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BALLINTUBBER
ABBEY

1216-1966

750th Anniversary of Ballintubber Abbey.

The design of the stamp, depicting the interior of the Abbey, is based on a lithograph taken from George Wilkinson's *Practical Geology and Ancient Architecture of Ireland* which was published in 1845 by John Murray, London, and William Curry and Co., Dublin.

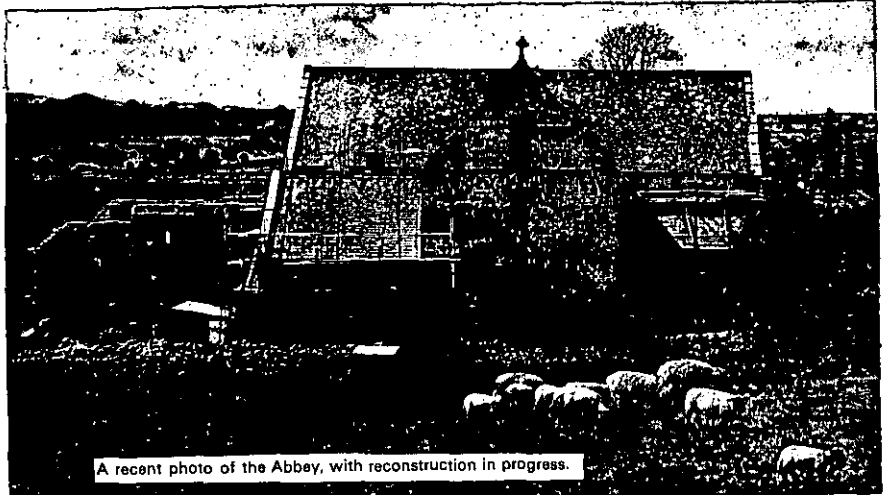
5d., colour, sepia (25 million)

1s., colour, black (2½ million).

Ireland issued a very fine commemorative for the 750th anniversary of Ballintubber Abbey on November 8th, 1966. On Nov. 9th, William Kane of Dublin reported to us that he had found two flaws or varieties on the issue which we report herewith.

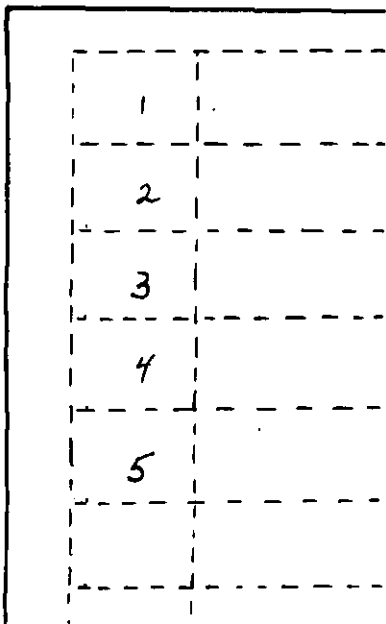
The first consists of a small mark between the design and the stamp (shown above). It is found in the top left hand pane, 5th stamp down.

The second is a break in the cross hatching of the dividing gutter under the 3rd row, counting from the left. We appreciate the receipt of this information for the benefit of our members.



A recent photo of the Abbey, with reconstruction in progress.

(Both Values)



Location of the Flaw



Row 1

Row 2

Row 3 (break)

There are many references in the ancient annals to the year 1216 as the year of the foundation of Ballintubber Abbey but the circumstances are shrouded in legend. The most generally accepted is that it was built by Cathal O'Connor, the natural son of King Turloch. Before he ascended the throne he was in flight from the vengeance of Turloch's queen. When he ascended the throne, he ordered the abbey built in appreciation for the kindness he had received there.

The most glorious chapter in its history occurred after the partial destruction in 1653. The monastic buildings and cloisters were laid in ruin and the timber roof was consumed in the holocaust but the stone-vaulted roofs of the chancel where the altar stood remained intact and the congregation continued to hear Mass on the grass-covered ground.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

The efforts of a number of our members has resulted in such a large group of new members that we are listing them on page 646.

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(renewal)
- # 314 A Houston Barnett (deceased
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MEREDITH'S: THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF IRELAND AVAILABLE TO E.P.A. MEMBERS

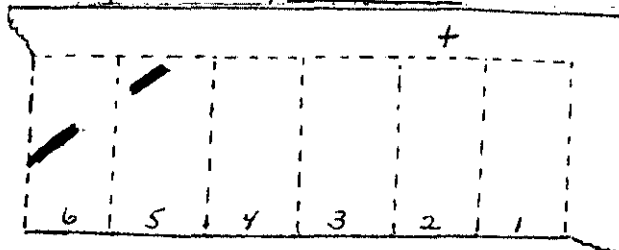
A photostat of the fourth edition of Meredith's valuable reference work has been donated to the EPA. This work contains much on the subject of the overprints. EPA members in good standing may borrow the book for a period of two weeks by sending 25¢ to cover postage and handling to Gil Roberts, 1716 West Alpine, Stockton, California. 95204.

