

# Stories of the Revolution Project

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# Michael Collins

Eamonn Devalera appointed Michael Collins the first minister for finance in the year 1919. As a minister Michael Collins organised a large bond issue in the form of a national issue, to fund the new Irish republic. The Dail loan raised 400,000 pounds of which 25,000 was in gold. The British declared this loan illegal. The gold was kept in the Dail until 1922. The Easter rising was Michael Collins first appearance in National events, this was Easter Monday in 1916. The headquarters was in the general post office also called the (GPO) in Dublin. The Michael Collins fought along side other members of the along side other members of the Easter rising leadership.

My nanna is Hannah she is related to Michael Collins. She lived in Reenascreena about 5 miles from Michael Collins home place. When my nanna was a young girl she spoke very fondly of Michael Collins. She has happy memories of Michael.