TICKETS OF THE MIDLAND RAILWAY and CONSTITUENT COMPANIES

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This forms part of the David G Geldard Collection of British Pre-grouping Railway Tickets. It covers the Midland Railway, the London Tilbury & Southend Railway and the other constituent companies and is presented as a series of PDFs (compiled from 300 dpi jpg scans) of pages from the albums in which the collection is housed. The PDFs are as follows:

- Volume 1 Ordinary singles and returns (standard).
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- Volume 3 Specified train tickets.
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THE DAVID G GELDARD COLLECTION of BRITISH PRE-GROUPING RAILWAY TICKETS

The collection was started in 1956 and over the years has developed into a specialised collection restricted to tickets of the British pre-grouping railway companies. For the purposes of the collection the term "pre-grouping" is defined as:

- (a) any company that is listed as a Constituent Company or Subsidiary Company in the First Schedule to The Railways Act 1921 [11 & 12 Geo. 5, ch. 55];
- (b) any company that was a constituent of a company under (a) above;
- (c) any railway owned jointly by one or more of the companies under (a) and/or (b) above;
- (d) any railway owned jointly by a main line company under (a) above and a company that became part of the London Passenger Transport Board on 12 April 1933 but only insofar as tickets provided by the main line company are concerned.

In some isolated instances a company under (a) above supplied another company falling outside the definition with through tickets onto its own system or onto lines that it worked. These are included in the collection.

The collection is a 'types' collection, assembled to enable the student to gain an understanding of the categories of traffic that a railway company wished to attract, from passengers making a single or return journey at the full ordinary fare, through the excursionist, the tourist, the workman and those many others entitled to some form of reduced fare travel, to a dog or article that accompanied a passenger. It includes tickets for omnibus, shipping and ancillary services operated by the companies.

A types collection traces the development of each category of ticket from its introduction throughout the life of the company, showing how and why the print format on the tickets was changed. To this end tickets are collected irrespective of the actual journeys for which they are issued, and no attempt is made to assemble items that represent all the stations on a given company's system. No index to the stations represented in the collection has been compiled but the PDFs are fully searchable and this enables individual stations to be located.

Because of the extensive annotation throughout the collection it is considered to be a unique record of British railway ticket practice from 1830 to 1923. It is the result of sustained research over a 60 year period during which much time has been spent with the RAIL records of the National Archives and of the National Records of Scotland. All known books and other publications dealing specifically with tickets have been read, amongst these specific mention must be made of the Journal of The Transport Ticket Society and its predecessor organisations. All significant company histories have been consulted and notes have been taken from all the principal railway periodicals from the late 19th century onwards.

Most important, however, is the wide range of public and private ticket collections that have been studied and analysed. The major public collections are those in the National Railway Museum York, the National Archives (particularly the Hayward collection) and Birmingham Public Library (the Bett collection). Also significant are holdings of the Bodleian Library Oxford (the John Johnson collection), John Rylands University Library of Manchester (the Edmondson family collection), London Transport Museum, the Tolson Memorial Museum Huddersfield (the Jacomb collection) and the Fritz Hellmuth collection at the Deutsches Technikmuseum in Berlin. Major collections in trust are those of the Great Western Trust (assembled by the late Charles Gordon Stuart and the late Mike Ogden) and of the Midland Railway Society in the Midland Railway Study Centre at The Silk Mill Museum of Making in Derby (the Roy F Burrows collection). Over the years more than 60 private collectors have kindly allowed access to their tickets, many are regrettably no longer with us but I record my appreciation to them all. Between them, these sources have provided a research base of well over a quarter of a million tickets.

USING THE PDFs

The PDFs have been compiled using Nuance but are fully readable and searchable with standard Adobe software. A small glitch is that while reading some volumes a pop-up may appear containing the message "The font 'Courier' contains a bad /BBox". This is due to the sensitivity of the error settings in Adobe reader.

Should this happen simply CLICK OK and carry on as normal.

PAGE FORMS

Company introduction pages

These are provided for most of the smaller companies. Each page includes a map together with historical notes drawn from the available sources, primary if possible. When sources differ that considered to be the most reliable is used. Information on station opening and closing dates is taken from *Railway Passenger Stations in Great Britain* – *A Chronology* by Michael Quick (Railway & Canal Historical Society) using the most up-to-date edition at the time of compilation or amendment. This is by far the most reliable source for such data.

Background information pages

These may be text pages (in a Word document within the volume or as scans) containing background notes designed to assist understanding of the tickets in the volume, and/or scans of relevant documents.

Conditions of issue (ticket backs) pages

The information printed on the back of a ticket is often essential in placing it in its proper time frame. As appropriate, therefore, and usually at the start of any volume, one or more pages illustrating ticket backs are included, with each particular back being given what is for the railway company concerned a unique reference. As each volume is designed to be self-contained some such pages may be repeated in more than one volume.

