



## A Policeman's Lot ...

The Dwyers of Cappanahanagh

#### Cappanahangh Townland – Parish of Murroe & Boher



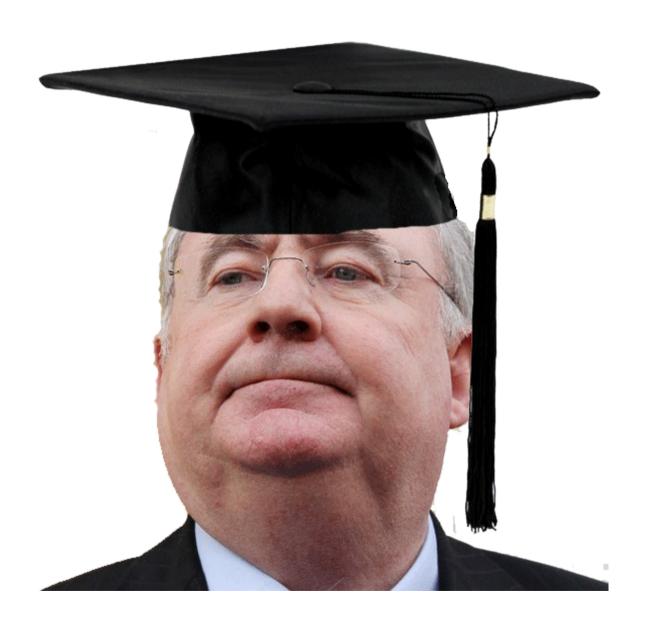
- Limerick city on the left
- Cappanahanagh top right
- Just over 10km east of the city
- On the Limerick-Tipperary border (red line)
- Beside Glenstal Abbey (green area to east-south-east)





**Dermot Clifford and the copyright scam** 

## What have I learned from that?



#### Homestead, Cappanahannagh – on last legs



#### Homestead site today – building gone



#### **Ancestors at rest in Ballymackeogh**





## **RIC**

Michael Dwyer William Dwyer Luke Reilly

#### **RIC** at Eviction

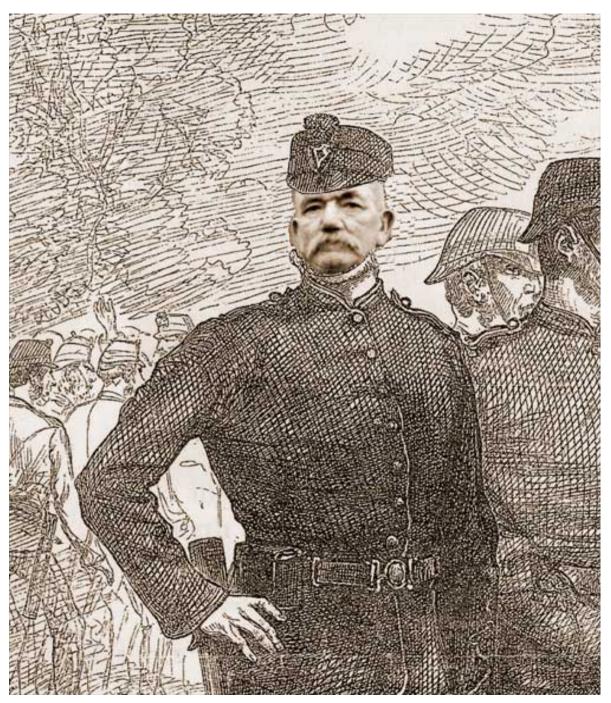


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#### Michael Dwyer (1860-1941) RIC (1881-1911)

