

**Irish
Constabulary/Royal
Irish Constabulary
Ballycastle County
Antrim
1833-1922**



This piece of research sets out a potted history of policing in Ballycastle from 1830's until partition. It is generally a record of the men who served in the town, those who retired in the town and those identified who came from the town. It is not intended to chart all events pertaining to these men through their career but rather shows their connections to Ballycastle and to other residents.

I have also included the connections to the 1913-1923 revolutionary period concerning Nationalism/Republicanism in the town. In a number of examples there are connections with men serving or retiring in the town that may be of interests to those who have studied the period.

This work is not definitive and where there are errors or available alternative information, I am happy to hear from you. Research was based on RIC records and newspaper archives on Findmypast.com, PRONI Will and Valuation Revision records, 1901 and 1911 census returns and Jim Herlihy's book 'Royal Irish Constabulary Officers.' Some general research was carried out through internet searches.

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According to the property Valuation Revision records in 1864 the barracks were sited at Anne Street Ballycastle, the building was to be taken over in 1877 by grocer and draper Nehemiah McCaughan and ultimately became Donnelly's bakery.



The barracks then moved to Castle Street from 1877 until 1893. It can be seen in the following picture on the right-hand side with a RIC man standing on the step, the station badge appears to be visible on the window sill above the door.





Castle Street today

The site of barracks appears to then to have been 18 Market Street from 1893 which were later the RUC barracks.



1833

Ordnance Survey memoirs from 1833 records that there were 6 constabulary based at Ballycastle. It is not apparent which ranks this was made up but certainly as Ballycastle was the headquarters of a district there would have been a Sub Inspector, Head Constable, Constable and a number of Sub Constables.

The contemporary press records in 1833 a Serjeant William McCormick of the Ballycastle constabulary. Online information posted by relatives researching the family show that he was married to Martha McClelland and came from Longford or Westmeath. His son James was born around 1830, and was married in 1866 to Mary Lowe at Moate.

1852

Sub Inspector Christopher Joseph De Gernon

1852-9th July 1854

Christopher De Gernon was born in Middlesex 1816, although elsewhere it was mentioned that he was born in France of Irish parents. He joined the constabulary 2nd April 1839 and was posted to County Sligo. He then served Galway, back to Sligo, Cork, Dublin, the Reserve and then County Antrim around 1851/1852.

He remained in Ballycastle until 9th July 1854 when he joined the commissariat for war in Turkey. He then returned to the police 8th December 1855 and was stationed in Limerick. 1st May 1856 he was posted to Cork City where he stayed only a short time and was sent to King's County 1st October 1856. He finally served in County Kildare from 1st September 1857 and was commandant of Curragh Camp.

On 19th August 1860 Charles was made a Resident Magistrate. He died 25th January 1875 at Glenogra County Limerick. Christopher drowned in the Camogue River while riding home from a day's hunting. It was noted that he was never married.

1858

Sub Inspector Thomas Rodwell

1st February 1858 – 1st July 1865

Thomas Rodwell was born 1831 in Norfolk and may have been from Brancaster. He was the son of gentleman George Given. He joined the Irish Revenue Police in 1851 however transferred to the Constabulary on the disbandment of the Revenue in October 1857.

17th May 1865 Thomas married Margaret Marion Given at St Patrick's Church Coleraine. Margaret was the daughter of gentleman Daniel Given of Coleraine. He was then transferred to Bandon County Cork 1st July 1865, however prior to this on 15th April 1867 a daughter Isabella was born at North Main Street Bandon County Cork.

Thomas was posted to Wexford 1st March 1885 and then Kilkenny 1st November 1887.

Thomas was pensioned 24th November 1891. He died 5th June 1913 at 8 Kenilworth Road, Rathgar, Dublin. His son George D'Urban Rodwell was to become a County Inspector in the RIC who served during WW1 as a senior officer.

1859

Head Constable Abraham Eakins 2499

Abraham Eakins was born County Cavan 1816. He joined the constabulary 22nd July 1837 on the recommendation of the Rev D Adams and was posted to County Donegal.

In November 1845 he was promoted to Constable. He was married 1847. From 1850 until 1856 Abraham worked in the Burnfoot and Clonmany areas of Donegal. In 1856 he was moved to Ballintra.

Abraham was promoted to Head Constable 4th July 1859 and was posted to County Antrim from 1st November.

He was pensioned 1st April 1868 and was presented with an inscribed watch and chain as well as an address from the people of Ballycastle. It was revealed that he was bound for Ramelton County Donegal. Abraham then found employment as the master of Milford Union Workhouse in Donegal. It is not clear when he took up the position, however the vacancy had been advertised from October 1867.

In April 1892 it was recorded that Abraham was selling by auction licensed premises at the "Stewart's Arms" hotel Ramelton. His address at the time was Bogwell Cottage, Ramelton. It is not clear what or where these licensed premises were.

On 9th November 1897 Abraham's wife Sarah died at Ramelton aged 81.

