

West Cork: Stories of the Revolution, 1916-1923

Cover Sheet – Dreeny National School

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The story of
Patrick Wilcox

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Patrick Wilcox grew up in Lissagriffen, Co. Wick, Ireland. He was a farmer and lived on a farm. He went to Lissagriffen NS until he was 15. He left home to join the RIC (Royal Irish Constabulary). His first duty was in Clare. 5 years later he returned home. Shortly after, he returned home, there was an organization of volunteers that he joined. It started in Bantry. They trained military style. Patrick had a very important part in this organization. They captured bombs from the English. They also guarded the coast of the Mizen, checking for ships. It was a secret organization. They had to train in secret. The had secret a link out

They borrowed bikes off the locals. The English got so suspicious that they even followed them to mass and checked every man.

They had to run and hide from the English for weeks.

Patrick joined greater forces after that.

So thats my story about Patrick, about what he did and how. I hope you enjoyed reading,

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