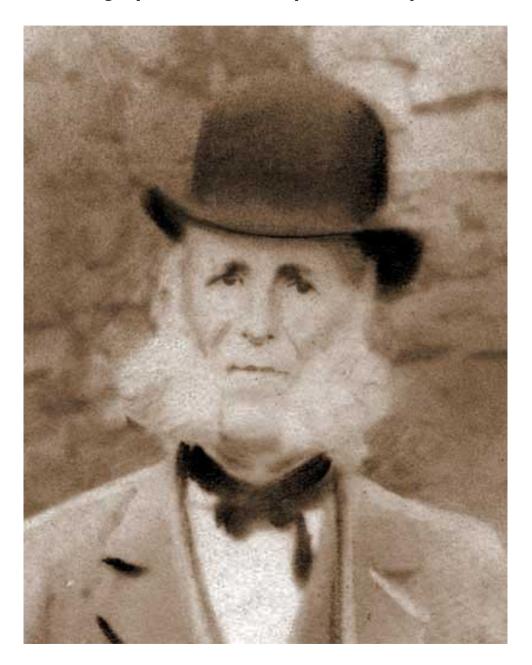


#### **Granda in RIC uniform**



with apologies to Jim Herlihy

#### Luke Reilly (1829-1910) - RIC (1853-1884)



#### **Knock Shrine**

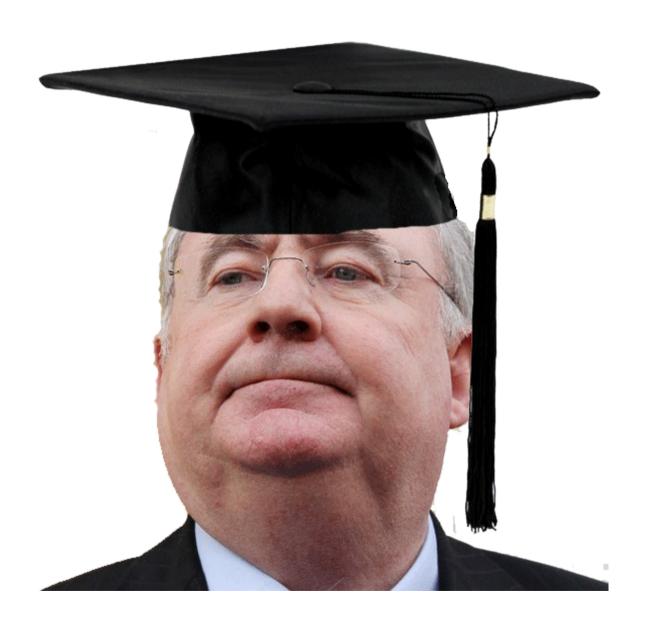


#### William (1858 - ?) RIC (1882 - 1887)

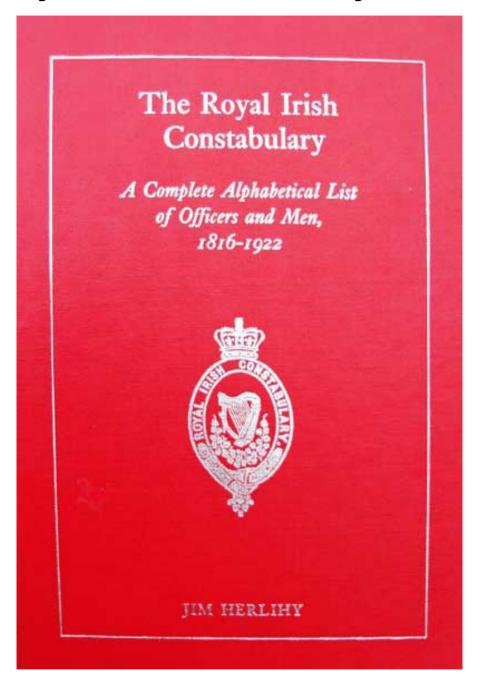


- Joined RIC 1882
- Fined 15/- 1884
- Fined 30/- 20 December 1887
- Resigned 31 December 1887 to "emigrate"
- Married 1887 (Census 1911)

## What have I learned from that?



#### The Royal Irish Constabulary – Jim Herlihy



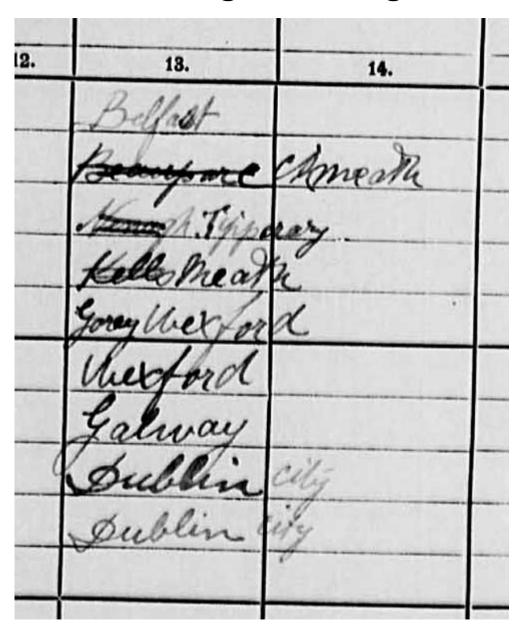
#### Michael Dwyer – Service No. 46669

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#### 1901 Census – twice (thrice) signed

