of 19/20 May. Stamp sent each member one of the postcards with an appropriate pre-printed message cancelled with the bureau CDS of 18 May. All four designs were overprinted. The 2001 show will be held from 9th to 11th November in the R.D.S. Concert Hall, Ballsbridge.

The Stamp Council sent a St. Patrick's Day card to each member postmarked with the CDS of the philatelic bureau dated 18 May. Because of the threat of foot and mouth disease, the St. Patrick's Day festivities were postponed until 18 May as detailed on each card.

There was no private stamped to order issue this year. The same entity that produced the stamped to order set in 2000 offered similar cards this year but they did not bear any pre-printed stamp.

**The Irish Philatelic Society Centenary:** The I.P.S. is Ireland's oldest philatelic society and celebrated its centenary in 2001. In the absence of a stamp issue, An Post agreed to the issue of a stationery item which was designed by members of the Society. The large format postcard (184mm x 108mm) reproduces a print of Sackville Street (now O'Connell Street), Dublin by Henry Brochas. The reverse of the card reproduces the notice for the initial meeting which was held in the

premises of the Dublin Bread Company, 6-7 Lower Sackville Street on 27 February 1901. The imprinted postage paid stamp reproduces an adaptation of the 1972 design issued to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Irish postage stamps. The card was designed by members of the Society with artwork and typesetting by FOR Print and Design. Litho printed by Business Print on A3 size 280 micron Tru-card; there were four cards in the master sheet. Total printing of 5,500 with shade variations noted. The card was not included in An Post's Collectors News but is an official (not a private) issue. The card was issued on the actual anniversary date of 27 February and a special postmark incorporating the Arms of the Four Provinces was also available. The Arms of the Four Provinces is included in the Society's logo. The cancellation was not confined to use on the card.

Details of other I.P.S. Souvenirs are included in the section "Exhibition and Society Souvenirs, Postmarks and Cachets"



*Blue R - not underlined  
(dark blue background)*



*Red R - underlined  
(light blue background)*

**Registered Envelope Reprints:** Although the price of the envelope (IR£2.50) and the registration rate (IR£2.00) remain unchanged, the postage paid element now covers up to 100 grms. (previously 50 grms.) in weight within Ireland and the equivalent monetary value of 40p (previously 35p) outside Ireland. This is reflected in a revision of the weight reference to 100grms on the reverse of the envelope. I'm unsure when this change came into effect but it probably changed on 2 April 2001 when SDS and Swiftpost rates were revised. The positioning of the green *Postage Paid* stamp element and the blue printing which refers to *Minimum Registration Fee Paid* varies on the new printing.

The second change was to the large combined registration label and receipt attached to the front of the envelope. As well as the changes referred to above, the R within the label portion is now underlined and printed in red on a light blue background (previously dark blue on blue background with no underlining).

## EXHIBITION SOUVENIRS AND CACHETS – OVERSEAS



**Belgica 2001 (9-15 June):** As already detailed under *Special and Commemorative Issues*, a Jordan miniature sheet incorporating the exhibition logo was released on the opening day of the show. As well as the special first day cachet for this sheet, a general cachet was also available.

**FAI - Annual General Meeting (4-6 May):** 250 colour cards were produced of which 40 were signed by the officers for members attending the meeting. The card features the FAI logo plus a picture of Jagdschloss Königs Wusterhausen the location of the meeting. The cards do not bear any stamp or cancellation.

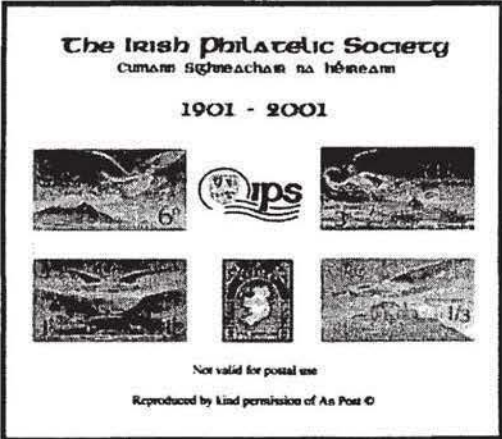


**Other Overseas Exhibitions:** Cachets were also available for **Hong Kong 2001** (1-5 February), **Philanippon '01** held in Tokyo (1-7 August) and **Hafnia '01** held in Copenhagen (16-21 October). The cachet incorporated the Kingfisher bird design as used on the 10p definitive. The other cachets featured the relevant exhibition logo.

**Irish Philatelic Circle – Annual Convention (12-13 May):** The Annual Convention of the Circle was held in Chester. A special cachet (not a postmark) was applied to An Post prepaid postcards. Each member attending the Convention received a copy. There was no additional printing on the postcard.

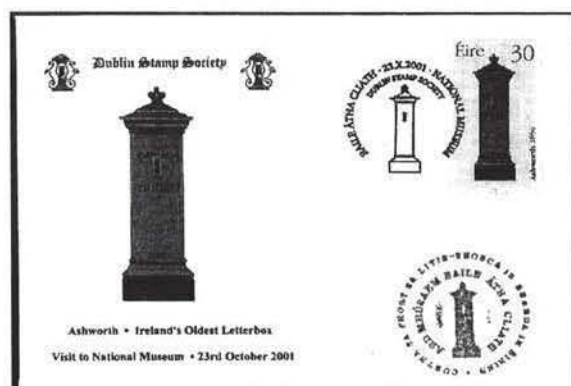
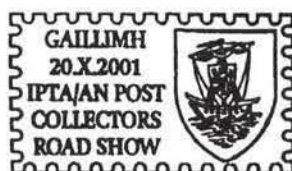
Two other unannounced cachets not included in my 2000 listing are also illustrated - **Salon d'Antonne** held in Paris (9-12 November 2000) and **2000 Monaco**, the Great Rarities Exhibition held at the Stamp Museum, Monaco (1-3 December, 2000).

## EXHIBITION AND SOCIETY SOUVENIRS, POSTMARKS AND CACHETS – REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

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| 17 Feb        | IPTA/An Post Collectors' Road Show, Kilkenny<br>- Team of the Millennium (Hurling) sheetlet<br>with o/p in black                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | IR£5.00            | 600 copies (numbered)                                                  | CCP3  | 14¾ x 14    | Mahons  |
| 22 Feb        | Centenary of The Irish Philatelic Society<br>Dinner Menu – o/p in black on ordinary postcard                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | no charge          | Cancelled with bureau CDS of 22.2.01                                   |       |             | Reprint |
| 4 Mar         | IPTA/An Post Collectors' Road Show, Limerick<br>- Team of the Millennium (Hurling) sheetlet<br>with o/p in black                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | IR£5.00            | 600 copies (numbered)                                                  | CCP3  | 14¾ x 14    | Mahons  |
| 8 Apr         | Stampania 2001 (Dublin)<br>- Dark green o/p on Year of the Snake M/S<br>- I.P.S. Centenary postcard with cachet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | IR£3.00<br>IR£1.00 | 300 sheets overprinted<br>40 cards with bureau CDS plus special cachet | CCP3  | 14 x 14¾    | Mahons  |
| 8 Apr         | Centenary of The Irish Philatelic Society<br>- Souvenir Card reproducing airmail designs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 50p                | 500 cards privately printed                                            |       |             | I.P.S.  |
| 29 July       | IPTA/An Post Collectors' Road Show, Donegal<br>- Team of the Millennium (Hurling) sheetlet<br>with o/p in black                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | IR£5.00            | 600 copies (numbered)                                                  | CCP3  | 14¾ x 14    | Mahons  |
| 29 Sept       | IPTA/An Post Collectors' Road Show, Kilarney<br>- Team of the Millennium (Hurling) sheetlet<br>with o/p in black                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | IR£5.00            | 600 copies (numbered)                                                  | CCP3  | 14¾ x 14    | Mahons  |
| 6 Oct.        | Cork Philatelic Society – Annual Exhibition- Booklet<br>- Special cover for postmark                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | IR£3.00<br>50p     | 2 x 30p Battle of Kinsale (200 printed and numbered)<br>per envelope   |       |             |         |