Ticket pages

Most pages show edmondson or punch tickets together with commentary thereon. Most tickets in the collection are originals although extensive use is also made of photographs and photocopies. The conditions of issue or other print on the back of a ticket is indicated either in the commentary or below the ticket at the left hand side thereof, in either case using a reference as explained in the above section.

If the date of issue is known then this is noted below an original ticket at the right hand side thereof, or below a copy at the left hand side thereof using the notation <u>dd.mm</u>.yy with the month given in a standard two-letter abbreviated form no matter how the date is shown on the actual ticket. If a ticket is not dated then "Undated" is shown and if the date is not fully legible then the abbreviation 'Illeg' is used.

When a copy ticket is shown any notation at the right hand side is a source reference and can be ignored.

Whole return tickets are very much more difficult to find than singles and the collection therefore makes extensive use of severed halves. When two non-matching halves are placed in contact then care has been taken to ensure that together they illustrate the print layout of a whole ticket even though journey and other details may be inconsistent.

Some pages show paper and large card tickets, including season tickets. Generally speaking these are not annotated and the backs are either illustrated on the same page or on the immediately following page.

DATING OF MIDLAND RAILWAY TICKETS

The table to the right shows the way in which the date of issue was shown on Midland tickets for the years 1887 to 1922, and on Midland section tickets of the LM&SR for 1923 to 1925. Except in 1892 the date 30 September is used to show the order in which the day, month and year are placed.

Commencing on 25 January 1892 (Superintendent of the Line Circular No 590), the date order was rotated on a three-year cycle. The reason for starting the scheme was to facilitate detection of fraudulent use of tickets. From 1 January 1926 the Midland scheme was replaced by the LM&SR rotating scheme.

In practice, dates between the 1st and the 9th day of the month were nearly always shown using one digit, i.e. 1, 2, 3 etc. The abbreviations normally used for the months were JAN, FEB, MAR, APR, MAY, JUN, JUL, AUG, SEP, OCT, NOV and DEC; exceptions that have been seen on more than one ticket are APL and SEPT.

Until 1899, two digits were always used for the year. In 1900, 00 is the most common indication, but both 900 and 1900 were also used. From 1901 onwards, the year was shown either as 901, 902 etc or as 1901, 1902 etc, the three digit form being the more common.

The Midland booking clerks were extremely good at interpreting the scheme correctly and not making mistakes in its use, and errors are few.

All the information given in the table has been checked from actual tickets without making any assumptions.

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MIDLAND RAILWAY STEAMBOATS

The history of Midland Railway steamer services finds its origin in The Morecambe Harbour & Railway Company, which was authorised to build a line from Lancaster to Poulton-le-Sands. The MH&RC was vested in the North Western Railway before opening on 12 June 1848 and Poulton was renamed Morecambe in 1850. The NWR completed its line through from Skipton to Lancaster on 1 June 1850, it was worked by the Midland from 1 June 1852, leased from 1 January 1859 and purchased with effect from 1 January 1871.

The NWR purchased its first steamboat in 1852 and commenced a Morecambe – Piel Pier (Barrow) service, later that year sailings to Belfast commenced. Following enlargement of the harbour facilities at Barrow and the passenger opening of the Furness & Midland Railway on 6 June 1867 the Belfast service was transferred from Morecambe to Piel at the beginning of September that year, and in May 1868 a partnership between the Midland, the Furness Railway and James Little & Company was formally agreed under the title Barrow Steam Navigation Company. The MR brought their three vessels *Roe*, *Talbot* and *Sherburne* to the partnership, Little added its steamer *Herald* which had commenced a Piel – Isle of Man service on 1 July 1867. Edmondson tickets for the BSNCo were printed and supplied by the Midland.

BSNCo sailings from Piel Pier continued until 1881, on 1 June that year the Isle of Man service was transferred to a new, deep-water berth at Ramsden Dock Barrow followed by the Belfast service on 1 October. Connecting train services were similarly transferred from Piel to Ramsden Dock. From a Midland standpoint the BSNCo partnership did not prove particularly successful, this coupled with increasing pressure for Irish traffic and the then totally inadequate freight facilities at Morecambe led the Midland to build a new harbour at Heysham together with a rail link from there to Morecambe. These opened on 1 September 1904, when a new steamboat *Antrim* made an overnight crossing from Heysham to Belfast in connection with a boat train from St. Pancras. Douglas sailings from Heysham commenced on 1 June 1905.