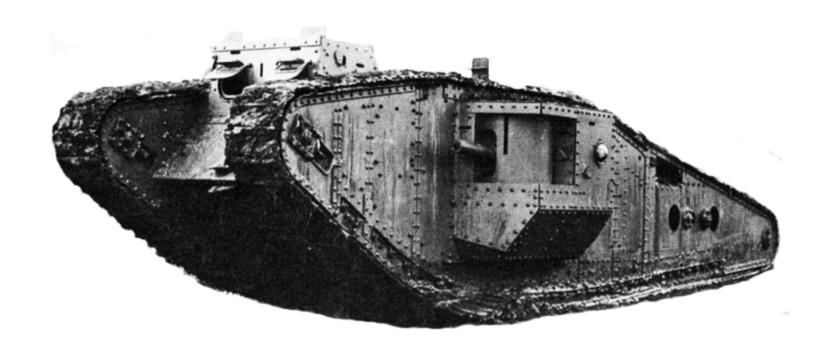
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#### William Ferguson - origins in 1911 Census



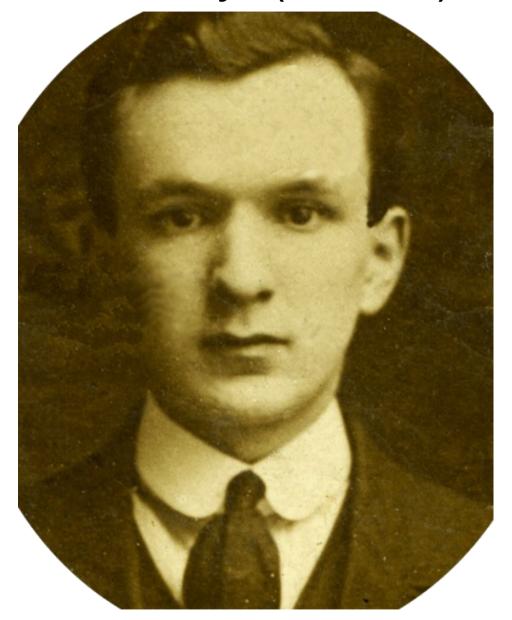
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### The Tanks That Weren't



John P Dwyer on the Somme 1916

John P Dwyer (1894-1916)



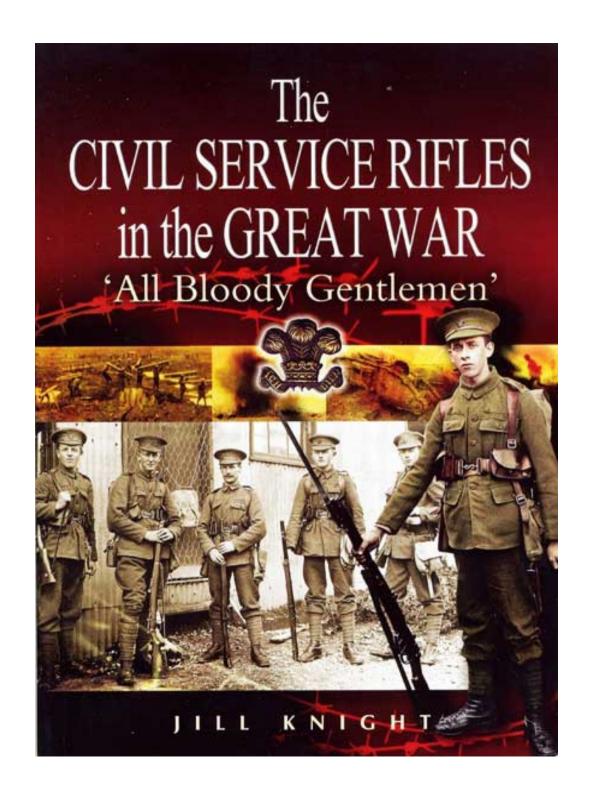
#### John P Dwyer – Memoriam Card 1916



## Private John P Dwyer



15th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own, Civil Service Rifles) 140th Brigade, 47th Division Service number: 5287



#### **High Wood - September 1916**



# THE GREAT NEW ADVANCE, SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S VICTORY

#### SPLENDID SERVICES OF "THE TANKS"

The Times, 18 September 1916

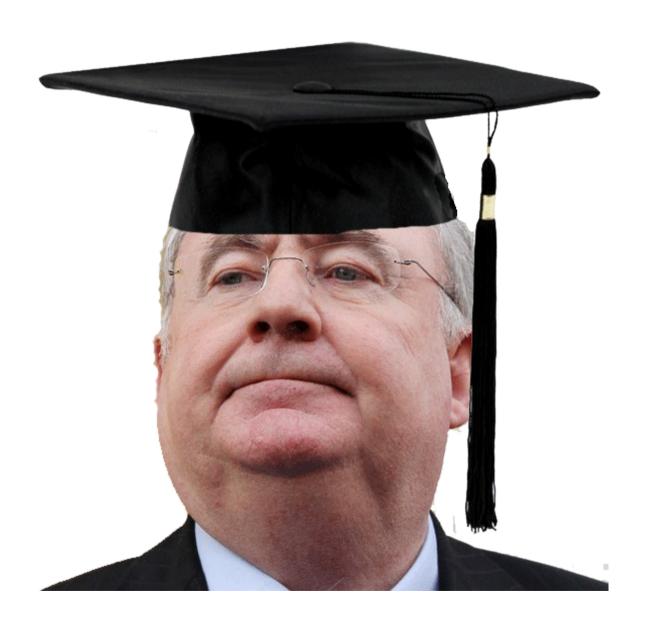
#### **High Wood today from Caterpillar Valley Cemetery**