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| Date of Issue | Description | Cost | Plate Numbers/Notes | Paper | Perforation | Printer |
|---------------|-------------|------|---------------------|-------|-------------|---------|
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Official Dublin Stamp Society Cover

|        |                                                               |           |                                                |      |           |              |  |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------|------|-----------|--------------|--|
| 9 Oct. | Dublin Stamp Society                                          |           |                                                |      |           |              |  |
|        | - Visit to National Print Museum                              | IR£1.50   | Postcard with special imprint (100)            |      |           | Print Museum |  |
| 20 Oct | IPTA/An Post Collectors' Road Show, Galway                    |           |                                                |      |           |              |  |
|        | - Team of the Millennium (Hurling) sheetlet with o/p in black | IR£5.00   | 600 copies (numbered)                          | CCP3 | 14¾ x 14  | Mahons       |  |
| 23 Oct | Dublin Stamp Society                                          |           |                                                |      |           |              |  |
|        | - Visit to National Museum of Ireland                         | IR£1.50   | Postcard with special imprint (100)            |      |           | D.S.S.       |  |
| 2 Nov  | Stampa 2001                                                   |           |                                                |      |           |              |  |
|        | - Birds of Ireland sheetlet with o/p                          | IR£20.00  | 1,100 printed - o/p in black                   | CCP3 | 14 x 14¾  | Mahons       |  |
|        | - Ned Kelly miniature sheet with o/p                          |           | 1,100 printed - o/p in black                   | CCP3 | 14¾ x 14  | Mahons       |  |
|        | - Butterflies miniature sheet with o/p                        |           | 1,100 printed - o/p in black                   | CCP3 | 13¾ x 12¾ | Mahons       |  |
|        | - Irish Philatelic Society Postcard with o/p                  |           | 1,100 printed - o/p in black                   |      |           | Mahons       |  |
|        | - Formula One Jordan Grand Prix with o/p                      | IR£5.00   | 2,000 printed - o/p in silver                  | CCP3 | 13¾ x 14  | Mahons       |  |
| 9 Nov  | Stampa 2001                                                   |           |                                                |      |           |              |  |
|        | - Large envelope                                              | 50p       | 100 printed                                    |      |           | Stampa       |  |
| 10 Nov | Éire Philatelic Association - A.G.M.                          |           |                                                |      |           |              |  |
|        | - Souvenir Sheet                                              | no charge | 50th Anniversary sheet with additional imprint |      |           |              |  |
| 6 Dec  | Centenary of The Irish Philatelic Society                     |           |                                                |      |           |              |  |
|        | Dinner Menu - o/p in black on centenary postcard              | IR£1.00   | Cancelled with 6 December special postmark     |      |           | Reprint      |  |
|        | Centenary envelope - with logo o/p in black                   | 80p       | Cancelled with 6 December special postmark     |      |           | I.P.S.       |  |

All sheetlets/miniature sheets / postcards as listed above were privately overprinted by the organisers. Overprinting of the sheetlets, miniature sheets and the I.P.S.centenary postcard and the production of the I.P.S. souvenir card was with the permission of An Post.

**IPTA/An Post  
Collector Road  
Shows – Kilkenny  
Limerick, Donegal,  
Killarney and  
Galway:**



The one day shows were held in Rivercourt Hotel (Kilkenny), Jury's Hotel (Limerick), Abbey Hotel, (Donegal), Scott's Hotel (Killarney), and Flannery's Hotel (Galway). The Limerick and Donegal shows were held on a Sunday; the remainder were held on a Saturday.

A special postmark for each event was available as well as the souvenir listed. The Kilkenny and Limerick cancels were repeats of prior year designs. The Donegal, Killarney and Galway postmarks were a welcome change from the circular cancellations usually favoured by An Post and were designed by I.P.C. member John Mullen.

A cream coloured C5 size centenary envelope was produced by the Irish Philatelic Society as part of their centenary celebrations (see below). This envelope was utilised by members in conjunction with the show cancels. The Society together with An Post sponsored displays at each of the regional Roadshows held during the year. They also supplied displays at Stampania 2001 and at the Cork Philatelic Society show. The exhibits altered for each show so as to include postal items specific to the particular geographic location. The C5 envelope was first used at the Limerick show.

**The Irish Philatelic Society Centenary:** The I.P.S. celebrated 100 years of existence in 2001. As well as the centenary postcard issued by An Post (see under *Postal Stationery*) and the envelopes referred to above, the Society were responsible for a number of other souvenirs and postmarks to mark their centenary.

The Centenary Dinner was held prior to the issue of the An Post postcard. The ordinary An Post prepaid postcard was overprinted in black with details of the venue and the menu together with the Society's logo. All cards were cancelled with the bureau CDS of 22 February. The initial printing which was in blue had a typographical error ("*Centennary*" instead of "*Centenary*"). It was decided to reprint the card. A number of the incorrect blue printing were retained (uncancelled) and distributed to members.

A souvenir card was also produced by the Society featuring the Society logo, the 2d map stamp and four of the Airmail designs (3d, 6d, 1s and 1s3d). The four

reproduced designs feature a location in each of the provinces. The Society's logo features the Arms of the Four Provinces. The reverse of the card gives details of the Society and the four Airmail designs. The card was privately printed on A4 coated card with six souvenir cards per master sheet.

The card was released on 8 April to coincide with the Dublin show "**Stampania 2001**". An Post did not attend the show and there was no special cancellation. The I.P.S. sponsored a cachet incorporating "Molly Malone and her Wheelbarrow". 40 copies of the centenary postcard were cancelled with the bureau CDS of 8 April with the cachet applied to the left of the stamp. The cachet can also be found on the overprinted Year of the Snake miniature sheet overprinted for the show.

The centenary postcard was overprinted for use as the dinner menu for the Society's annual Christmas Social /Dinner held in Snipes Restaurant, Dublin 2 on 6 December.

The C5 envelope was also overprinted for this event and both items were cancelled with a special postmark as illustrated.

The same postcard was also overprinted by Stampa – see below.



**Cork Philatelic Society – Annual Exhibition:** A numbered booklet containing 2 x 30p Kinsale stamps (from either left or right margin) was available.

The interleaving features various Kinsale postmarks and the back cover reproduces the original artwork for the show cancel. The souvenir cover features the 400th anniversary Battle of Kinsale arms produced by the local Trade and Tourism Council.



**Stampa 2001:** As usual, the souvenirs were distributed to members prior to the three day show. The overprinted Jordan miniature sheet was the public souvenir available at the show.

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor.

I have had two interesting responses to my article on collecting Irish overprints in the last issue of *The Revealer*, both on the subject of the FDC cover I illustrated (Fig. 1). I was concerned to know whether the FDC was genuine.

George Nicholson wrote to say that he had a postcard addressed to C.S. Almond in similar handwriting (Fig. 2) which was postmarked by the same post office at exactly the same time as mine. He writes: "It appears that EAW (the sender) knew the post office staff and maybe got special treatment regarding the additional clear cancellation. C.S. Almond may well have been a collector to whom the friend EAW sent both items as gifts. In James MacKay's book *Irish Postmarks since 1840*, I cannot find a single ring cancellation that matches our variety." As Fig. 1 does show part of an inner ring, I think it is likely that the lack of the ring in Fig. 2 was due to faulty inking.

