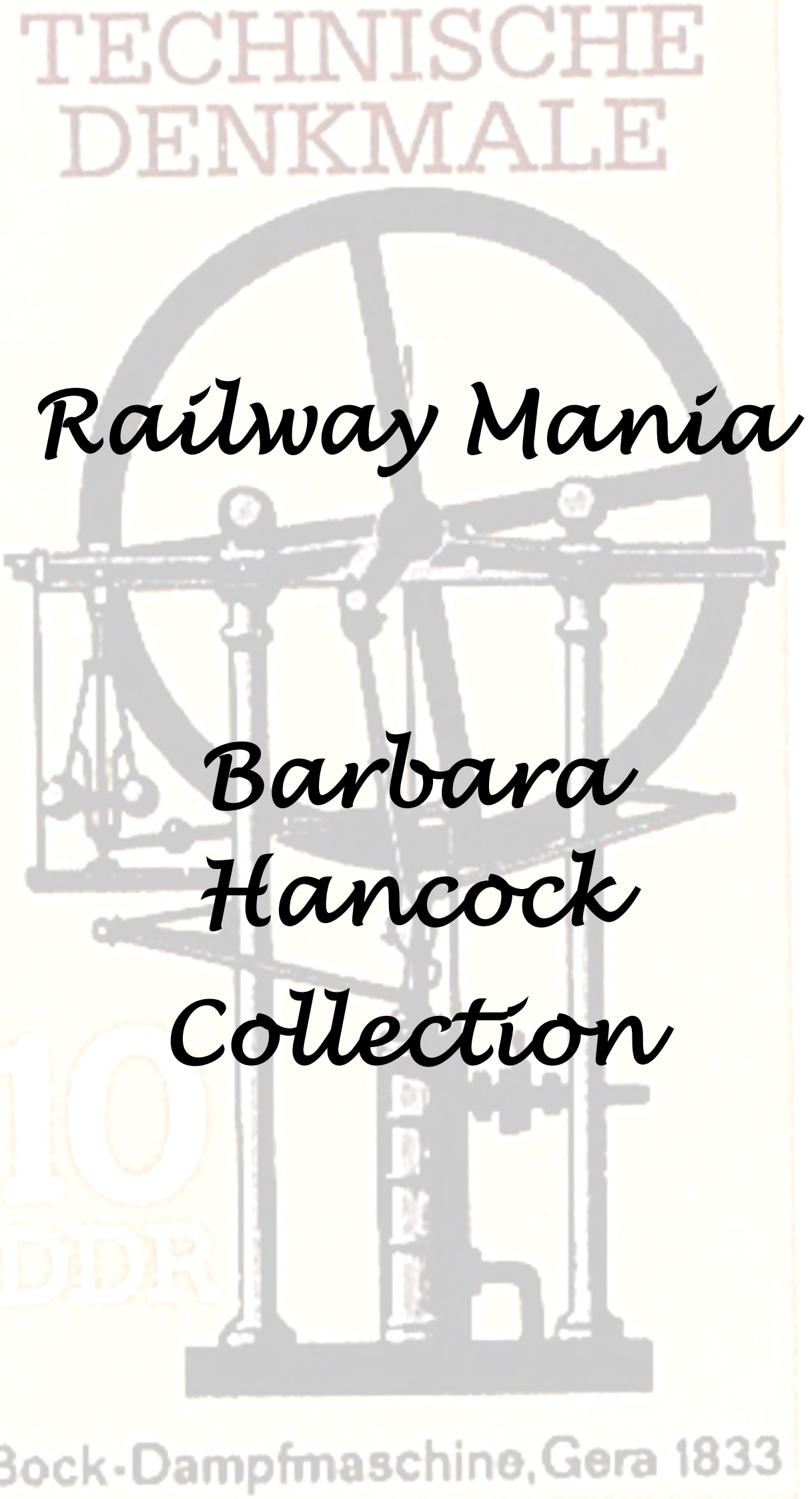


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STEAM POWER

Stationary Steam Engines — East Germany, 1985

The potential power of steam had been recognised by the ancient Greeks, but it was not until the 17th century that it was put to practical use. These early machines were used to pump water from mines.

James Watt greatly improved the efficiency of the steam engine in 1769. Then in 1781 Watt invented a stationary steam engine with a rotary movement, making the engine drive a revolving shaft. The many uses of these machines started the Industrial Revolution, and led to the development of steam driven locomotives.



Built in 1833, this piston engine was used to drive the machinery at the Anton Jacob Morand Spinning Mills until 1885. It developed 8 horse-power and operated 5 or 6 spinning machines each with 200 spindles.



Built in 1848, this horizontal beam engine from the 'Old Elizabeth' mine at Freiberg was used to drive the machinery for raising ore and stone.

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RAILWAY MANIA

EARLY RAILWAY HISTORY

Presented by San Marino Issued 1964



The railway engine, like the public railway, was an English invention. In 1812, John Blenkinsop built a colliery engine at Leeds which adhered to the rails by a rack.



In 1813 William Hedley built his famous 'Puffing-Billy' which weighed more than 8 tons & adhered to the smooth rails by its weight. It ran at the mine for 50 years.



'Locomotion 1' built by George Stephenson inaugurated the Stockton & Darlington Railway in 1825, but after the first run only hauled goods wagons.



The opening of the Liverpool & Manchester Railway in 1830 was the real beginning of the railways. George Stephenson's 'Rocket' hauled the first train on the line.



Early railway engines were given imposing names, such as the 'Lion' built in 1838. The carriages show the influence of the earlier stage coaches.

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RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT

Presented by Fujeira

Issued 1970











10dh Early horse-drawn waggons on wooden rails were used to transport goods up to 2 miles about 1780.

20dh Stephenson's 'Rocket' won the Rainhill Trials in 1829 and later hauled passengers & freight on the Liverpool-Manchester Railway.

70dh Stephenson, & other colliery engineers converted stationary engines to haul coal trucks in the early 19th Century.

2Rls Overhauling a modern diesal engine, c. 1960.

3Rls Streamlined 'Pacific' Class 4-6-8 steam locomotive, c.1935.

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BRITISH RAILWAYS

Sharjar — Issued 1970





1 DM In 1804 Richard Trevithick, a Cornish engineer, demonstrated the first steam engine to run on rails on a tramway near Merthyr Tydfil in South Wales - it hauled 6 wagons at about 5 m.p.h. In 1808 he laid a circular track in Euston Square, London, where 'all who dared' were taken for a ride in an open wagon hauled by his primitive locomotive, "Catch Me Who Can", at 10 m.p.h.

2 DM The Great Western Railway with a broad gauge of 7 feet, opened in 1835, although the other lines already operating used the 'standard' 4 feet 8½ inches gauge. Many of the locomotives of the Great Western were designed by Daniel Gooch, and one of his 1846 engines is depicted hauling a passenger train on the line.

3 DM An express passenger locomotive on the Great Northern Railway passes a track maintenance crew, about 1870.

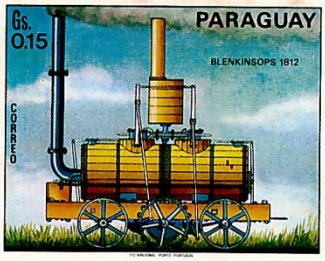
4 DM A British Rail express passenger electric train, about 1970.

