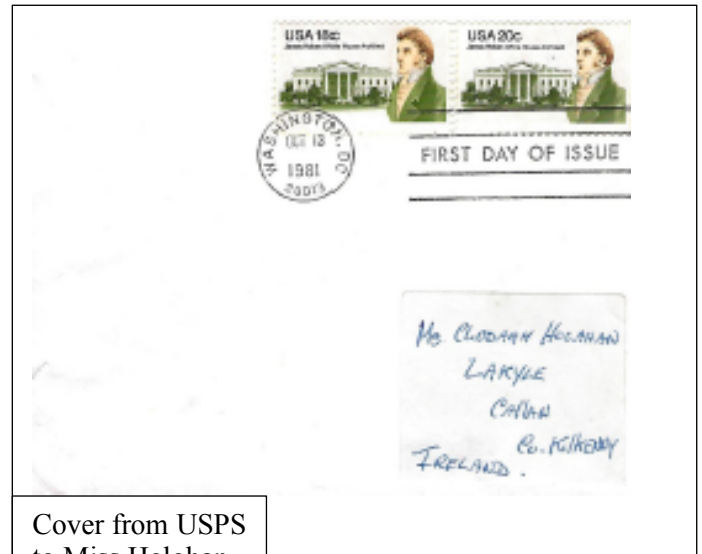


instead of the Official cancel shown next to this cover. To the right is the US FDC with both values so she sorted it out by the time she sent payment to the USPS.

Holohan lived in Hoban's hometown, Callan, and I wonder if this were her first foray into stamp collecting? Is what she did really stamp collecting or local history? They can be the same and with her it is. I wonder too if other residents followed her lead to memorialize their town and it's now wonderful connection to the United States and world philately? Who would have thought that such a letter would generate a story 38 years later. This is why we collect Irish stamps and love philately! We learn and grow each time we re-approach our hobby and more importantly our specialties.



Dublin to Callan without official cancellation



Cover from USPS to Miss Holohan



Official Irish cover cancelled in Dublin.

Irish first day cover with an Official FD cancellation but in Callan. The questions: did this cover go through the postal system or was it hand-cancelled in-person for Miss Holohan to take with her. There must have been a line at the Callan Post Office. Of note is her home address in Co. Tipperary while the above Bureau cover is addressed to the Lakyle Art School in Co. Kilkenny where she must have worked.

