

TIMELINE

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1795
Rowland Hill born

1800

1837
Rowland Hill publishes leaflet about postal reform

1838
Steamship *SS Great Western* sails to New York carrying mail



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1839
Postal reform introduced

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1840
Penny Postage introduced



The Rainbow Trials take place

1843
First Christmas card sent



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1830
First letters carried by train

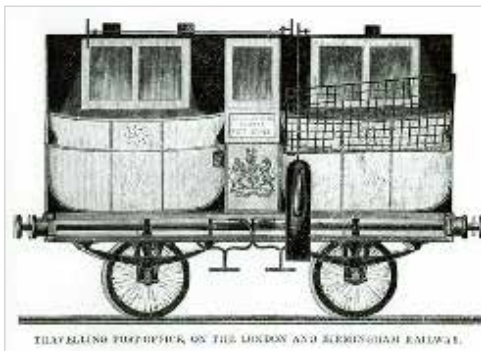
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1837
Victoria becomes queen



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1836
Travelling Post Office set up



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1841
Penny Black becomes Penny Red



1852
Letter boxes in doors introduced

1846
Last mail coach journey



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1855

Postboxes installed in London

Town letter carriers issued with a new uniform

Pneumatic railway built



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1870

Postcards introduced

1873

Country letter carriers receive free uniform

1874

All postboxes painted red



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1881

Postal orders introduced

1883

Parcel post introduced

1900

1914 -1918

First World War. Many postwomen recruited to take the place of postmen fighting in the war



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1860s

Bicycles invented and used to deliver mail



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1870

Education becomes compulsory for all children

1879

Sir Rowland Hill dies

Ocean Penny Postage introduced



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1901

Queen Victoria dies

1861

Post Office Savings Bank set up

1919

First airmail introduced