Michael Murphy has also written to me on the subject. He says: "Mr Almond was a senior civil servant who worked in the Department of Finance, Merrion Street, Dublin. When I commenced working in the civil service in the early 1950's, I regularly came across official correspondence signed by him in the 1930's and 1940's. He would have been well aware of the historical as well as the philatelic importance of 17th February 1922, and I have no doubt the cover is genuine. From the confident nature of the script, I would also surmise that the address is written in Mr Almond's own hand."

I wonder if other members have Almond covers?

Yours sincerely,  
Michael Priestley



Fig. 1

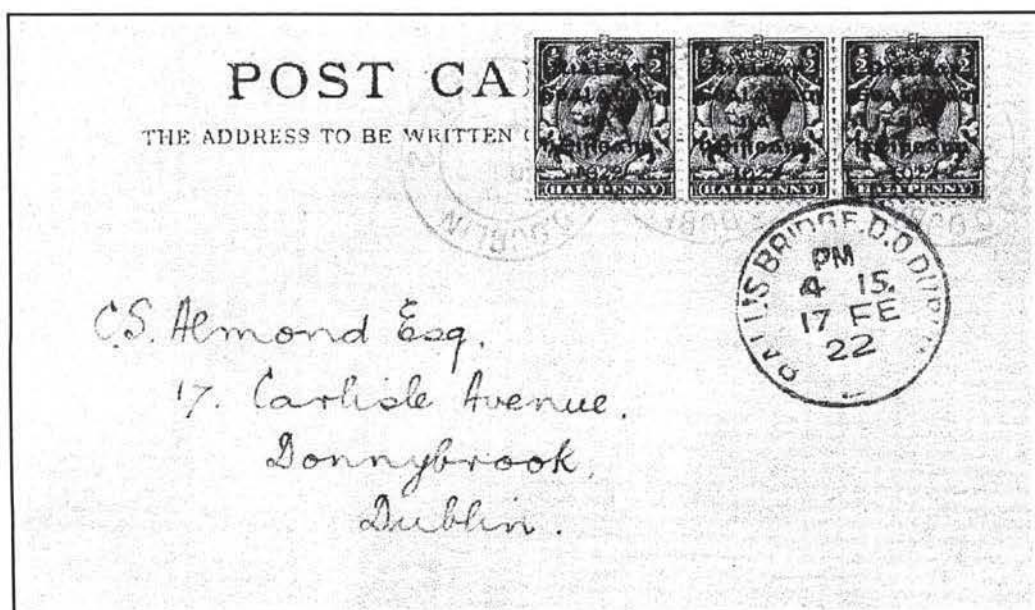


Fig. 2

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Validity of the Great Britain stamps overprinted for use in Ireland (1922-1937) for payment of Postage within the United Kingdom (*Revealer* Vol 51, no 3, page 46)

I would like to refute the points made in Paul Baines' letter in the last edition of the *Revealer* (Spring 2002).

P.O.C. 128 dated 23 August 1950 titled 'OVERPRINTED BRITISH POSTAGE STAMPS' states that 'British postage stamps of the reign of King George V onwards, which are overprinted for use in territories outside the United Kingdom and on which the original British denominations have not been cancelled are

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# Telegram Forms and Pre-Decimal Registered Envelope Survey Results

by Otto Jung & Barney Clancy

The purpose of the survey was to get an indication of the scarcity of these issues in mint and used condition. Additionally, since issue dates for most of the pre-decimal registered envelopes are unknown, the survey was an attempt to find the earliest date of use for each issue.

It should be noted that Telegram Forms only exist (legally) in a mint state. Used copies were supposed to be destroyed once the Post Office accounting procedures were completed.

When interpreting scarcity, please keep in mind that these results are based on twenty-one people responding and that not all respondents collect the full range of Ireland Stationery (i.e.: only mint; only used; only Irish Post Office issues; etc.). Additionally, the owners of a number of (significant) large collections did not reply to the survey.

The earliest reported dates of use (EKU) have been verified as much as possible. Certain reported dates were removed from the report, as they appeared to be impossible dates for the issue. If anyone feels that they reported an earlier use date that is not in the survey results, please forward a photocopy.

I would expect that many of these EKU's dates will be replaced as additional collectors review their collections. If you determine that you own an unreported issue (mint or used), or an earlier EKU, please forward a photocopy. Photocopies should show sufficient detail to verify the particular issue.

If anyone wishes to complete the full survey or report an update to the current survey, please contact: **Barney Clancy**, P.O. Box 3036, Seminole, FL 33775, Email at: [bclanz@aol.com](mailto:bclanz@aol.com) or **Otto Jung**, Kreuzherrenstrasse 19, D52355 Düren, Germany, Email at: [JungFAI@t-online.de](mailto:JungFAI@t-online.de)

All new reports will be recorded and published in a future issue of this publication.

| TELEGRAM FORMS                                                                                     |        |        |       |                                                                  |          |      |          |      |               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------|----------|------|---------------|
| CATALOG NUMBERS                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | QUANTITY |      |          |      |               |
| JUNG #                                                                                             | M/W #  | MICHEL | H & G | COMMENTS                                                         | MINT     |      |          |      |               |
| TB1a                                                                                               | PST1   | TB1a   | H1    | A1 - 1/-                                                         | 8        |      |          |      |               |
| TB1b                                                                                               | PST1a  | TB1b   | H1a   | A1 S/E - 1/-                                                     | 2        |      |          |      |               |
| TB2a                                                                                               | PST2   | TB2a   | H2    | Code A - 1/                                                      | 5        |      |          |      |               |
| TB2b                                                                                               | PST2a  |        |       | A1 S/E - 1/-                                                     | 0        |      |          |      |               |
| TB3                                                                                                | PST3   | TB3    | H3    | Code A - 1/-                                                     | 6        |      |          |      |               |
| TB4a                                                                                               | PST4   | TB3A   | H3    | Code A - 1/6                                                     | 4        |      |          |      |               |
| TB4b                                                                                               | PST4a  | TB3B   | H4    | A1 S/E - 1/6                                                     | 5        |      |          |      |               |
| TB4b var                                                                                           |        |        |       | Large "DO (To)"                                                  | 1        |      |          |      |               |
| TB5                                                                                                | PST3a  | TB4B   | H6    | Code A - 1/-                                                     | 2        |      |          |      |               |
| Note: A proof copy of TB1 value tablet, in Olive on plain paper, is known to exist.                |        |        |       |                                                                  |          |      |          |      |               |
| A used cutout of TB1 in Olive has also been reported.                                              |        |        |       |                                                                  |          |      |          |      |               |
| REGISTERED ENVELOPES - PART I - GEORGE V IN GREEN                                                  |        |        |       |                                                                  |          |      |          |      |               |
| CATALOG NUMBERS                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | PRINT    |      | QUANTITY |      | EARLIEST      |
| JUNG #                                                                                             | M/W #  | MICHEL | H & G | COMMENTS                                                         | CODE     | SIZE | MINT     | USED | DATE OF USE   |
| EU1a                                                                                               | PSRE1  | EU1a   | C1    | 1922 - 5d George V in Emerald Green, no format letter in Reg Box | AQ       | F    | 6        | 3    | 12-Jun-22     |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | BQ       | F    | 2        | 2    | 7-Feb-23      |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | CQ       | F    | 1        | 5    | 4-Aug-22      |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | DQ       | F    | 1        | 2    | 19-Jul-22     |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | EQ       | F    | 6        | 4    | 2-Aug-22      |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | unknown* | F    | 0        | 2    | 28-Aug-22     |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       | Unlisted                                                         | DQ       | G    | 1        | 0    | None Reported |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | EQ       | G    | 12       | 13   | 24-Oct-22     |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | FQ       | G    | 0        | 0    | None Reported |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | unknown* | G    | 0        | 1    | 2-Oct-22      |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | CQ       | H    | 6        | 4    | 10-Oct-22     |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | EQ       | H    | 4        | 0    | None Reported |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | unknown* | H    | 0        | 1    | 22-Mar-24     |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | MP       | K    | 3        | 0    | None Reported |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | FQ       | K    | 6        | 2    | 21-Nov-22     |
| EU1b                                                                                               | PSRE1a | EU1b   | C2    | 1923 - 5d George V in Olive Green, no format letter in Reg Box   | CR       | F    | 0        | 1    | 4-Mar-24      |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       | Unlisted                                                         | DR       | F    | 1        | 4    | 22-Aug-23     |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | ER       | F    | 2        | 6    | 21-Jul-23     |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | unknown* | F    | 0        | 1    | 21-Jun-23     |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | MQ       | G    | 1        | 2    | 4-Jan-24      |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | AR       | G    | 0        | 1    | 12-Oct-23     |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | BR       | G    | 2        | 8    | 31-Mar-23     |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | CR       | G    | 1        | 0    | None Reported |
| EU1c                                                                                               | PSRE1b | EU2    | C3    | 1923 - 5d George V in Olive Green, format letter in Reg Box      | HR       | F    | 12       | 6    | 30-Oct-23     |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | JR       | F    | 0        | 3    | 15-Dec-23     |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | AS       | F    | 5        | 7    | 4-Feb-24      |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | unknown* | F    | 0        | 1    | 16-Oct-23     |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | GR       | G    | 10       | 8    | 5-Nov-23      |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | AS       | G    | 5        | 2    | 19-Mar-24     |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | FR       | H    | 0        | 0    | None Reported |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | GR       | H    | 6        | 1    | 12-Mar-24     |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | unknown* | H    | 0        | 2    | 26-Feb-24     |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | FR       | K    | 4        | 1    | 23-Apr-24     |
|                                                                                                    |        |        |       |                                                                  | LR       | K    | 2        | 1    | 11-Feb-24     |
| * Unknown - additional used copies in this size have been reported, but the Print Code in unknown. |        |        |       |                                                                  |          |      |          |      |               |
| If the Print Code was known, some of these could be the earliest date of use.                      |        |        |       |                                                                  |          |      |          |      |               |



