

COUNTY OF DONEGAL.

REGISTER OF MOTOR CARS.

Index Mark Licence Number Plate Year	Full Name of Owner	Postal Address his usual Residence	Description or Type of Motor Car	Type and Colour of Body of Car	Weight Unladen	Whether intended for		Date of Registration
						(a) Private use	(b) Use as Public Conveyance	
I H 41	St. Mary's Roman Catholic	Propermount near Bannagh	10 h.p. Austin	Black Runway	2		Private	1922 16 July
I H 42	James Russell and Thomas James Russell and Thomas	Strabane Strabane	10 h.p. Napier 12 h.p. "Dunrovy"	Black Black Runway	2 2		Private	1922 16 July
I H 43	Robert Wilson	Strabane	10 h.p. Napier 12 h.p. Napier 4102	Black Black Runway	2 2		Private	1922 16 July
I H 44	Henry James Smith (deceased)	Large Lattin The Mill	10 h.p. Napier 12 h.p. Napier	Black Black Runway	2 2		Private	1922 16 July
I H 45	Henry James Smith	as above	10 h.p. Napier	Black	2		Private	1922 16 July
I H 46	James Wilson	as above	10 h.p. Napier	Black	2		Private	1922 16 July
I H 47	Henry James Smith	as above	10 h.p. Napier	Black	2		Private	1922 16 July
I H 48	Charles Earl of Selkirk	as above	10 h.p. Napier	Black	2		Private	1922 16 July

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Source: CC/7/1/1 1903-1911 (County Donegal Archive Service)

Transport

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					(a) Private Use	(b) Use as a public conveyance	
Lady Frances Olphert	Ballyconnell House, Falcarragh	12 h.p. Humber	Green Towing	C 14	Private		1909 6 July
James Randal Alexander Ferguson	Edenballymore, Londonderry	12 h.p. [...] Petrol	Green	C 16	Private and professional [Inspection]		1909 31 July
James Randal Alexander Ferguson	Edenballymore, Londonderry	12 h.p. 'Darraig'	4 Seater Torpedo Body Blue	About c 14	Private		1914 31 March
Robert Witherow	Mason Lodge, Newtowncunningham	12 h.p. Humber 15 h.p. Humber 17/9/17	Dark Green Dark Blue Body...17/9/17 Yellow sides	C 16 C 25	Private	Hire Purposes 17/9/17	1909 22 July
Henry Herbert Roudes White (Captain)	Lough Eske Castle Co. Donegal	20-30 h.p. Beug	Cabriolet body Painted Grey	c.. 28	Private		1911 14 July
James Joseph MacGrath	St. Helen's Dunfanaghy	2 h.p. Ford	Brewster green 3 seater	C 10	Private		1909 25 November
John Martin	Lisboduf, Cootehill, Co. Cavan	12 h.p. Humber	Dark Blue Body Yellow Liner	C 16	Hire Purposes		
Emerson C. Hardiman	Carricklee Strabane	12 h.p. Humber	Semi racing 2 seater green Dark blue 9/10/17	C 19	Private		1910 2 March
Henry Mat.. Johnson	Stranorlar	12 h.p. Humber		T	Private		1910 2 March
Charles Earl of Leitrim	Mulroy, Millford	15 h.p. Pa[u]hard Car	Phaeton Body Painted Blue Hood	About c 28		Trade Purposes	1910 12 March

## Transport

All these pictures were taken in the late 1930's in Donegal.



Q. How do these forms of transport compare with the ways in which we get around Donegal today?

Q. What are the main differences between these cars and the ones on the road today?



Q. Look carefully at the man on the motorbike. Is he dressed for biking on our roads today?

Q. How would his bike compare with the motorbikes on our roads today?

Q. Where do you think these children are travelling to on the donkey?

Q. Why are there baskets on either side of the donkey?

Q. Do you think this was a comfortable way to travel?

Q. What is the boy in the foreground doing?

Q. Are there many donkeys in Donegal today? Why do you think that is?



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# Derry, Strabane, Stranorlar, Glenties, Donegal, Ballyshannon, Killybegs, &c.