The opening of Heysham severely affected traffic on the sailings from Ramsden Dock, this culminated in the Midland buying out its partners in the BSNCo, winding this up in 1907, and in the Barrow – Belfast sailings being reduced from a daily to a thrice-weekly service from 1 January that year. The service did not survive the Great War, its cancellation was announced in an advert in *Belfast News-letter* dated 28 October 1914 and it was never resumed. At the grouping the LM&SR inherited the steamers then plying from Heysham to Belfast and to the Isle of Man, the *City of Belfast, Duchess of Devonshire, Antrim, Londonderry* and *Manxman*, together with the tug *Wyvern* which was obtained in 1905 and used for towing, pleasure trips and passenger services between Heysham and Fleetwood.

On the following pages those tickets with serial numbers ending in 00 or 50 are from a specimen book that allegedly was at one time in the possession of John Mathieson, the Midland General Manager from 1901. If so it was not completed by or for him as he died on 9 August 1906 and the book contained tickets with dates through to 1922. Unfortunately it was broken up and the tickets dispersed without being properly recorded.

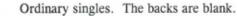
The majority of tickets involving travel by BSNCo and then Midland boats carried conditions limiting liability in accordance with the Merchant Shipping Acts. These are shown below.





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MIDLAND RAILWAY STEAMER ONLY - SINGLE COUPON



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Midland Railway Co.'s Steamers 0 STEERAGE. O BARROW(Ramsden Dock St'n) to FARE 58. Od. FARE 58. Barrow R.D.S. Beltast Barrow R.D.S. FARE 58. Od. BarrowR.D.S.Belfast

Singles for cattle dealers and drovers. The backs are blank.



Supplementary tickets for upgrading accommodation on board the steamers. The backs are blank.



Ordinary returns. Unless otherwise indicated conditions B11 are on the backs.

Tickets used after the opening of Heysham. The manuscript dated ones are placed in sequence, it is not clear where those printed without availability fit. The M indicator on the tickets from Douglas probably denote issue on board *Manxman*. Other tickets from Douglas are known showing (1), (2) or (4) probably identifying the other steamers used. Belfast tickets are known for issue at the booking office on Donegal Quay, the agency at 12 Royal Avenue and Cook's Agency at 27 Royal Avenue. Conditions B11 are on the backs.

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MIDLAND RAILWAY STEAMER ONLY - ORDINARY RETURNS

From the manuscript dates on specimen tickets it appears that the conditions on steamer tickets were changed at some time between December 1909 and April 1911 to include a clause disclaiming liability for incidents arising off the Company's own line – conditions B12 on return tickets.



In 1912 the Midland added large reference numbers to its rail tickets, the commonest being 1 for most first class issues, 2 for most third class and 3 for all excursions. Their purpose is not yet known. On return tickets the numbers were usually printed on the backs of the tickets, the setting of the conditions being changed in order to accommodate them. Conditions B13 reflect this changed setting, but the numbers themselves are omitted, perhaps they were not relevant to tickets for steamer travel only.



Reference numbers did, however, appear on some later tickets in conditions B4. The view could have been taken that even if they were irrelevant it was simpler for them to be printed rather than use specially amended blocks. Use of the numbers was discontinued in about 1918 and conditions then reverted to form B13. These continued on the backs of Actual and Revised Fare tickets.







MIDLAND RAILWAY STEAMER ONLY - EXCURSIONS

Tickets with conditions B11.



MIDLAND RAILWAY STEAMER ONLY - EXCURSIONS

Tickets with conditions B12. The skeleton R overprint on the return half will usually have been in the smaller, more pointed version that was in use from about 1911.



Tickets with conditions B13. The issue of excursion tickets was suspended early in the Great War and not resumed until 1920.



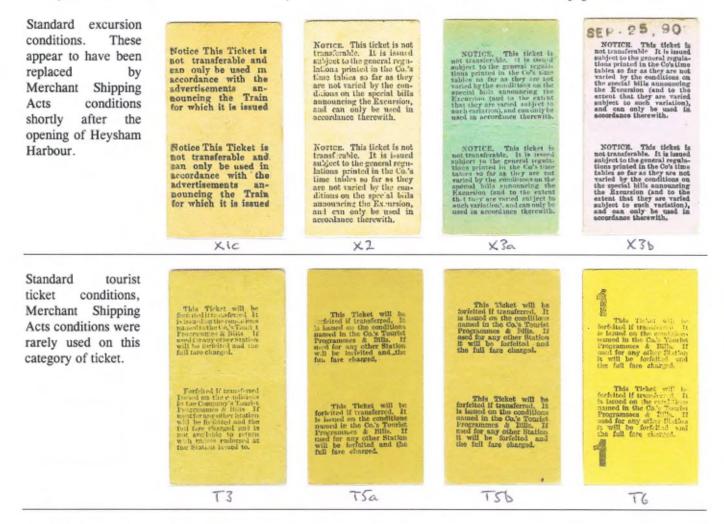
MIDLAND RAILWAY STEAMER ONLY - OTHER TYPES