## NOTE:

The report is organized by the catalog numbers in *Postal Stationery of Ireland* by Otto Jung (1994). Where possible, the corresponding catalog numbers of MacDonnell Whyte, Michel and Higgins & Gage, are listed.

## REPORT LEGEND:

Catalog Numbers: A cross-reference of catalog numbers.

Comments: A brief description of each issue.

Print Code: A listing of the known alphabetic production codes for the Geo V envelopes.

Size: The envelope sizes known for each issue.

Quantity - Mint/Used: The quantity reported for each envelope variety.

Earliest Date of Use: The earliest date reported for each envelope variety.

| REGISTERED ENVELOPES - PART II - IRELAND ISSUES                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                                                           |      |          |      |             |                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------|------|-------------|-----------------|
| CATALOG NUMBERS                                                                                                      |         |        |       | COMMENTS                                                                                  | SIZE | QUANTITY |      | EARLIEST    |                 |
| JUNG #                                                                                                               | M/W #   | MICHEL | H & G |                                                                                           |      | MINT     | USED | DATE OF USE |                 |
| EU2a                                                                                                                 | PSRE2   | EU3a   | C4    | 1924 - 5d Purple, CLARATACT open, No printers imprint under flap                          |      |          |      |             |                 |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       | 11mm horiz. center line to Reg Box, 21mm horiz center line to Taille loca.                | FI   | 12       | 7    |             | 3-Oct-24        |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       | As FI but 10mm horiz center line to Reg Box, thin Irish lettering.                        | FII  | 1        | 1    |             | 8-Aug-30        |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       | As FI but 28mm horiz center line to Taille loca                                           | FIII | 1        | 2    |             | 3-Oct-24        |
| EU2b                                                                                                                 | PSRE2a  | EU3b   | C5    | 1924 - 5d Purple, CLARATACT closed up, No printers imprint under flap                     |      |          |      |             |                 |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       | Full stop after CLARATACT                                                                 | FI   | 8        | 12   |             | 11-Mar-25       |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       | Text area on front missing                                                                | FIv  | 1        | 0    |             | None Reported   |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       | No stop, Aspirate on final T of CLARATACT                                                 | FII  | 4        | 2    |             | 3-Sep-25        |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                                                           | G    | 11       | 15   |             | 22-Aug-24       |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                                                           | H    | 13       | 7    |             | 15-Oct-24       |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       | Specimen Overprint                                                                        | Hv   | 0        | 0    |             | None Reported   |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                                                           | K    | 5        | 4    |             | 14-Jul-24       |
| EU2c                                                                                                                 | PSRE2b  | EU3c   | C6    | 1925 - 5d Purple, As EU2b with A. Armstrong & Co., LTD., Dublin. under flap               |      |          |      |             |                 |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       | Full stop after CLARATACT, bracket behind Registered Letter                               | FI   | 6        | 25   |             | 29-Jul-29       |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       | No stop after CLARATACT, Aspirate on final T of CLARATACT                                 | FII  | 7        | 18   |             | 1-Apr-26        |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       | Albino stamp                                                                              | FIIV | 1        | 0    |             | None Reported   |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       | Gap in CLARATACT, no bracket behind Registered Letter                                     | FIII | 2        | 6    |             | 24-Sep-24       |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       | As EU2c FI with Short L in Leitir                                                         | FIV  | 0        | 2    |             | 1-Jul-30        |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       | Vert. Lines of Reg Box 23/5mm & Center Line 45/46mm                                       | GI   | 12       | 30   |             | 5-Jul-26        |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       | Vertical Reg Box & Center Lines through Top of Envelope                                   | GII  | 3        | 15   |             | 20-Oct-25       |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       | Stamp doubly embossed                                                                     | Gv   | 0        | 0    |             | None Reported   |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       | Large L in Leitir, vertical line of Reg Box 32mm                                          | HI   | 1        | 10   |             | 7-Jul-30        |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       | Large L in Leitir, vertical line of Reg Box 24mm                                          | III  | 0        | 4    |             | 21-Aug-27       |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       | Short L in Leitir, vertical line of Reg Box 25mm                                          | IIII | 6        | 10   |             | 4-Mar-30        |
|                                                                                                                      | PSRE2ba |        |       | Stamp doubly embossed                                                                     | Hv   | 0        | 0    |             | None Reported   |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                                                           | K    | 7        | 10   |             | 4-Sep-24        |
| EU2d                                                                                                                 | PSRE2c  | EU4a   | C7    | 1938 - As EU2c with Roman R & S, Fee Paid is 14mm and Senders address in two lines        |      |          |      |             |                 |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                                                           | F    | 3        | 16   |             | 6-Feb-39        |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                                                           | G    | 2        | 18   |             | 30-Mar-38       |
| EU2e                                                                                                                 | PSRE2d  | EU4b   | C8    | 1941 - As EU2d but Fee Paid is 17mm                                                       |      |          |      |             |                 |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                                                           | F    | 1        | 9    |             | 17-Feb-42       |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                                                           | G    | 0        | 14   |             | 27-Sep-41       |
| EU2f                                                                                                                 | PSRE2e  | EU4b   | C9    | 1938/42 - As EU2c with Roman R & S, Senders address in three lines                        |      |          |      |             |                 |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                                                           | H    | 1        | 7    |             | 6-Jun-39 **     |
|                                                                                                                      | PSRE2ea |        |       | Text on reverse inverted                                                                  | Hv   | 1        | 1    |             | 23-Oct-42       |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                                                           | K    | 2        | 0    |             | None Reported** |
| **The survey entry was written between the H & K boxes. If 6/6/39 is actually a K size, the H EKU date is 31 Oct 39. |         |        |       |                                                                                           |      |          |      |             |                 |
| EU3a                                                                                                                 | PSRE3   | EU5a   | C10   | Nov. 1942 - 5½d Green. Printers imprint 44mm, Fee Paid 17mm, Senders address in two lines |      |          |      |             |                 |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                                                           | F    | 0        | 5    |             | 19-Feb-43       |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                                                           | G    | 1        | 9    |             | 14-Apr-43       |
| EU3b                                                                                                                 |         | EU5a   | C10   | Nov. 1942 - As EU2f with Irish R & S, Large first I in Leitir on H size                   |      |          |      |             |                 |
|                                                                                                                      | PSRE3a  |        |       |                                                                                           | H    | 7        | 3    |             | 8-Jun-44        |
|                                                                                                                      | PSRE3b  |        |       |                                                                                           | K    | 5        | 4    |             | 22-Sep-45       |
| EU3c                                                                                                                 | PSRE3aa | EU5b   | C11   | Dec. 1943 - As EU3a with Roman R & S, gray buff paper with interior black overlay         |      |          |      |             |                 |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                                                           | F    | 3        | 5    |             | 2-Mar-44        |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                                                           | G    | 5        | 4    |             | 29-Jun-44       |
| EU3d                                                                                                                 | PSRE3c  | EU6    | C12   | 1943 - As EU3a but Fee Paid is 14mm                                                       |      |          |      |             |                 |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                                                           | G    | 0        | 2    |             | 16-Jan-46       |
| EU3e                                                                                                                 | PSRE3d  | EU7a   | C13   | 1944 - As EU3a with Roman R & S, printers imprint 44mm, Senders address in three lines    |      |          |      |             |                 |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       | Vertical center line to Reg Box 20mm                                                      | FI   | 7        | 7    |             | 28-Apr-44       |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       | Vertical center line to Reg Box 18mm                                                      | FII  | 1        | 4    |             | 1-Feb-45        |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       | Taille to horizontal center line - 32mm                                                   | GI   | 6        | 8    |             | 23-Oct-44       |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       | Taille to horizontal center line - 30mm                                                   | GII  | 3        | 0    |             | None Reported   |
| EU3f                                                                                                                 | PSRE3e  | EU7b   | C14   | 1947 - As EU3e but printers imprint 50mm                                                  |      |          |      |             |                 |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                                                           | F    | 6        | 6    |             | 14-May-47       |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                                                           | G    | 5        | 8    |             | 18-Mar-47       |
| EU3g                                                                                                                 | PSRE3e  | EU7b   | C15   | 1947 - As EU3b but short first I in Leitir                                                |      |          |      |             |                 |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                                                           | H    | 5        | 3    |             | 10-Jul-47       |
| EU3h                                                                                                                 | PSRE3f  | EU10   | C16   | 1948 - Litir Claruite on front, no printers imprint under flap.                           |      |          |      |             |                 |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                                                           | F    | 5        | 4    |             | 8-Jul-48        |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                                                           | G    | 8        | 2    |             | 16-Jul-49       |
|                                                                                                                      |         |        |       |                                                                                           | H    | 5        | 1    |             | 16-Apr-49       |

