

Penny Posts.

The Irish Penny Post has an interesting history which is described fully by F. W. Meredith in his handbook "Old Irish Postage Stamps and Franks". It may be briefly summarized as follows:-

11th October 1773. Established in Dublin for letters not exceeding 4 oz. in weight for delivery within the City boundaries. 18 Receiving Houses were opened in different parts of the City where letters could be posted.

The 1^d for postage had to be prepaid, and thus differed from the General Postal Service, in which prepayment was optional. There were two deliveries daily, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

1774. The service was extended to the environs of the City not exceeding 4 miles.

1818. The number of Receiving Houses were increased to 53, and prepayment was abolished except at the Chief Penny Post Office. Deliveries were increased to four, 8-30 a.m. 12 noon, 3 p.m. & 6 p.m.

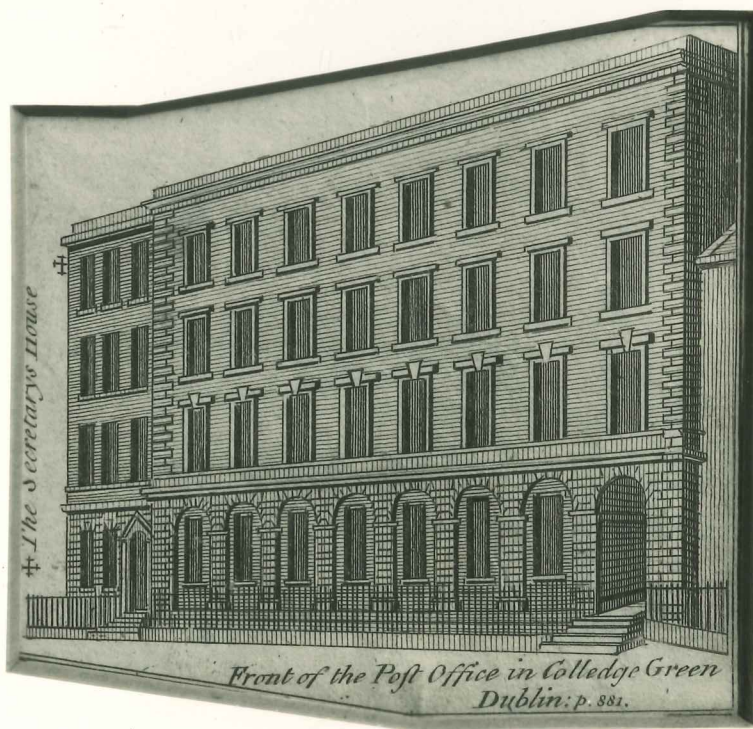
1832. Penny Posts were established outside Dublin and by 1837 over 200 were in existence.



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Dublin Penny Post. 1773-1840

The Dublin Penny Post Office was established in
this building on 10th October 1773, and remained there
until 1st January 1818 on which day it was transferred to
the new G.P.O. in Sackville Street.



Dublin Penny Post Office.

Official Notice. Announcing a big extension of the
Penny Post system and requesting applications
for the setting up of new Receiving Houses in
sixty city streets. Dublin, January 20, 1810.

GENERAL PENNY POST OFFICE,

Dublin, January 20, 1810.

THE Right Honorable the Post-Masters General being desirous to place the Penny Post in this City and its Vicinity on the most efficient and secure establishment, and purposing that a new plan shall commence to be acted on the 5th of April next, hereby give notice that it is the intention to have a Receiving House in each of the undermentioned Streets and Places (sixty in number) within the Circular Road, as also thirty in the Country Parts, making in a circuit of four miles from the General Post-Office, notice of which will be given in a few days. Two Hundred Pounds security will be required from the Proprietor of each Receiving House, for the faithful discharge of his duty.

It is requested that persons willing to undertake this duty will apply before the 3d February next, by letter addressed to the Comptroller, particularly mentioning their number.

By Command of the Post-Masters General,
 EDWARD BAYNES, Compt.

