

The Black and Tans

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My great grandparents on my Mothers side had many encounters with the Black and Tans. They lived in County Mayo and had a happy life until the terrible Black and Tans.

They would be dragged out of their home and searched for guns. The Black and Tans would ransack their home. Turn beds upside down, demolish their furniture and scatter objects everywhere, searching for weaponry. This happened every now and again. The Black and Tans would barge into their home. They would repeat the same actions again and again. This was truly a terrible time for Ireland. Sometimes, the Black and Tans would even take away family members that they were suspicious of and they would never come back. Luckily, my great grandparents survived through this time, unharmed.

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