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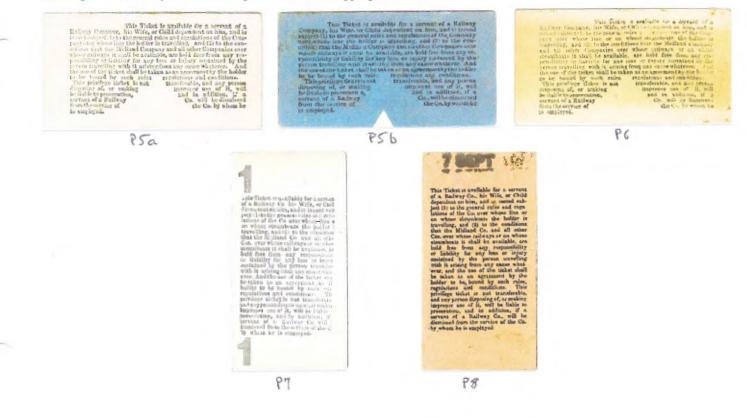


MIDLAND RAILWAY STEAMER - OTHER TYPES

As already stated, most tickets involving the Midland boats carried Merchant Shipping Acts conditions. Some, however, were printed with conditions as used on ordinary rail tickets and those conditions are shown on this page.



Privilege tickets always carried the special conditions appropriate thereto.



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BSNCo STEAMER & RAIL - ORDINARY SINGLES

Through bookings were possible from Belfast and Douglas to many destinations on and via the Midland. These probably date back to the earliest days of the BSNCo service and the tickets on this page carry that company's title. Although clearly printed by the Midland the formats of the earlier tickets differ from those of the contemporary rail only tickets.

Early tickets with blank backs.



Tickets of the period from the mid-1870s to 1892. Conditions B1 are on the backs.



From July 1892 all tickets were printed with a small serial number at the left hand side. The standard availability from Belfast was seven days, but from Douglas only three days. Conditions B1 are on the backs.



BSNCo STEAMER & RAIL - ORDINARY RETURNS

Tickets with the BSNCo title. The conditions are as indicated.





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From the commencement of the Heysham service on 1 September 1904 tickets with the Midland Railway Co's Steamers came into use. The first prints had conditions B1 on the backs.



It appears that for a few years through steamer and rail singles were printed with the conditions on the front (as for steamer only tickets) and with blank backs.



Later tickets in the more conventional Midland format. The backs are as indicated.



MIDLAND STEAMER & RAIL - ORDINARY RETURNS

Tickets with the Midland Railway Co's Steamers title. The conditions are as indicated.







M.R.Cos.Stms. Available for THREE DAYS Douglas(I.of Man) to MORECAMBE Via Heysham Steerage&3rd.Cl. ACTUAL FARE 13/3

MIDLAND STEAMER & RAIL - EXCURSION TICKETS

Conditions are as indicated.



MIDLAND STEAMER & RAIL - OTHER TYPES

Tickets with conditions B11.



Tickets with conditions B12.



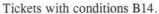
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MIDLAND STEAMER & RAIL - OTHER TYPES

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MIDLAND STEAMER & RAIL - OTHER TYPES

Tickets for the Heysham - Fleetwood service operated by S.S. Wyvern, purchased in 1905. The conditions are as indicated.





Other tickets, the conditions are as indicated.



RAIL & BSNCo/MIDLAND STEAMER - ORDINARY SINGLES

Through bookings were possible to Belfast and Douglas from many stations on the Midland, many could have dated back to the earliest days of the BSNCo service. As with steamer & rail tickets the formats of some of the earlier tickets differ from those of the contemporary rail only tickets. The conditions are as indicated.

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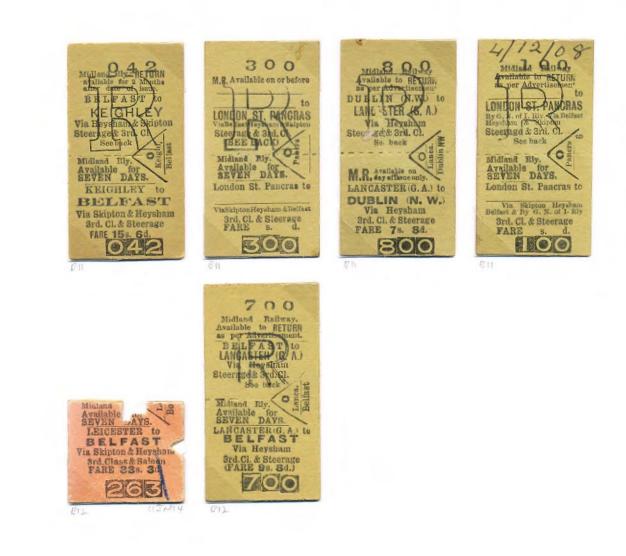




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The conditions are as indicated.



