

Ellie Curtin

My Great Grandad Patrick

Patrick Hurley from Curraghnaboughra was born on March 4th, 1887 to James Hurley and Ellen Driscoll. He was the eldest of five children. His younger brothers John and Jim were also volunteers in Dromagh H Company of the 3rd Cork Brigade. John held the position of 1st Lieutenant in the company and was the most active out of the three brothers. My Great Grandad Patrick Hurley's role was to carry out sentry duties during the periods of curfew and to make sure when other volunteers were on the run to keep them safe and provide food and shelter in old buildings on their farm. Patrick and his brothers would also try and gather up field glances by attacking local RIC officers and black and Tans who might be passing through Dromagh. My Great Grandfather's brother John would carry dispatches to and from Dromagh to Dunmanway. One time he was on his way to Dunmanway town it was fair Da and he had a big gun. The British soldiers who were billeted in the town decided to search every one in and out of the town that day. He was lucky that he managed to turn around and run through the fields. If he was captured he would have definitely been arrested and the dispatches and gun would have been discovered on his person.

My Great Grandfather Patrick was involved in blowing up a bridge near the town of Stubbeken. The bridge was located at Linnahog, about 3 miles from the town. The local volunteer companies decided to take down bridges to prevent the RIC and British Army soldiers from moving freely in and out areas where they knew that men were on the run. This allowed these men get away without being captured. Patrick was injured by doing so and suffered from a bad back for the rest of his life. He died on March the 27th, 1961 and is buried in Drinagh graveyard.



This is me on the bridge that my Great Grandfather was involved in blowing up.

Ref: 34/SF/28306

Reimn Cosanta,
Brainnse Airgeadais,
(Section F.5.)
Coláiste Ceiltnhín,
Glasnaoidhean,
Baile Átha Cliath.
1945

M.3.

Ref: 34/SF/28306

Applicant's Name: John Atwater

Address: Sullyland
Bandon Co. Cork

A Chair,

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to refer to an application received for the issue of a Service Medal from John Atwater

who states he served in Sullyland Bandon Co. Cork DRINAGH Company, 4th Battalion, Division.

Cork No. 3 Brigade, Co. Connolly Battalion
Company Officer.

J. Bony 1 Deny Brigade Officers
Address of Applicant on 11th July, 1921. Bonin Cork
Coop. Co. Cork.

I shall be obliged for replies to the questions set out opposite and the return of this form duly signed to the above address at your earliest convenience. An addressed envelope on which postage need not be prepaid is enclosed for your reply.

Mise, le meas,

Seán Ó Súilleabháin
Riadaidhe.

Mr. J. Bony

Mr. T. Sullivan T.D.

1. Was the applicant a member subsequent to the 1st April, 1916? Yes

2. Was the applicant an effective member on the 11th July, 1921? Yes

3. If so, please state period with dates: - From: 1918 To: 1922

4. State nature of service rendered (if any): As per Coy & Coy list and also Coy list the force of Binnagh Coy. took part in raids for arms and execution of men found also cutting of roads and bridges and burning of Dr. Doyle's house at Union Hall and was generally active until June

5. Observations (if any): Should be entitled to a service medal

Signed: Seán Ó Súilleabháin Rank 3001. Q.M.

" John P. Sullivan Rank Brigade Q.

If so, please furnish the following information:-

- (a) Organisation in which you served J.R.A.
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of your service from 1918
to July 11th 1921
- (c) Were you a member continuously for the period of three months ended on the 11th July, 1921? Yes
- (d) State Unit or Units in which you served:-
Company Drumagh Battalion 4th Dublin Brigade 3rd Cork
Division _____
- (e) State names and addresses of Commanding Officers:-
 - (1) Brigade Liam Deasy, Barton
 - (2) Battalion Cornelius Connolly, Tralee ^{5th Dublin}
 - (3) Company James Donohue, Carrigrohane, Drinbeg
- (f) Have you applied for a Service Pension? No
- (g) Have you applied for a Disability Pension? No
- (h) If so, give the reference numbers of any communications received from this Department in connection with your application for a pension _____
- (i) State address from which you made application for Pension _____
- (j) Have you previously applied for a Service (1917-1921) Medal Yes

Full Christian and Surname James Hurley
(In Block Capitals)

Present Address Corran North Loop Co Cork

Address at which you resided on 11th July, 1921. (Person interned on that date should state also Home Address)

Corran North Loop Co Cork

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M.S.P./34/2.

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. *3HSP/28316*

To:

THE REFEREE.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to transmit for report in accordance with Section 8 and the Regulations made under the Act the accompanying application of

Shirley, Patricia

Emeraldingham, Brinagh, Summary
for a Service Certificate. *Co. Cork.*

The report should take the form of replies to the questions set out herewith.

J. Morgan

Date..... *8 AUG 1934*

Ref. No. *2.8.34-24*

To:

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

I submit herunder my report in this case.



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Refered.

