

THE POSTAL HANDSTAMPS OF MONAGHAN

1965

by Dr. Brian de Burca

The following listing was made during a holiday in Monaghan County and I have to thank the Head Post Master, Mr. N. McKenna for unfailing help and cooperation.

There are two main types (1) with double rings, of which there are three sub types, and (2) with single rings, and four sub types. Some information on earlier types are given, and from these it will be seen that the double ring type was the earliest type of the metal hand stamps.

Double Rings



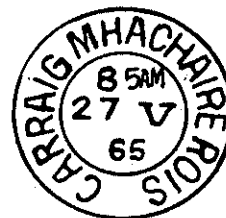
A

- A. Latton  
Clones 1938-'48  
Monaghan 1926-'29, and  
later with "2" between the two bars.  
Rockcorry  
Clones and Monaghan  
had three bar types  
between 1930 and 1934.



B

- B. Ballybay  
Ballinode  
Castleblayney  
Castleshane  
Clones from 1948  
Clontibret



C

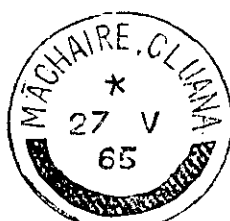
- C. Carrickmacross from 1938  
With county added  
Newbliss  
Scotstown 1934-'60  
Smithborough  
Tydavnet

Single Rings



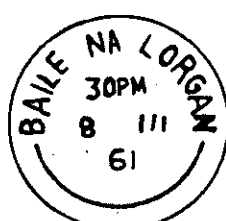
D

- D. Aghabog  
Bradox  
Brandrum  
Broomfield  
Carrickmacross  
Also with the  
bar divided



E

- and "1" inserted.  
Coolderry  
Cortubber  
Doohat  
Drum  
Dunraymond



F

- Glaslough  
Greenan's Cross  
Roads (closed  
6 Feb 65)  
Killybron  
Larah  
Lisnalong



G

- Mullan  
Selloo  
Stranoden  
Swan's Cross Roads  
Three Mile House

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E. Analore Knocknataillon  
 Anyalla Latnamard  
 Aughnamullen Loughmourne  
 Carrickroe Magheracloone  
 Castleblayney Monaghan 1  
 Creighanroe Scotshouse  
 Donaghmoyne Shantonagh (from 1953)  
 Doohamlet Silverstream  
 Drumacrib Stonebridge  
 Drumully Tullynahinera

Note: The length of the bar varied very much.

F. Baile Leargan (Castleblayney).  
 The spelling Baile na Lorgan is an error, and the date stamp was withdrawn in 1962.

Drumakill  
 Inniskeen  
 Scotstown (from 1961)

G. With six pointed star.  
 Castleblayney  
 Clones, Co. Monaghan  
 Monaghan (short bar)

This type is not used on postal packets, at least in Co. Monaghan.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1964-65	
Dues.....	\$391.53
Sale of Revealers.....	35.06
Interest.....	25.24
Gratuities.....	14.00
Postage.....	\$ 37.41
Printing of Revealer..	520.87
Miscellaneous expense.	37.33
Loss for Year.....	129.78
	<u>595.61    595.61</u>

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

New Member: Mrs. John M. Murphy  
 25 N.E. 63rd Street  
 Oklahoma City, Okla. 73105

Change of Address: #66 John A. Cummings  
 change to P.O. Box 113, Alpina, Mich.  
 49707  
 #356 F.E. Welch, correct to P.O.  
 Box 9197

Resigned: #380 James A. Shanahan  
 (no longer collects stamps)

Our supplements contain a wealth of information not only for the new member but also for the older ones. I suggest that you consider purchasing the back supplements because they will soon be out of print and no longer obtainable except by expensive photostat methods. This income will also help to balance the budget. JJW

## Special Notice.

It has been reported in the Irish press that it has been decided to issue a series of 8 special commemorative stamps for the fiftieth anniversary of the Easter Rebellion of 1916 which occurs in April 1966.

Seven of these designs will bear according to the report the portrait of the seven men, Thomas J. Clarke, Sean Mac Diarmada, Thomas MacDonagh, Patrick H. Pearse, Eamonn Ceannt, James Connolly and Joseph Plunkett who were signatories to the Proclamation and who were executed for their part in the Rising. It is said that the designs will be based on drawings by the late Sean O'Sullivan, The eighth stamp will be more general in nature. The designs are being considered by the Stamp Design Advisory Committee.

Your editor is planning a special commemorative supplement for April, and enlists your support for material and photographs as soon as possible so that it will be a credit to the occasion itself and to our organization.

**INVERTED WATERMARK.** Miss Wright has discovered the 5d definitive with watermark inverted. It can be distinguished from the similar variety of a few years ago by two features. The ink is slightly bluer and most important, it seems to be a new plate, with all lines sharp and clean. J. Keenan reports the 8d definitive with watermark inverted.

**1939 FIRST FLIGHTS.** The American and British openings of the trans-Atlantic air-mail service were both exploited by the dealers and collectors. Covers exist from almost every possible combination of termini. There is an important exception. I have seen no mails carried Foynes-Southampton or vice versa. I find it hard to believe that no one organised even unofficial covers, although it would have been difficult. All Irish airmail sorting was in Dublin, so that items posted in Foynes had to be at least a day early to allow them to go to Dublin for postmarking and bagging.

