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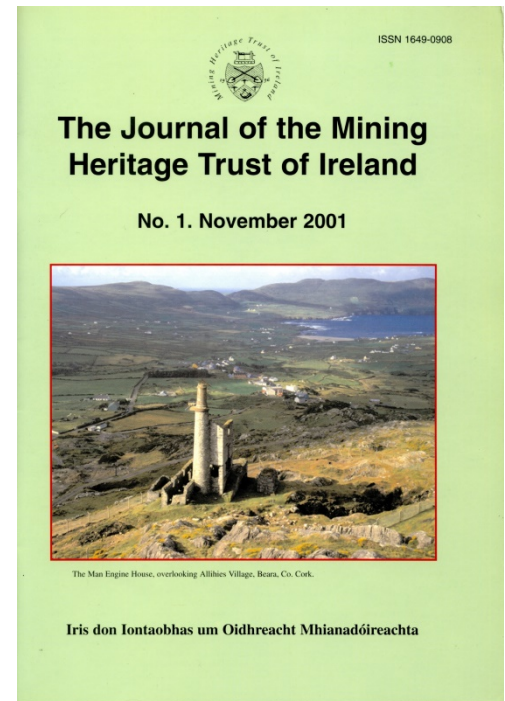
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# AN INDEX TO LISTINGS OF IRISH MINING COMPANIES, OR MINING COMPANIES WHICH OPERATED IN IRELAND, IN THE CATALOGUE OF THE BOARD OF TRADE RECORDS HELD IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE, KEW, LONDON.

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**Abstract:** The Public Records Office in Kew, London was established in 1838 to act as a repository for UK central Government records dating from the 11th Century onward. Amongst the more recent archival holdings, the 19th Century and later records of the Companies Registration Office, administered by the Board of Trade (BT), are of immediate interest to mining historians, as these contain, interspersed amongst listings of other types of companies, records of mining companies formed from the 1840s onwards. Such records are mainly listed in two specific, but unclassified, on-line, internet accessible catalogues, BT 31 and BT 41, both of which include listings of mining companies which operated, or may have operated in Ireland. However, in the absence of a precise name or, more importantly, a folio record number, it is difficult to locate specific records in either of these very extensive catalogues. Consequently, as an aid to historians of mining in Ireland, we have abstracted and collated all references to Irish, or potentially Irish mining ventures from both BT catalogues and present them here as two, tabulated indices. We also note the results of searches of other BT catalogues, and briefly discuss and compare the scope of the indices by comparison with examples of what is already known of 19th century company formation activities in Ireland. *Journal of the Mining Heritage Trust of Ireland*, 1, 2001, 9-18.

## BACKGROUND

The UK Public Records Office [PRO] was founded in 1838 to act as the repository for the records of central government, courts of law and some semi-independent local bodies in England, Wales and other parts of the UK [although there are separate national records offices for Northern Ireland, founded in 1923, and for Scotland]. As of September 2000, it contained a total of 8,474,054 records, the cumulative archive of over 900 years of records, commencing with the Domesday Book of 1086. Not unexpectedly, the content range of these records is enormous, covering, as it does, the entire range of central government activities. Amongst these, it is those of the Companies Registration Office, administered by the Board of Trade, which are of immediate interest to Mining Historians. Here are to be found archived records of companies formed under the 1844 and 1856 Companies Acts, as well as an archive of files of dissolved companies.

Catalogues of these, and all other records held in the Public Record Office, are readily accessible and searchable on the PRO web site at <http://www.pro.gov.uk>. An initial casual search of two of the relevant catalogues, BT 31 and BT 41, discussed in greater detail below, was initially undertaken to see what, if any records, there might be of Mining Companies which operated in areas of specific interest to the authors [Monaghan and Waterford]. This quickly revealed a number of relevant listings, not just for those areas, but also of companies

which operated in many other parts of Ireland. Rather than abstract only listings of immediate interest, it was decided to abstract all listing with an Irish context, in the hope that the information gleaned would significantly help, even encourage others to initiate their own research. This was not a task lightly undertaken, as one catalogue lists a total of 176, 651 individual company records, the other 5,746.

The results of our review are presented in the tables below. But first we consider the relevant legislation, and thereafter an introduction to the format and structure of the relevant listings on the PRO web site. The scope of the listing is then considered, including what is missing and what is surprising. The tables themselves contain comments summarizing what is known about those mines, which have been researched.

## COMPANY FORMATION

Various pieces of legislation were enacted in the UK during the 18th and 19th Centuries which governed company formation, registration and financing. Table 1 following, with data summarised from Burt (1984), lists the key pieces of legislation, their context and key provisions.

**Table 1. Summary of key legislation governing Company formation and registration in the UK up to 1856.**

<b>ACT</b>	<b>CONTEXT and KEY PROVISIONS</b>
1720: Bubble Act	Prohibition of joint stock company formation on foot of South Sea Bubble scam.
1825	Legislation introduced to repeal Bubble Act, as by then considered outdated and arcane.
1844: Registration Act	Provided for creation of Joint Stock companies with more than 25 partners. Replaced the “partnership” system, which had operated from 1720 up to 1844. However, this Act did not make any provision for introducing the concept of limited liability.
1855: Limited Liability Act.	Introduced provision of limited liability for joint stock companies.
1856: Joint Stock Companies Act.	Consolidated the various provisions relating to joint stock companies and limited liability. This laid the ground for the creation and registration of joint stock companies.

**PRO Web site: <http://www.pro.gov.uk>.**

[NB. The structure of this web site was totally redesigned after initial compilation of the indices below in late 2000. This guide has, however, been amended to reflect the new site structure as of July, 2001. Further changes/revisions to the site structure and classifications might occur at any time in the future.]