	DOWN	Weekdays								UP	Weekdays							
		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
1	Bellefleur	Dep.	8 40	9 0	11 0	11 30	1 30	4 30		Killybegs	Dep.	7 55	11 30	1 50	4 50	8 5		
2	Belfast	Dep.	8 30	10 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Ardera Road	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30			
3	Derry	Dep.	7 30	10 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Bruckless	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30			
4	Strabane	Dep.	7 45	1 50	4 30	7 30		Dunkineely	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
5	Berry	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Port	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
6	Strabane	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Inver	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
7	Strabane	Dep.	7 50	10 50	1 50	4 50	7 50		Doerin Road	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30			
8	Lifford	Dep.	8 0	10 50	1 50	4 50	7 50		Mountcharles	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30			
9	Ballindrait	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Billymore	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
10	Coalgate	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Donegal	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
11	Raphoe	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Fahanna	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
12	Conroy	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Creery	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
13	Cornagillagh	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Rossnowlough	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
14	Glenmaguig	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Ballintra	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
15	Letterkenny	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Bridgetown	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
16	Strabane	Dep.	7 50	10 50	1 50	4 50	7 50		Leghey	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30			
17	Clady	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Drumbar	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
18	Castellane	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Donegal	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
19	Lisnooly	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Donegal	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
20	Killygordan	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Donegal	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
21	Stranorlar	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Donegal	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
22	Stranorlar	Dep.	8 40	1 40	4 40	7 40		Donegal	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
23	Ballybofey	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Donegal	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
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27	Pilotown	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Donegal	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
28	Shallooane	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Donegal	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
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34	Lough Hake	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Donegal	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
35	Clear Bridge	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Donegal	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
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39	Donegal	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Donegal	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
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46	Donegal	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Donegal	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
47	Donegal	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Donegal	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
48	Donegal	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Donegal	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
49	Donegal	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Donegal	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				
50	Donegal	Dep.	8 30	1 30	4 30	7 30		Donegal	Dep.	8 30	11 30	1 30	4 30	7 30				

\* Where times are not shown all trains will stop on request.

ADDITIONAL TRAINS:—Derry (G.N.R.) dep. 11.30 a.m., Strabane arr. 11.37 a.m., Strabane dep. 11.45 a.m., Stranorlar arr. 12.50 p.m. On SATURDAYS ONLY—Stranorlar dep. 8.0 p.m., Strabane arr. 8.40 p.m.; Derry (G.N.R.) dep. 11.15 p.m., Strabane dep. 11.55 p.m.; Stranorlar arr. 12.45 a.m.

### CONNECTIONS WITH GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY (IRELAND).

		A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	*P.M.
Londonderry (Foy's Road)	dep.	7 20	11 10	12 45	2 35	4 10	5 25	7 30	11 15
Strabane	arr.	7 48	11 27	1 5	3 2	4 25	5 52	7 42	11 45
Belfast (Great Victoria St.)	arr.	10 40	—	2 55	—	4 35	—	7 48	—
Belfast (Great Victoria St.)	dep.	—	8 25	10 30	—	1 25	4 45	5 40	—
Strabane	arr.	—	10 20	1 7	—	4 24	7 18	8 20	—
Londonderry (Foy's Road)	arr.	9 45	11 0	1 45	3 1	5 0	7 40	9 0	10 55

\* Saturdays only.

Additional Train, Londonderry to Strabane, on Saturdays only at 9.30 p.m.

### CONNECTIONS WITH L.M.S. RAILWAY (NORTHERN COUNTIES COMMITTEE).

		A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Belfast (York Road)	dep.	7 25	9 45	* 2 45	—
Londonderry (Waterside)	arr.	9 45	12 17	2 25	—
Strabane (Victoria Road)	dep.	10 0	—	* 3 30	—
Strabane	arr.	10 44	2 55	7 16	—

\* Connects with 8.30 p.m. ex Londonderry (Victoria Road) on notice being given to Guard.

		A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Strabane	dep.	7 55	—	11 5	—
Londonderry (Victoria Road)	arr.	8 45	—	12 0	—
Londonderry (Waterside)	dep.	—	9 55	1 25	—
Belfast (York Road)	arr.	—	12 15	1 57	—