#### **An Chailleach Dhearg**



## What have I learned from that?



## **Skinny Dipping**

Paddy Dwyer (1906-1922)



#### Paddy Dwyer's Inquest – Ballinasloe - 1922

THE PEOPLE'S PAPER.

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the General Post Office as a Newspaper.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 1922

#### **Ballinasloe Fatality**

YOUNG BALLYHAUNIS MAN'S DEATH ON THE SUCK

PERISHED IN MIDST OF HELP

STRANGE DISCLOSURES AT CORONER'S INQUEST

"ONLY A POOR CATHOLIC"

MAN WITH BOAT REPRIMANDED BY JURY

SCENES IN COURTHOUSE

Plucky Young Ballinaslee Man Complimented

A very sad fatality occurred in Ballinasloe at about four o'clock on last Sunday evening, when a young man named Patrick Dwyer (17), draper's

drowned while bathing in the River Suck, a short distance from the red bridge near the railway. It futile, for the deceased had gone to the bottom of would appear that the deceased, who is a native of Ballyhaunis, but who has been living in Ballinasloe since last March, accompanied by a few other boys left the town in the evening to go river, and the search parties with boats, in one of for a swim. He got into the water alone, leaving his companions on the bank, and swam down in the direction in which the river runs for about twenty yards. He then turned, but in attempting to swim against a strong current he found himself unable, and got into difficulties. probably cramp. He then put up his hand to ask for help and a young man named Daniel McCarthy, a tailor, seeing the deceased in distress jumped into the water without divesting news was conveyed to Mr. and Mrs. Dwyere by himself of his clothing and swam to the rescue. He caught a hold of the deceased and shouted to a young man named Wilson, who was coming up the river in a boat with two young ladies, to hurry on, as there was a man drowning. Wilson, however, rowed the boat to the bank of the river

assistant at Mrs. Finnegan's, was accidentally to allow the young ladies to get off, but by the time this was done it was too late, help was the water never to return. When news of the sad occurence was conveyed a large crowd soon gathered at the bridge and on the banks of the which was Rev. Fr. Moloney, C.C., soon got busy. It was not however, until about nine o'clock that the body was recovered. Large crowds remained in the vicinity until the body was taken out of the water, when all that was mortal of a quiet and inoffensive young man were taken to the courthouse, where Dail troops guarded the remains during the night.

> At about three o'clock next morning the sad Mrs. Finnegan's manager, who motored to Ballyhaunis. His parents and brother, William, soon afterwards arrived in Ballinasloe.

Deceased was an exemplary young man, went to daily Mass, was a member of the Pioneer Association, and was generally very popular. He

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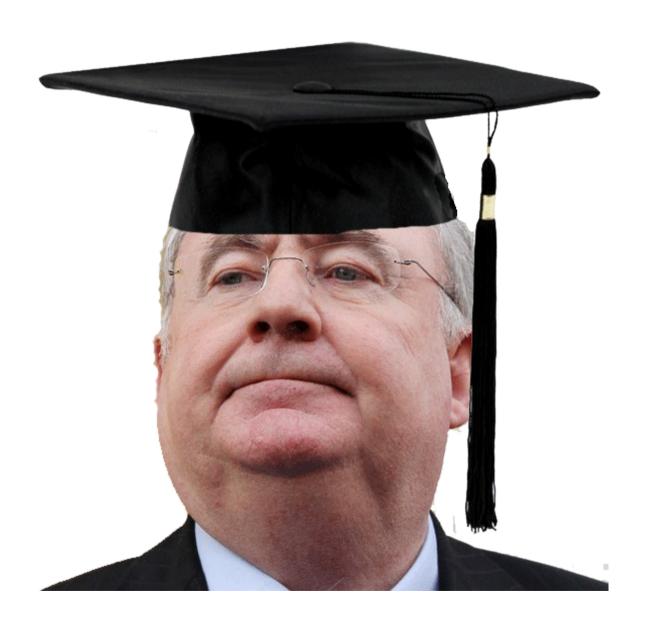
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#### **Paddy Dwyer's Death Notice**

O'Dwyer (Ballyhaunis) - May 28, 1922, at Ballinasloe by drowning, Patrick (Paddy), brother of Willie O'Dwyer N.T. High Mass St Patrick's, Ballyhaunis at 11 o'clock today (Tuesday). Funeral immediately afterwards. RIP

Irish Independent, 30 May 1922.