The records of the Board of Trade are classified into 380 sub-categories, headed BT 1 to BT 900, each relating to specific records of functions administered by the Board. Companies Office records are listed under BT 31, 34, 41, 95, 283, 284, 286, 288 and 311. Of these, only BT 31 and BT 41, have, so far, been found to contain listings relevant to Irish mining history, although other directories were searched:

BT34: Records of Dissolved Companies, Liquidators’ Accounts (1891 – 1932). 5,221 records. Not searched beyond page 1, as all listings lack both company name and company number. It is consequently impossible to assess what the content of the records might be, other than by physical examination on site.

BT95: Classified index to files of Dissolved Companies (1888 – 1942). 95 records, listed by Company number. Complete catalogue searched, by reference to Company number listed in the BT31 index below. No Irish Mining Companies noted.

BT286: Truro Registry: Files of Dissolved Companies (1863 – 1895). 605 records, all of which appear to relate to mining companies which operated in Cornwall and Devon. This catalogue was searched in the vain hope that it might also include the name of Wheal Burrowes, by which name a lead mine at Cornanurney, Co. Cavan is also known.

BT288: Miscellaneous records of dissolutions and windings up. 203 records. Complete catalogue searched, which failed to reveal any Irish Mining Companies, though it does include records of three general commercial Irish Companies: Waterford Steamship Co. Ltd [formed 1913, BT288/147]; Irish Lighting and Heating Co. Ltd [formed 1917, BT288/173]; and Louth Water Co. Ltd [formed 1923, BT288/185].

Of the two principal catalogues, BT 31 is headed “Board of Trade: Companies Registration Office: Files of Dissolved Companies”, and contains 176,651 records; while BT 41 is headed “Board of Trade: Companies Registration Office: Files of Joint Stock Companies Registered under the 1844 and 1856 Acts”, and contains 5746 records.

To access these records, log onto the PRO web site at the address given above. This opens up the home page. The central fields provide information concerning topical items, while the roundel on the left hand side provides access to standard functions and services. Click on “catalogues” in this roundel, and then, in sequence on successive pages:

Click on “Procat” [Public Records Office Catalogue] in the next roundel

Click “browse” on the header bar of the next page. This will then, after a few seconds, upload the primary catalogue of all holdings. It will list all records, under letter codes from A to ZSPC. Scroll down, using the down arrow at the bottom of Column 1, to “BT”

Click on the “+” symbol in column 1, beside BT. This will open a list of 15 primary divisions under which Board of Trade records are catalogued, with Companies Office records, for the period 1844-1970, listed fifth

from the top. Click on the “+” symbol beside this division, and this will open a classified list of Companies office records, from BT31 to BT311.

Within this listing, click on the “+” symbol beside either BT31 or BT 41 to access the Companies Registration Office listings described above.

The BT 31 catalogue contains records for the period 1855 – 1970. These are individually listed under a sequential, alphanumeric folio code in the form BT 31/1/1, in which the final digit, 1 in this instance, is the Company Reference Number [assigned to “The National Savings Bank Association Ltd”, formed in 1856]. These extend up to the final entry, BT 31/43681/990950, assigned to company number 990950, “Hotel Refrigerator Services Ltd.”, formed in 1970. While the entries are listed in numerical sequence, there are many gaps. For example, on the first two pages, there are no listings for company numbers 5, 18, 19 and 29. Such omissions may either reflect lack of archived records; or that those companies are still in existence. Each web catalogue page displays 15 individual company records, all grouped sequentially under the year of formation, from 1856 onward. Opening the “+” symbol beside any specific company record from this page will only provide the same information already listed. To search for any Company listed in the tabulated indices below, enter the PRO Folio Number direct into the “browse from reference” dialogue box, press the “go” button, and, after a few seconds, the desired listing will appear.

The BT 41 catalogue lists Company records for the period 1844 - c.1860. Individual entries are organised in essentially the same fashion as BT31, although in this catalogue they are subdivided into two “subseries”, a “General Series” and a “Railway Series”. Click on the “+” symbol by the “General series”, and this will open up the full BT41 catalogue listing. Entries here are, unlike BT31, arranged in alphabetical order by company name, and with the omission of the year of formation. The listing runs from BT 41/1/1, assigned to the “Aberavon Gas and Coke Consumers Co. Ltd.” to the final listing, BT 41/781/4188, assigned to the “Zeal Manor Mining Company”.

Information concerning copying services may be found directly at [www.pro.gov.uk/recordcopying](http://www.pro.gov.uk/recordcopying), or by returning to the home page, and selecting the “quick order” button, then “Record copying”, highlighted in orange within the text on the next page. This will open a further page outlining the services provided, and within this text, “terms and conditions” and “order form”, again both highlighted in orange text. Clicking either of these will open further pages providing extra information, or an order form. A charge of Stg£10 is levied for spending a maximum of 20 minutes to search and estimate the charge for copying information from not more than 5 full references [for which the PRO folio number is required]. This charge is, however, fully deductible against any subsequent copying order, for which a range of charges apply to provision of copies of documents as microfilm, microfiche, paper copies and digital images.

Little further information is given on the 2001 site, although the 2000 version provided more information, in particular costs/image for different types of media. The 2000 site noted that digital images could be provided as email attachments, subject to a maximum 3Mb limit per image. Microfiche charges were the lowest in 2000, while charges for photocopies made direct from original documents were significantly cheaper than copies made from scanned images, or provided as email attachments. For example, an A4 monochrome photocopy then cost Stg£0.35/image, the equivalent size copy from a scanned image cost Stg£2.00/image, while the digital image as an email attachment cost Stg£7.40.