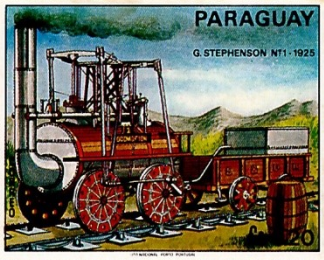
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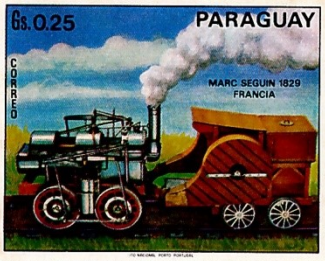


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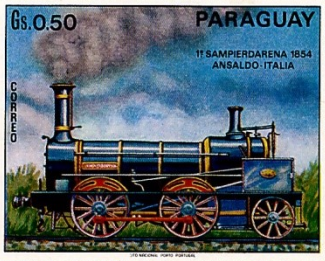
Early Locomotives (I) Issued 1971













10c Trevithick's cog-wheel locomotive was the first to haul coal trucks on the Pen-y-darran line in Wales in 1804.

15c Blenkinsop's rack locomotive of 1812, a colliery engine.

20c Stephenson's "Locomotion No.1" was the first steam engine to be used on the Stockton & Darlington Railway in 1825.

25c Marc Seguin's locomotive of 1829, the first built in France.

30c German locomotive "Adler" 1835

50c First Italian locomotive "Sampierdarena", 1854

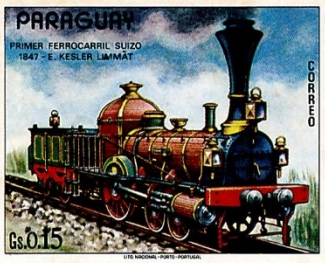
75c First Paraguayan locomotive, 1861.

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PARAGUAY

Early Locomotives (II) Issued 1973













10c Stephenson's "Rocket" 1829 proved the superiority of the steam engine over horses in hauling loads.

15c First Swiss locomotive 1847, built by E Kesler-Limmat

20c First Spanish locomotive 1848

25c American Norris woodburner locomotive of 1850

30c Italian locomotive "Ansaldo" 1859

50c German locomotive "Badenia" 1863

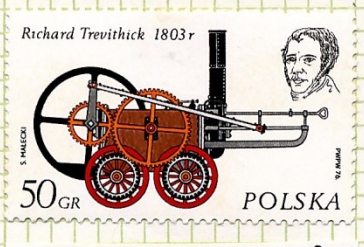
75c First Japanese-built locomotive 1895

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THE INVENTORS

History of the Railway Engine — Poland, February 1976



Richard Trevithick 1803



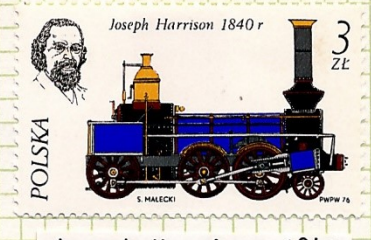
George Stephenson 1829



John Blenkinsop 1810



Robert Stephenson 1837



Joseph Harrison 1840



Thomas Rogers 1855



A. Xiezapolski 1922



Electric locomotive 1969

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WORLD RAILWAYS

Early Railways

Ajman, 1971



Liverpool & Manchester Railway
Stephenson's "Rocket" 1830



Baltimore & Ohio Railroad 1830
"Lafayette" 1837



Northern Railway of France
Crampton engine of 1859



Prussian State Railways
Tank locomotive of 1882



Italian Adriatic Railway
Oil-burner engine 1902

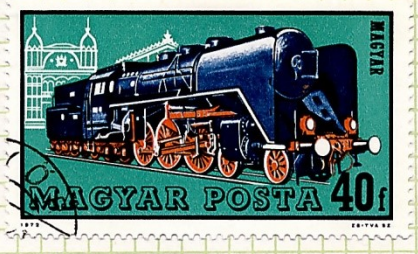
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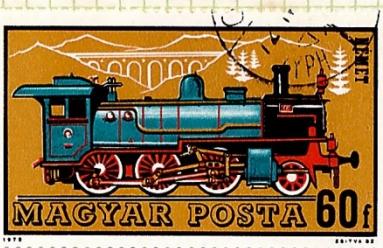
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Steam Locomotives of the World

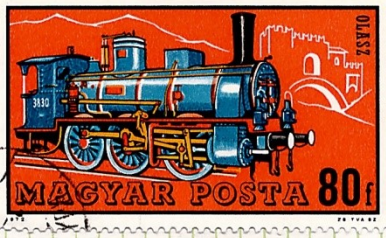
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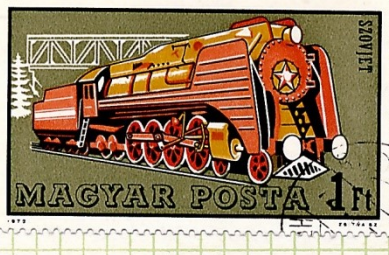
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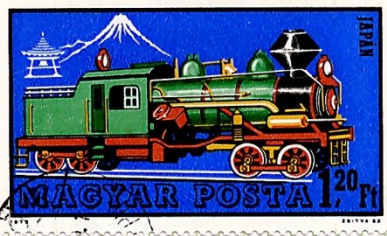
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JAPAN

Steam Locomotives

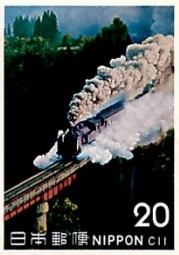
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"The Power of Steam"





















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STEAM LOCOMOTIVES

Centenary of the Japanese Railway 1971

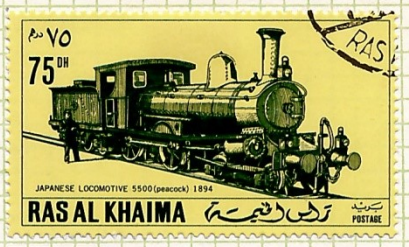
Ras Al Khaima, 1971



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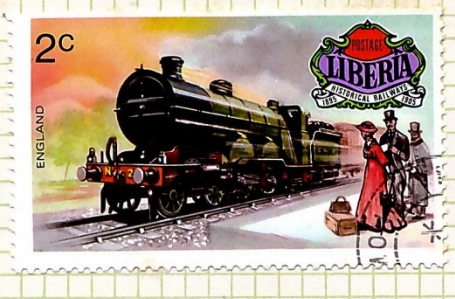
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WORLD RAILWAYS

Historical Railways 1895-1905

Liberia, 1973



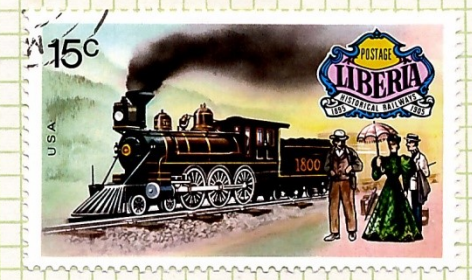
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BULGARIA