Sir John Rogerson's-quay	Kilmainham-lane
Holles-street	Island-bridge
Baggot-street	North Wall
Merrion-row	Temple-street
Clare or Park-street	Summer hill
Townsend-street	Lower Abbey-street
Poolbeg-street	Mecklenburgh-street
Molesworth-street	Gt. Britain-street, near Gt.
Clarendon-street	George's-street
Templebar	Sackville-street
King-street (South)	Upper Dorset-street
Leeson-street	Lower Dorset-street
Montague-street	Bolton-street
Charlotte-street	Great Britain-street, near
French-street	Jervis-street
Stephen-street	Henry-street
Exchange-street	Upper Abbey-street
Golden-lane	Lower Ormond-quay or Lif-
Werburgh-street	fey-street
Lower Kevin-street	Little Britain-street
Patrick-street	Capel-street, near Mary-st.
Winetavern-street	Lurgan or Lisburn-street,
Cook-street	Constitution-hill
Francis-street	Pill-lane or Charles-street
Lower Coombe	King's Inns-quay
New-street	Old Church-street, near Ma-
Ardee-street	ry's-lane
Earl-st. (S.) or Cole-alley	King-street, near St. Paul's
Thomas-street	Church
Bridgefoot-street	Queen-street
Watling-street	Mannor-street
Canal-place or James's-st.	Barrack-street,
Delphin's Barn-lane	

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Dublin Penny Post Office.

Official Notice. Dublin, August 8, 1810.

General Penny-post Office.

Dublin, August 8, 1810.

EXTRACT OF REGULATIONS.

The Right Hon. the Post Masters General, hereby give Notice, that the Penny Post Department, has been placed on an enlarged and extensive Establishment, which it is trusted, will be found of the greatest Accommodation and Convenience to the Inhabitants of this City, and the Public in general.

A Number of Receiving Houses are Established in the City, and Country Limits, which extend four miles from this Office—In the City there are 4 Collections and Deliveries daily, and in the Country 2 daily, (Sundays excepted.)

The Hours for putting Letters into Receiving Boxes, and of delivery, are as follows:

Time for putting in Letters.

		H.	M.
To 1st delivery over night by	-	9	0
2d. Do. Morning	-	10	30
3d. Do. Afternoon	-	1	30
4th Do. Evening	-	4	30

Time of Delivery in City.

		H.	M.		H.	M.
Morning, between	-	8	30	and	10	0
Noon Do.	-	11	30	and	1	0
Evening Do.	-	3	0	and	5	0
Evening Do.	-	6	0	and	8	0

Time of Delivery in Country.

		H.	M.		H.	M.
Morning, between	-	9	0	and	12	0
Evening	-	3	0	and	6	0

All Letters, whether for Town or Country, may be put into the Receiver at this Office one hour later than above specified for each dispatch.

The Postage on each Letter to and from all parts of the City, within the General Post Office Delivery, is One Penny; beyond that Delivery, Two Pence.—No Letter exceeding four ounces in weight will be allowed to pass through this Office, except such as come by, or is intended for, General or Foreign Dispatch.—It is requested that persons may be particular in stating the Street, and Number or Place of those to whom they write, reside in.

Dublin Penny Post Office.

Official Notice Dublin 5th October 1811.

General Penny-post Office.

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EXTRACT OF REGULATIONS.

The Inhabitants of the City of Dublin and its Vicinity are informed, that the Business of this Office has been placed on a new, enlarged, and extensive Establishment---nearly Ninety Receiving Offices are opened in the City and Country Limits, as hereafter stated.

There are Four Collections and Deliveries in the City, daily; and Two Collections and Deliveries in the Country daily, (Sundays excepted) the Limits of which are Four Miles from this Office.

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For the more effectual Security of Property passing through this Office, it is requested that Bank Notes or Drafts payable to Bearer may be cut in half, the second part not to be sent until the first is acknowledged.

As the continuance of the present liberal and very extensive Establishment, which is intended for the accommodation of the Public, will entirely depend on the encouragement it shall receive, and the advantages which, it is trusted, Experience will prove to result from it, in Consequence of the Celerity and Punctuality with which the Correspondence will be delivered; it is earnestly requested that Persons receiving Letters conveyed through this Office, and delivered by others than the established Letter-carriers, who may be known by their Dress, will, without Delay, give Information to the Comptroller, of that or any Irregularity they may observe, in order that immediate Steps may be taken to punish the Person in Fault, it being the determination of the Postmasters-General to punish every Irregularity or Neglect of Duty in the severest Manner, as it is their anxious Wish

Dublin Penny Post Office.

Official Notice 1814.
"A new, enlarged & extensive Establishment"
"Nearly ninety Receiving Offices."

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All Letters for Black Rock, Seapoint, Dunleary, Roches-town, Monkstown, Killiney, Montpelier Parade, &c. are dispatched from this Office at half past eight in the Morning by the Rock Coach, and delivered shortly after nine.