## What have I learned from that?

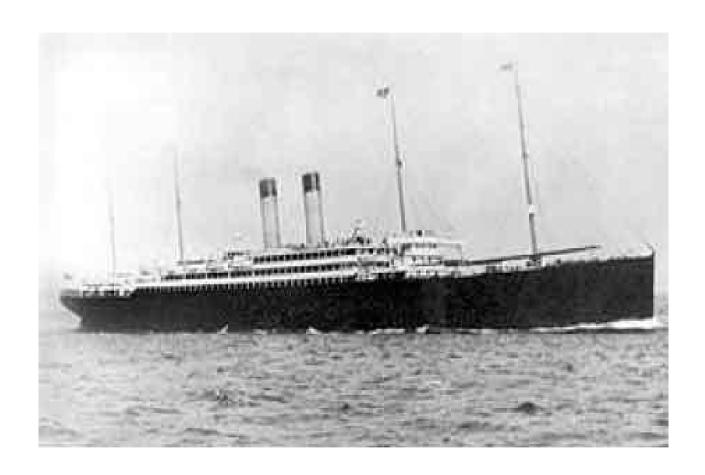


## **EMIGRATION**



Jane to America

# Thar be Icebergs



The Baltic - biggest ship then afloat

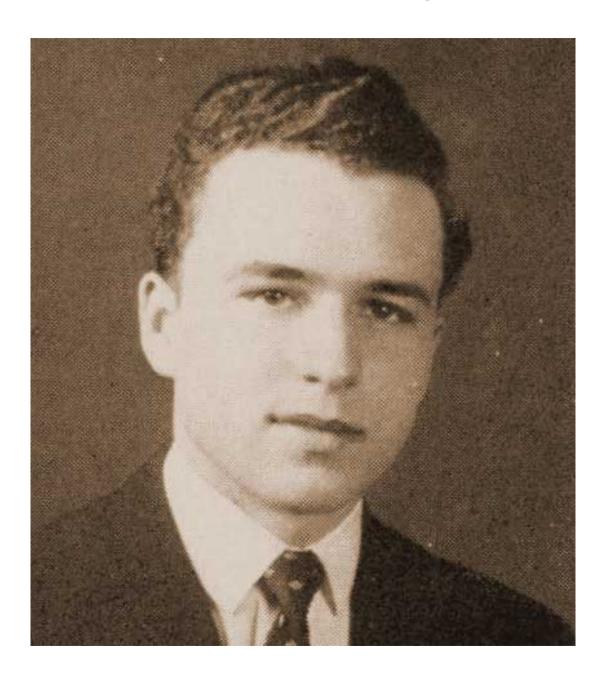
### **Joseph McBride – Bronx Coal Merchant**