Railway Transport

Issued 1964



Stephenson's "Rocket"
The World's 1st Railway



Steam locomotive



Diesel locomotive



Electric locomotive



Railway bridge



Railway tunnel

A REGAL PRODUCT

RAILWAY MANIA

EAST GERMANY

1970's Railway Rolling Stock

Issued 1973



Electric locomotive



Refrigerator wagon



Long-distance coach



Tank wagon



Double-deck coach

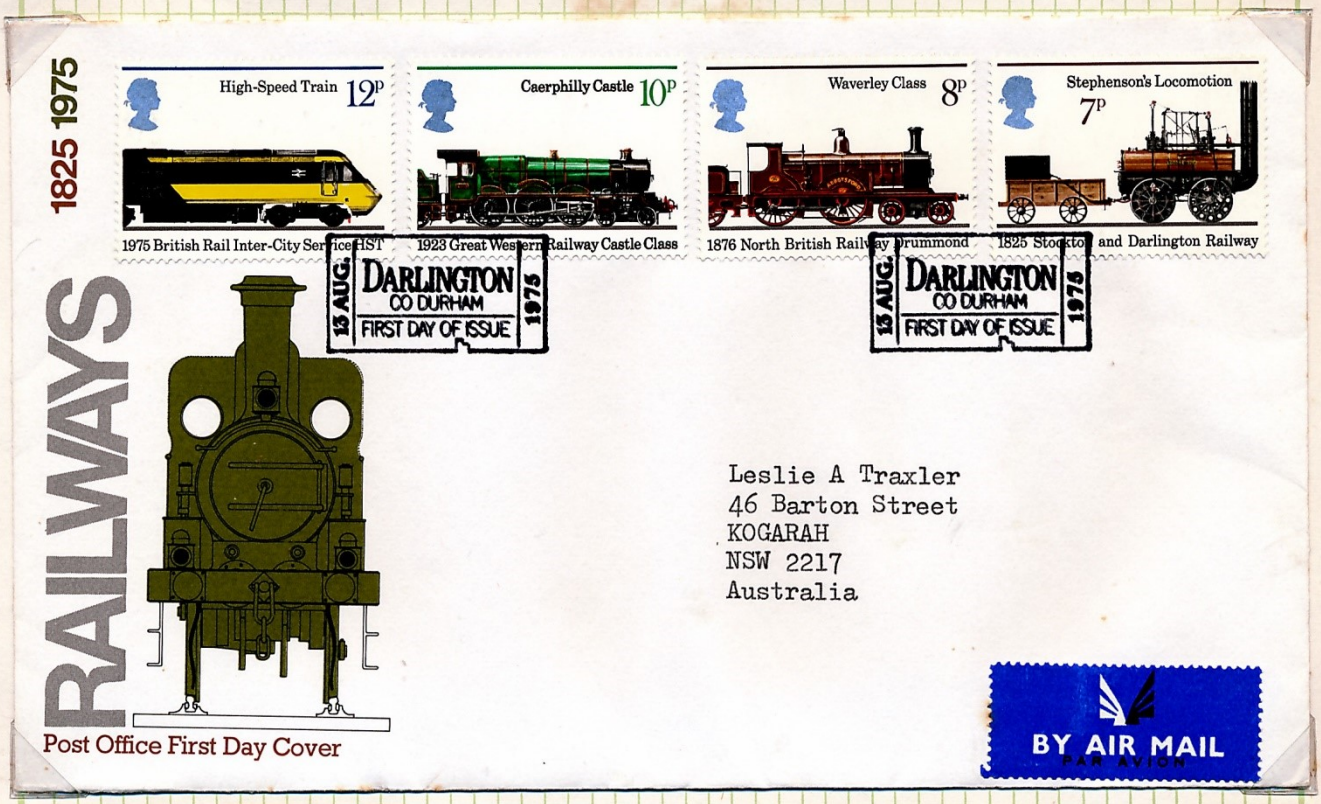
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GREAT BRITAIN

150 Years of Public Railways

Issued 13 August 1975



On 27th September 1825, George Stephenson's "Locomotion" hauled the first train on the Stockton & Darlington Railway - the world's first public railway authorised for steam operation. The special postmark is based on the tickets issued to passengers on this line.

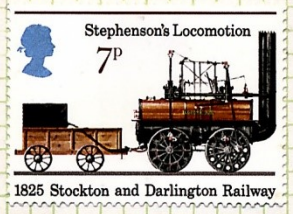
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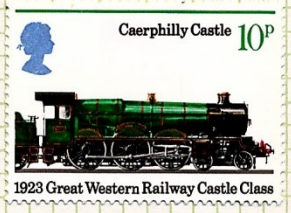
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1825 Stockton and Darlington Railway

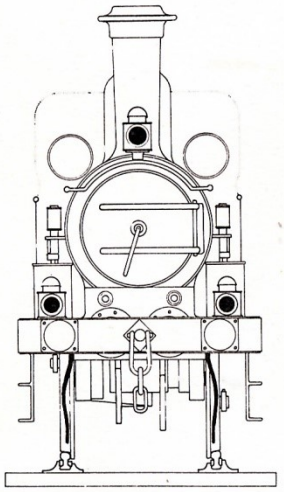


1876 North British Railway Drummond



1923 Great Western Railway Castle Class

RAILWAYS 1825 1975



September 27, 1825: George Stephenson's *Locomotion* (7p stamp) successfully hauls inaugural train of the Stockton & Darlington, world's first public railway authorised for steam operation.

September 15, 1830: Opening of Liverpool & Manchester Railway, the first to haul all traffic by steam.

July-August, 1888 and 1895: 'Railway Races to the North' between competing East and West Coast Anglo-Scottish railways, culminating on August 22, 1895, in world record run of 540 miles in 6hr 32min by Euston-Aberdeen train. North British Railway No. 487 *Waverley* (8p stamp) was a typical passenger engine of the period.

December 18, 1890: City & South London, world's first underground electric railway, opened.

May 9, 1904: First recorded 100 mph on rail, by Great Western engine *City of Truro*.

June 6, 1932: Great Western 'Cheltenham Flyer,' scheduled to be world's fastest daily train since September, 1931, makes record run of 77.3 miles from Swindon to London in 56¾min. The 'Flyer' was hauled by 'Castle' class engines, of which No. 4073 *Caerphilly Castle* is illustrated (10p stamp).

January 1, 1933: Southern Railway completes Britain's first main-line electrification, from London to Brighton and Worthing.

September 27, 1935: World steam speed record of 112½mph by LNER engine *Silver Link* on demonstration run of new streamlined 'Silver Jubilee' train.

July 3, 1938: New world steam speed record of 126mph by LNER engine *Mallard* on test run.

June 3, 1957: Delivery of first main-line diesel locomotive under British Rail Modernisation Plan.

March 18, 1960: *Evening Star*, last steam locomotive built by British Rail, completed at Swindon Works.

April 18, 1966: Full high-speed electric service inaugurated between London, Liverpool and Manchester, completing first British main-line electrification on 25kV ac overhead system.

August 3, 1968: Official end of normal steam working on British Rail.

June 13, 1973: World speed record for diesel traction of 143mph by British Rail High Speed Train, or HST, on test run (12p stamp).

The stamps, issued on 13 August 1975, were designed by Brian Craker.

The stamps were printed photogravure on coated, unwatermarked phosphor paper by Harrison and Sons Limited.