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Dublin Twopenny Post Area.

Summary of Facts based on Memorandum
by M^r F. E. Dixon dated September 1962.

A post system was established in the year 1773 with the title
"The Dublin Penny Post Office."

This system initially served only the immediate vicinity of
Dublin - pre payment compulsory.

In 1774 it spread & letters from Dublin to the "outer region"
charged 1^d on posting plus a second 1^d on delivery.

Later it became permissible to prepay the 2^d, but the main
function was to supply delivery of General Post Letters
outside the city area. For this only 1^d was charged.

The fact that it was the Penny Post Office explains why,
Kingston &c. were issued with a Penny Post stamp.

ENNISKERRY TWOPENNY POST is probably unique.

The Twopenny Post section of Dublin Penny Post is
"difficult" to segregate in that the boundary varied, so that
the same office could at different times be in the 1st area
& in the 2nd area. Portobello Hotel is the best example of this.

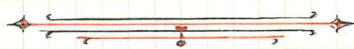
The MAP of the DUBLIN TWOPENNY POSTS in the 1838
House of Commons Report is incomplete in that before
the year was out there were further offices at Celbridge,
Leixlip, Harold's Cross, Rathmines, Stillorgan, Cabinteely &
Delgany.

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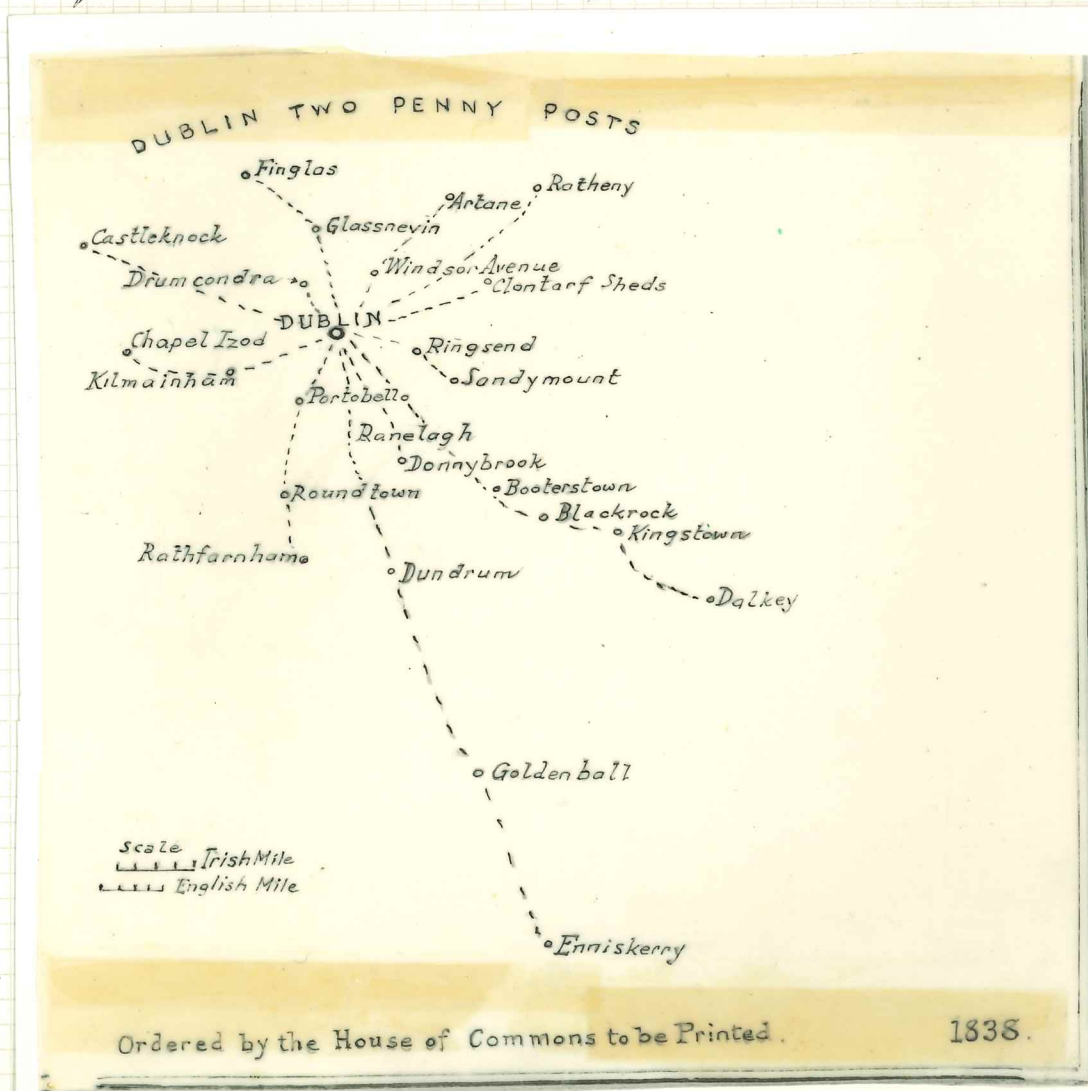
Dublin Two Penny Post 1774-1840