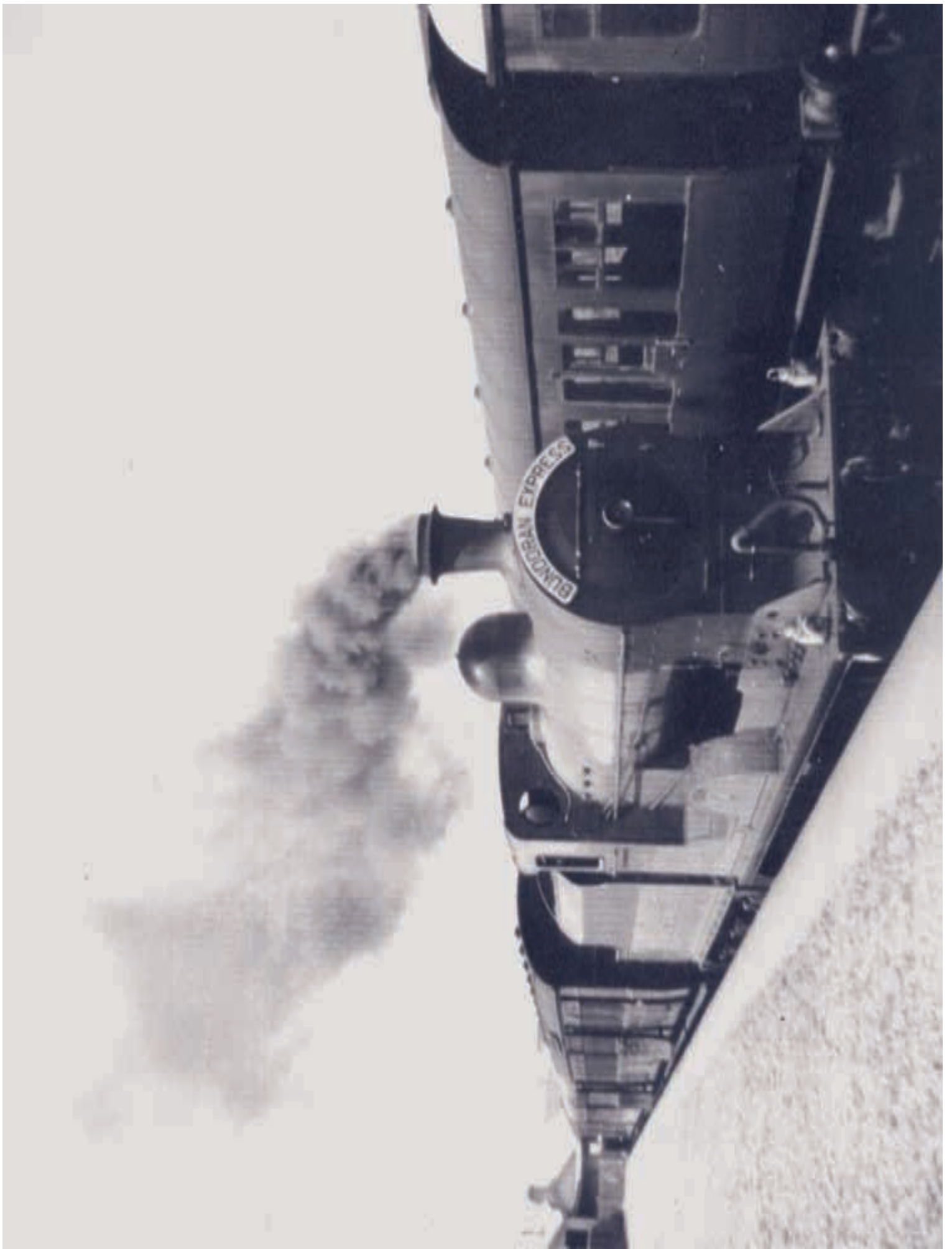
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# COUNTY DONEGAL RAILWAYS.

## SEE OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTY FIRST.

WE SUPPLY THE MEANS!!

### Still Cheaper Fares

TO

## ALL THE BEAUTY SPOTS.

Rossnowlagh — Miles of Golden Sands, Atlantic Breakers,  
Surf Bathing, Golfing, Tennis.

Ballyshannon — For Bundoran, Sligo, and Lough Erne.

Mountcharles — Panoramic View Point, Sands, Bathing,  
Boating, Fishing.

Doorin Road — Glorious Sea Bathing, unsurpassed.

Dunkineely — For St. John's Point. Invigorating, Health-  
giving, Rejuvenating.

Killybegs — Majestic Cliff and Mountain Views, Fishing,  
Sailing, Bathing, Golfing.

Glenties — For Narin, Portnoo, Rosbeg, and Ardara—  
the Gems of Donegal.