Creating the BT 31 and BT 41 indices tabulated in the next section proved a very time consuming and tedious undertaking. In the case of the BT 41 catalogue, the entire listing was reviewed, while in the case of BT 31, only the listing from 1856 up to the end of 1921 (on 2000 web catalogue page 4327 of 5889 pages) was reviewed. Even so, this entailed perusing somewhere in the order of 130,000 individual company records to abstract the c. 140 Irish company records listed below.

Identifying Irish Company records was relatively straightforward, either from familiarity with names, or from their titles. Even so, there are a number of uncertainties: companies with names which might or might not relate to Ireland [e.g Red Hill Mining Co.], or companies with very obvious Irish names [e.g. Limerick Gold Mines Ltd] but which are not immediately associable with any operations in Ireland. In all instances, such company names are listed in italics, to denote uncertainty. Equally, while every effort was made to be thorough in undertaking the search, it cannot be claimed with certainty that every record has been identified, and it is possible that companies without any obvious Irish connection have been overlooked [e.g. companies with names like Zohrab and Co, which did operate in Ireland]. Only time, and continuing review by others may reveal further relevant records.

However, the tedium of creating both indices was leavened to some degree by the amusing, indeed frequently very grandiloquent or arcane titles accorded to some companies, particularly amongst the entries up to about 1890 or so. Noteworthy examples include the “Deodorizing Manure Co. Ltd”, the “Dwellings Company for Families with Small Incomes Ltd.” amongst the BT 41 listings; and amongst the BT 31 entries, companies with names such as the “Economic Smoke Prevention Co.”, the “Lavatory Waiting Room and Bath Co.”, the “Liverpool Unadulterated Food Co.”, the “London Necropolis and National Mausoleum Co.”, and the “London Society for Improving the Dwellings of the Working Classes Ltd.” But from the perspective of mining history one name certainly struck a chord of, perhaps unintentional prescience of things to come, from 19th century mining venture, to potential late 20th century land fill site: the “Great United Manure and Barytes Co. Ltd.”.

Other items of interest were also noted, including a number of Irish industrial companies, such as the Ballincollig Royal Gunpowder Mills Co. Ltd., the Kilrush Gas Co., the Lough

Corrib Steam Navigation Co., and the Monaghan Gas Light Co. Interesting general trends are also discernible. British and Irish mining ventures are notable up to about 1870, thereafter gradually giving way to an increasing number of mining ventures in N. America and Africa. There is a very notable renaissance in Irish mining company formations during the period 1905 – 1908. Oil companies, and anonymously titled companies such as the ABC Syndicate Ltd, are prominent in the period between 1900 – 1910. A notable number of oil companies were formed in the latter year to develop prospects in the Maikop region of South Africa. Not unexpectedly, companies with names reflecting war related industrial activities feature during the period 1914 – 1918, and benevolent companies in the immediate aftermath.

## SCOPE OF THE INDEX

The 1856 Act is probably the most critical piece of legislation as company formations before that date, recorded in BT41, are relatively limited, while afterwards, as listed in BT 31, they are far more extensive. However, substantial as they may appear, the Companies Registration Office records do not reflect the totality of mining company formation and activity in Ireland. The index neither lists mining companies quoted on the Dublin Stock Exchange, nor privately owned companies. Thus all the largest companies are excluded – the Mining Company of Ireland (MCI: Dublin based); Allihies (owned largely by the Puxleys); and the major Avoca mines (Ballygahan, for instance, owned by Henry Hodgson over much of its 19th Century life). None of the Irish coal mines were quoted on the London Exchange, much of Castlecomer being owned by the Wandesforde family, while Slieveardagh was divided for much of its life between the MCI and the Langley family. Even copper and lead mines of only sporadic success were often privately owned (e.g. Ballycummisk owned successively by Lord Audley, T.S. Cave and Samuel Hyde).

The significance of the BT indexes is highlighted by the comparative paucity of material on companies registered in the Dublin Stock Exchange. Its “Register and Daily List” is in the National Archive (BRS Dublin 77) and a sampling was taken of the years of most frantic mining activity, the post-Famine boom of 1852 - 1853. Only nine Irish mining companies are listed, all but the first three being “bubble companies” of dubious intent. The only information given about them is changes in their share prices. Not listed for those years is the Mining Company of Ireland, probably because its share price remained stable. The companies are:

Wicklow Copper Mining Company – a profitable company which worked at Ballymurtagh in Avoca, Co. Wicklow.

Hibernian Mining Company – established 1824, but which operated as a holding Company from the 1830s onward.

General Mining Company of Ireland – a marginally successful company at Silvermines. Also quoted in London.

Lackamore Mining Company – a dubious operation set up by some of the directors of GMCI above.

Royal Hibernian Mining Company – grandiose title for a swindle at Castlemaine, Co. Kerry set up by Henry Gibson of London.

Knockatrellane Mining Company – related to RHMC above; set up purporting to mine at Ballymacarbery, County Waterford.

Mizenhead Copper – a short-lived “bubble” company.

Irish Consuls – same directors and offices as Mizenhead, purporting to work nearby Spanish Cove.

Carbery West – a similar company set up to work adjoining Boulysalach.

Significantly, perhaps, there are seventeen other mining companies listed, all foreign. It seems that Dublin based-investors felt more secure investing in Australia, Ceylon and California than in Irish mines. In the case of the last six, they were right! However, ironically, British investors were obviously much more sanguine about the prospects of Irish mines, and apparently continued to invest despite some horror stories. Therefore for most information on Irish mining companies we have to rely on the records in Kew.