Tickets with excursion conditions as indicated.





RAIL & BSNCo/MIDLAND STEAMER - EXCURSION TICKETS

Later tickets with Merchant Shipping Acts conditions as indicated.











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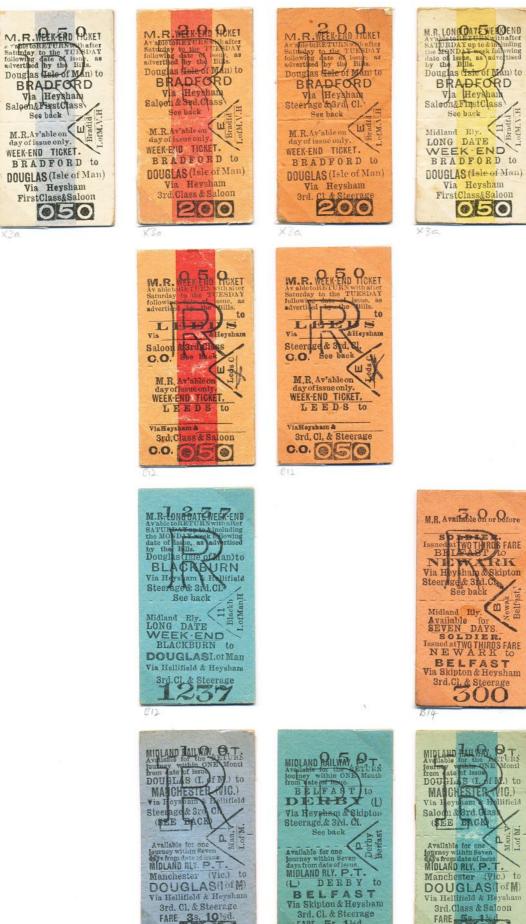
The conditions are as indicated.





RAIL & BSNCo/MIDLAND STEAMER - OTHER TYPES

The conditions are as indicated.



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RAIL & OTHER STEAMER - via STRANRAER

The Larne & Stranraer Steamboat Company was formed in 1871 and was taken over on 1 January 1890 by the Portpatrick & Wigtownshire Railways Joint Committee (4/5ths) and the Belfast & Northern Counties Railway (1/5th). The Midland was one of the four joint owners of the PP&W and when it absorbed the B&NCR in 1903 its interest in the steamboat company was increased to 2/5ths. A regular service of through carriages was operated between St. Pancras and Stranraer in connection with the steamers. Conditions are as indicated.



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RAIL & OTHER STEAMER - via LIVERPOOL & BSSCo

The Belfast Steamship Company was formed in 1851. Its ships only worked the Liverpool – Belfast station and the company became part of the Coast Lines group in 1913 although continuing to operate under its own name until well after the grouping.

Tickets to Belfast via Liverpool were only issued at Masboro and Midland stations south thereof, in order to preserve the company's own steamer routes via Barrow and Heysham. The Midland also printed tickets to some of its stations for issue at Cook's office in Belfast. These carried the BSS title, with M.R. in brackets.



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RAIL & OTHER STEAMER - via LIVERPOOL & CoDSPCo

The City of Dublin Steam Packet Company was founded in 1823 to operate steamers from Dublin to Liverpool. Other routes followed later. The Dublin - Liverpool services ceased in 1919, after *Leinster* and another of the company's passenger ships had been sunk during the Great War, and the company's ships were taken over by the British & Irish Steam Packet Co. The company went into liquidation in 1924.

The Midland timetable for July 1903 shows that the railway ran services in connection with the CoDSPC and the Dublin & Liverpool Screw Steam Packet Company, with through tickets as being available by either of the two steamer companies. This latter company appeared in Dublin directories for 1862 and 1913. The timetable also states that in Dublin tickets are issued at the Midland Railway Co's offices at 6 Eden Quay and 9 North Wall and also at the offices of Thomas Cook & Son 117 Grafton Street. Through single journey tickets between Dublin and stations in England were available for one week. Return tickets were available for 2 months except for those issued in the summer months (May to Oct inclusive) which were available up to the end of the year.

Single tickets are shown on this page, the conditions are B1 unless indicated otherwise.





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RAIL & OTHER STEAMER - via LIVERPOOL & CoDSPCo

Return tickets via Liverpool and the City of Dublin Steam Packet Co. The conditions are as indicated.





RAIL & OTHER STEAMER - via LIVERPOOL & IoMSPCo

The Isle of Man Steam Packet Company was formed as The Mona's Isle Company, changing its name to The Isle of Man United Steam Packet Company in January 1832 and then to its later title in July that year. The principal station was always Douglas - Liverpool, and although competitors on the route came and went none of these presented any serious long-term threat.