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| JUNG #                                          | M/W #  | MICHEL | H & G | COMMENTS                                                                                       | SIZE     | MINT | USED | DATE OF USE   |  |
| EU4                                             | PSRE4  | EU11   | C17   | 1949 - 6½d Violet                                                                              |          |      |      |               |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | F        | 14   | 13   | 30-Dec-49     |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | G        | 12   | 23   | 29-Jun-49     |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | H        | 9    | 12   | 16-Aug-49     |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | K        | 9    | 4    | 19-Aug-49     |  |
| EU5a                                            | PSRE5  | EU12   | C18   | 1953 - 9d Purple, Setting as EU4                                                               |          |      |      |               |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | F        | 11   | 11   | 6-Jan-54      |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | G        | 6    | 8    | 13-Mar-54     |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | H        | 6    | 7    | 4-Aug-54      |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | K        | 7    | 4    | 1-Feb-55      |  |
| EU5b                                            | PSRE5a | EU13   | C19   | 1954 - 9d Purple, Front setting as EU5a, Back completely reset                                 |          |      |      |               |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | F        | 12   | 18   | 27-Mar-55     |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | G        | 6    | 14   | 13-Dec-54     |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | H        | 5    | 9    | 24-Feb-55     |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       | Vertical center line to Reg Box 93mm                                                           | KI       | 7    | 7    | 20-May-55     |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       | Vertical center line to Reg Box 90mm                                                           | KII      | 1    | 1    | 3-Jul-56      |  |
| EU6a                                            | PSRE6  | EU14   | C20   | 29-7-57 - 1' Red, Litir Clairuite on front, underlining on reverse, Violet handstamp           |          |      |      |               |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | F        | 12   | 10   | 23-Nov-57     |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       | First Day of Issue                                                                             | G        | 11   | 10   | 29-Jul-57     |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | H        | 7    | 1    | 21-Aug-58     |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | K        | 6    | 1    | 27-Oct-57     |  |
| EU6b                                            | PSRE6a | EU15   | C21   | 1958 - 1' Red, Litir Chiaraithe on front, underlining on reverse of F & G size                 |          |      |      |               |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       | Senders Box to center line 15mm                                                                | FI       | 14   | 11   | 8-Dec-58      |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       | Senders Box to center line 30mm                                                                | FII      | 12   | 6    | 30-Jan-59     |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | G        | 8    | 8    | 26-Feb-60     |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | H        | 4    | 2    | 23-Oct-59     |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | K        | 7    | 0    | None Reported |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       | Text area missing on front                                                                     | Kv       | 0    | 0    | None Reported |  |
| EU6c                                            | PSRE6b | EU16   | C22   | 1960 - 1' Red, DON DUILLIN in Reg Box, extra PHOIST on reverse                                 |          |      |      |               |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | G        | 8    | 7    | 10-Aug-60     |  |
| EU6d                                            | PSRE6c | EU16I  | C22d  | 1960/61 - 1' Red, As EU6c, no underlining on reverse and extra PHOIST removed                  |          |      |      |               |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | F        | 12   | 10   | 20-Jun-61     |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | G        | 6    | 10   | 7-Sep-61      |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | H        | 4    | 6    | 26-Jan-61     |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | K        | 6    | 0    | None Reported |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       | Text area on reverse missing                                                                   | Kv       | 0    | 0    | None Reported |  |
| EU7a                                            | PSRE7  | EU17   | C23   | 1962 - 1/1 Blue, As EU6d, "This space..." in Reg Box in brackets, reverse underlining on F & G |          |      |      |               |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | F        | 7    | 5    | 18-Nov-63     |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | G        | 6    | 3    | 18-Jan-63     |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | K        | 2    | 1    | 3-Aug-66      |  |
| EU7b                                            | PSRE7a | EU17   | C23   | 1962 - 1/1 Blue, As EU7a, with no brackets in Reg Box or underling on reverse                  |          |      |      |               |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | F        | 13   | 7    | 14-Mar-63     |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | G        | 11   | 10   | 13-Dec-62     |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | H        | 5    | 3    | 11-Feb-65     |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       |                                                                                                | K        | 3    | 1    | 2-Mar-64      |  |
| EU7c                                            | PSRE7b |        |       | 1964 - 1/1 Blue, As EU7b with purple handstamp on reverse                                      |          |      |      |               |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       | Handstamp I - full stop after 1/-S                                                             | HI       | 0    | 0    | None Reported |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       | Handstamp II - no stop after 1/-S                                                              | HII      | 3    | 1    | 3-Dec-64      |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       | Handstamp I - full stop after 1/-S                                                             | KI       | 4    | 1    | 16-Nov-64     |  |
|                                                 |        |        |       | Handstamp II - no stop after 1/-S                                                              | KII      | 0    | 0    | None Reported |  |

## "You are not authorized to view this page"

by David J. Brennan

I tried to view Raven Stamps website and the above message is all that I got. My first impression was that Pádraig O'Shea was on holidays again and the website was shut down during this period. Much to my surprise, when I tried another site, "IRstamps.com", I found out that Pádraig indeed was not on holidays but was very busy converting Irish punts to euros and redoing his website to include both Raven Stamps in Cork as well as

Cathedral Stamps in Dublin. I first checked out the Raven Stamps site and the header said it all: "A must-see for any Irish stamp collector."