While much of BT 41 replicates the entries in the much more substantial BT 31, four of the companies unique to the former were obviously registered in response to the 1844 Act as they date from 1845. Two of them seem to reflect aspects of William Connell’s determination to work Gortavallig mine in a remote part of west Cork [Company Numbers 1609 and 3515]. The interesting thing is that significant portions of his correspondence on this survives, and seem to contradict this evidence that he was trying to raise money on the London Stock Exchange (Cowman and Reilly 1988, Ch. 7). The point is also made elsewhere about how difficult it is to get information on 1845 companies such as that at Hollyford [No. 1740], County Tipperary (Cowman 1992, p. 107-8). The BT 41 archive therefore opens up new dimensions to such research as has been undertaken to date, and will, no doubt provide new insights into instances such as William Connell’s other manipulations at Ardtully, Kenmare, County Kerry [ No. 125], reflected, perhaps, in the double name (Cowman 1990). That the frequently dubious dealings of the General Mining Company of Ireland [ No. 1441] at Silvermines had a London dimension is also new – all previ-

ously known references to it suggested solely an Irish context (Cowman 1988, pp 104-107).

BT 31's starting date of 1856 not only excludes many short-lived English registered companies before 1850 but also the host of "Bubble Companies" of the early 1850s, - and, unfortunately, none of these are listed in the BT 41 index. By the time BT 31 starts we get more sober, though equally unsuccessful, attempts to rework many of these mines in the later 1850s and through much of the 1860s. Of those which have been researched, few lasted more than 2 to 3 years. Some, such as Roaring Water, maintained a paper existence with just sporadic testing between 1862 and 1867, giving rise to such terse comments as, "Just a few men digging in foul air", and "how it lingered on can only be known by those in on the secret" (Mining Journal 1875, anon, p. 651). Those mining operations that have not been researched are unlikely to have been any more successful. This applies to Redhills, Clew Bay, Tracton (most likely Ringabella in Cork harbour), Cloncurry, Lisburn and Conroy (Irish?).

The BT 31 also omits records of other London based companies known to have operated in Ireland from comments recorded in the Mining Journal. While some of these companies were short-lived, the mines themselves continued in operation under different ownership. For instance Milltown Mining Company Limited, 1857 was sold by the end of that year to the Dublin-based Miltown Silver-Lead Mining Company. Likewise, the Scart Company of 1873 became the unquoted Scart Barytes Mining Company in 1873, and under this name it continued in existence up to 1908 (Cowman and Reilly 1988, Cowman 1992).

In the 1870s the demand for iron increased, though this is not reflected in BT31 listings. Most of the mines were based in Co. Antrim, and it is possible that these did not seek London finance. However, much of the growth in industrial scale barytes production through the latter part of the 19th Century was obviously financed from England. A number of gold-mines with Irish names were located in the Antipodes: presumably interesting stories lie behind these enterprises.

The base metal mining enterprises of this period, 1870s through to about 1905, do, however, defy the logic of depressed prices which applied throughout that period. However, perhaps through examination of these files some explanation will appear. The brief flourishing of lead and copper mining companies in 1905 - 1907 is, however, explicable: the price of copper soared - but only briefly! By 1907 it had collapsed again, although companies that registered that year probably had their origins earlier. The renewed depression in mineral prices, followed by war and domestic upheaval ended the phase of speculative mining companies.

The records of none of these have been looked at yet, nor have the ancillary records in the Guildhall Library. Many years work lie ahead in this regard, and this article poses little more than an agenda for future work.

## THE BT 31 INDEX.

The following tabulated list is arranged by order of the year of formation of the company, and company number. Folio Numbers generally follow the same pattern, but with some exceptions. These are readily discernible in the listing by out-of-sequence Folio numbers for entries from 1907 onward (e.g. Irish China Clay and Resources Ltd, Co. No. 92259; and Liverpool Barytes Co. Ltd, Co. No. 94831). The exceptions result from a repetition of listings of companies formed in the years 1856 - 1916, perhaps resulting from omission of entries in the initial cataloguing process. However, in this index, out-of-sequence entries are assigned to the appropriate year, and in the correct Company number sequence, regardless of Folio Number. Companies with very obvious Irish names [e.g. Limerick Gold Mines Ltd] but which are not immediately associable with any operations in Ireland, are listed in italics, to denote uncertainty.

## THE BT 41 INDEX.

BT 41 index entries are listed in Company and Folio Number order. Year of formation information is not recorded in the catalogue but has been inserted here after examination of physical records in the PRO. Some companies in this catalogue are also listed in the BT 31 catalogue, though, confusingly, under different Company Numbers. Companies listed in both catalogues are indicated in the tabulated list below. Comments are made only about the exclusively BT41 companies - for the others see BT31. As in the case of the BT 31 index, companies of uncertain Irish affinity are shown in italics.