This first day cover was designed by
John Ward MSIA
Written by G Freeman Allen

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1975 British Rail Inter-City Service HST

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GREAT BRITAIN

Liverpool & Manchester Railway — Issued 12 March 1980

The Liverpool and Manchester railway was built for steam traction by George Stephenson. It opened on 15 September 1830 with 8 steam engines and a variety of passenger wagons. It also carried goods and livestock, and was the first to carry mails. The 31 mile journey took 1½ hours.



A composite train of the 1830's is depicted against a background of significant locations along the line.

1. The 'Rocket' at the entrance to Edge Hill Station, Liverpool.
2. Passenger carriages, first and second class, within the Olive Mount cutting.
3. Third class carriage and a sheep wagon passing across the boggy wastes of Chat Moss.
4. A horse-wagon and a passenger road-carriage tied on a flat-wagon, with a country cottage in the background.
5. A coal wagon and the mail-coach with the guard in the rear seat, at the Water Street entrance to Manchester.

A REGAL PRODUCT

GREAT BRITAIN

Famous British Trains

Issued 22 January 1985











This tribute to the age of the steam locomotive also marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Great Western Railway in 1835.

Between 1923 and 1947 there were four rail groups which were formed into British Rail in 1948. The groups were the Great Western (GWR), the London & North Eastern (LNER), the London Midland & Scottish (LMSR) and the Southern (SR). It was competition between these groups which led to high standards of service and high speed expresses.

A REGAL PRODUCT

IRELAND

Centenary of Irish Railways

Issued 30 January 1984



23p In 1834 the first Irish railway opened between Dublin and Kingstown. The "Princess" was built in Dublin in 1841.

26p The Great Southern Railway connecting Dublin and Cork was incorporated in 1844. The "Macha" was a standard goods class locomotive built in 1939.

29p The Great Northern Railway of Ireland was an amalgamation of various smaller companies in 1876. The "Kestrel" was an express locomotive built in 1932.

44p The Dublin and Kingstown line was electrified in 1984.

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JAMAICA

125th Anniversary of the Railway Locomotives

Issued 21 November 1970
September 1985



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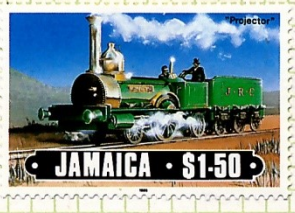


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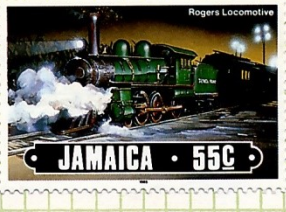
The railway opened on 21 November 1845 between Kingston & Spanish Town, a distance of 14½ miles. There were 2 steam locomotives - 'Patriot' and 'Projector', built by Sharp Brothers of Manchester. The railway gradually expanded until in 1970 there were 242 miles of track, using both steam and diesel locomotives.



1845



1890



1920



1980

A REGAL PRODUCT

INDIA

Indian Locomotives — Issued 15 May 1976









The railways were first put to commercial use in India on 16 April, 1853, when the line from Bombay to Thana opened. One of the earliest engines used on this line is shown on the 200p stamp.

The manufacture of locomotives in India commenced in 1889. and the F/1 Metre Gauge locomotive shown on the 50p stamp was built in 1895. It was one of the most widely used locomotives on the railway.

The WP-1 Broad Gauge locomotive shown on the 100p stamp was built in 1963. This type was the standard post-war locomotive.

Manufacture of electric locomotives began in 1961, and WDM2 built in 1963 is shown on the 25p stamp.

In 1976 the railways of India have a fleet of 8,682 steam engines, 1,702 diesel and 729 electric locomotives.

A REGAL PRODUCT

NEW ZEALAND

N.Z. Railway Centenary

Issued 25 November 1963







New Zealand's first railway was completed from Christchurch to nearby Littleton on the South Island, in 1863. The stamps show the old steam locomotive "Pilgrim" & a new "DG" Diesel loco.

A REGAL PRODUCT

NEW ZEALAND

Steam Locomotives

Issued 4 April 1973



The "W" Class Tank Locomotive was the first steam engine built in NZ by the NZ Railways in 1889. It was a 2-6-2 of rugged design which served 70 years.



The "X" Class loco, first built in 1908 heralded in the era of the big engine, and was probably the first 4-8-2 , or "Mountain" type in the world.



The "Ab" Class was for many years the Railways 'maid of all work' & between 1915 & 1926, 141 were built. No.608 "Passchendale" carries a plaque.



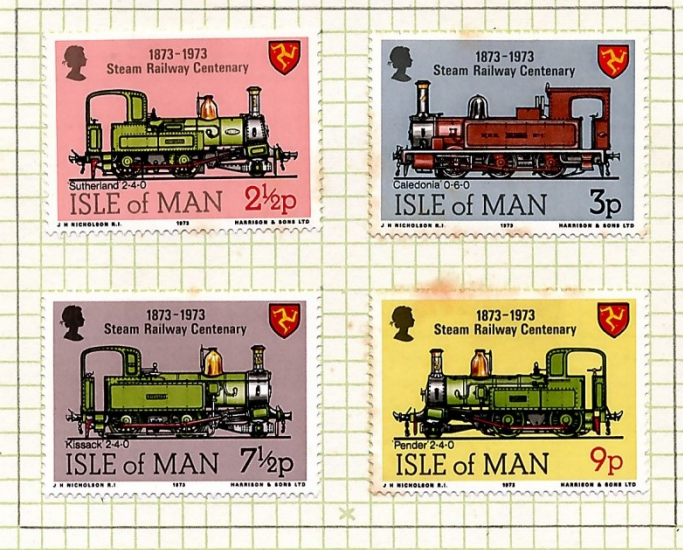
The "Ja" Class 4-8-2 were the last steam locomotives built in NZ. N 1274 was the last of the 35 to be built between 1944 & 1956 & was withdrawn in 1971.

A REGAL PRODUCT

ISLE OF MAN

Steam Railway Centenary

Issued 4 August 1973



2½p "Sutherland" 2-4-0 tank engine was built in 1873. It was named after his Grace the Duke of Sutherland who was then Chairman of the Isle of Man Railway Company

3p "Caledonia" 0-6-0 was built in 1885 to work the Foxdale coal trains & was the most powerful locomotive on the island.

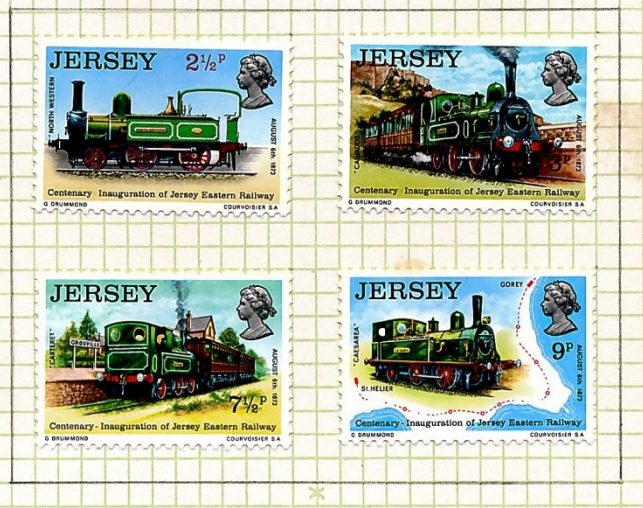
7½p "Kissack" 2-4-0 tank engine was built in 1910, and was used to pull the Royal Train in 1972.