**PETTY SESSIONS STAMPS.** Another addition to my library- 1899 edition of the Guide to Clerks at Petty Sessions. It clears up some problems of the 6d pink and 6d green, the Victorian versions of which are so common. A green one had to go on every summons and every subpoena, and one had to go into the Order book when the case was finished. There were complicated rules as to whether the complainant or defendant had to pay the 6d. The pink [officially red] stamps were held by the Constabulary and used on the forms in cases prosecuted by them. If they won the case, they had to collect the 6d from the defendant and pay it to the Petty Sessions Clerk.

**IRISH AIRGRAPH SERVICE.** A little-known item of postal stationery, Form O.E. 144 was a large form, 8 1/2 x 11 3/8" for writing messages destined to be sent overseas by the "Airgraph" service. It was closely modelled on the British original. There was a space on the back for the appropriate postage stamps, and full instructions, including the address of the HG of the service: "Airgraphs", Foreign Section, Dame Court, Dublin.

There were at least three printings, identifiable by the printers' (Thom & Co) imprints, which were:

- (1) B.9805.Wt 4922-28 U. 9451.6.50,000 2/43. A.T. & Co. Ltd. G 41
- (2) B. 265. A 3235. Wt 1608-124, 200,000 7/43
- (3) (B. 1055). Wt 3453-B.8081.5. 250,000 11/44 A.T. & Co. Ltd. Est 1864

**REGISTERED ENVELOPES.** N. Langton reports the current envelope with the correction on the reverse printed in red instead of handstamped in purple, but it has not yet been seen in the Dublin G.P.O. Size H has now appeared with 1/5 stamp & with the erroneous inscription on reverse amended by a footnote printed in red, like the F reported previously.

**POSTAGE DUE 10d.** N. Langton has the new 10d Postage Due, used on 5th March. It is similar to the other values but in what I think can be termed magenta.

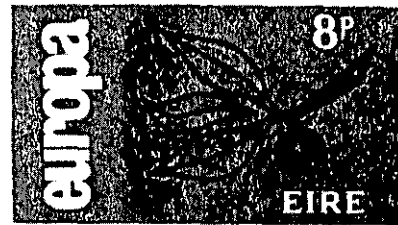
**AIRMAIL ETIQUETTE.** The current printing of etiquettes has a paler blue than the last and the "O.E. 78" even smaller, less than 1 mm tall.

**STORES BRANCH STAMP.** This sketch is from a rubber handstamp which seems to be applied in the P & T Stores Branch at Aldborough House, Dublin. My justification for including it here is finding it on an envelope addressed to that office, but then forwarded elsewhere.

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# NEW ISSUES



The United Nations General Assembly has designated 1965, the twentieth anniversary of the United Nations, as International Co-operation Year (ICY) and to mark the occasion the Irish Post Office issued a special commemorative postage stamp on 16th August, 1965.

The stamp was in two denominations:- 3d. (20 millions) and 1d. (1/2 million) made up in sheets of 120. The design was based on that recommended by the United Nations and featuring clasped hands inset in a wreath. The stamp includes the words "Bliain Chomhair Idirnaisiunta 1965", which is the Irish language version of "International Co-operation Year, 1965". Printing was by the photogravure process on paper watermarked with the letter "E". Perforations 15 x 15.

The special "Europa" postage stamp sponsored by the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) was issued by member countries, including Ireland, on September 27th, 1965.

The Irish stamp was in two denominations:- 8d. (2 & 1/4 million) and 1s.5d. (2 & 1/2 million) and was made up in sheets of 120. The design was based on the one submitted by Iceland which was selected by CEPT. The printing was by photogravure in multicolour on paper watermarked with the letter "E". Perforations 15 x 15.

In the case of each issue, first day covers with the first day of issue mark were serviced by the Controller, Philatelic Section, General Post Office, Dublin 1, and by the Postmasters of Cork, Dún Laoghaire, Galway, Limerick, Sligo, Waterford and Wexford.

## R A N D O M N O T E S (continued from 609)

**AUCTION REALISATIONS.** At a Bournemouth auction in June there was offered a sheet of the 6d I.R.A. Cork issue. I was surprised to see it valued as little as £6 and sent in an appreciably higher bid. There must have been at least two higher bids, the buyer being pushed to £ 35.

**WORLD'S FAIR 5d. MISPRINT?** Bournemouth Stamp Auctions for 6th August include a pair of the 5d World's Fair, issued last year, with the brown colour missing, mint. It is the first such error to be reported for Ireland and one would like to know more about it. Until used copies turn up there is the possibility that it is only a bit of printers' waste.

### HIGH VALUE FIVE LINE OVERPRINT?

William Hickey, our loyal member No. 1 and our Public Relations Director has submitted an unusual item for the purpose of eliciting further information.

It is a five-line "Rialtas" overprint on the high value 2/6. Could it have been a proof which somehow got into circulation?



(enlarged)

CHRISTMAS  
GREETINGS

and

all good wishes  
for your happiness