ARE YOUR DUES PAID FOR 1966-67. A PROMPT REMITTANCE WILL SAVE POSTAGE & INSURE THE CONTINUANCE OF REVEALER PUBLICATION

FLAWS AND VARIETIES

By William Kane

5d CASEMENT COMMEMORATIVE



Top right hand side of pane, counting inwards - stamps 5 & 6 :

Stamp 5. Mark across the forehead.
Stamp 6. Mark commences at Casement's left shoulder, through the tie and finishes at right arm.

This flaw was constant from the first day of issue until, a second printing was issued mid October 1966 when the flaw was corrected.

INDEX TO BE PUBLISHED

The Philatelic Literature Association, whose President is EPA member, Daniel W. Vooy's is planning to publish in its March 1967 issue of "Philatelic Literature Review" an index to the "Revealer" as well as an Irish Stamp Bibliography. We are hoping that we can make arrangements to have this made available to our members.

AREA MEETING SCHEDULED

The E.P.A. members will hold an informal meeting in connection with the WESTPEX Stamp Exhibit in San Francisco on Sunday, May 14th, 1967 at 1:30 P.M. at the Jack Tar Hotel. Area members are asked to contact our Secretary, Gil Roberts so that a program can be arranged.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Wish to trade Irish commemorative stamps 1960 to date. U.S. material extensive. Write for particulars. M. J. Fennessy, Juneau Wisconsin 53039.
212 1/2 East Oak Street

EASTER RISING FIRST DAY COVERS SERVICED AT IRISH POST OFFICES

By Michael Leonard

Types of Cachet Used

A = Open End

B = Boxed

Lá a Chéad Eisiúna
First Day of Issue

Lá a Chéad Eisiúna
First Day of Issue.

Twenty-nine of the thirty-eight post offices listed were servicing "First Day of Issue" covers for the first time. The nine post offices which have previously provided "First Day of Issue" cachets are as follows (#): G.P. O. Dublin 1, St. Andrew Street P.O. Dublin, Cork, Dun Laoghaire, Galway, Limerick, Sligo, Waterford, and Wexford.

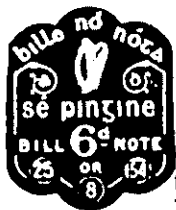
Drogheda was the only office with violet ink for the "First Day of Issue" cachet, all the other towns used black ink.

A complete series of 38 covers should be very rare since one town, Longford, records only 26 covers serviced on day of issue.

Dublin, of course, heads the "score chart" with a total of 34,438 covers serviced from a grand total of 57,120 for the entire country.

My thanks to the Philatelic Section of the G.P.O. Dublin for their great assistance with my researches.

Post Office	Postmark (Gaelic)	Cachet Type	Cachet Color	No. of Covers
AN UAIMH	AN UAIMH 1.	B	Black	271
ATHLONE	ÁTH LUAIN 2.	B	Black	493
BALLINA	BÉAL ÁTHA AN FHEADHA 3.	B	Black	180
BANTRY	BEANNTRAIGHE	B	Black	150
BIRR	BIORRA	B	Black	205
CARLOW	CEATHARLACH 3.	B	Black	200
CARRICK-ON-SHANNON	CARA DROMA RÚISG	B	Black	125
CAVAN	CABHÁN	B	Black	185
CLAREMORRIS	CLÁR CHLOINNE MHUIRIS	B	Black	142
CLONMEL	CLUAIN MEALA 2.	B	Black	400
CORK #	CORCAIGH	B	Black	8,070
DONEGAL	DÚN NA nGALL	B	Black	211
DROGHEDA	DROICHEAD ÁTHA 1.	B	Violet	480
DUNDALK	DÚN DEALGAN	B	Black	520
DUN LAOGHAIRE #	DÚN LAOGHAIRE 3.	A	Black	2,052
ENNIS	INIS 2.	B	Black	165
ENNISCORTHY	INIS COIRTHE 3.	B	Black	184
GALWAY #	GAILLIMH	A	Black	1,435
KILKENNY	CILL CHOINNIGH 1.	B	Black	85
KILLARNEY	CILL ÁIRNE 1.	B	Black	240
LETTERKENNY	LEITIR CEANAINN	B	Black	150
LIMERICK #	LUIMNEACH 5.	A	Black	2,141
LONGFORD	LONGPHORT 1.	B	Black	26
MALLOW	MALA 4.	B	Black	291
MONAGHAN	MUINEACHÁN	B	Black	132
MULLINGAR	MUILEANN CEARR 3.	B	Black	307
NAAS	NAS 2.	B	Black	318
PORT LAOISE	PORTLAOISE 3.	B	Black	145
ROSCOMMON	ROS COMÁIN	B	Black	81
SLIGO #	SLIGEACH	B	Black	653
THURLES	DURLAS ÉILE	B	Black	220
TRALEE	TRÁIGHLÍ	B	Black	307
WATERFORD #	PORT LAIRGE	A	Black	1,065
WESTPORT	CATHAIR NA MART	B	Black	225
WEXFORD #	LOCH GARMAN	A	Black	686
WICKLOW	CILL MHANTÁIN	B	Black	142
G.P.O. DUBLIN #	BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH 27, " 24	A	Black	34,438
ST. ANDREW ST. #	SAN AINDRIAS A. Cliath 21.	A	Black	
Total				57,120



We are planning a Supplement on Irish Revenue Stamps and would appreciate help from our members.



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