** 1774. The Dublin Two Penny Post was instituted in the year 1774. There were at first 13 Receiving Houses outside the city proper (Vide Meredith "Old Irish Postage Stamps and Franks" page 40) Later these were increased in number and the radius of collection and delivery much extended.*

The Third Report of the Select Committee on Postage 1838 contains a sketch plan of 24 Receiving Houses extending in various directions from the city.



Tracing made from the original printed sketch plan of 1838.



** Mr. F. C. Dixon in his Memorandum of September 1962 gives the year as 1773.*

Part of a Daily Return of **IRELAND.** the Letters received at each
Office in each collection.
Note the Division of the City into Districts & Walks to facilitate circulation.

Districts.	Walks.	OFFICES.	City Collection and Number of				
			1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.	5th.
1 Merrion-Square.	1st.	Clare-street,	19	3	22	13	7
		Townsend-street,	2	"	12	1	1
		Sir J. Rogerson's-quay,	-	"	3	2	-
		Holles-street,	8	1	1	1	5
		George's-quay	1	1	"	1	-
	2d.	Baggot-street,	60	1	7	0	10
		Kildare-street,	"	2	"	"	2
		Molesworth-street,	9	7	5	3	4
		Merrion-row,	24	13	8	17	7
2 Stephen's-Green.	1st.	Stephen's-Green (West)	10	1	"	2	5
		Anne-street (South)	16	4	6	5	7
		Harcourt-street,	10	4	8	5	11
		Grafton-street,	"	8	10	18	23
		King-street (South)	1	3	2	4	4
		Leeson-street,	4	7	"	2	4
	2d.	Digges-street,	2	"	4	1	7
		Dame-street,	11	1	11	4	6
		Cork-hill,	10	3	1	3	6
		Essex-bridge,	-	10	2	3	11
3 Saint Patrick's.	1st.	Royal Arcade,	16	12	12	21	34
		Werburgh-street,	4	"	2	5	-
		Stephen-street,	5	16	5	10	4
		Kevin-street,	"	6	23	6	"
		Camden-street,	12	3	2	4	3
	2d.	Cross-Poddl,	"	"	1	"	"
		Bride-street,	4	2	2	10	"
		New-street,	2	"	"	2	"
		Meath-street,	-	1	"	3	1

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Dublin Penny Post.

General Penny Post Office.

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Date Stamps. *Note the hours of 8, 12 and 4 are true ovals and 10, 2 and 6 have sides dented.*

	1s	2d.	Clontarf.	1s	2d.	Clontarf.
1/4	1/4	1/4	Clontarf.	1s	2d.	Clontarf.
6	2	3	Clontarf.	1s	2d.	Clontarf.
2	6	9	Clontarf.	1s	2d.	Clontarf.
1	7	6	Clontarf.	1s	2d.	Clontarf.
4	3	5	Clontarf.	1s	2d.	Clontarf.
2	4	9	Clontarf.	1s	2d.	Clontarf.
7	3	18	Clontarf.	1s	2d.	Clontarf.
5	10	15	Clontarf.	1s	2d.	Clontarf.
14	11	16	Clontarf.	1s	2d.	Clontarf.
4	12	15	Clontarf.	1s	2d.	Clontarf.
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15	98	99	Clontarf.	1s	2d.	Clontarf.
15	99	100	Clontarf.	1s	2d.	Clontarf.

8 MN →

10 FNN →

12 N^N ←

2 AFN ←

4 AFN ←

6 EVN ←

Street Penny Post of Dublin.

Round Town
Penny Post.



In Blue, and In Black. No date.

Note: 'Round Town' came within the Area of Dublin for some years prior to 1840.