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1887-1968

(My great, great grandfather by Darragh Murphy)

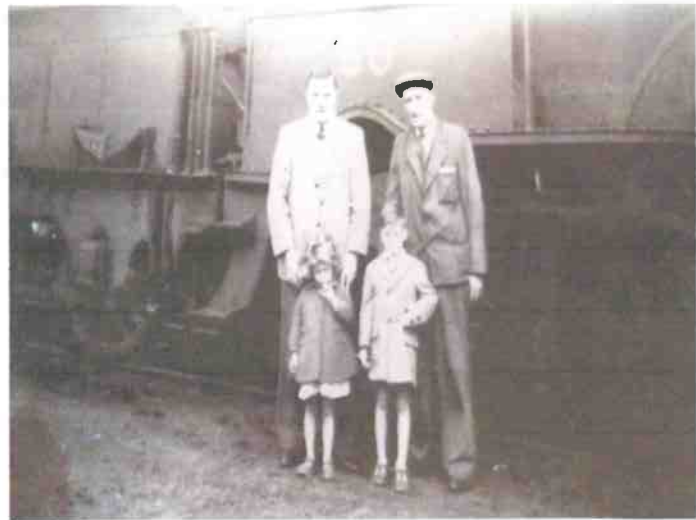
Thomas Tierney lived in Port Laois in County Laois.

He was a railway engineer and he drove the old steam trains on the old railway routes of the Great Southern and Western Railway lines. His route was Limerick to Dublin. One of the trains he used to drive was the Number 60 train.

He also loved dogs and he used to breed Springer Spaniels. He loved to go walking with his dogs especially after he retired from the railway. He was a keen botanist and he knew all the names of the wild flowers and different species of trees in the countryside.

A story has come down through the family that my great, great grandfather drove the train that brought Queen Victoria from Kingstown now Dun Laoighire into Dublin when she visited Ireland.

(It must have been her 1900 visit not her 1861 visit as my great, great grandfather wasn't born!!)



Picture 1: Thomas Tierney on train number 60 with his grandson Ken and grand-daughter Catherine.

Picture 2: Thomas Tierney with his son in law Edmund Kelly and grandchildren Ken and Catherine.