#### Jane Dwyer (m. O'Connor) & Five Sons



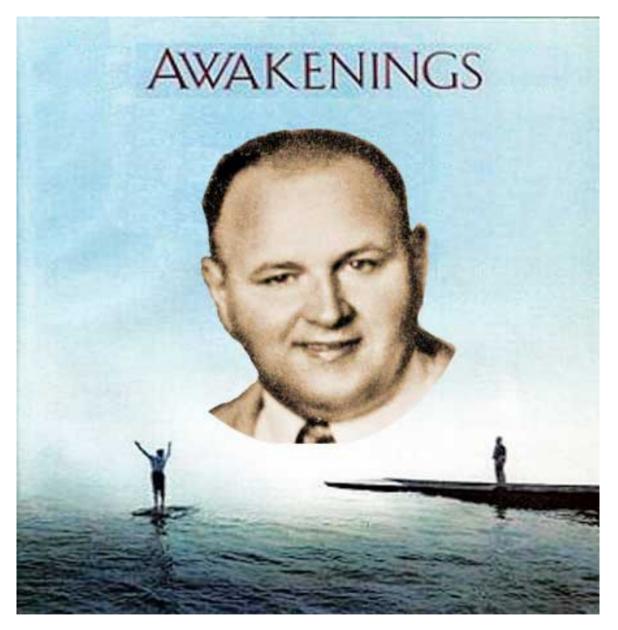
### Bill O'Connor - Lawyer



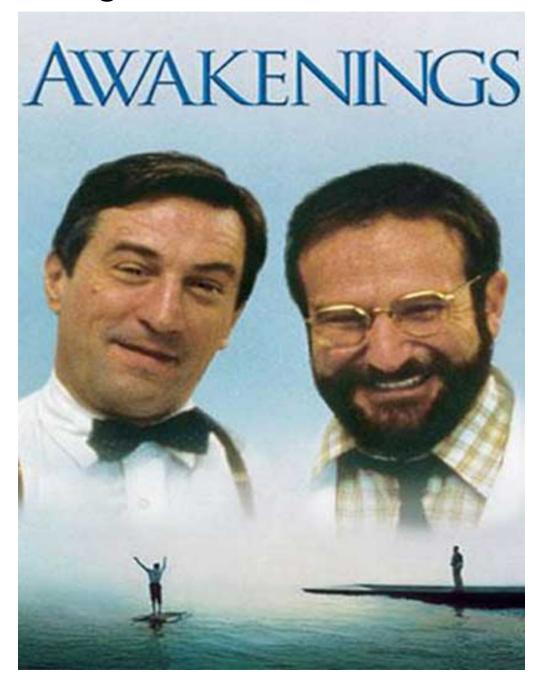
### **Empire State Building, New York City**



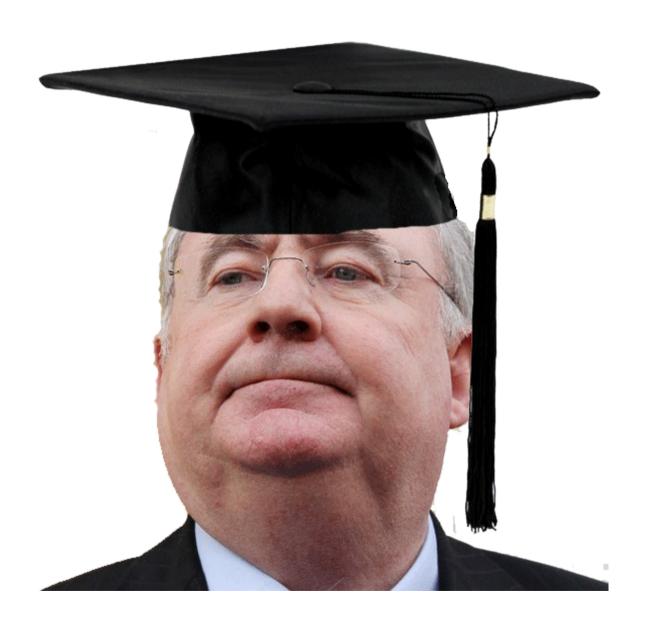
#### Joe O'Connor



Film: Awakenings with Robert de Niro & Robin Williams



# What have I learned from that?



# Kelly's Bar



**Tom Kelly to the Rescue** 

Nora Dwyer (m Kelly) - 1894-1955



### Tom Kelly (1879-1962)





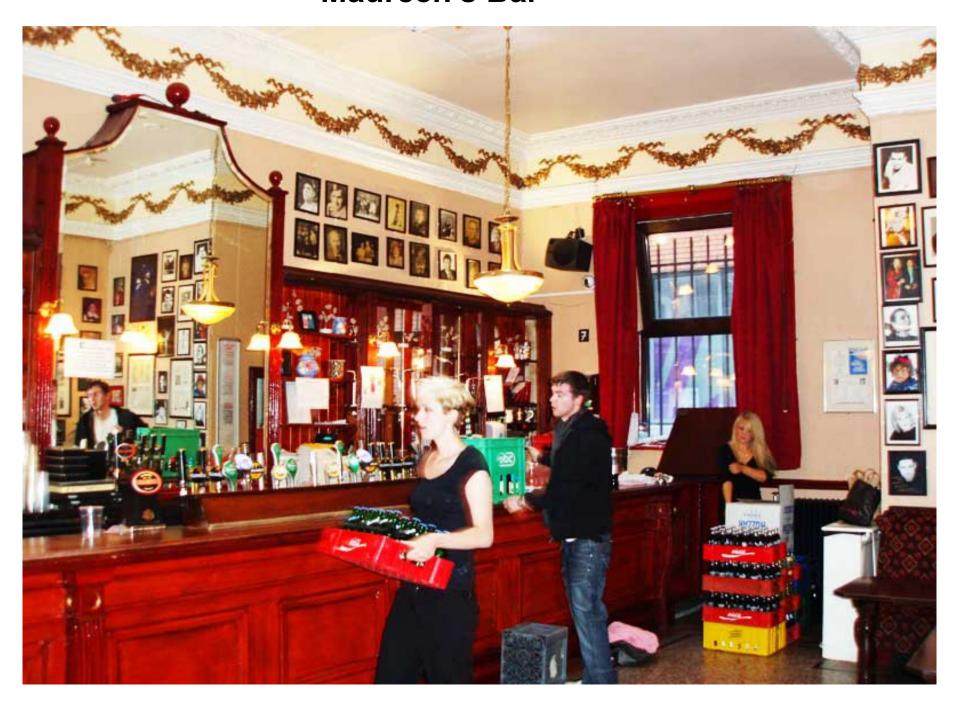
### **Maureen Grant – Olympia Theatre Bar**