The introduction and directions, along with icons, made even the most timid computer user at ease using this program.

The listings are divided into categories for ease of finding the sections that are of interest you. I viewed the following: Overprints, Definitives, Airmails/Postage Dues.

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| JUNG #                                          | M/W #   | MICHEL | H & G | COMMENTS                                                                        | SIZE     | MINT | USED     | DATE OF USE   |  |
| EU8a                                            | PSRE8   | EU18   | C24   | 1964 - 1/5 Green, As EU7b with handstamp of EU7c                                |          |      |          |               |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | Handstamp I - full stop after 1/-S                                              | FI       | 7    | 12       | 15-Oct-64     |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | Handstamp I Inverted                                                            | FIa      | 0    | 0        | None Reported |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | Handstamp I - reverse as EU7a                                                   | FIb      | 1    | 1        | unreadable    |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | Handstamp II - no stop after 1/-S                                               | FII      | 7    | 8        | 17-Dec-64     |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | Handstamp II Inverted                                                           | FIIa     | 1    | 0        | None Reported |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | Handstamp II - reverse as EU7a                                                  | FIIb     | 3    | 1        | 7-Apr-65      |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | No Handstamp                                                                    | FIII     | 1    | 1        | 3-Dec-64      |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | Handstamp I - full stop after 1/-S                                              | GI       | 6    | 4        | 3-Dec-64      |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | Handstamp II - no stop after 1/-S                                               | GII      | 4    | 5        | 26-Oct-64     |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | Handstamp I - full stop after 1/-S                                              | HI       | 0    | 0        | None Reported |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | Handstamp II - no stop after 1/-S                                               | HII      | 0    | 0        | None Reported |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | Handstamp I - full stop after 1/-S                                              | KI       | 5    | 1        | unreadable    |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | Handstamp II - no stop after 1/-S                                               | KII      | 6    | 1        | unreadable    |  |
| EU8b                                            | PSRE8a  | EU19   | C25   | 1965 - 1/5 Green, As EU7b with fees corrected by red print on reverse at bottom |          |      |          |               |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       |                                                                                 | F        | 2    | 7        | 28-Aug-65     |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       |                                                                                 | G        | 9    | 9        | 25-Aug-65     |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       |                                                                                 | H        | 8    | 5        | 8-Aug-65      |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       |                                                                                 | K        | 8    | 0        | None Reported |  |
| EU8c                                            | PSRE8b  | EU20   | C26   | 1966 - 1/5 Green, Fee of 1S in text on reverse                                  |          |      |          |               |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       |                                                                                 | F        | 17   | 19       | 1-Sep-66      |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       |                                                                                 | G        | 18   | 31       | 1-Mar-66      |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | Toned paper, "This letter....." - 106mm                                         | HI       | 7    | 7        | 12-May-66     |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | White paper, "This letter....." - 120mm                                         | HII      | 6    | 4        | 3-Feb-69      |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | Fee of 1/- in text, lochta on front, Leagtha on reverse                         | KI       | 6    | 4        | 14-Oct-69     |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | Fee of 1S in text, lochta on front, Leagtha on reverse                          | KII,1    | 6    | 2        | 18-May-68     |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | Fee of 1S in text, lochta on front, Leagtha on reverse                          | KII,2    | 7    | 2        | 7-May-68      |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | Fee of 1S in text, lochta on front, Leagtha on reverse                          | KII,3    | 4    | 1        | 16-Aug-68     |  |
| EU9a                                            | PSRE9   | EU21a  |       | 1969 - 1/9 Brown, Fee of 1S on F, G, & H, Fee of 1/- on K                       |          |      |          |               |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | Thick print                                                                     | FI       | 12   | 10       | 22-Jul-70     |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | Thin print                                                                      | FII      | 19   | 13       | 21-Aug-69     |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       |                                                                                 | G        | 12   | 20       | 5-Dec-69      |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | Toned paper, "This letter....." - 106mm                                         | HI       | 4    | 8        | 2-Apr-70      |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | Raised "I" in "dti" of line 4 on reverse                                        | HIIa     | 2    | 3        | 4-Jul-70      |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | White paper, "This letter....." - 120mm                                         | HII      | 9    | 4        | 5-Mar-70      |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       |                                                                                 | K        | 8    | 4        | 4-Nov-70      |  |
| EU9b                                            | PSRE9a  | EU21b  |       | 1969 - 1/9 Brown, Fee of S 1/3                                                  |          |      |          |               |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       |                                                                                 | G        | 0    | 1        | 14-Jul-70     |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       |                                                                                 | H        | 0    | 0        | None Reported |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       |                                                                                 | K        | 0    | 0        | None Reported |  |
| EU9c                                            |         |        |       | 1970 - 1/9 Brown, As EU9a but with red print on reverse as EU 8b                |          |      |          |               |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       |                                                                                 | G        | 0    | 0        | None Reported |  |
| EU10a                                           | PSRE10  | EU22a  |       | 1970 - 2/9 Blue, Fee of S 1/-                                                   |          |      |          |               |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       |                                                                                 | H        | 5    | 3        | 12-Jan-71     |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       | Raised "I" in "dti" of line 4 on reverse                                        | Ha       | 2    | 0        | None Reported |  |
| EU10b                                           | PSRE10a | EU22b  |       | 1970 - 2/9 Blue, Fee of S 1/3.                                                  |          |      |          |               |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       |                                                                                 | G        | 12   | 9        | 26-Nov-70     |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       |                                                                                 | H        | 4    | 0        | None Reported |  |
|                                                 |         |        |       |                                                                                 | K        | 8    | 0        | None Reported |  |

The catalogue listings are: McDonnell Whyte, Stanley Gibbons, Scott, and Michel, and as I previously mentioned, all the pricing is in euros, so it makes it easy to convert to dollars.

The Cathedral Stamps had a different format with listings for their inventories, and you could look up specific stamps and see the picture as well as details of the stamp. Of course, I had to view the railway stamps on this site and only found a few of Finn Valley, Kanturk and Newmarket stamps but none on cover ... just kidding, since none are known in existence, but he did have a nice assortment of material offerings.

This article is not a paid endorsement, but I felt that it was newsworthy and should be brought to the attention of our readers. If you don't own a computer, go to a library and download the listings for great source of reference. A tip of the hat to both Pádraig O'Shea and Declan O'Kelly for all of their work in promoting Irish stamps.



## 1798 Through the Post

by George Nicholson

1798 was a turning-point in Irish history. The Rebellion, inspired by the successes of the American and French Revolutions, brought together Protestant and Catholic leaders dedicated to creating an Independent Irish Republic. Ironically its failure led, two years later, to the Act of Union that more firmly entrenched British rule, exactly the opposite outcome intended by the leaders of "The Year of Liberty".<sup>1</sup>

Like most important events in Irish history, 1798 is commemorated through various types of postal material, some of which are described below.