Date.....
8 AUG 1934

1.—(1) Any person who at any date was either Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff, Adjutant General, Divisional Officer Commanding, or Quartermaster General shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank A.

(2) Any person who at any date was either—

(a) a General Headquarters Officer acting as Director of any one of the following services, namely
Organisation, Intelligence, Engineering and Munitions, or

During all this time I attended
3 Regt parades per week. Cutting Enemy
communications on dozens of occasions
Having been wounded badly in the
Destruction of a bridge at Sissaloriga
when the Bridge gave way I with
another man was pitched into the
river 20 ft below, the effects
of which I suffer from to day.
I also I regular feeding loss of
sleep & hardships has impaired
my health considerably.

My home was used
for holding British prisoners
during Anglo Irish war,
And was raided on several
occasions by Blacks & Fans

at that date not less than one thousand

at that date was less than one thousand i

at that date not less than three hundred

at that date not less than one thousand

at that date not less than one thousand in strength,

at that date not less than one thousand

at that date not less than thirty in strength, or

acting as Director of Medical Service

acting as Director of any Service, other

as mentioned in sub-paragraph (a)

at that date was less than three hundred

at that date not less than sixty in strength, or

on a Staff or on a Divisional Staff, or

at that date not less than one hundred and twenty

as Lieutenant only, such Lieutenants

as three or more Lieutenants, one

as respectively second and third

at that date not less than one hundred and twenty

where such company had at that date

at that date had at that date two or more

second in command, or

is deemed by virtue of paragraph

Rank B or Rank C, or

at that date was not less than

at that date not less than one hundred

at that date not less than one hundred

NOTE.—You will subsequently have to furnish any further particulars and to submit any evidence which the Minister for Defence, or the Referee appointed under the Military Service Pensions Act, or any person or persons duly authorised by them may require in connection with this application for a Service certificate. In this connection attention is directed to the fact that Section 8 (4) of the Act prescribes that the onus of proof shall rest on the applicant.

Careful consideration will be given to any documentary evidence which you may wish to submit herewith. You may also at your discretion write hereunder a statement of any additional information which you consider may be of assistance in determining your application.

Having joined the S R A in 1918 I carried out all orders of my superior officers from then until the cease fire order in 1923 as a result of which I suffered both financially & in health as a result of which I suffer to day. My home was continually used for men on the run for whom I always did scout sentry, of transport drivers, dispatches etc for 5 years which entailed danger to ~~myself~~ ^{myself and my family}

Signature (or Mark) of Applicant.

~~Patrick Herlihy~~ Patrick Herlihy

* Witness to signature or (where applicant is unable to write) to mark of applicant.

~~Patrick Herlihy~~ ~~Wexington~~ Wexington

Address of Witness.....

~~Drumagh Drummond~~ Drumagh Drummond

Qualification.....

~~Patrolman~~ Patrolman

Date.....

11 35 15 July 1936

* Witness must be one of the following:—
A Commissioner of the

18 87 March	March	No	James Hurley	Ellen Hurley <small>formerly</small>	Farmer	Mary & Kelly Robert - all North Vermont	March 1887	James Crowley <small>Register.</small>
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CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1911.

Two Examples of the mode of filling up the Table are given on the other side.
FORM A.

No. 09 Form B, 9

RETURN of the MEMBERS of this FAMILY and their VISITORS, BOARDERS, SERVANTS, &c., who slept or abode in this House on the night of SUNDAY, the 2nd of APRIL, 1911.

Number.	NAME AND SURNAME.		RELATION to Family.	RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.	EDUCATION.	AGE (See Remarks)		NAME, PROFESSION, OR OCCUPATION.	PARTICULARS AS TO MARRIAGE.	WHERE BORN.	MILK LANGUAGE.	If deaf or dumb; blind; lame; or idiotic.
	1.	2.				3. Males.	4. Females.					
1	James	Hurdley	Head of Family	Roman Catholic	None	54		Farmer	Married	Co. Wick	Irish	
2	Ellen	Hurdley	Wife	Roman Catholic	None	51		Farmer	Married	Co. Wick	Irish	
3	Patrick	Hurdley	Son	Roman Catholic	None	23		Farmer	Single	Co. Wick	Irish	
4	Mary	Hurdley	Daughter	Roman Catholic	None	21		Farmer	Single	Co. Wick	Irish	
5	James	Hurdley	Son	Roman Catholic	None	20		Farmer	Single	Co. Wick	Irish	
6	John	Hurdley	Son	Roman Catholic	None	18		Farmer	Single	Co. Wick	Irish	
7	Ellen	Hurdley	Daughter	Roman Catholic	None	17		Farmer	Single	Co. Wick	Irish	
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I hereby certify, as required by the Act 10 Edw. VII, and 1 Geo. V, cap. 11, that the foregoing Return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

William Brickenden
Registrar.

I believe the foregoing to be a true Return.

James Hurdley
Signature of Head of Family.

Ellie Curtin

St Mary's NS Rosscarbrey

4th class