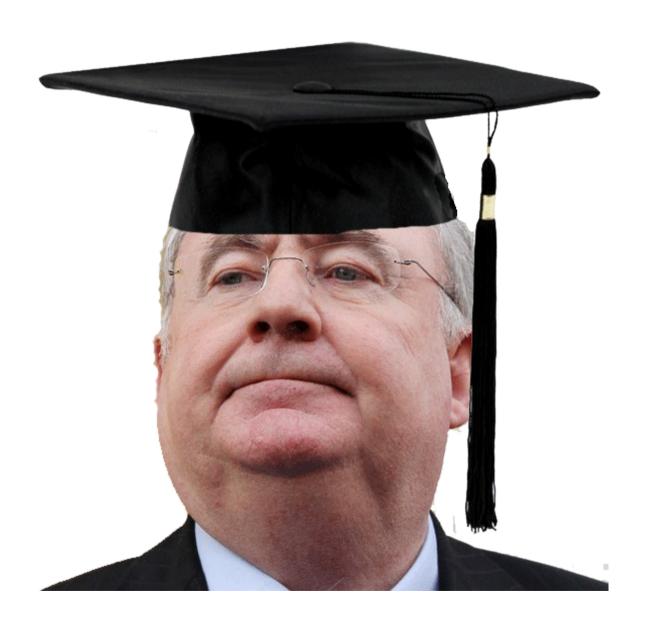
#### **Maureen Grant – Kelly's Bar - Olympia Theatre**



#### Maureen's Bar



# What have I learned from that?



### Cis Mortimer (1906-1987) & Luke Dwyer (1903-1964)



**Beresford Place Labour Exchange** 



#### Farewell to the Department of Social Welfare 1942

The love love swain but this was fair, What good to him the future grime. Wilhout his -chosen wife "Tel choose for hell the Riffery swell he shorted from Butt Bridge. But theng a man, he changed his plan, and swore I'll those the frig. -

#### **Howth Tram & Gem**



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#### **The Gem 1959**



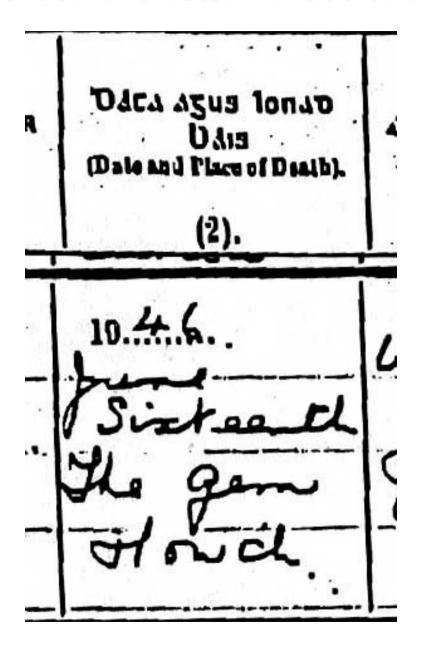
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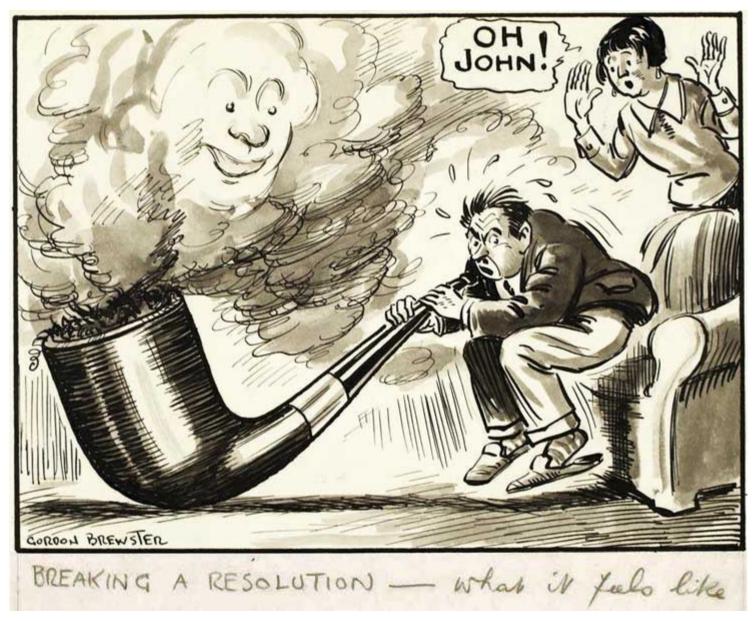
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#### **Gordon Brewster - Place of Death**