9p "Pender" 2-4-0 tank engine was built in 1873, and was very similar to the "Sutherland".

A REGAL PRODUCT

JERSEY

Centenary of Eastern Railway — Issued 6 August 1973



Constructed to provide a passenger and mail service from St.Helier to Gorey and the sea-rail link to Paris, the Jersey Eastern Railway was officially opened on 6th August 1873.

2½p "North Western" was built in 1870 and used in the line's construction. It remained in service until 1898.

3p "Calvados" was one of the original pair of locomotives & was in service for 52 years.

7½p "Carteret" was purchased in 1898 and was the last engine to enter the service.

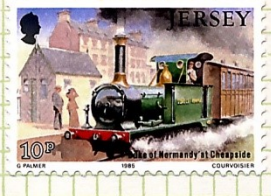
9p "Caesarea" was the second of the pair which opened the line in 1873. All were small tank locomotives.

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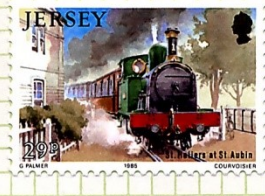
Jersey Local Railway

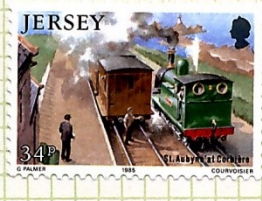
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The first railway on Jersey was a standard gauge line opened in 1870 between St.Helier and St.Aubin. In 1885 this standard gauge single line track was replaced with one of narrow gauge (3'6") to conform with the extension of the line to La Moye. This railway no longer exists.

10p 'Duke of Normandy' at Cheapside station 1879

13p Saddletank narrow gauge at First Tower 1877

22p 'La Moye' at Millbrook station, rebuilt 1912

29p 'St Heliers' at St Aubin

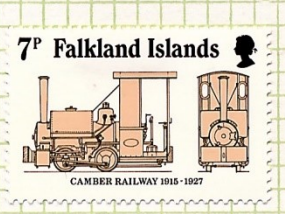
34p 'St Aubyns' at Corbiere terminus 1889

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

Camber Railway 1915-1927

Issued 18 February 1985









In 1915 the Admiralty installed a powerful steam generated spark transmitter at Port Stanley for communication purposes - the signals could be picked up in the North Sea! The invention of the wireless valve made the transmitter obsolete by 1927.

In order to transport coal to the transmitter station, a narrow gauge (2 feet) railway was operated by the Royal Navy. The line ran along the northern bank of the inner harbour from the Camber Depot to the station at Moody Brook.

The little 'Wren' class saddle tank engines were very popular and could climb grades of 1 in 25. A remarkable sail-propelled trolley was used for inspecting the line. The 'Falkland Islands Express' carried passengers in small open carriages.

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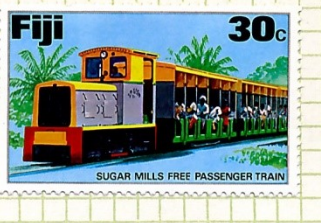
FIJI

Sugar Trains of Fiji's Sugar Mills — Issued 26 January 1976









Steam loco No.21 is the only steam locomotive still in use on the sugar plantations of a class introduced in Fiji at the beginning of the century. The Hudswell-Clarke engine is coal-fired and can pull a load of 300 tons at 8 m.p.h. and achieves a speed of 15 m.p.h. unladen. It weighs 12 tons.

Diesel locomotives were first introduced in 1955 and there are now 29 in use. The locos run on diesel oil and are capable of hauling 490 tons at 10 m.p.h. The 18 ton engines can travel at 16 m.p.h. unladen. The free train runs as a scheduled service and is thought to be the only free passenger train in the world.



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Australian Railways Centenary — Issued 13 September 1954



The first railway to operate in Australia was the Hobson's Bay Railway Company's line between Melbourne and Sandridge Pier (Port Melbourne), which opened on 12 September 1854, When the 2½ mile line was completed it was discovered that the 4 locomotives, ordered from England, had not been shipped. A 2-2-2 'Planet' type engine was built locally by Robertson, Martin & Smith in 10 weeks at a cost of £2,500, was used to open the line. However it broke down completely 10 weeks later & the line was closed until the Stevenson engines arrived from England. The Sydney railway did not open until 26 September 1855.



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125th Anniversary of
Railways in Australia

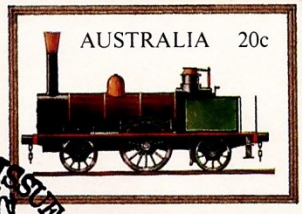
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'The year 1854 marked the beginning of railways in Australia. The Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company built and operated the first railway line from Flinders Street to Sandridge (now Port Melbourne) in Victoria. The railway was officially opened on 12 September 1854 by Lieutenant-Governor Sir Charles Hotham R.N.

One hundred and twenty-five years later, Australia is now served by 40,000 route kilometres of railway line.'

125th Anniversary of Railways in Australia







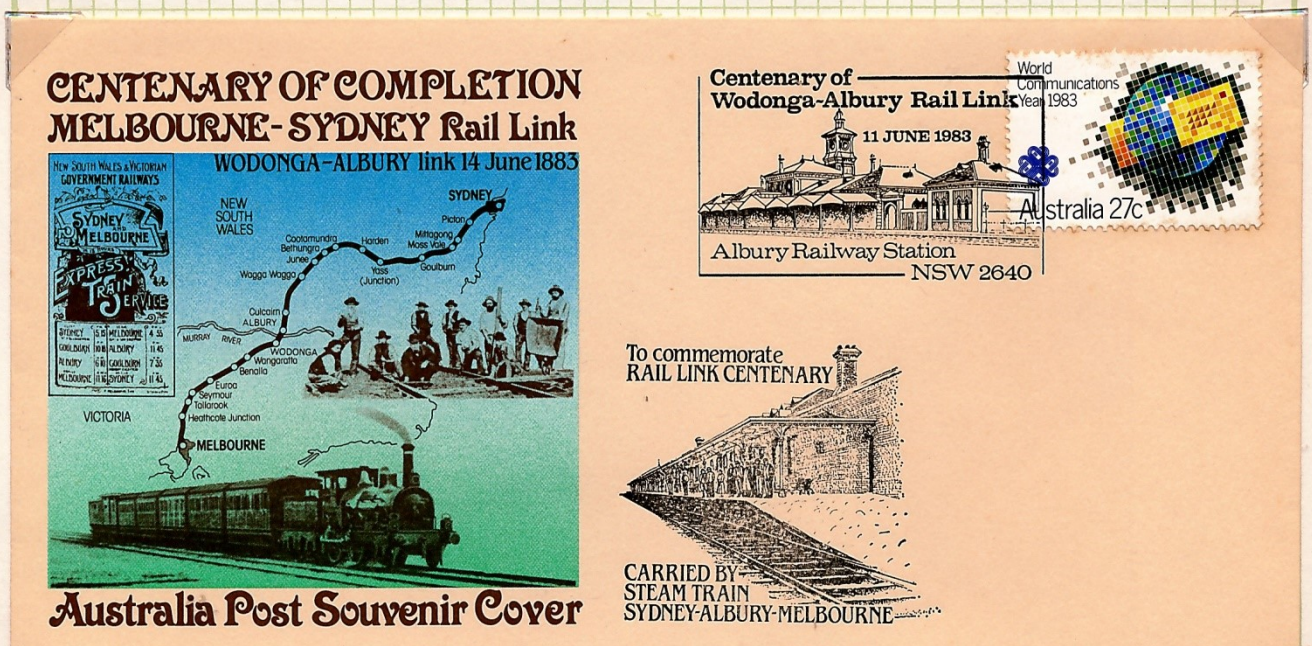
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Melbourne - Sydney Rail
Link Centenary