Through tickets to Douglas via Liverpool were issued at a limited list of Midland stations. Ordinary singles and returns and excursion tickets are shown on this page.

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RAIL & OTHER STEAMER - via LIVERPOOL & L&NWSS

The Liverpool & North Wales Steamship Company was formed on the 19th January 1891, when the New North Wales Steamship Company took over their rivals the Liverpool, Llandudno and Welsh Coast Steam Boat Company. The NNWSS had only started in 1890, using the almost new St Tudno (1), for which the older and smaller LL&WC steamers were no match. St Tudno (1) was sold to Germany after her first season, replaced by the very similar St Tudno (2), which became the first ship to run under the Liverpool & North Wales Steamship Company name. In 1899 the company took over the Snowdon Passenger Steamboat Company, together with its small paddle steamer Snowdon.

The L&NWSS was owned by Fairfield Shipbuilders, which built the vessels for the company. The main route was between Liverpool, Llandudno and Menai Bridge, but there were also regular excursions to the Isle of Man. In 1904, Fairfield's magnificent, but expensive, La Marguerite was transferred from their Thames services. She had been uneconomic on the Thames, but operated successfully from Liverpool until after the grouping. The Midland issued excursion and tourist tickets to the North Wales towns served by the steamers, these were suspended in 1915 due to the War. Conditions are as indicated.

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RAIL & OTHER STEAMER - via HOLYHEAD & CoDSPCo

The other principal CoDSPCo route was from Holyhead to Kingstown. Sailings commenced on 1 June 1850, the company having been awarded the sea leg contract for the Irish mail traffic. The mails were carried on the English side by the London & North Western and Chester & Holyhead Railways and on the Irish side by the Dublin & Kingstown Railway, later part of the Dublin Wicklow & Wexford Railway, into Westland Row station in Dublin. The CoDSPCo retained the mail contract until its demise in 1919, when it was awarded to the London & North Western Railway. Through bookings via the route were available from a number of Midland stations.

The conditions are as indicated.





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RAIL & OTHER STEAMER - via HOLYHEAD & L&NWR

On 1 August 1848 the Chester & Holyhead Railway was opened throughout, whereupon the Irish mail traffic was diverted from Liverpool and the CoDSPCo and carried across the sea by overnight Admiralty packets. On 1 August 1848 the C&HR also commenced to run passenger steamers between Holyhead and Kingstown in the hope of obtaining the mail contract, but this was not to be. The service did, however, form the basis of the London & North Western Railway passenger steamer operations when that company absorbed the C&HR from 1 January 1859. These services were transferred from Kingstown to Dublin North Wall from October 1861, most returned to Kingstown on 1 April 1908 although a service to North Wall did continue thereafter. Through bookings via the route were available from a number of Midland stations.

The conditions are as indicated.



RAIL & OTHER STEAMER

North of Ireland blank card excursion tickets were printed without a fixed route and could be made out for travel by many of the routes already covered. The conditions are as indicated.

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Tickets for other steamer services. The Wallasey Ferry ticket was a supplementary facility allowing an excursionist to Liverpool to spend some time at New Brighton. The conditions are as indicated.











RAIL & OTHER STEAMER - SCOTTISH TOURS

By 1889 the Superintendent of the Line's annual tourist ticket circular referred specifically to bookings for the Oban Circular Tour being by card tickets, if in stock. This set dates from 1891 and covers the ten possible routes that could then be enjoyed. The odd-numbered tours were taken clockwise from Carlisle and the even-numbered tours anti-clockwise, each even-numbered tour being the reverse of that having the immediately lower number, i.e. 1 and 2 were the reverse of each other and so on. From Carlisle tours 1, 3 and 9 were routed to Glasgow or Greenock via the Glasgow & South Western Railway, while tours 5 and 7 used the Caledonian route via Carstairs. All odd-numbered tours used MacBrayne's steamers from Glasgow or Greenock to Oban via Loch Fyne and the Crinan Canal and then the Caledonian Railway via Dalmally and Dunblane to Stirling. From Stirling tours 3 and 7 took the Caledonian route back to Carlisle via Carstairs while tours 1, 5 and 9 went via Edinburgh and the Waverley Route, tour 1 reaching Edinburgh via Larbert and tours 5 and 9 via the Forth Bridge.

The tickets have conditions T3 on the backs.

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RAIL & OTHER STEAMER – SCOTTISH TOURS

Horizontal prints. Ticket 003 is for the tour shown as No. 10 on the preceding page. Additional horizontal prints sold as trip tickets are shown on the next page.



Later vertical prints, some are for the same Oban tours already illustrated.



RAIL & OTHER STEAMER

Circular tour tickets issued in strip form, either as a perforated sheet or as a number of edmondsons adhered to a backing paper. The backs are blank.