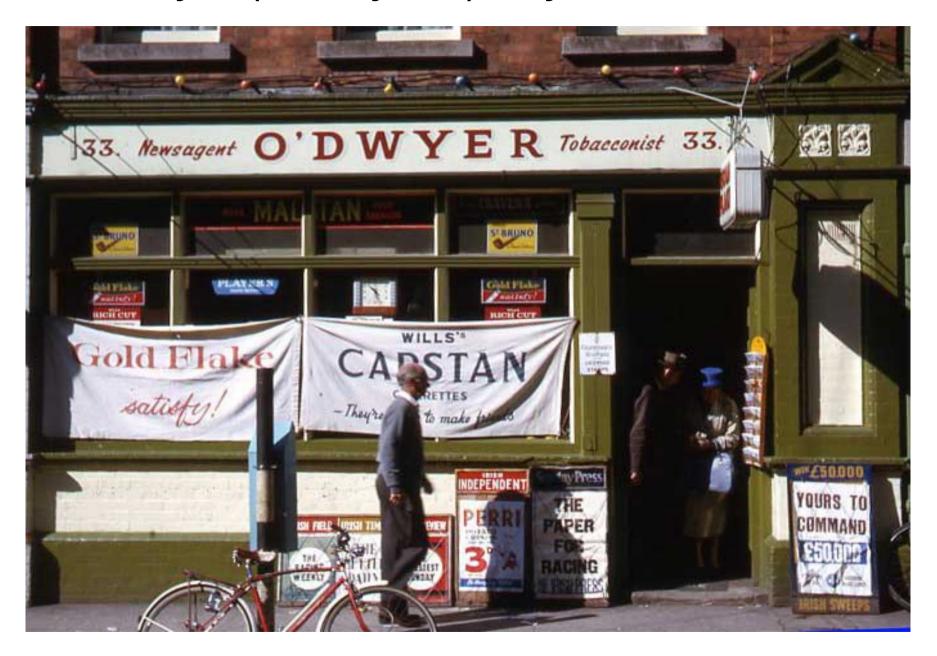


#### **Gordon Brewster – Sample Cartoon**

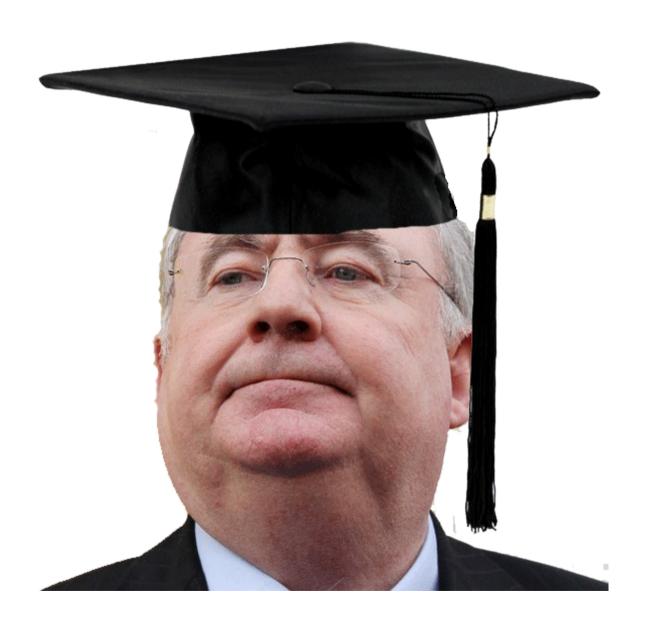


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#### Dwyers (formerly CNC) Ballybrack, Co Dublin



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# Message from the Other Side



Margaret Dwyer (née Reilly)

#### Margaret Dwyer (née Reilly) 1865-1954



### Molly Dwyer (1910-1987)



#### Margaret Dwyer d.1954 aged 88

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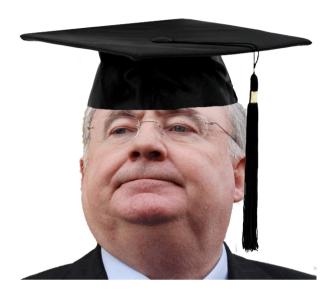


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# Why this image?



- Mayo man like my father
- Gravitas
- Minister for Communications
- You have to admit he gets your attention