

# Bonnie Hayes Michael Collins

Michael Collins was in Irish Soldier and political in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. He was chairman of the government of the Irish Free State. Michael Collins was born in October 1890 and died on 22 August 1922. This birth place was Sams cross Clonakilty County Cork where he will always be remembered as a hero. He was shot near Béal na Bláth Co. Cork in an ambush. He was a republican and wanted a Free Ireland. He did live and work in London for a few years. When he returned in 1916 after fought in the Easter Rising, he was imprisoned but was released late that year. He became a TD in 1918 and was appointed minister for finance. He was known as the big fell and was known as a people person.

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