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My Grandpa Dan told me a story about my Grammother's Great Grandfather, Michael Kilroy. He was involved in the war of Independence in 1921, and the Civil war in 1922. My Great Great Grandfather Michael Kilroy was an Irish Republican Army officer during the Irish war of Independence. And the civil war. Michael Kilroy was a blacksmith in the town of Newpoint in County Mayo. In the early part of the Irish War of Independence, there had not been any major ambushes of crown forces in County Mayo, yet there had been many in County Cork. Michael Kilroy and his men were attempting to set up an ambush on the West point to Castel bar Road on May 6th 1921 when 2 of their men were killed and 2 others were captured. The ambush had to be called off. Michael Collins from West Cork and the people at the Dublin headquarters wanted attacks and ambushes all over the country of Ireland, so Michael Kilroy was not going to give up. Two weeks later, Kilroy and his flying column were ready to try again. They changed the location to between Westport and Newport. In this attack, they managed to kill the RIC Sergeant in Newport. This occurred near Michael Kilroy's home and the Blacks and tars burned it down the following morning. Michael Kilroy was a major and later became Commandant of the 4th Western Battalion of the I.R.A.

Poem: My Great Great Grandfather he was, of that I am proud so average man to lead He inspired the crowd."

Michael
Kilroy



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