

Katie's Lordan's  
Story (Great Grandmother)

Timmy Lordan's  
Story (Great granma)



**Kilmichael**

**Ambush**

28<sup>th</sup> of November

1820

# The War of Independence. Shauna, Lord

On the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 1920.

The black and tans left the town of Macroom, they were heading for Durrantry. My great grandmother Kattie Jordan (Nee Missay)

was living in Kilmicheal just behind the site of the ambush (where Mc Sweeney sand and gravel is now) On that Morning the flying

Column under general Tom Barry was lying in wait to ambush the black and tans. My Great Grandmother heard the shots and she was terrified.

There were 17 black and tans killed and there were three Irish men killed "McCarthy O'Sullivan and Deasy"

The next day the black and tans were very angry and upset. They took their revenge by burning two houses



around the ambush. My Great  
Grand Mother's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday was on the  
the same day as the ambush.  
Her Mom had given her a lovely  
dress for her birthday she was  
afraid that the black and tans  
would burn down their house  
so she hid her dress in a  
nearly "field" underneath a rock.  
As it happens the black and  
tans did call to their house  
however because her Mother was  
a widow she pleaded with them  
not to 'burn the house' and they  
didn't.

My aunt Carriana lived  
with my Great Grand Mother who  
use to tell her this story when  
she was small.

This is my Great Grandmother  
Kattie Jordan when  
she was younger.



THIS IS A STORY  
ABOUT KATTIES  
BROTHER TIMMY

The auxiliaries came looking to  
Kattie's mother for a horse and  
went to bring out the bodies from  
the bog. Kattie's brother Timmy to to  
stand on the haggard wall to take the  
the horse as the auxiliaries were putting  
on the tacking upside down. They were  
pointing these guns as Timmy tackled  
the horse. To send the horse back  
home afterwards they fired bullets  
on the ground which sprayed gravel  
on the rear of horse who came  
up the lane very frightened.



# A recitation read by old people

Eight long hours they lay in  
ambush waiting for the coming foe  
as their eyes grew dim from watching  
as the sun was sinking low.

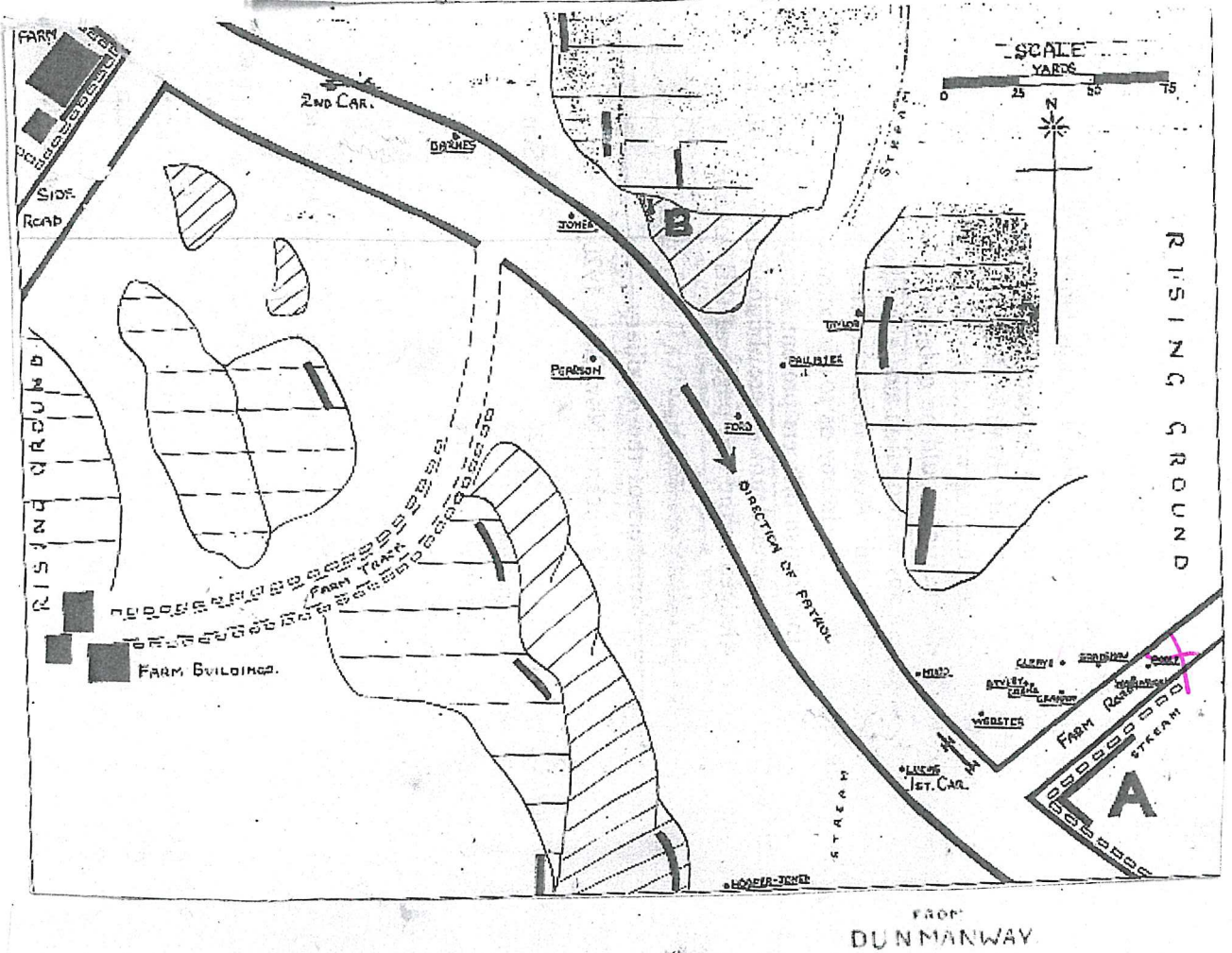
Two big lorries were approaching where  
our boys had built their meet  
and the good scouts ran the gauntlet  
without fear or pain or death.

