## ROTHALOCO CUCLIDG Me

My father Edward (Ned) Siggins was a postman and he had to keep his bike in top condition for his job. My father's bike was one which only he himself used and we knew not to interfere with it.

This photograph of my father was taken in Roscommon town about 1945 just before he got married. He is talking to a friend of his, Willie Kelly, as a notable photographer in the town, M. J. Farrell, surprises them with his camera and takes a photo.

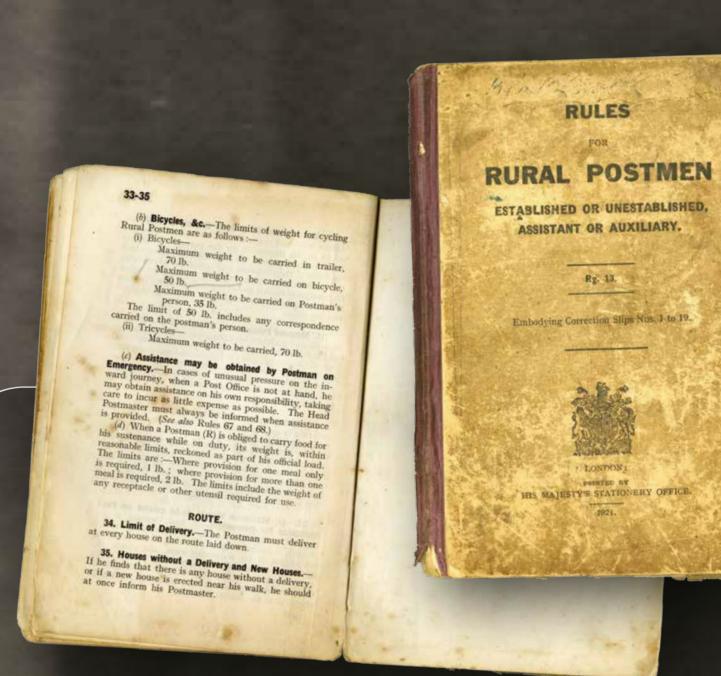
Ned began to drive a post van in the early 1950s but kept up his interest in bikes. I think I have the same affinity for these machines as I have a collection of three and keep them in working order.

**Albert Siggins**, Caisleán Stráinse, Co. Ros Comáin / Castlestrange, Co.



Cheatharlach. Tá sé ina sheasamh in aice le both Fhear an Phoist, agus ba ghnách le fir an phoist an both a úsáid go luath sna 1900í mar áit scíthe.\*

1 Thomas Cassin from Tullow, Co. Carlow. He is standing beside a Postman's Hut - used by postmen in the early 1900s as a rest stop.\*



\uparrow 'Rules for Rural Postmen' – leabhar a d'fhoilsigh rialtas na Breataine i 1921 agus lean fir an phoist i Saorstát na hÉireann lena úsáid.

Tugadh an leabhar seo do Nancy O'Neill as Co. Chiarraí, a chuaigh ag obair in Ard-Oifig an Phoist i 1938, agus í 17 mbliana d'aois. Bhí sí ag obair ag An Post ar feadh na mblianta fada agus tháinig a gairm chun críche ag obair go páirtaimseartha in Oifig Poist na gCreagacha Dubha, Co Lú.

↓ Stampa deartha ag Robert Ballagh le haghaidh na Bliana Cumarsáide Domhanda 1983.\* Stamp designed by Robert Ballagh for World Communication Year 1983.\*

→ 'Iompar in Éirinn - Rothair.' Leabhrán stampaí 1991.\* → 'Transport in Ireland - Cycles.'

Stamp booklet 1991.\*

RULES

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26. Bill to be timed, &c., at each Sub-Office.—On arrival at each Sub-Office on his walk the Postman should present his bill to the Sub-Postmaster to be date stamped, signed, and timed at the actual minute of his arrival (outwards) or despatch (inwards) (see also Rule 20).

27. Branch Postmen. If the Postman has to despatch a branch Postman at any point on his route, the branch Postman should initial the main Postman's bill for any Registered are Insured or "Valuable" packets transferred to the branch Postman.

The main Postman must also sign the branch post bill as "tepatching officer," and enter the branch Postman. Where there is no bill the actual hour of despatch should be entered on the branch Postman's attendance list.

list. (See Rules 87-89 as to treatment of bill or return

MODE OF CONVEYANCE AND WEIGHT OF LOAD.

28. Foot Post to be performed on Foot.—A foot post must not be performed otherwise than on foot without authority.

29. Use of Official Cycles.—If the Postman is provided with an official cycle he must keep it thoroughly clean and in good working order. He will receive an allowance of one shilling a week for this purpose while the machine is in use. He must not use it for unofficial journeys without special authority, and he must preserve it from bad usage. (Printed instructions are issued with regard to the care of cycles.)

the Irish Free State.

Blackrock P.O., Co. Louth.

TRANSPORT IN IRELAND - CYCLES

† 'Rules for Rural Postmen' – published by the British

government in 1921 and continued to be used by postmen in

started work in the GPO in 1938, aged 17. She worked with An

Post for many years and ended her career working part-time in

This book was given to Nancy O' Neill from Co. Kerry who

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↓ A set of stamps celebrating the achievement of Irish cyclists, such as the legendary Stephen Roche and Sean Kelly, on the occasion of the Tour de France coming to Ireland in 1998.\*





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