RAIL & STEAMER – OTHER SERVICES & CONDITIONS

As already seen, tickets for Midland steamers and for most of the Ireland and Isle of Man services carried either Merchant Shipping Acts conditions or excursion, tourist or privilege conditions as used on ordinary rail tickets.

There was, however, one Irish service for which tickets were printed with special conditions – that of Laird Line Limited, the name adopted from January 1907 by the former Glasgow Dublin & Londonderry Steam Packet Co. Ltd.. These are shown below.

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Moving away from the Irish Sea the Midland did provide through booking facilities for other services and some of these again resulted in the use of different conditions. Thus, tickets to Continental destinations via Grimsby and Great Central Railway boat carried ordinary rail conditions (on the front for singles and the back for returns) and tickets to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Wight were printed with conditions specific to those services. The former are shown to the left below and the latter to the right.



Finally, from St. Pancras and Greater London stations there were through bookings via Tilbury and the Thames Estuary boats operated by Belle Steamers Ltd., General Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. and New Palace Steamers Ltd, the tickets for which also carried distinctive conditions, again as shown below.



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From 1868 Alexander A. Laird & Co. of Glasgow were appointed sole agents for the Glasgow & Londonderry Steam Packet Company, which was then running steamers between Glasgow and Londonderry and also between Morecambe and Londonderry (initially via Belfast but later direct). In 1885 the company changed its name to the Glasgow, Dublin & Londonderry Steam Packet Co. Ltd., having added a Glasgow – Dublin run to its services.

By March 1896 the company was shown in *Bradshaw* under its title and also under the sobriquet "The Laird Line". Services of direct interest to the Midland were those from Morecambe to Londonderry and to Dublin. At Londonderry the Midland acted as agents for the steamers and maintained booking facilities issuing through tickets to a wide range of stations on or via the Midland. The examples shown have conditions as indicated.



The practice of using the Midland title on through booking tickets issued at Londonderry appears to have lasted until around the turn of the century, when it was replaced by the GD&LSPCo title. Tickets were still printed and supplied by the Midland, and carried the (M.R.) indication somewhere on the front. The service was transferred from Morecambe to Heysham as from 1 September 1904. The conditions are as indicated.

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For many years the boats had been known as "Laird's Steamers" and in January 1907 this was formally recognised by a change in the company's title to Laird Line Ltd. From an unknown date the new title was used on tickets from Londonderry and probably from some time after 1909 the conditions were changed to those specific to Laird's services.



Services between Morecambe and Dublin were in operation by March 1896, but no tickets for them have yet been seen. They were transferred to Heysham on 1 September 1904. The earliest tickets known from Dublin via Heysham carried the Midland Railway title, as did tickets from English stations to Dublin. Most referred either to "Laird's Steamer" or "Laird & Co's Steamer". Those shown below have conditions B11.



Tickets with conditions B12.



Later tickets from Dublin for issue to mainland stations carried the Laird Line title together with the initials (M.R.) on each half and were printed with conditions B21.



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The next change on Dublin tickets appears to have been to remove the brackets from the M.R. initials and to increase their prominence, while retaining the Laird Line title. Somewhat surprisingly this title format also appeared on some tickets from Midland stations to Dublin, others however omitted all reference to the steamer company! Conditions B21 are on the backs.

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Tickets for through bookings to the Channel Islands via Southampton or Weymouth and to the Isle of Wight via Portsmouth, with conditions B31 on the backs.





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RAIL & STEAMER – THAMES ESTUARY

New Palace Steamers Ltd. was formed in 1895, to take over from the Victoria Steamboat Association the operation of three vessels, *Koh-i-Noor*, *Royal Sovereign* and *La Marguerite*, owned by their builders Fairfields of Govan. Sailing from Old Swan Pier in central London (and calling at Tilbury Pier) the July 1900 *Bradshaw* shows *Royal Sovereign* serving Southend and Margate, with *Koh-i-Noor* running to Margate and Ramsgate. *La Marguerite* sailed from Tilbury via Margate to Boulogne and for a time also served Ostend and Calais, she was however not profitable and was moved from the Thames in 1904.

The routes of the remaining two vessels were extended (by 1910) to serve Dover and Deal, and N.P.S. appears to have become the Midland's principal partner for Thames Estuary traffic. The Midland 1904 timetable marks a number of trains from St. Pancras as running to Tilbury in connection with New Palace Steamers, calling at most stations on the Tottenham & Hampstead and the Tottenham & Forest Gate Joint lines. N.P.S. continued in operation until the early months of the Great War, its steamers were sold in 1918.

Single tickets for through bookings are shown on this page. They appear to have been colour coded according to class and destination. The significance of the A number before the serial number is not known. The earlier type includes LT&S Rly in its title, conditions B51 are on the backs.