Onward came the lorries with a desant  
lugging Ross as they passed that  
little Rookery number one was  
to the fore but our boys they  
missed the target but the boys were  
not to blame in the midst of  
tense anxiety and brave Kilmichael  
and the flower of Greenwood angels facing  
with the setting sun.

McCarthy he fell wounded and Jim  
Sullivan lost his life along horse drawn  
to all the world Britain's might  
is but a name they have smashed  
the pride of England and they  
brought Kilmichael fame.

To the brave men of Kilmichael  
Ireland owes a mighty debt  
These names will live forever in  
our homes they will be blessed  
and we still have some few martyrs  
who are not afraid to die in the  
battlefield or scaffold still our arm firm will fly

# Site of Kilmichael Ambush



SITE OF THE AMBUSH IN THE KILMICHAEL AREA 28<sup>th</sup> NOV: 1920  
 NEAR CORNER OF DUNNAMWAY STREET 193

APPROXIMATE POSITION: NORTHERNMOST POINT OF AMBUSH 1<sup>st</sup> SOUTH OF POINT  
 508 ON DUNNAMWAY MAIN ROAD SOUTH OF KILMICHAEL.

TIME: DUSK

CRACKS UP TO 5 FT. HIGH (COVERED WITH MOSS AND CORN)

CRACKS OVER 5 FT. HIGH DO.

BOGGY LAND

█ POSITIONS OF REBEL TROOPS. □□ STONE WALL

THESE POSITIONS WERE, EXCEPT IN AND ENTIRELY NATURAL AND WOULD IN EACH CASE ACCOMMODATE  
 4 TO 6 RIFLEMEN LYING IN WHICH POSITION THEY WOULD BE FAIRLY WELL CONCEALED. SMALL  
 QUANTITIES OF CUT GRASS WERE FOUND IN SOME POSITIONS; PRESUMABLY IT HAD BEEN USED TO  
 CONCEAL THE HEADS OF THE REBELS WHILE WAITING.

A STONE WALL HEIGHTENED BY ITCH AND LOGS.