Australia Post Souvenir Cover
Issued 11 June 1983

'The railway systems of Victoria and New South Wales, from Melbourne to Wodonga and from Sydney to Albury, were united with completion of the border link between Wodonga and Albury. The link was celebrated at Albury on 14 June 1883, and the Melbourne-Sydney service was inaugurated on 21 August 1883.
Australia's first railway sod was turned at Sydney on 3 July 1850. Victoria's north-eastern railway was opened to Wodonga in November 1873. The NSW line to Albury was opened in February 1881.
In February 1882 it was agreed that lines be extended across the Murray River to close the gap. Due to a difference in track gauges, it was necessary to construct separate State lines to each side of Albury Station's No.1 platform.
Completion of the rail link was viewed as being of great assistance to the pastoral, agricultural and mining interests of the two colonies and a practical step to the accomplishment of Australian federation, by facilitating postal and passenger communications.'



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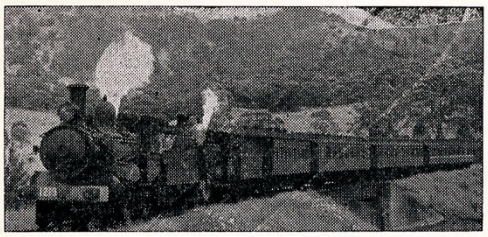
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The Great Northern Railway of New South Wales opened in 1857 from Newcastle to Maitland. By 1869 the line had been completed as far north as Muswellbrook. Scone was reached in 1871, and Glen Innes by 1884. In 1888 the line reached the Queensland border. The centenary of the railway has been celebrated in many of these towns by the provision of a pictorial postmark.

Official Souvenir Cover

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RAILWAY CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS
12-18 MAY 1969
12 MAY 1969
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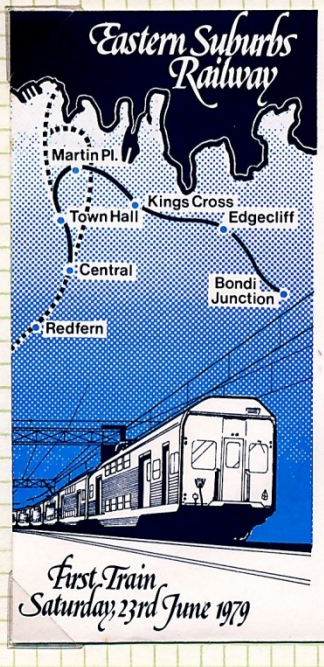
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The Eastern Suburbs Railway

Sydney's underground city railway began in 1926 when the first electrically operated section opened between Central, Museum and St.James stations. The next section to open in 1932 was the separate line from Central to Town Hall and Wynyard stations, with an extension over the Sydney Harbour Bridge which connected with the North Shore Railway. The two sections were joined in 1956 when the Circular Quay Railway opened.

The Eastern Suburbs Railway was finally completed in 1979. The special post-mark shows one of the underground stations and the double deck electric trains operating the route which connects to the metropolitan system. The line is partially underground, and runs from Central and Town Hall stations to Martin Place, Kings Cross, Edgecliff and Bondi Junction.





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Trans-Australia Railway Opened 1917



The Trans-Australian Railway was accomplished by the energy and foresight of Sir John Forrest, explorer and later Premier of Western Australia 1890-1901, then member of the Commonwealth Parliament & acting Prime Minister in 1907.





The railway opened in 1917, taking only 5 years to build using the new track-laying machines. The 1051 miles of standard gauge line connected Port Augusta in South Australia with Kalgoorlie in Western Australia, across the vast flat expanse of the Nullarbor Plain. The line was extended a further 57 miles to Port Pirie Junction in S.A. in 1925. The line is famous for it has the world's longest straight section of 297 miles without the slightest curve.

The 50th anniversary of the opening of the railway was marked by 2 special pictorial postmarks featuring the old and the new locomotives used on the line.

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Standard Gauge Rail Link — Issued 11 February 1970



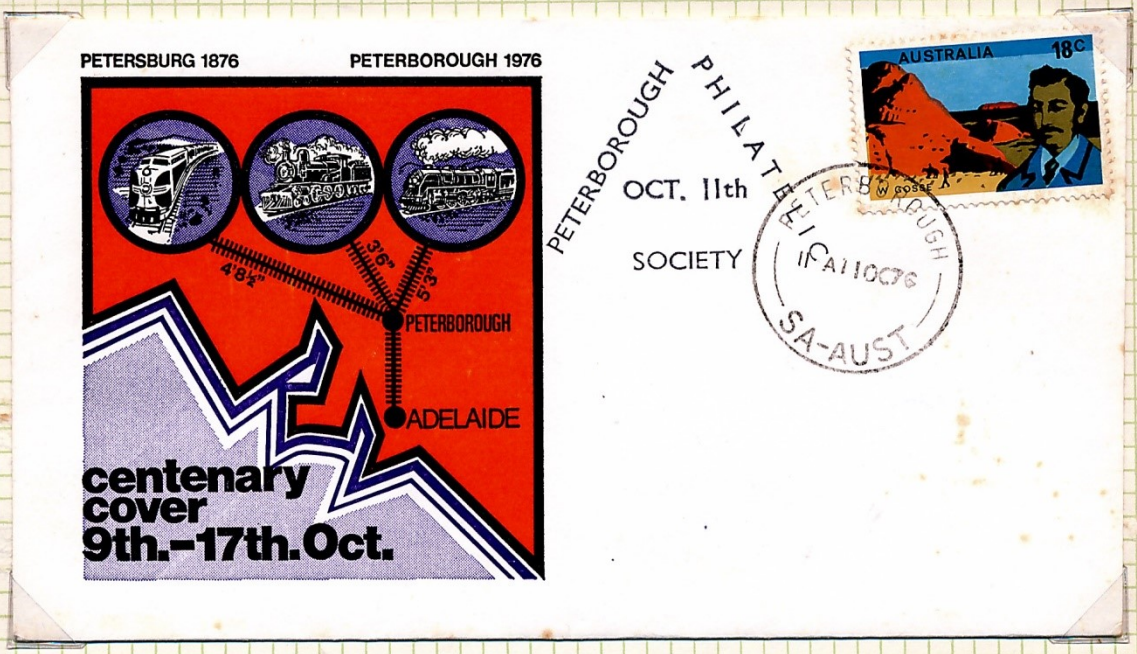
Before Federation, each State developed its own railway system, each using a different gauge - N.S.W. and W.A. used 4'8" gauge (now called "Standard Gauge"), Victoria 5'3", Queensland 3'6" and S.A. 5'3" and 3'6". In 1917 a standard gauge line linked Perth and Port Augusta,SA. In 1962 Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane were linked by standard gauge, and finally in 1970 Sydney was linked directly with Perth by uninterupted standard gauge track. The inaugural train hauled by diesel-electric locomotives left Sydney for Perth on 23 February 1970.