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PRO Folio Number	Company number	Company name	Year	Comment
BT 31/7/46	46	Mount Gabriel Mineral Company Ltd.	1856	Little work done but continued existence to c. 1866
BT 31/53/213	213	Coosheen Copper Mining Company	1856	In existence since 1852; formally dissolved in 1857
BT 31/96/339	339	College Mines Company Ltd	1856	Lead mine near Keady, Co. Armagh
BT 31/208/640	640	Oola Silver Lead and Copper Mining Company Ltd.	1856	Finished amid recriminations 1858
BT 31/211/652	652	Ballymoreen Copper and Sulphur Mining Co. Ltd	1856	Issued regular reports to MJ. Finished 1861.
BT 31/220/692	692	Castletown Copper Mining Co. Ltd.	1857	
BT 31/224/709	709	<i>Redhill Mining Co. Ltd</i>	1857	<i>Redhills, Co. Cavan, or Mount Mellick, Co. Laois: iron mines?</i>
BT 31/234/751	751	Milltown Mining Co. Ltd	1857	Sold after 3 months to Milltown Silver-Lead Co., Dublin.
BT 31/242/787	787	South-West of Ireland Mining Co. Ltd.	1857	Dhurude, Co. Cork. Finished 1859.
BT 31/245/799	799	Loughrea Slate Quarry Co. Ltd	1857	Not researched
BT 31/247/810	810	Bearhaven and Tracton Mineral Co. Ltd.	1857	Tracton is Ringabella near Cork harbour. Finished c. 1858
BT 31/249/821	821	Tassan Mining Co. Ltd	1857	Tassan Lead Mine, Co. Monaghan. MHSI Newsletters 3 & 5.
BT 31/264/884	884	Clew Bay General Mining Co. Ltd.	1857	Dissolved 1858.
BT 31/338/1210	1210	Ballyvirgin Mining Co. Ltd.	1858	Probable reorganisation of 1853 company. Wound up 1864.
BT 31/340/1225	1225	Lackamore New Mining Co. Ltd	1858	"New" an attempt by J. Taylor to restructure 1853 company.
BT 31/353/1287	1287	Tracton Silver Lead Mining Co. Ltd	1858	A restructuring of 810 above?
BT 31/369/1355	1355	Barravore Mining Co. Ltd.	1858	In Glenmalur. Incorporated Nov. 1858, wound up July 1859.
BT 31/386/1445	1445	Dundalk Lead Mining Co. Ltd.	1859	Associated with the Hope Lead mine, near Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan. Dissolved by consent 1863, struck off 1882.
BT 31/415/1597	1597	Connorree Mining Co. Ltd.	1859	Much controversy about this in MJ. Survived until 1873.
BT 31/419/1616	1616	Crookhaven Mining Co. Ltd.	1859	See BT 41/174/986
BT 31/426/1646	1646	Castletown New Copper Mining Co. Ltd.	1859	Unlocated, Co. Cork. Maintained paper existence up to 1881
BT 31/430/1661	1661	Schull Bay Copper Mining Co. Ltd	1859	Worked Coosheen up to 1864.
BT 31/578/2392	2392	Creevelea Iron Co. Ltd.	1861	Assoc with Creevelea Iron Foundry, Co. Leitrim. Dissolved 1882
BT 31/579/2400	2400	Munster Consolidated Mining Co. Ltd.	1861	Copper, lead, coal interests, Cos Cork/Kerry. Inactive after 1863, dissolved 1882.
BT 31/635/2665	2665	Burren Lead and Calamine	1862	Castletown, Co. Clare. Wound up voluntarily 1864, dissolved 1882.
BT 31/642/2694	2694	Cappagh Mining Company Ltd.	1862	May 1862 to January 1863. T.S. Cave's company.
BT 31/707/66C	66C	Roaring Water Mining Co. Ltd	1862	No record of production. "5 or 6 men" working until 1872
BT 31/760/335C	335C	North Wicklow Copper and General Mining Co. Ltd	1863	Unlikely to have mined anywhere.
BT 31/778/420C	420C	Horse Island Mining Co. Ltd.	1863	London Company May 1863. Unlikely to have mined.
BT 31/800/533C	533C	Croghan Mining Co. Ltd.	1863	Probably related to a lead mine in Croaghan townland, Co. Monaghan. Inactive 1866 - 1877. Dissolved 1882.
BT 31/883/933C	933C	Valencia Slate Slab Co. Ltd.	1864	Valentia Island Slate Quarries, Co. Kerry
BT 31/977/1423C	1423C	Rossmore Slate Co. Ltd.	1864	To operate slate quarries in Ireland: location unknown (Ross, Co. Waterford?). Dissolved 1883.
BT 31/1000/1552C	1552C	Kilcrohane and Gurtinakilla Slate and Slab Co. Ltd.	1864	Lasted two months
BT 31/1043/1793C	1793C	Kilcrohane and Gurtinakilla Slate and Slab Co. Ltd.	1865	Re-formed version of above. 1865 failed to buy Bantry Bay Quarries.
BT 31/1259/3061	3061	Slate and Slab Quarry Co. of Ireland Ltd.	1866	Location unknown. Dissolved 1882.

