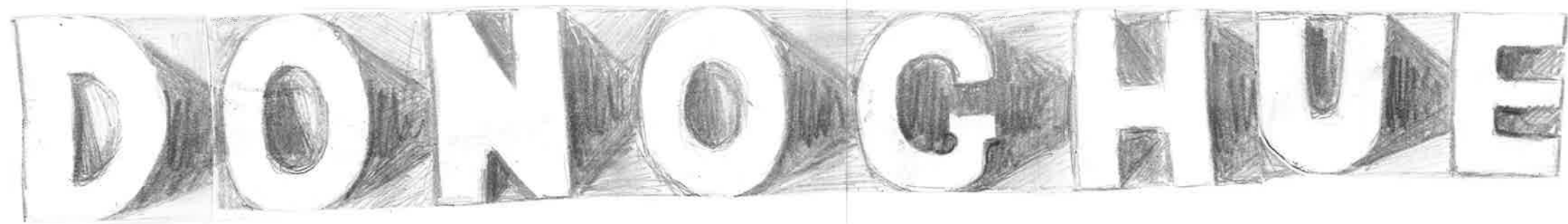
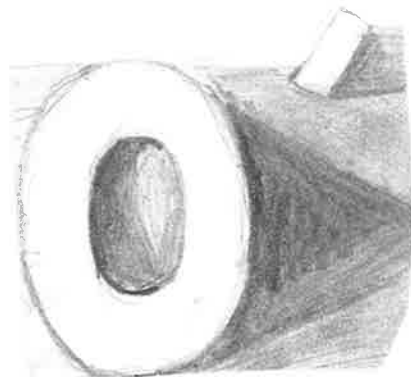
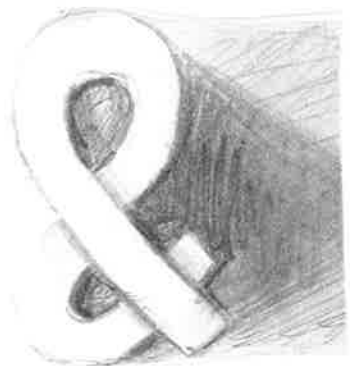


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Cumann na mBan

The Irish organisation known as Cumann na mBan was founded in 1914. It was a unique type of nationalist group in that its members only consisted of women and girls. On the continent of Europe where nationalism was very much in vogue, at that time no other such women's nationalist group existed. The inaugural meeting was held in Lynn's hotel, Dublin on Thursday April 2nd, 1914. Membership of this new organisation was to be confined to women of Irish birth or descent. The members of Cumann na mBan were taught how to do first aid, drilling, signalling and rifle practice in order to aid the men of Ireland.

O'Donoghue family

Hannah O'Donoghue was our great-grandmother who was born in Munnig, Skibbereen. She had eight siblings called John, Mike, Tom, Tim, Molly, Florence, Patrick and Dan. Hannah was married to John Sheehy and they both lived their married lives together in Ceagh, Baltimore. John Sheehy was a farmer and they both had four children called Philomena, Jimmy (our granddad), Joe and Teddy.



Left to right: Florence, Tom, Hannah, Dan, Molly and Patrick.

Molly and Hannah O'Donoghue were members of Cumann na mBan. Molly was a member in the Baltimore Company as she was working as a nanny in the Inishbeg Estate. Hannah was a member of the Skibbereen company along side her sister-in-law Lil McCarthy. Lil McCarthy married Hannah and Molly's brother Tim. Lil was the Captain of the Skibbereen company while her husband Tim was a farmer. Lil was an active member of the organisation whereas Hannah wasn't. Lil sent around all the messages, hid arms and provided safe houses for volunteers.



Hannah O'Donoghue



Molly O'Donoghue

Cumann na mBan Companies

Skibbereen Company

Captain: Mrs. L. O'Donoghue (Lil McCarthy)	Poundlick, Skibbereen.
Secretary: Mrs. N. Nagle (Nora Cahalane)	North St. Skibbereen.
Treasurer: Mrs. M.K. Cadogan.	Bridge St. Skibbereen.
Mrs. N. O'Sullivan. (Nancy Hourihane)	Maryville, Skibbereen.
Mrs. M. O'Sullivan. (Mary McCarthy)	High St. Skibbereen.
Mrs. N. Dowse. (Nellie Leonard)	Bridge St. Skibbereen.
Mrs. M. Collins. (Mary Sullivan)	Coornishall, Leap.
Miss Pearl O'Sullivan.	Coolnagrane, Skibbereen.
Mrs. A. Sweeney. (Annie O'Sullivan)	Rath, Baltimore.
Mrs. E. O'Driscoll. (Ellie O'Driscoll)	Carrigfada, Skibbereen.
Mrs. K. O'Driscoll. (Kitty O'Driscoll)	Coronea, Skibbereen.
Miss Hannah McCarthy..	Baurmagowlane, Skibbereen.
Mrs. N. O'Shea. (Nora O'Driscoll)	Drishanemore, Skibbereen.
Mrs. M.K. O'Driscoll. (Mary K. O'Shea)	Drishanemore, Skibbereen.
Miss Emie Fitzgerald.	Mardyke St. Skibbereen.
Miss Harney. (Deceased)	Galway.
Miss King.	Kilbride House, Mullingar.
Miss M. McCarthy.	St. Teresa's High School, Skibbereen.
Miss Monaghan.	Main St. Skibbereen.
Miss Coen.	Main St. Skibbereen
Miss H. O'Donoghue,	East Munig, Skibbereen.
Miss M. Bohane.	Bridge St. Skibbereen.
Mrs. P. O'Hourihane. (Maura Desmond)	Poundlick, Skibbereen.
Mrs. T. O'Mahony. (Tessie O'Shea)	Townshend St. Skibbereen.
Miss Eily O'Donovan.	Townshend St. Skibbereen.
Miss Katie O'Regan.	Bunlick, Skibbereen.

Baltimore Company

Captain: Miss Mary E. Cadogan.	Reengaroga, Baltimore.
Secretary: Miss Annie Cottrell.	USA.
Treasurer: Mrs. Julia Calnan.	Ballydehob.
Miss Maisie Davis.	Rath, Baltimore.
Miss Lizzie Cottrell.	Church Strand, Baltimore.
Mrs. Nellie Leonard.	Ballylinch, Baltimore.
Mrs. Nora O'Regan.	Lick, Skibbereen.
Miss Julia O'Driscoll.	USA
Mrs. Julia O'Neill.	USA.
Mrs. Sarah Kearney.	USA.
Mrs. Chrissie Kearney.	USA.
Mrs. Mary Sheehan.	Baltimore.
Miss Mollie O'Donoghue.	East Munig, Skibbereen.
Miss Eily Sheehy.	USA
Mrs. Lil Hegarty.	Ballymacrown, Baltimore.

Florence O'Donoghue

Florence O'Donoghue was a brother to Hannah and Molly. He was interned to Spike Island during the Easter rising because he took the side of the freestate (which was Micheal Collins' Side)



Spike Island

John O'Donoghue

John O'Donoghue was a police officer with the Royal Irish Constabulary before the Easter Rising up in Dublin. The Royal Irish Constabulary was the armed police force of the United Kingdom in Ireland from the early nineteenth century until 1922





Left to right: Jimmy (our grandad) Teddy, Philomena and Joe.

History project by Emma and Ellen Hurley
Told by Jimmy Sheehy our grandad
Information from Skibbereen & District Historical
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