ASK AT STATION FOR EXCURSION BOOKLET.

BICYCLES CARRIED AT NOMINAL CHARGE.

 Travel by Train, it's Cheapest and Safest.

Stranorlar, 26/5/28.

HENRY FORBES, Manager.

Printed at Lough Erne Station, Coleraine.

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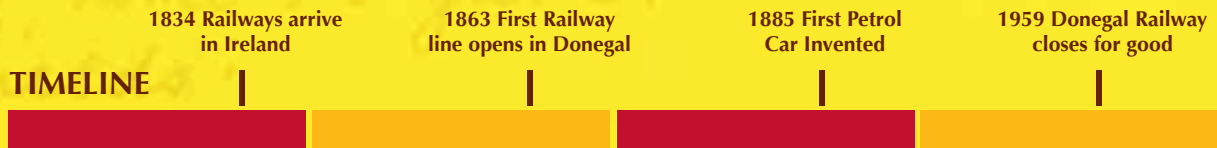
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# Continuity and Change over time

## Topic: Transport

Worksheet  
Five



### CARS

The first petrol car was invented in 1885. By the beginning of the 20th century cars had begun arriving in Ireland. All cars had to be registered with the County Council and by 1903 six cars had been registered in Donegal.

Did you know?



### TRAINS

Donegal once had an extensive railway, which stretched from Carndonagh to Burtonport on opposite sides of the county and from Strabane to Killybegs and Bundoran.

The first railway line, owned by the Finn Valley Railway Company, opened in 1863 and ran between Strabane and Stranorlar. The West Donegal Railway Company opened a second line in 1882, which continued the journey from Stranorlar to Donegal Town. These two small companies joined together to form the County Donegal Railway Company in 1892 and opened three more lines, Donegal to Killybegs in 1893, Stranorlar to Glenties in 1895 and Stranorlar to Letterkenny in 1909. Altogether the track ran for over 124 miles, used six types of steam engine and employed over 200 people.

A second company called the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway also ran railway lines in Donegal. This company opened its first line in 1863 from Derry City to Bunrana. In 1883 they opened another railway line to Letterkenny followed by an extension of the Bunrana line to Carndonagh in 1901 and a new line to Burtonport in 1903.



The railway was an important part of life in Donegal. It was used not only for travel by people but for transporting livestock, collecting the catch from the boats in Killybegs and bringing cheap groceries, coal and oil to Donegal. Due to the high cost of running the trains and competition from road traffic, one by one the lines were closed, with the last railway line in Donegal closing in 1959.

### IN YOUR PACK YOU WILL FIND:

1. A motor tax register from 1909-1910
2. Photographs of road transport, 1930s
3. A Railway timetable.
4. A photograph of a train engine, 1951
5. A County Donegal Railway Poster, 1928

Seirbhís Cartlainne Chontae Dhún na nGall  
Donegal County Archives Service

# Look at the evidence

## 1. Motor Tax Register 1909-1910

How many cars are registered for hire or trade purposes?  
List three reasons why they might have been hired?  
How many women drivers are registered in 1909-1910?

## 2. Photographs of Road Transport

Complete the exercises on the sheet

## 3. Railway Timetable

On a map of Donegal - mark out the route of the train from Strabane - Letterkenny / Stranorlar - Glenties / Donegal - Killybegs.  
How long did it take to travel from Donegal Town to Dunkineely?  
Do you think the journey takes more or less time by car today?  
If you wanted to travel from Killybegs to Derry how many times would you have to change trains?  
How long would the journey take?  
How many times does the train stop between Letterkenny and Strabane?  
Look at the route on the map of Donegal, does the train take the quickest route to Strabane?  
Why does the train stop at so many towns?  
Do you think travel was faster then?  
Why did people travel by train rather than by road?

## 4. Train Engine Photograph

Examine the photograph carefully.  
What type of train is depicted in this photograph?  
On top of the engine there is a little black chimney, what was it used for?

## 5. County Donegal Railways Poster - See our beautiful county first

What activities can you participate in at Killybegs?  
What attractions can you access from the Glenties station?  
Why do you think people brought their bicycles on the train?  
Design a railway poster for your area today. Which towns do you think the trains should stop at and what attractions are there for visitors.



**DO SOME  
DETECTIVE WORK...**

Ask your grandparents if they remember the railway in Donegal.

Find out where the nearest station to you was and if it is still standing.