**BT31. Board of Trade: Companies Registration Office: File of Dissolved Companies**

PRO Folio Number	Company number	Company name	Year	Comment
BT 31/1259/3064	3064	Holyford Mining Co. Ltd	1866	Co. Tipperary; MCI owned 1838; in Min Statistics 1848-1862
BT 31/1341/3558	3558	Kilrush Flag Quarry Co. Ltd.	1867	Flag "estate" at Kilrush, Co. Clare. Dissolved 1883.
BT 31/1385/3873	3873	Mount Gabriel Copper Mining Co. Ltd.	1868	Lasted 54 weeks. A John Taylor company.
BT 31/1507/4701	4701	Cappagh Mining Co. Ltd	1870	Produced 132 tons and finished in 1873.
BT 31/1570/5127	5127	<i>Conroy Lead Mines Co. Ltd.</i>	1870	<i>Not Irish?</i>
BT 31/1571/5136	5135	Glandore Mining Co. Ltd.	1870	Raised some manganese; finished 1873.
BT 31/1631/5583	5583	Reafadda Mining Co. Ltd	1871	Hollyford, Co. Tipperary. Manchester Co.; wound up 1873.
BT 31/1720/6276	6276	Bantry Bay Barytes Quarry Co. Ltd.	1872	Probably worked Derryginagh; lasted until 1877.
BT 31/1722/6290	6290	North of Ireland Iron Ore Co. Ltd.	1872	Iron mines in Kilwaughter and Larne parishes, Co. Antrim. Dissolved 1884.
BT 31/1744/6458	6458	Ballycumisk Copper Mining Co. Ltd.	1872	To raise capital for development at depth. Finished 1878.
BT 31/1811/6955	6955	Dromod Iron Ore Co. Ltd.	1873	Mineral lease in Barony of Mohill (iron mine in Gortinee town-land?). Dissolved 1885.
BT 31/1814/6992	6922	Scarts Barytes and Minerals Co. Ltd.	1873	Small tonnages to 1881; three name changes in ownership
BT 31/2116/9633	9633	Duneen Bay Mineral Co. Ltd.	1875	Averaged 5000 tons barytes p.a. up to 1902.
BT 31/2246/10691	10691	Oola Silver Lead Mining Company Ltd.	1876	Founded by Thomas Tonkin. Abandoned 1878.
BT 31/2376/11764	11764	Larne Iron Mines Ltd.	1877	Iron mines near Larne, Co. Antrim. Dissolved 1880.
BT 31/2555/13313	13313	Cousheen Copper Mining Co. Ltd.	1879	Failed attempt by William Thomas to raise capital.
BT 31/2611/13791	13791	Dunmanus Bay Mine and Smelting Co. Ltd	1880	To work "Dhurudi" (Cork). No mention of smelting.
BT 31/2689/14449	14449	Atlantic Copper Mining Co. Ltd.	1880	Also Dhurode with same directors as above.
BT 31/2923/16302	16302	Ballintogher Quarries Ltd.	1882	County Kerry. Dissolved 1898/
BT 31/3278/19304	19304	Connaught Copper Mining Co. Ltd.	1884	Operations at Sralaghy, Co. Mayo. Dissolved 1889.
BT 31/3325/19724	19724	South Berehaven Mining Co. Ltd.	1884	Produced 264 tons copper from Killleen mine.
BT 31/3987/25351	25351	Coosheen Copper Mining Co. Ltd	1887	Further attempted revival. - see: Co. number 13313.
BT 31/4126/26576	26576	Mayo Granite Co. Ltd.	1888	Location unknown. Dissolved 1892.
BT 31/4858/32248	32248	Monaghan Mining Co. Ltd.	1890	Lead mine in Tonagh townland, Co. Monaghan; listed in Mineral Statistics, 1892 - 1894. Inactive after 1895, dissolved 1911
BT 31/4900/32606	32606	Ormond Slate Quarries Ltd.	1890	Set up by 7 London clerks. Unlikely to have worked Ahenny.
BT 31/5164/34895	34895	Liscannon Quarry Co. Ltd.	1891	Caherbarnagh, Co. Clare. Controlled by 4 families, including Johnson's of Southport/Birkdale. Wound up 1906.
BT 31/5421/37398	37398	Schull Copper Syndicate Ltd.	1892	Probably a further attempt to rework Coosheen.
BT 31/5427/37450	37450	County Mayo Granite Syndicate Ltd.	1892	Granite Quarries in Co. Mayo. Dissolved 1893.
BT 31/6359/44916	44916	Mount Gabriel Barytes & Umber Co. Ltd.	1895	Letter townland; associated with Coosheen.
BT 31/6378/45035	45035	<i>Dunallan Mine Syndicate Ltd.</i>	1895	<i>Location unknown.</i>
BT 31/6485/45674	45674	<i>Barytes and Lead Company Ltd.</i>	1895	<i>Not known where this worked.</i>
BT 31/6656/46810	46810	Portarlington Peat Coal Syndicate Ltd.	1896	Not researched.
BT 31/7027/49502	49502	Connaught Granite Quarries Ltd.	1896	Termon Point Bay, Co. Mayo.
BT 31/7083/49909	49909	North of Ireland Mineral Company Ltd.	1896	To work, farm and mine lands: location unknown. Dissolved 1900.