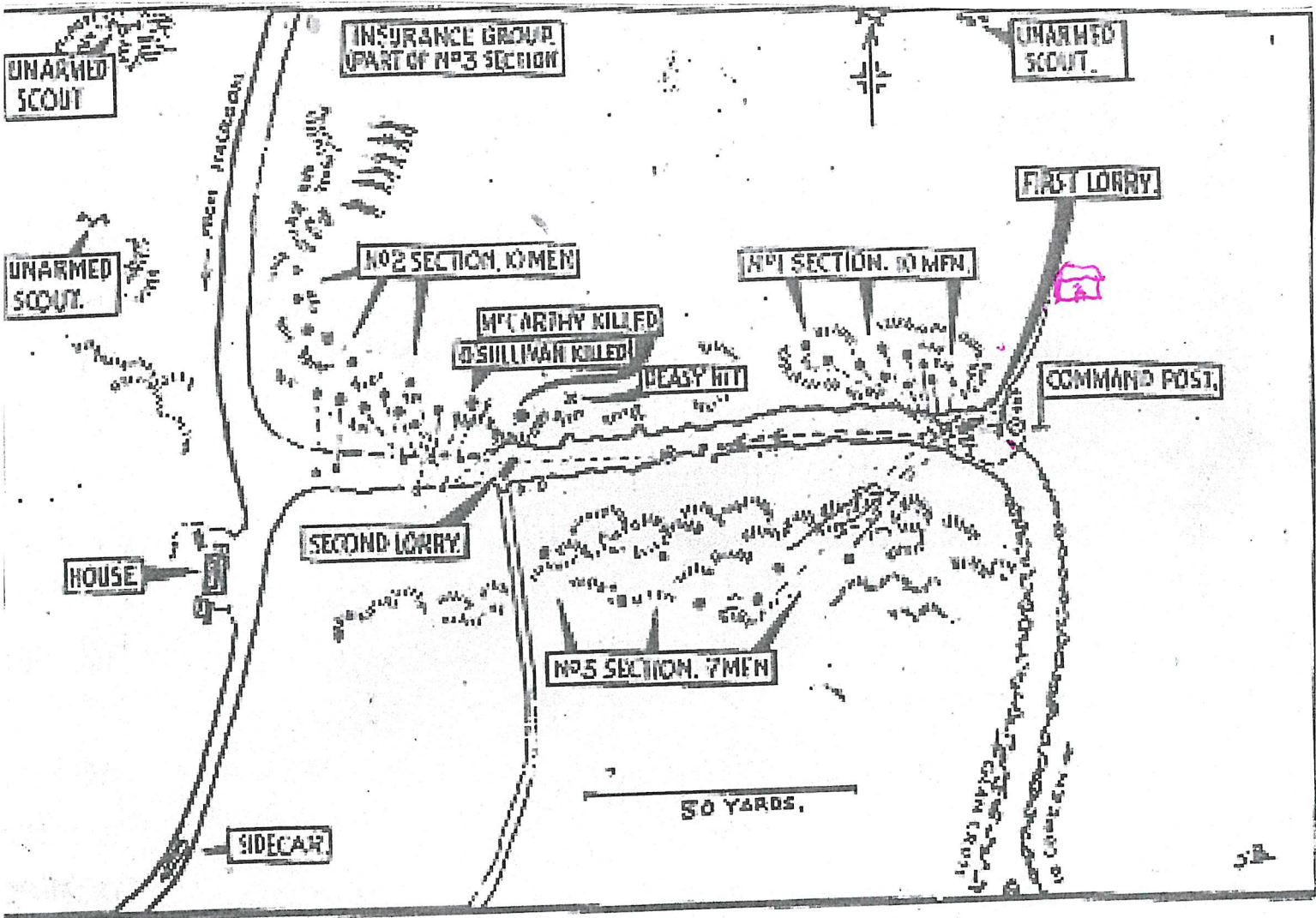
ENTIRELY ARTIFICIAL. A SMALL STONE WALL LOOPHOLE FOR 2 RIFLES  
 KNEELING OR LIGHT MACHINE GUN.

POSITION OF CARS AND BODIES AS FOUND BY SEARCH PARTY ON 29<sup>th</sup> NOV: 1920.


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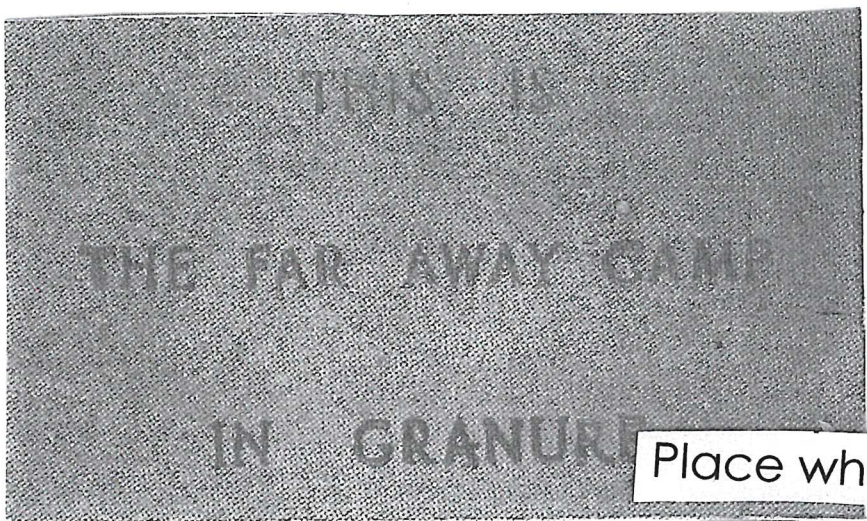
X = My great granparents lane





Sketch of the Ambush Site

 = My greats  
grandma's house



Place where Tom Barry and his men went after Kilmichael Ambush



## The Kelly's House

This is the Kelly's House  
They lived beside my Great Grandmother  
Katie Jordan unfortunately their house  
was burnt. The reason Katie's house  
was not was because Katie's Mother  
was a widow and offered to  
let them borrow their house.  
Another house nearby that was  
burnt was the O'Donoghue's