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# Story No. 1

(Told by Marie Keefe)

My great great grand-parents lived in Ballygarra County Galway and during the time of the Irish War of Independence, Black and Tans were known for their attacks on civilians. Black and Tans went apart of the English army. They were sent over to capture or kill any IRA on the run.

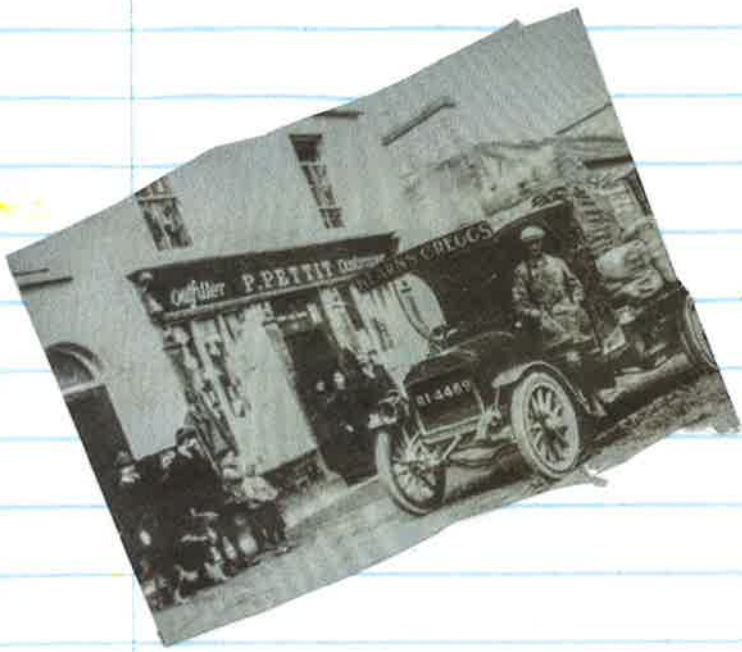
My great great grand-parents owned a shop which was a... grocery shop, builders providers, under takers, shoe shop, all under the one roof. It was joined to their home, and the kettle was always on because costumers always used to drop in for a cup of tea.

My great great grand-parents had a very large attic with cardboard on the floor and on all the walls. They put a wall in the middle of it creating a secret room that no one could see and that is where they hid IRA people from the Black and Tans.

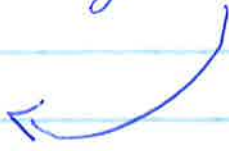
The Black and Tans had spies hidden all around the country. The spies told the Black and Tans about my Great Great Grand-parents hiding IRA people. They came several times saying "we will shoot you if you don't tell us where you hid them." One night my great great granary noticed that they were actually going to shoot and James in front of him guarding him and said "if your going to shoot him you have to shoot me first" another guy from the Black and Tans said "stop don't shoot her she is a mother of eight children, and she saved his life. All in all it is said that my great great grand-parents saved 100 lives!

The End

by Momo Sheehy



Original Pettit's store



Great Great Grandad  
Patrick  
Great Great Granny





# Story No. 2

Around the time of the Irish war of independents there was a shortage of money, luckily my great great grand-parents had a car an austin car. There was not alot of fuel around then so they used a horse and carts. When there was not alot of money and my great granny Moll wanted some money she would put a chicken in the bike basket and cycled in to cork city from Blarney and sell a chicken. And thats how Moll got money when she needed it.

By Momo Sheehy (Told by Marie O'Keefe)

