

- E. Left inner line does not join single Crown square in NW.
- F. Break in left inner frame 8.5mm from top.
- G. Break in right outer frame 4mm from top.
- H. Break in bottom left corner of triple Crown square in SE.
- I. Void in vertical lines right of ÉIRE.

The sheet setting is -

A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	C
D	E	F	D	E	F	D	E	F	F
G	H	I	G	H	I	G	H	I	I
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	B
D	E	F	D	E	F	D	E	F	E

The labels are found on covers and cards postally "used" in late 1907, 1908, 1909, 1916 and 1922, and in some cases, the labels are cancelled with a dated postmark. Philatelic covers are found with the labels postmarked with other dates.

In 1916, large quantities of the labels were reported to have been stolen from the offices of Sinn Féin. Shortly afterwards, they were on sale throughout Great Britain at enhanced prices, and were described incorrectly as Republican or Rebel stamps issued by the Republican Forces during Easter Week. Valentines of Dublin produced a postcard in their Uprising series which depicted an enlarged reproduction of the Celtic Cross Label with the inaccurate inscription:

Irish Republic 1916 Stamp.

A photograph of the Actual Stamp of the Irish Republic to be. One of the only Specimens to escape the Dublin Post Office fire. Supposed to have been printed at Liberty Hall.

These notes are a further study and update of the research compiled by my father, H. G. Leslie Fletcher, TD, FRPSL^{8,9} with additional information added. If any readers have any additional information on these labels. I should be pleased to receive it to extend the information on these interesting issues.

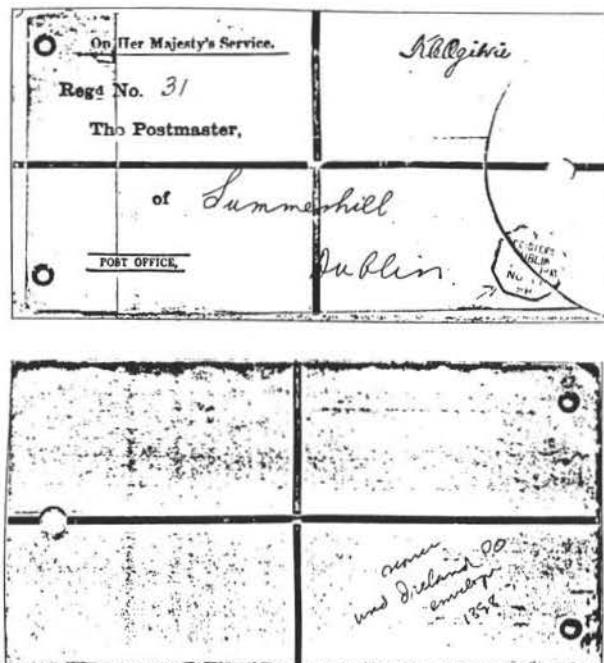
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I Think I Know What It Is

by Charles J. G. Verge

The illustrations with this query show, what I believe to be, a Victorian internal OHMS registered postal stationery used between the G.P.O. and the Summerhill sub-office (In 1799 it opened as a Dublin Receiving House). This item is a piece of Dublin postal history I have never seen before, although I am aware that similar envelopes are currently in use within An Post's internal system. I am looking for additional information concerning their use at the end of the last Century. In addition, I am looking for answers to the following questions.



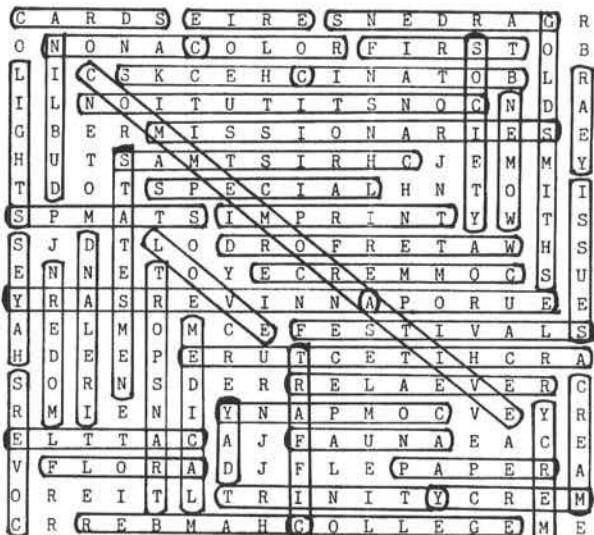
1. What was used to seal the envelope? There is a file hole on the right.
2. What were the two metal eyelets, found on the left, used for?
3. Who was K.A. Ogilvie whose name is printed on the upper right corner? Is this considered a Free Frank?
4. What was the period of use of these envelopes? This item bears an octagonal registration handstamp known used between 1883-1898. Is this a late date for the handstamp?
5. Although the grey blue linen envelope is very thick, it has been reinforced with two strips of darker blue gummed paper, overlapping somewhat, where they meet in the lower left hand corner. Why was this done?
6. Are there any others around? Would appreciate receiving photocopies of both back and front for study purposes.

