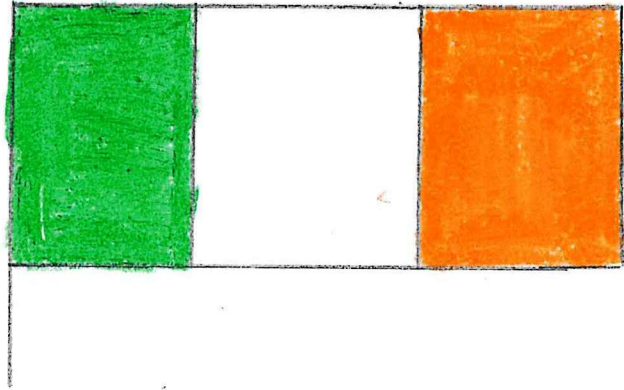


The story of my father's
gun



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The Kilmichael Ambush was an Ambush near the village of Kilmichael in County Cork on 28 of November 1920 carried out by the Irish Republican Army during the Irish War of Independence. Thirty-six IRA volunteers commanded by Tom Barry killed seventeen members of the Royal Irish Constabularies Auxiliary Division.

Tom Barry was a Kerry man, he was born in Killarney, County Kerry in 1897. He spent his younger years in Roscarbery and Bandon. In 1920 Tom Barry joined the third West Cork Brigade of the IRA.

In 1940 my grandfather bought a gun off Jack Young from Dunmanway. The gun that he bought was a Harrington Richardson. It was in the Kilmichael Ambush. The gun was passed on by my Grandfather to my father. The serial number is 95085. Jack Young engraved his name in the part that rests on your shoulder. The gun has been in my family for 78 nearly 79 years and it can still shoot. It is a single barrel and holds 1 cartridge at a time. It was made in 1912 in America. It is a legally held shotgun.