

Stales brothers.

About $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from my home, stands the Stales homestead and farm, here four Stales brothers were born and reared, Tom, Sean, Bill and Bob, all prominent members of the IRA. They also had a sister Madge a member of the Bandon branch of Cumann na mbhain.

Tom and Sean were officers in the flying column and all took part in the fighting. Their home at Knocknaeuaxa was constantly raided by the British army and eventually burned to the ground.

On July 27 1920 Tom Stales and Pat Harte were captured by the Essex Regiment at Lough near Bandon. They were taken to a local farmhouse owned by a Hurley family, where they were questioned and when they wouldn't talk, were badly beaten. They were then taken to the Essex Regiment military barracks in Bandon, where they were brutally tortured. Tom Stales' fingernails were pulled off by using a pliers. The torture of Pat Harte was so severe that he lost his sanity and never recovered. He died in 1924.

On the 20th August, the men were tried by court martial and sentenced to two years hard labour. Tom was initially, sent to Dartmoor Prison in England and later transferred to Pentonville Prison, where he eventually recovered from his injuries.

When the truce was signed, Tom came home to Ireland and then to his homeplace in Knocknacarra.

The four Stales brothers survived the War of Independence. Sadly Sean Stales died in the Civil War. He was shot in Dublin on the 7th of December 1922. He is buried in the old cemetery in Inishannon. A statue to his memory is erected in Bank Place, Bandon. Tom died 29th April '66.

as told by Billy Dolan.

John Murphy.

About 1½ miles from Kilmacsimon on the road to Bandon, in the townland of Cloghane, the family of John Murphy lived. John Murphy was a volunteer in the I R A, he worked on the Stales family farm, about a mile from his home.

On Sunday 27-6-21 as John approached the Stales farm, a lorry load of British soldiers of the Essex Regiment, stationed in Bandon, well known for their brutal treatment of I R A prisoners, stopped, he was taken in the lorry to the Stales yard, where in the presence of Mrs. Stales he was questioned about the Stales family, as they were prominent I R A members. When he refused to answer their questions, he was badly beaten, then tied to the lorry and dragged down the road towards Kilmacsimon. Local woman Mrs. O' Brien heard his screams for mercy, but the soldiers showed none. About one mile down the road they stopped the lorry and then bayoneted him to death. His body was found next morning by another neighbour.

John Murphy suffered a brutal death, at the age of 22 years. He was laid to rest in Ballinacree cemetery, the first person to be buried there.

A monument now stands on the roadside, where he lost ~~the~~ his life, for Ireland's cause.

told by Billy Nolan.

During the war of Independence 1916-1921 people from this parish (Courceys) where I live were very involved in the conflict. The Deasy, Murphy, and Hales families played a major role in the fighting. There were five brothers in the Deasy family the youngest Pat died in the Kilmichael ambush on the 28/11/20 at the age of sixteen years, The Deasy family lived in Kilmacsimon Quay, where his nephew still lives. A monument to his memory now stands at the approach to Kilmacsimon Village. ①

told by Billy Nolan.

Crois Na Seanbh.

Five miles south of my home between Ballinadee and Kilbrittain at a crossroads named Crois Na Seanbh, a monument stands by the roadside, in memory of four volunteers who were killed there by the Essex Regiment, on February 16th, 1921. During the fight for freedom, it was the practice to dig trenches, across the roads, to stop or slow the military losses from getting through. On this particular night whilst engaged in this work they were surprised by the soldiers and four were shot dead, their names were

Con Mc Carthy, Kilanelig, Ballinadee. ①

John Mc Grath, Rathclarin, Kilbrittain. ②

Timothy Connolly, Fearnagark, Kilbrittain. ③

~~Jeremiah~~ Jeremiah O'Neill Knockpogue, Kilbrittain ④

Their bodies were found later that night, and were taken to the morgue in the Brandon hospital.

Their bodies were taken to Kilbrittain Church.