Although James A. Mackay, in his massive tome *Registered Mail of the British Isles*, p. 276, mentions the existence of this type of Post office Registered Stationery, he only records them for the 20th Century from Edward VII on.

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Answers to Crossword D

(Last Issue)



Report

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Change of Address (continued)

- #1337 John M. Madigan, 15541 Cottage Grove, Dolton, IL 60419-2743
- #1830 Fr Brendan Duggan, Victoria Str 12, 5000 Kolin, Germany
- #2120 David R. Burke, 6 Mt. Vernon Ter, Lawrence, MA 01843
- #1847 Rudy Nickman, 112 Ford Rd., Landing, NJ 07850
- #2348 Dr. Walter L. Wasserman, 22444 Swordfish Dr., Boca Raton, FL 33428

Lost Member – Last issue returned address unknown.

- #1866 Joanne E. Swarsbrick, Albuquerque, NM 87120-2528
- #1798 James B. Holl, Eagle ID 83616
- #2353 Daniel J. McAdam, New York, NY 10165

Membership Status

Membership as of May 24, 1994	646
New Members	4
Reinstatements	2
Resignations	4
Deceased	5

Membership as of August 18, 1994	643
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Envelope

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He makes no reference to their existence during the reign of Queen Victoria. His examples are both marked with Rs in ovals and the additional words *Money Letter* vertically between the eyelets. Both also have the blue cross similar to the one illustrated.

The reader's help would be appreciated as I need the information to complement the item in my exhibit of Dublin Postal Markings. ♣

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

August 4, 1994

Dear Editor,

In reference to the article about the Bus Eireann letter/parcel system in the Summer 1994 issue of the Revealer (Dublin Journal, Bus Letter Service, p 17.), I wish to offer the following information. My wife and I traveled via bus to Dublin, Waterford, Cork, Limerick & Ennis from July 15th through the 29th 1994. In each of these bus stations I inquired as to the letter part of the system described in the Revealer. Not one of the parcel agents knew anything about the "onward posting" of a letter in the manner described in the article. The agent in Waterford even called his office to determine if such a letter onward posting system was available. The answer he received was that his office knew nothing about such a system. The letter/parcel service between bus stations is, however, correct as stated.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Madigan
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From the Desk of the Editor



My fellow Irish Stamp enthusiasts! I continue to lose members by them moving and leaving no forwarding address. Since publishing the Directory in the Spring, we have had 24 changes of address representing 4% of our membership. In the process I have lost only three, but these people are very important to me. I solicit your aid and assistance in locating these lost members so that I can insure that they continue to receive their copy of the greatest Irish Stamp publication on the face of the earth. I hope you will assist me, if you can, in locating our "lost sheep".

My most sincere thanks to all who have taken the time to write articles in support of The Revealer. But most especially, I'd like to thank Dr. Dulin and Jack Feldman for sparking the best controversy over the 2d Green Coil, Scott 68b. This has fueled the finest exchange that I can remember on any subject since I became editor. I wish we all could become as impassioned about other subjects within the realm of Irish Philately. You will find some comments in this issue, but it's not over yet. There is more to come and still others to be heard from in the Winter Issue. So stay tuned.

Remember, if you are interested in some phase of Irish Philately, just write and let me know. I'll be happy to share your views with the other 600+ members unless you ask me not to. Thank you all and keep in mind that the deadline for the Winter issue is 1 December. Happy Collecting. ♣