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BT 31/8055/58027	58027	Newry Quarries Ltd.	1898	Took over Bradbury quarry. Dissolved 1903.
BT 31/8303/60304	60304	Irish Granite Co. (Newry), Ltd.	1899	Not researched.
BT 31/8957/66102	66102	Donegal Soapstone Syndicate Ltd.	1900	Not researched
BT 31/9024/66769	66769	Connaught Trading and Mining Company Ltd.	1900	Location unknown. Dissolved 1907.
BT 31/9077/67182	67182	County Louth Granite Quarries Ltd.	1900	Quarry at Earls Quarter Bush, Co. Louth. Dissolved 1907.
BT 31/9168/67954	67954	United Newry Granite Company Ltd.	1900	Not researched
BT 31/9286/69017	69017	Hibernian Development Co. Ltd.	1900	Silvermines and Gurteenadia. Lasted 3 years.
BT 31/9747/72605	72605	Berehaven Copper Mines Ltd.	1902	Based on report by Blenkinsop; finished at Allihies 1903.
BT 31/10018/74899	74899	Irish Barytes and Umber Company Ltd.	1902	Became Deereenalomane Barytes Mines Ltd. In 1908.
BT 31/10162/76197	76197	Irish Mineral Development Syndicate Ltd.	1903	Ballycumisk. Dissolved 11906.
BT 31/10188/76402	76402	Foye Quarries (Carlingford) Syndicate Ltd.	1903	Not researched
BT 31/10285/77251	77251	Irish Resources Development Company Ltd.	1903	Bog development fronting on Grand Canal in Offaly. Dissolved 1908.
BT 31/10337/77776	77776	Cork Mineral Development Syndicate Ltd.	1903	Mount Gabriel. Set up by Cave family
BT 31/10731/81332	81332	Ballycumisk Mining and Smelting Company, Ltd.	1904	Last 9 months.
BT 31/10804/81916	81916	Cluin Copper Development Syndicate Ltd.	1904	Drove adit from Ballydonegan; abandoned in 1908.
BT 31/10991/83541	83541	<i>Redhills Tin Mining Co. Ltd.</i>	1905	<i>Redhills, Co. Cavan, or Mount Mellick, Co.Laois: iron mines?</i>
BT 31/11242/85882	85882	<i>Portumna Syndicate Ltd.</i>	1905	<i>Not researched. Irish?</i>
BT 31/11305/86495	86495	Bonmahon Copper Mines Development Syndicate Ltd.	1905	Unsuccessfully tried to reopen Tankardstown. Finished 1907
BT 31/11329/86741	86741	Liscannor Quarry Company (1905) Ltd.	1905	Caherbarnagh, Co.Clare. Bought out of liquidation of Liscannor Quarry Co. Ltd [34895 above]. Dissolved 1910.
BT 31/11450/88055	88055	<i>Sandy Mount Foundry Company Ltd.</i>	1906	<i>Possibly not Irish.</i>
BT 31/11454/88097	88097	<i>Donegal Industrial Syndicate Ltd.</i>	1906	<i>Not researched. Irish?</i>
BT 31/17726/88325	88325	Schull Copper Mining Co. Ltd.	1906	Coosheen; finished 1908
BT 31/11511/88720	88720	Coosheen Minerals, Ltd.	1906	Different directors from above. Finished 1912.
BT 31/11573/89313	89313	Browhead Copper Mines, Ltd.	1906	Lasted 100days!
BT 31/11581/89400	89400	Berehaven Syndicate, Ltd.	1906	Not researched
BT 31/11585/89442	89442	Irish Copper Mines, Ltd.	1906	Location unknown. Dissolved 1909.
BT 31/11838/91973	91973	<i>Ballyhickey Mining Co. Ltd.</i>	1907	Name change in 1911 from Anglo-French Mining Co of French Congo Ltd. Irish dimension unclear. Dissolved 1915.
BT 31/18013/92259	92259	Irish China Clay & Resources, Ltd.	1907	Not researched.
BT 31/11930/92943	92943	Derry and Antrim Ore Company, Ltd.	1907	Not researched.
BT 31/11951/93153	93153	Dereenalomane Barytes Mines, Ltd.	1907	Reformation of Irish Barytes and Umber Company 74899
BT 31/11962/93267	93267	Hibernian Copper Syndicate, Ltd.	1907	Cleggan, Connemara. Wound up 1908.
BT 31/12004/93695	93695	Ross Development Syndicate Ltd.	1907	Ross Island Copper mine, Killarney, Co. Kerry?
BT 31/12065/94351	94351	Ulster Granite Quarries Ltd.	1907	Not researched.
BT 31/12109/94829	94829	Irish Columbar Basalt Company Ltd.	1907	Not researched.
BT 31/18204/94831	94831	Liverpool Barytes Company, Ltd.	1907	Duneen/Mountain & Scart mines, Co. Cork
BT 31/12118/94921	94921	West of Ireland Brick and Tile Company Ltd.	1907	Not researched.

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BT 31/18274/95710	95710	Larne Salt and Alkali Co., Ltd.	1907	Not researched.
BT 31/12195/95780	95780	Sligo and Arigna Railway and Mining Company Ltd.	1907	Location unknown. Dissolved 1915.
BT 31/12235/96212	96212	<i>Cove Copper Mines, Ltd.</i>	1907	<i>Possibly not Irish</i>
BT 31/18341/96597	96597	<i>Clare Company Ltd.</i>	1908	<i>Not researched. Irish?</i>
BT 31/12270/96624	96624	West Carbery Copper Estates Ltd.	1908	Ballycumisk and adjoining townlands.
BT 31/12422/98418	98418	Carlingford Harbour Quarries Ltd.	1908	Not researched.
BT 31/12637/101168	101168	Killeen Mining Syndicate, Ltd.	1909	Tipperary. Finished 1917.
BT 31/12687/101839	101839	Irish Zinc-Lead-Silver Mines, Ltd.	1909	Silvermines. Dissolved 1913.
BT 31/18724/101592	101592	<i>Asgard Mining Company Ltd.</i>	1909	<i>Possibly not Irish</i>
BT 31/12888/104586	104586	Irish Mines Ltd.	1909	Coal and iron mines: location unknown. Dissolved 1915.
BT 31/19184/107013	107013	Giant's Causeway Columnar Basalt Company Ltd.	1910	Not researched.
BT 31/13084/107529	107529	Connaught Coal and Iron Syndicate Ltd.	1910	Location unknown. Dissolved 1914.
BT 31/13192/108889	108889	Irish Ochre and Minerals Company Ltd.	1910	Ballymurtagh, Avoca.
BT 31/13299/110438	110438	Irish Industrial Minerals Ltd.	1910	Not researched.
BT 31/20124/116817	116817	Connemara Green Marble Quarries Ltd.	1911	Not researched.
BT 31/20372/119276	119276	<i>Celtic Granite Company, Ltd.</i>	1911	<i>Not researched. Irish?</i>
BT 31/20571/121139	121139	Irish Mineral Tailings Ltd.	1912	Whitespots Mine, Newtownards, Co. Down. Court winding up order 1913, dissolved 1919.
BT 31/20679/122111	122111	<i>British Isles Mineral Syndicate, Ltd.</i>	1912	<i>Irish?</i>
BT 31/13909/122384	122384	<i>Malpas Stone Quarrying Company Ltd.</i>	1912	<i>Irish?</i>
BT 31/20837/123492	123492	Avoca Syndicate, Ltd.	1912	A short-lived enterprise
BT 31/20847/123578	123578	<i>British Sulphur Company, Ltd.</i>	1912	<i>Any Irish activities?</i>
BT 31/21167/126566	126566	Shallee Silver Lead Mine Ltd.	1913	Failed to get lease at Silvermines.
BT 31/14139/130205	130205	United Irish Mining Company Ltd.	1913	Operated Dunluce, Glentask, Urblereagh iron mines, in Cos. Antrim and Derry + interests in Connaught coalfield. Dissolved 1916.
BT 31/21721/131180	131180	Ormonde Slate Quarries, Ltd.	1913	Ahenny, Co. Tipperary. Lasted until 1927.
BT 31/21852/132291	132291	West of Ireland Development Syndicate Ltd.	1913	Blacksod Bay, Co. Mayo. Returns to 1929, dissolved 1932.
BT 31/22180/134987	134987	Dunmanus Bay Barytes Company Ltd.	1914	Not researched
BT 31/23395/144817	144817	Irish Quarries Ltd.	1916	Not researched
BT 31/23478/145466	145466	Irish Exploration and Development Company Ltd.	1916	Location unknown
BT 31/23605/146562	146562	Newry Granite Co. Ltd.	1917	Not researched
BT 31/23900/149087	149087	North of Ireland Minerals Company Ltd.	1917	Location unknown
BT 31/25844/166774	166774	West Donegal Sand & Mineral Syndicate Ltd.	1920	Not researched