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Horse-drawn railways commenced in South Australia in 1854, and the first steam operated railway commenced operations in 1856. However, the various private railway companies built in different gauges, leading to a very complicated situation. The line from Adelaide to Peterborough was opened in 1876.



The commemorative cover was carried by the "Duke of Gloucester" steam engine on October 11, 1976, from Peterborough to Adelaide, and is backstamped at Adelaide 11 OC 76.



"TRAVEL BY TRAIN" slogan used on the meter by 'The Comptroller, S.A.Railways'.

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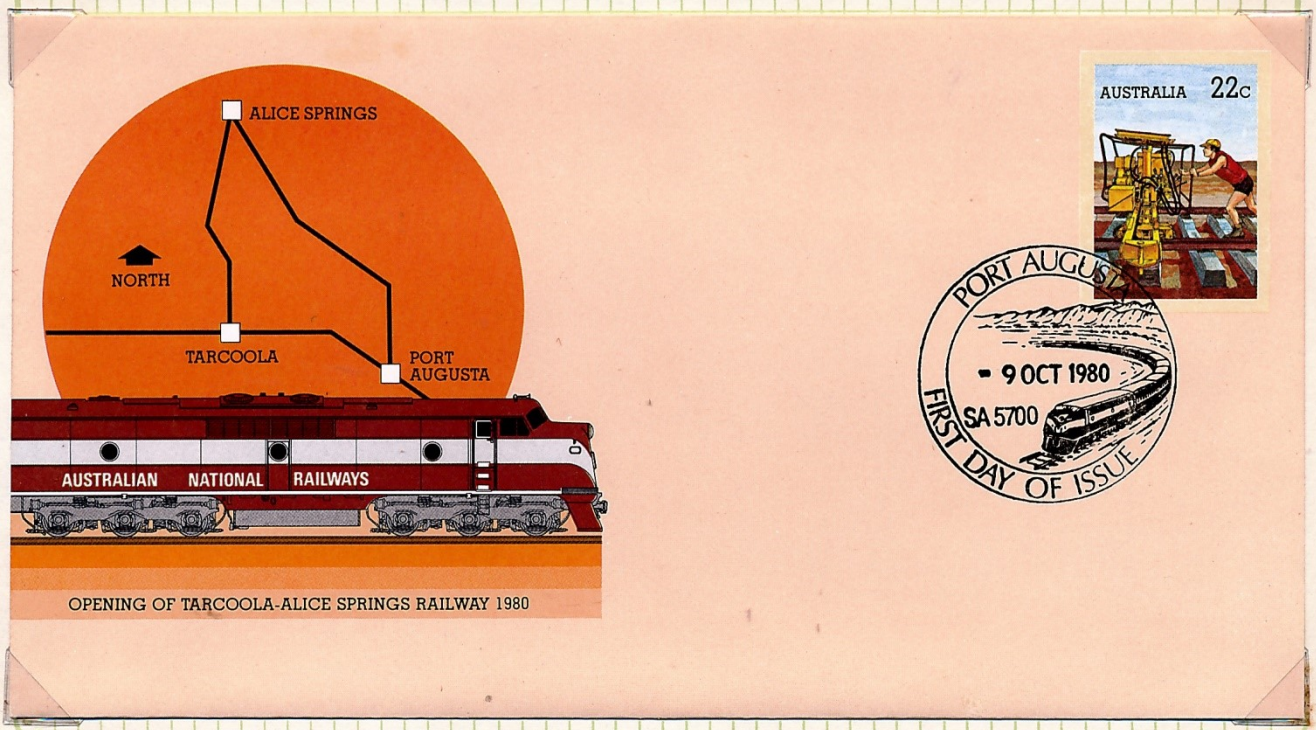
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Tarcoola-Alice Springs Railway
Opening in 1980

Pre-stamped Envelope
Issued 9 October 1980

'The new 831 kilometre railway line from Tarcoola in South Australia to Alice Springs in the Northern Territory was opened on 9 October 1980. It replaces the Port Augusta - Alice Springs railway, over which the famous "Ghan" train operated for many years.
This project is the largest single Australian railway to be constructed for 60 years, and the first major public works project to use the metric system.
The GM Class locomotives which are currently used on the Indian Pacific and Trans-Australian passenger trains to Perth, will also be used on the new railway.
The stamp area shows a one-man machine which moves along the line tamping and aligning the track by utilising a system of infra-red lights.
This railway will provide reliable service for both passengers & freight and help to develop the Red Centre of Australia.'



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Australian Steam Locomotives

Issued 16 May 1979



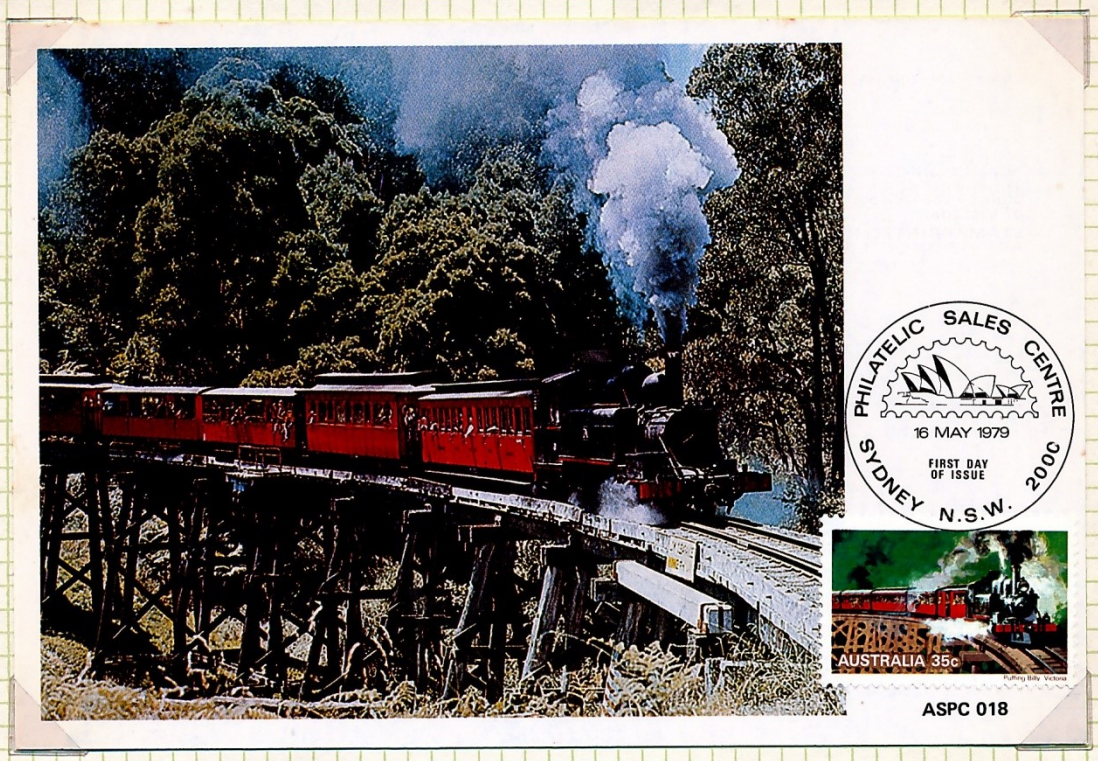
The Double Fairlie Engine was designed by Fairlie and patented in 1863. Two double Fairlies were built for the Western Australian Government Railways in 1879 and carried mainly mineral traffic on the Geraldton to Northampton line. They were broken up after being taken out of service in 1893.