They were buried in the local cemetery, Kilbrittain on February 18th, 1921. in the presence of a huge crowd of mourners. R. I. P.

told by Billy Nolan.

Tuairim na h-ádhúlach na h-Éireann.
 Caidís O'Connell. Suan 24 bliain.
 Conchobhar MacCarraigh. Suan 29 bliain.
 Seán Mac Eanáir. Suan 24 bliain.
 Uilleam Ó Néill. Suan 19 bliain.
 Na h-ádhúlach na h-Éireann.
 An t-ádhúlach na h-Éireann.
 An t-ádhúlach na h-Éireann.

Here at Crois Na Leathan, on the 16th Feb 1849
 four Volunteers of the Third West Cork Brigade
 were killed in action by British Crown Forces

TUAIRIM NA h-ÁDHÚLACH NA h-ÉIREANN
 In Memory of

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| Vol. Timothy Connolly | 24 years |
| Vol. Cornelius McCarthy | 25 years |
| Vol. John McGillicuddy | 24 years |
| Sgt. Uilleam Ó Néill | 19 years |

Anniversary by Canon Kevin O'Callaghan, P.P. Bandon

Fuinneadh na n-aoi *Pháirt na h-Éireann*
 Tomás O'Connell Sam 03 Iú 24 bliana
 Conchobhar MacCárthaigh Sam 03 Iú 29 bliana
 Seán Mac Craic Sam 03 Iú 24 bliana
 Uinseann O'Neill Seán 19 bliana
 Da leis an 5 Iúil 1847 Croas na n-aoi *Carraig 1847*
 Do mairbhíoch na n-aoi *na n-aoi 1847*
 An t-éiríocht na n-aoi *na n-aoi 1847*

Here at Crois Na Leandh on the 16th. Febr. 1847
 four Volunteers of the Third West Cork Brigade R.A.
 were killed in action by British Crown Forces

FÉILIRÉADAK DAS AR SOI FADRSO DA UPHÉADAK
 In Memory of

- Vol. Timothy Connolly Farranegarr 24 years
- Vol. Cornelius McCarthy Kilmellogh 25 years
- Vol. John McGilgan Kilmellogh 24 years
- Sgt. Uinseann O'Neill Knockanone 19 years

Anniversary by Canon Kevin O'Callaghan, P.P. Bandon



Birthplace of
Volunteer
& Lieutenant
Pat Deasy

3rd West Cork Brigade

Who lost his life at the
Kilmichael Ambush
On November 28th 1920
Aged 16 years

Erected by the Deasy Family

FUAIREADAR BÁS AR SON POBLAÍCT NA h-ÉIREANN.

ṪAṪṪ Ó CONṪAILE.

SAOR-ÓṪLAÍ-24 ṪLIANA.

CONCUBAR MACCÁRṪAÍṪ.

SAOR-ÓṪLAÍ-29 ṪLIANA.

SEÁN MAC CRAÍṪ.

SAOR-ÓṪLAÍ-24 ṪLIANA.

ṪIARMUID Ó NEILL.

SEÁIRSEANT-19 ṪLIANA.

DA LEIS AN Ṫ CÉAD CÁT ṪREAS ṪRÍOṪÁID ṪORCAÍṪE. I.R.A.

ṪO MARṪUÍṪEADÓ IAD SAN ṪROID AR AN. 1Ṫ-2-21.

AR ṪEIS ṪÉ 3Ṫ RAÍṪ A h-ANAMANNÁ.

FUAIR SÉ BAS AR SON
POBLAÍCT NA h-ÉIREANN
SÉAN Ó MURCADA
SAOR ÓSLAÍ SA CÉAD CAC
TREAS BRIOGAÍD CORCAIGE I R. A.
IN AOIS A 22 bliain
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IN AOIS A 22 bliain
DU MARIÚIGEAD É SAN CROIB
AR AN 27 - 6 - 21
AR DEIS DE 50 RAIL A ANAM

Ó MURCADA

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