### The Build Up to Rebellion The Fraser Fencibles

By the mid 1790's the British government was so concerned with Irish events that it encouraged the formation of Fencibles or volunteer regiments. One of these was the **Fraser Fencibles**, in existence 29 Nov. 1794 to 12 Oct. 1802.<sup>2</sup> This was a Scottish regiment raised by James Fraser, Lord Lovat of Belladrum in Northern Scotland, about 10 miles west of Inverness.

The letter, shown as Figure 1, is addressed to Colonel Fraser at Blaris Camp which was near Lisburn, about 10 miles from Belfast. The item, signed by Lovat on an inside margin, is backstamped with an unclear boxed Vigo Lane Receiving House cancellation and a double ring London mark of Feb. 12, 1795. Thus the regiment must have gone to Ireland very soon after its formation.

The 1/3 postage suggests that it crossed via the Northern sea route between Port Patrick and Donaghadee. Robinson's book, identified in the rating table below, indicates this was a common routing for London mail destined for the north of Ireland. As best I can determine, the cost is a combination of English, Scottish and Irish rates together with the Irish Sea crossing:

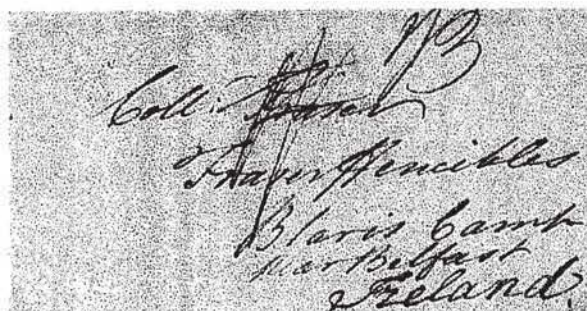


Figure 1

Table showing Rates

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>London-Scottish border</i>  |                    |
| <i>(actually Dumfries)</i>     | — 8d (150 miles+)  |
| <i>Dumfries-Port Patrick</i>   | — 2d               |
| <i>Port Patrick-Donaghadee</i> |                    |
| <i>(Irish Sea crossing)</i>    | — 2d               |
| <i>Donaghadee-Lisburn</i>      |                    |
| <i>(26 English miles)</i>      | — 3d (15-30 miles) |
| Total                          | 1/3                |

Based on David Robinson, *A Practical Guide to the Inland and Foreign Rates of the British Isles: 1570 to 1840*. Privately published, 1990, esp. p. 59.

### Surviving Correspondence

One of the pleasures of browsing through dealers' stocks is that you never know what you're going to find. About ten years' ago, I went into a Toronto stamp dealer's shop and asked if he happened to have any Irish-related items. Imagine my surprise when he pulled out three letters from 1797 and 98.

These original items of correspondence are not philatelically spectacular. Two of the three do not have any postal markings on them so I don't know whether they were privately carried or simply not postally marked. The third, shown below, has an unclear scrawl on the front that may be a 4 denoting the 4d postage rate for the distance between 30 and 60 miles. None are in perfect condition, but being over 200 years old seems like a fair excuse to me. All were sent to Mr. or Mrs. Henry Young of Ardee by a Mr. M. Macgrath from Dublin and deal with the price of barley and malt, suggesting a brewing connection.

The lack of philatelic markings on these items is more than compensated for by their accounts of contemporary events. The uncertainty and insecurity of the times is clearly conveyed by the few extracts quoted below.

The first letter, dated Feb. 27, 1797 indicates in passing that "This day's packet brings an account of two (thousand?) French having made a landing in South Wales ... eight hundred of our troops appearing put them to flight".

The second letter, dated March 20, 1798 notes that "The Queen's County is in a dreadful state". Also "The packet of this day brings an account of Sir J. B. Warren having fallen in with a fleet of French transports and having captured a number of them They were bound to Brest to assist in the intended invasion". The reference would have been to Sir John Warren who was in command of the fleet that eventually captured Tone in Lough Swilly.

The third letter, shown as Figure 2, is dated May 26, 1798 and indicates in part: "This city for some days has been agitated in

consequence of the searches making for concealed arms and suspected persons, a vast number of which has been taken up; this day two of the Rathfarnham Yeoman Cavalry were hanged on the Queen's Bridge, having been convicted of heading a party of rebels that attacked the very corps they were members of".



Figure 2

The actual Rebellion had broken out on May 23rd, just a few days before this letter was written. On the same day as it was written, about 350 were killed at a major outbreak of fighting at Tara.<sup>3</sup>

### Two Leaders of the Rebellion

Theobald Wolfe Tone, the key leader, was the son of a Protestant coachmaker in Dublin. Educated at Trinity College as a barrister, he formed the Society of United Irishmen and got French help to try and obtain Independence. Having come to Ireland with a French expedition, Tone was captured in Lough Swilly in Sept. 1798 and taken to Dublin where he died from a self-inflicted wound on Nov. 19, 1798. He is buried at Bodinstown, Co. Kildare.

Tone has been commemorated by three sets of Irish stamps. The first issue was on Nov. 19, 1948 on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death, a First Day Cover of which is shown in Figure 3. The second issue was on April 13, 1964 to mark the bicentenary of his birth in 1763. The third set, issued May 8, 1998 to mark the Rebellion's bicentenary, had three 30p stamps and two 45p stamps, one each featuring Tone and McCracken, another major leader mentioned below.

The circular Day of Issue handstamp on Figure 3 is interesting. It is in the same purple ink as the sender's handstamped address on the back of the envelope: I.M. Clifford, 29 Oakley Road, Dublin S.W. 2 (the number in District Identifier is a little unclear). The Post Office may not yet have started to apply the modern variety they still use, though I have seen that on a cover with the very next commemorative issue to recognize the Republic of Ireland on Nov. 21, 1949. I don't know if this was a privately produced handstamp or an early Post Office variety.

Henry Joy McCracken, a prosperous Presbyterian cotton manufacturer from Belfast was a leader of the Rebellion in the North. McCracken had returned to Belfast from Dublin in June 1798 to take charge of the rising in Co. Antrim. After leading the unsuccessful Battle of Antrim on June 7, he went on the run.



Figure 3

Captured at Carrickfergus on July 8, he was hanged in Belfast's Cornmarket on July 17. McCracken is commemorated in the postcard shown as Figure 4.



Appears to be a photographic reproduction of a drawing of McCracken.

No indication as to which company issued it.

Figure 4

### Commemorative Postcards

Although postcard fronts are not really considered legitimate philately they have often been used in Ireland to promote particular views and to commemorate important events. Thus four 1798-related examples are included here.

The first card, shown in Figure 5, presents Tone and French Revolutionary symbols such as the hat worn during the uprising and the republic's official slogan "Liberty-Equality-Fraternity". It also shows French ships that were intended to help liberate Ireland.

The card is signed "E.K. 1913". The artist, Ernest Kavanagh (1884-1916) was a talented illustrator and a friend of the well-known Labour leader, James Larkin.<sup>4</sup> The card is dated 30 June, 1913, just a few months before the infamous Dublin Lockout. During the 1916 Easter Rising, Kavanagh was killed by British fire while standing on the steps of Liberty Hall, the Headquarters of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union. The writing on the back has been scored out but is legible and indicates that Kavanagh was submitting the drawing to the Editor of a Seaman's paper for possible publication. It was not stamped so may have been sent inside an envelope.



Figure 5

Another card, shown in Figure 6, presents a picture of the house where the members of the Leinster Directory were arrested on March 12, 1798. This was in the house of Oliver Bond, a woollen merchant, in Lower Bridge Street in Dublin.



OLIVER BOND'S HOUSE, LOWER BRIDGE STREET, DUBLIN.  
This is the house, with the tablet on the front wall, where the Members of the United Irishmen Directory were arrested in 1798.