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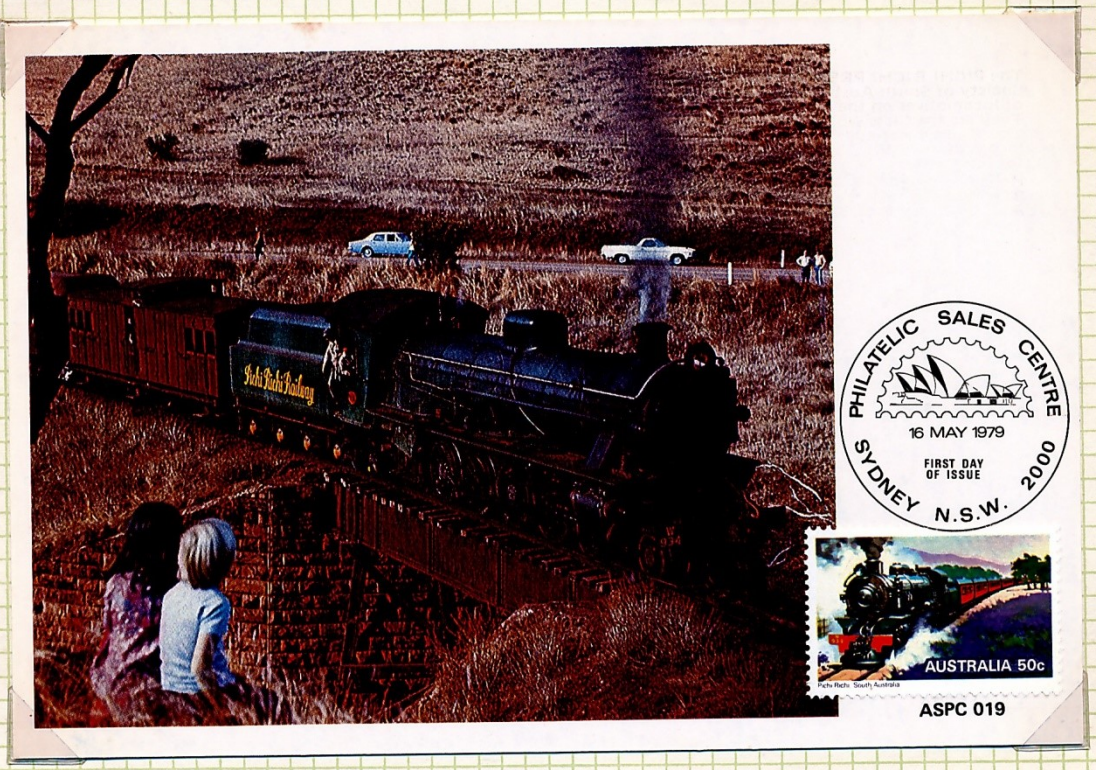
The "Puffing Billy" Railway operates in Victoria over a 10 km strip of rail from Belgrave to Emerald Lake in the Dandenong Ranges. The line is operated by the Puffing Billy Preservation Society and in its first 10 years of operation carried approximately 1,000,000 passengers. The engines of the line are 'Na' class locomotives built by the Newport Railway Workshops of Victoria.

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The "Pichi Richi" Preservation Railway Society of South Australia operates three types of locomotives on the Pichi Richi Railway line. They are the Class W933, W934 and the T186. The 'T' class was built in 1909, the 'W' class locomotives in 1951 by Beyer, Peacock & Co. for the Western Australian Government, and they were purchased by the Pichi Richi Society in 1974.

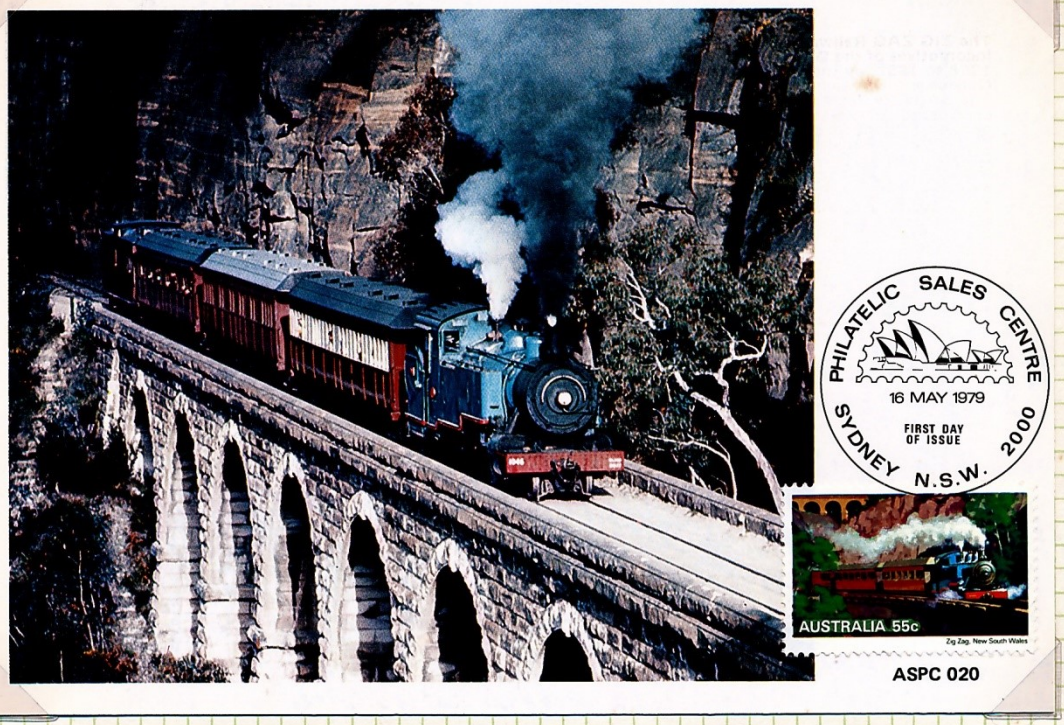
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The "Zig Zag Railway" of New South Wales uses locomotives of the DD17 Class built in the period 1948 to 1952, by the Ipswich workshops of the Queensland Railways.

The Great Zig Zag Railway line built in 1869 was considered at the time of its construction to be one of the wonders of the world.

The line is operated today by the Zig Zag Railway Co-operative Ltd and is a popular feature of week-end travellers to the Blue Mountains near Sydney.

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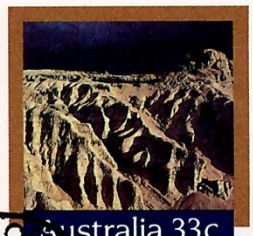
Travelling Post Office vans were established on NSW trains in 1870 and the mail was sorted during the journey. The service was discontinued in 1985.

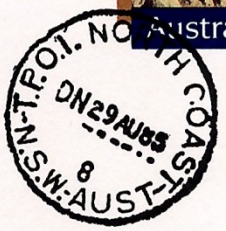




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