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Anthony Trollope On 26 June 2009, An Post (Irish Post Office), issued a stamp to honour the life and work of Anthony Trollope. Born in England in 1815, Trollope joined the Irish Post Office as a surveyor's clerk in 1841. During his time there, he began his writing career and wrote three novels, the first of which was *The Macdermots of Ballycloran* (1847). His fame today rests chiefly on two fictional cycles. The Chronicles of Barsetshire are gentle satires of provincial life in the West Country, while The Palliser novels are gritty tales of political intrigue. He left Ireland in 1859 and went on to a successful career as a novelist and Post Office official. While his famous novels keep his name alive, those in the mail business honour him as a postal pioneer and the man responsible for popularising the pillar-box.

The new Irish stamp is based on an albumen print of Anthony Trollope taken in 1864 by Julia Margaret Cameron. The stamp appears to mark the 150th anniversary of the departure of Trollope from Ireland.

When in London, visit 39 Montague Square, W1, where Trollope lived from 1873, to see a blue plaque worded 'Ulster History Circle / Anthony Trollope / 1815-1882 / Novelist / worked here as / Post Office / Surveyor'. It is to be found under the balustrade on the west side of the Custom House, to the right of the steps ●