

West Cork: Stories of the Revolution, 1916-1923

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History Project The Easter Rising

- In the late 19th and early 20th centuries a lot of people fought hard for Ireland to be a republic.
- In 1916, the Irish republic did the Easter Rising against the English rule.
- The Sinn Féin political party became very popular and in 1919 they declared an Irish republic.
- They also set up the IRA which also started the war of Independence.
- In January 1920 the British government started looking for men to go to Ireland to help the British army.
- So many men came they didn't have enough British uniforms so the new recruits wore dark green tops, caps and belts.
- These men were known as the black and tans.



My story

The old boreen road behind my house is now grown over with trees and bushes. Long ago it was the main road to dremmy village. It was used quite often by the black and tans to try look for the I.R.A and there guns.