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Tickets with the shortened title, printed after the Midland absorbed the LT&SR on 1 January 1912.

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Return tickets for through bookings with New Palace Steamers Ltd. Early tickets (as indicated) had conditions B41, all later prints (from an unknown date) had conditions B51.



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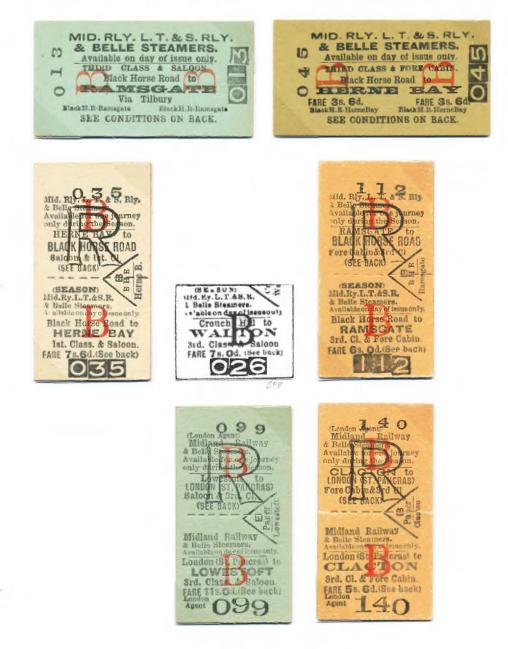


RAIL & STEAMER – THAMES ESTUARY

In 1896 the London, Woolwich & Clacton-on-Sea Steamship Company was retitled as Belle Steamers Limited. It was then operating the *Clacton Belle*, *Woolwich Belle*, and *London Belle*, these being joined later in the year by *Southend Belle*. The principal routes were to, and on, the Essex coast. In 1897 the company was merged as part of Coast Development Company along with the Clacton and Walton Pier Companies and various other east coast concerns but the ships continued to be known as Belle Steamers for publicity purposes. The fifth member of the fleet, the *Walton Belle*, was delivered in time for the 1897 season, followed by *Yarmouth Belle* in 1898. The Coast Development Company expanded further in 1899, with the purchase of land in Southwold. Work on a new pier was started and the final new ship, delivered the following year, was named the *Southwold Belle*. By 1905 the Coast Development Company's finances were causing concern, and the company was restructured as the Coast Development Corporation while still retaining the Belle Steamers name.

Although the Essex coast was always the company's principal area of operation they did compete with New Palace Steamers and General Steam Navigation Co Ltd for some of the Kent traffic, first with an express service from London to Margate and later to additional destinations. From 1911 Belle Steamers had a complete monopoly between Southend and Yarmouth and its services continued as normal until the end of the season after the outbreak of war in 1914. Thereafter, the Coastal Development Corporation could see no way of meeting its liabilities, and the company went into voluntary liquidation in May 1915.

Through tickets via Tilbury were issued from St. Pancras and from stations on the T&H and T&FG Joint lines. As with New Palace Steamers the earlier prints included LT&SR in the title, but this was omitted from 1 January 1912. Two red overprinted 'B's distinguished the tickets from those for NPS, and the letter B (rather than N) was printed in the audit snip. The tickets have conditions B51 on the backs.



RAIL & STEAMER - THAMES ESTUARY

The third Thames company with which the Midland had through booking arrangements was the General Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. Founded in 1824, it became London's foremost short-sea shipping line. It competed with Belle Steamers for the Essex coast traffic and with both Belle and NPS for that to the Kent coast, using *Hoboken* and its 'classical birds' fleet – *Halcyon, Mavis, Oriole, Laverock* and *Philomel*. These were no match for the Belle steamers and the GSN Essex traffic gradually declined until the company withdrew from that coast completely after the 1911 season, selling its final 'classical bird' *Oriole* in 1912. Its position on the Kent coast was much stronger, with new steamers Eagle joining the fleet in 1896, Kingfisher in 1906 and Golden Eagle in 1909. These were used on the Kent runs, some of which were via Southend, and on cross-Channel work. Although services were suspended during the war the company survived, being taken over by P&O Steam Navigation Co in 1920 but continuing with its own name and management.

Through tickets via Tilbury were issued from St. Pancras and from stations on the T&H and T&FG Joint lines. As with New Palace Steamers and Belle the earlier prints included LT&SR in the title, but this was omitted from 1 January 1912. Two red overprinted 'GT's distinguished the tickets from those for the other two companies, and the letter G was printed in the audit snip. The tickets have conditions B51 on the backs.

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RAIL & STEAMER - OTHER SERVICES

Tickets for rail travel to (and return from) Bristol and thence by a steamer of P. & A. Campbell Ltd. .