**BT 41. Board of Trade: Companies Registration Office. Files of Joint Stock Companies registered under the 1844 and 1856 Acts. Files for the period 1844 to about 1860 of companies registered under the 1844 Act and dissolved before 1856, and of those re-registered under the 1856 Act. (The comment column is blank where a company already appears with a comment in the BT31 index)**

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BT 41/22/106	106	Anglo Hibernian General Mining Co.	1852	Mining in "Kingdom of Ireland": location(s) unknown.	
BT 41/24/125	125	Ardtully Copper and Silver Lead Mining Co./Kenmare and West of Ireland Copper and Silver Lead Mining Co.	1852	Miners unpaid in 1853	
BT 41/40/229	229	Ballymoneen Copper and Sulphur Mining Co. Ltd.	1856	Co. Wicklow	652
BT 41/41/232	232	Ballyvirgin Mining Co. Ltd	1858		1210
BT 41/48/279	279	Bearhaven and Tracton Mineral Co. Ltd.	1853	Mainly Ringabella, Co. Cork.	810
BT 41/49/289	289	Belfast Mining Co.	1853	To work mines of salt rock, salt, lime etc: location unknown, but offices in Belfast, Belfast directors.	
BT 41/154/870	870	Clew Bay General Mining Co. Ltd.	1857	Currawn, Co. Mayo, previously operating as Clew Bay Copper and Sulphur Co. Wound up 1858.	884
BT 41/156/888	888	College Mines Co. Ltd.	1856		339
BT 41/162/918	918	Connemara Mining Co. of Ireland	1852	Operated at Caherglassaun, Co. Galway.	
BT 41/162/919	919	Connorree Mining Co. Ltd.	1859	Set up by John Markham Browne and others. 165 shareholders, mainly Irish.	1597
BT 41/165/939	939	Coosheen Copper Mining Co.	1853	Incomplete - goes only to 1855.	213
BT 41/174/986	986	Crookhaven Mining Co. Ltd.	1859	Started Sept. 1859; sold Dec. 1859 to a Dublin Company.	1616?
BT 41/203/1149	1149	Dundalk Lead Mining Co. Ltd.	1859		1445
BT 41/253/1441	1441	General Mining Co. of Ireland	1845	Worked Silvermines up to c. 1872.	
BT 41/257/1465	1465	Glenaulin and Carnilleen [ <i>recte</i> Caravilleen] Mining Co. of Ireland	1852.	Maintained paper existence until 1864	651C?
BT 41/280/1609	1609	Gurtavallig Mining Co.	1845	Same shareholders as the Southern and Western Mining Company of Ireland	(see below)
BT 41/286/1654	1654	Hartopp & West Kerry Copper Mining Co.	1852	Little information in folder.	
BT 41/299/1740	1740	Holyford Copper Mining Association	1845	Restructured 1848; continued to 1858.	
BT 41/323/1861	1861	Irish Coal and Iron Mining Co.	1845	To work Irish iron and coal mines: location unknown.	
BT 41/323/1862	1862	Irish Colliery Iron and Peat Co.	1845	To work coal, iron mines, manufacture peat: location unknown. 3 directors, all Irish.	1225
BT 41/339/1955	1955	Lackamore New Mining Co. Ltd	1858	A short-lived subsidiary of John Taylor	
BT 41/409/2334	2334	Loughtea Slate Quarry Co. Ltd.	1857	Co. Tipperary. Lasted 3 years.	799
BT 41/456/2564	2564	<i>Milltown Mining Co.</i>	1857	<i>Location unknown: Irish? Most shareholders Derby/Yorks</i>	751
BT 41/464/2603	2603	Mount Gabriel Mineral Co. Ltd.	1856	Taken over by John Taylor 1867; dissolved 1868.	46
BT 41/511/2798	2798	North of Ireland Mining and Pier or Harbour Co.	1852	Mines at Ballycastle and Murlough Bay, Co. Antrim.	
BT 41/529/2891	2891	Oola Silver Lead and Copper Mining Co.	1855	Limited information in file.	640
BT 41/620/3388	3388	Schull Bay Copper Mining Co. Ltd.	1906	Coosheen dissolved 1908.	88325
BT 41/643/3515	3515	Southern and Western Mining Co. of Ireland	1845	Worked Gortavallig and Killeed. Finished c. 1853.	787
BT 41/648/3544	3544	South West of Ireland Mining Co. Ltd.	1857	Dhurude. Dissolved 1858	821
BT 41/675/3686	3686	Tassan Mining Co. Ltd.	1857		
BT 41/690/3760	3760	Tracton Silver Lead Mining Co. Ltd.	1858	Ringabella, Co. Cork. Was Bearhaven and Tracton Mining Co.	1287
BT 41/725/3897	3897	Valencia Slate Co.		Valencia slate quarry, Co. Kerry.	