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My name is Matthew Hurley. My Dad told me about this story. This is about my cousin Micheal Collins. My great grandcousin the story is about a safe house in Shanlaglara Dumanway, my great grandfather was born there along with his siblings. The house was met with many tar moids, most of all during the War of Independence. The reason being it was a safe house for the IRA, the most high profiled during the War of Independence. Its most important guest was the flying column the guys who abused the English in Killkenny ambush my great great grandfather house was the most important safe house in Dumanway area but after the ambush. My great great grandfather suffered enormously. The english Black and tans based in Dumanway made their life hell on several occasions. On one occasion after the ambush it was told that my great grandfather and his sisters were threatened at gun point to reveal the Flying Column names. They did not and so suffered for months during the War of Independence. Every time there was so much as an attack or ambush their house raided and my great great grandfather and great grandfather houses were raided and they were beaten call or reason. So much so it is rumoured that while on

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his visit to West Cork before his death he called to see his
cousin. My great great grandfather to acknowledge their suffering
and command on their work as well as what my great grandfathers
people suffered, I can even understand but...? All I know is
we lost a lot of family members during the War of Independence.
The most important one, my cousin Micheal Collins. So much so my
great granduncle Paddy Collins (paddy with the one arm) was in
a collection of his cousins memorial where he was shot. My
cousin Micheal Collins with his death brought a lot of
confusion which still lingers today but all I know
my people and my cousins were great to suffer like they
did and die for Ireland.

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