Figure 6

The text on the bottom of the card reads: "OLIVER BOND'S HOUSE, LOWER BRIDGE STREET, DUBLIN. This is the house, with the tablet on the front wall, where the Members of the United Irishmen Directory were arrested in 1798". This card is probably part of a set as it has a similar type of layout to that shown in Hans Moxter's article on "Lord Edward Fitzgerald" in the Winter 2000 issue of "The Revealer".

A third type of postcard design shows some of the monuments to 1798 that are found throughout Ireland. The example in Figure 7 shows the one in Sligo. This card was postmarked Londonderry, September 15, 1912 and was sent to Lindsay, Ontario, Canada.

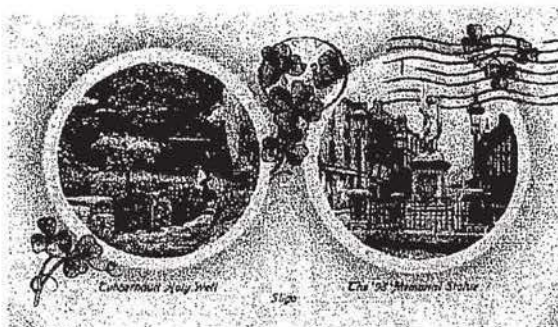


Figure 7

The last example, shown in Figure 8, is a modern postcard commemorating Betsy Gray who was associated with the Battle of Ballynahinch, Co. Down on 12 June, 1798. On her way home after the Battle she was shot dead by the Hillsborough Yeoman Cavalry. The story evolved that she was a young woman of exceptional beauty who had led the rebels mounted on a white horse. Known as a Northern Irish "Joan of Arc", she was memorialized in books and songs. Information on the back of the card indicates that it is copied from one of Northern Ireland's many murals.



Figure 8

The above shows a range of postal items related to an important time in Irish history. Such material provides an opportunity to tell pieces of the historical story in an interesting and informative way.

#### Footnotes

1. Two excellent sources are: Thomas Packenham, *The Year of Liberty*, Hodder & Stoughton, London, 1969 and James Mackay, "Ireland's Uprising of 1798", *Scott Stamp Monthly*, Jan. 1999, pp.42-43.
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## Brooks, Thomas & Co., Ltd. Reply Card 1½d & 1½d

by Otto Jung

I am very surprised when I compare two copies of an extremely rare postal stationery issue – not a handful are known to exist – and discover differences between them. That was, unexpectedly, my experience with the reply card of Brooks, Thomas & Co., Ltd., with the denominations 1½d lilac and ½d light green, both with embossed harp stamp (Illustration 1, reduced to 75% size). There is no difference in text, and it is set alike with tiny differences in the measures. Nevertheless, both types can be distinguished easily:

The issue of 1939 bears the code (to be seen at bottom left on the reverse of the ½d card) "64. 10M. 4/39. B. S. & G." (Illustration 2, enlarged to 200% size).

On the second print of 1946, the code reads "64. 10m. 2/46. T. P. D." (Illustration 3, enlarged to 200% size).

As another clear difference, the cards of 1939 are rouletted between both cards (Illustration 4, reduced to 75% size) whereas they are folded in 1946.

A single ½d card of 1939 (Illustration 4) is shown below that was used only in 1948, although there had been the new print in 1946.

64. 10M. 4/39. B. S. & G.

Illustration 2

64. 10m. 2/46. T.P.D.

Illustration 3

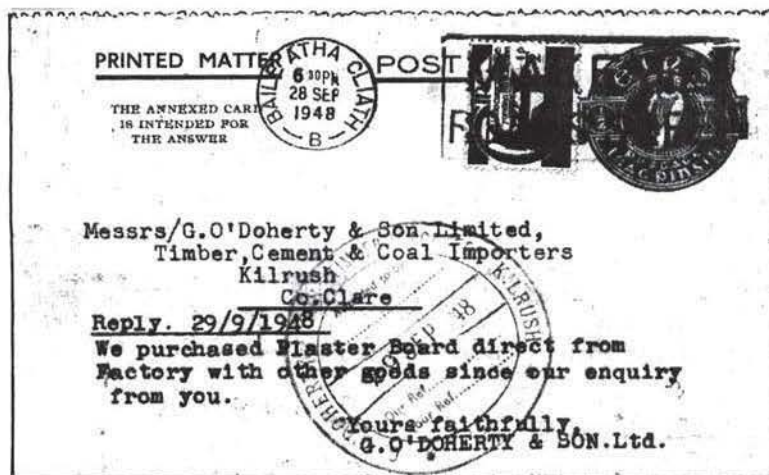


Illustration 4

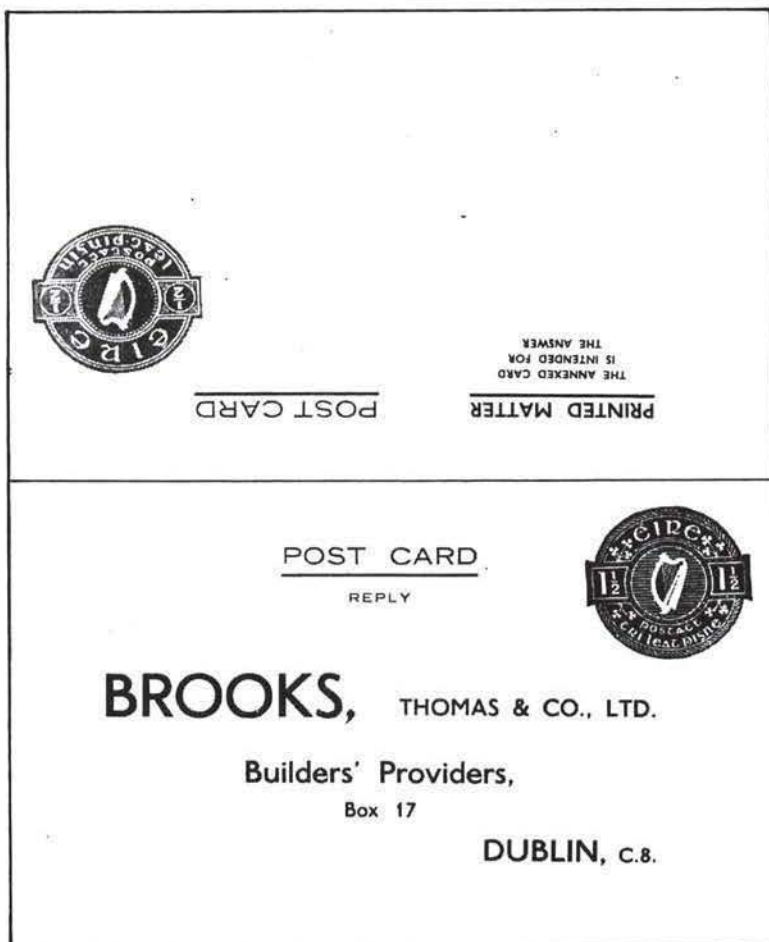


Illustration 1

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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valid for payment of postage on letters posted in this country'. It does not state 'British territories' as Paul Baines writes and his definition of territories is limited; my dictionary includes less restrictive definitions such as 'region' or 'land'.

In any event, the fact remains, that those of us who are old enough will remember that in the 1950s and 1960s it was the accepted practice to use unwanted Great Britain stamps overprinted for use in Ireland on letters in the United Kingdom. Further, I have never seen such a cover that was charged 'POSTAGE DUE' which would occur if the Irish overprints were not valid for postage. Lastly, the fact that the wording 'except stamps overprinted for use in the Irish Free State 1922-3' was added in the Post Office Guide, dated July 1968, mean that the British Post Office accepted that the Irish overprints were valid for use in UK up to that date. If they did not accept them as valid for postage prior to 1968, it took them 18 years to correct their error and alter the wording in the Post Office Guide!

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Bill Fletcher

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