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3d class

I got the following story about the war of independence in Raenassikeers from my grand-uncle, Ted Fitzpatrick, Ted Coakley, Paddy O'DRISCOLL, Paddy and Maurice Fitzpatrick.

Ger Fehily, who lived in Revilax was an I.R.A. man. His house was raided by the Black and Tans.



Ger Fehily's house

They found a list of names in the back of a clock. The names of local volunteers were on the list. They were training to help with the Kilmichael ambush.



This is the clock when the Black and Tans
got the list of names.

Ger was arrested
and tied to the bonnet of a crossley tender lorry.
So they would not be shot at on the way
to Dummaway.

Denis O'Driscoll saw the lorry
pass through Renssela and said "Ger
looked like a black pig."



Michael (Mick) Fitzpatrick.

My Great-grand father, Mick Fitzpatrick was arrested, as he was on the list. When the black and tans came to the field behind the door, he had to untackle the horses and go to the platform in Reenascreena. Here they were loaded on to the lorry.



Reenascreena dancing platform

This happened sometime in November or early December 1920, my great-grand-father was twenty years old at the time.

Men were also arrested after Sunday Mass in Carrigfadda. They were all

taken to the poor house in Dunmanway. It was converted into an army barrack and a prison.



Carrigfadda church

During their time in prison all they got to drink was a gallon of boiling black tea with little milk. They only got hard dog biscuits to eat.

While in prison the Black and Tans shot Canon Thomas Magner and 23 year old local man Tadhg Crowley 1 mile east of Dunmarway. Their bodies were brought to Dunmarway poor house on stretchers. Their bodies were put on tables.

Mick Fitzpatrick was given the job to clean off the blood with water and rags. He failed to get the bloodstain off the table. This memory stayed with him all his life.

Some of the men arrested were
Ger Feely, Reriken, Mick Murray
Reenascreena, the Casely brothers



Jimmy Collins' house

Threegreenes, Jimmy Collins
Reenascreena north, Patsy Burke
and Michael Fitzpatrick Reenascreena
south



Patsy Burke's house

They were kept in prison for 6 weeks.

After these events a local policeman was accused of giving information to the R.I.C. English police. My great-grandfather went to a head I.R.A. man south of Ballineen and pleaded the case for the policeman.

Thanks to Ted and Maurice Fitzpatrick from Reenscreen; Paddy Fitzpatrick and Teddy Conckley from Maulatanavalla and Paddy O'Driscoll (1987) from Summer Park

arrived at the church, where
men were arrested by the
blacks and fans



where men were held for
six weeks

winning way poor house



Rossmore →

Mick Walsh

Thomas Feehan

T. J. O'Neil
Edlins
house

Mick Fitzspitzer house

Pat Burke house

← Connaught

→ Rosscarbery



Steele Hill Lodge
house

This house is where the Black and
Tans got the list of names

St Burke's
house

Wick Fitzpatrick house

Reinascreen