At the time of the 1901 census Abraham was living at Church Street Ramelton. He was widowed and was living with his two daughters Martha and Jane and his son James. James and Jane were employed as shop assistants.

Abraham died 5th September 1906 at Ramelton County Donegal aged 89.

Constable Michael Brown 8009

Michael Brown was born 1824 County Cork and was the son of labourer John Brown. He joined the constabulary 9th May 1846 on the recommendation of the Reverend W Jackson. Michael had been employed as a shoemaker.

He was posted to County Limerick, the Reserve, then County Longford from 18th July 1848 where he became a mounted officer. He was married 8th February 1853 (although his service record states 27th January 1853) to Mary Anne McKinly. Mary was the daughter of farmer George McKinly. Both Michael and Mary were resident in Killashee.

Michael was promoted to Constable 1st August 1857 and was transferred to the Depot 1st August 1859. Michael was only at the Depot for a short time as he was moved to Ballycastle 25th September 1859. He was still there in 1868 but transferred to Ballymoney. He was dismissed 20th November 1874.

He was pensioned 1st November 1878 with his pension being claimed at Antrim. Michael then went to live at Randalstown and later worked as a water bailiff.

On 29th October 1891 Michael married widow Ellen Fletcher of Cairngranny just outside Antrim. Ellen was the daughter of carter James McFetridge.

Michael died 5th February 1898 at Ballymena. On that date he had travelled to Ballymena by train and arrived around 9.30 a.m. He then took another train to Kells where he had some business to attend to. While in Connor he took a "weak turn" but regained enough strength to return to Ballymena. On arriving at the station, he again felt unwell and called on Constable James Smith of High Street barracks in Ballymena, who was on the platform. Smith helped Michael to the other platform where he vomited. He again seemed to regain strength but fell on his back. He was lifted to the first class gentleman's waiting room but it was discovered that he was dead. His wife named as Ellen appeared at the inquest and stated that he was a sober man and had not tasted drink for thirty years.

April 1863

Constable William McMullin 11,1768

William McMullin was born County Tyrone 1828 son of Charles McMullin. He joined the constabulary 9th December 1848 on the recommendation of E Sprosel J.P.

His father Charles appears to be Charles McMullin service number 676. Charles was a native of Tyrone and at the time of joining on 1st May 1829 was a widower with at least one son. He served in County Tyrone and was pensioned 1st October 1851. He may have died in the Omagh area in 1865.

Initially he was sent to the Reserve but was then posted to County Antrim. 1st May 1856 William was promoted to Acting Constable. Then 1st March 1858 he was promoted to Constable.

On 29th October 1865 William McMullin married at Ballycastle Chapel Margaret McHenry daughter of Robert McHenry, publican, of Ballycastle. His service record stated that he was married 26th September 1865. On 1st September 1866 son John McMullin was born at Anne Street Ballycastle.

William was transferred to County Londonderry 1st May 1868. He was then promoted to Head Constable 1st February 1872 and was stationed at Maghera. On 7th August 1874 son Robert McMullin was born at Maghera. A few weeks later on 10th September 1874 William was fined 50 shillings and warned.

William's troubles did not end there. He was reduced in rank to Constable 25th September 1875. This was followed by a 40 shilling fine on 1st November 1875, and he was again reduced this time to Sub Constable 17th November 1877.

On 18th September 1878 daughter Mary McMullin was born at Castledawson where William was stationed. Another daughter Margaret was born 8th September 1883 at the townland of Tamnaran at Castledawson. A further daughter Agnes Josephine McMullin was born 23rd March 1886 at Mullaghboy.

William was pensioned 1st August 1879. He initially claimed at Magherafelt.

At the time of the 1901 census William was living with his children and grandson William John at Garden Street Magherafelt. Son John McMullin was living at Vere Street in the Belfast docks where he operated a bar.

William John McMullin born 83 Templemore Street Belfast 11th November 1897. He was the son of John McMullin and Annie Hunter. John was a spirit grocer. John had married Annie 15th November 1896 at St Matthew's Chapel on the Lower Newtownards Road Belfast. Their wedding certificate stated that Annie was the daughter of James Hunter and implied that he was a former RIC man. Both Annie and John were living at 83 Templemore Street which was licensed premises in East Belfast.

On 24th October 1899 Annie McMullan died aged 25 of consumption. They were then living at another bar 1-3 Vere Street in the docks area of Belfast. Annie died at the Mater Hospital. On 3rd July 1900 John remarried. On this occasion he married Mary McArdle daughter of farmer Bernard McArdle of Magherafelt. John and Mary were noted at Vere Street in the 1901 census but were gone by 1911. The Valuation records indicate they left prior to 1906. The property at Vere Street was owned by bewery McArdle, Moore & Co which may have been connected to Mary.

In 1904 William moved to Belfast. At the time of the 1911 census daughters Mary, Agnes and Maggie were living with him along with grandson William at Pim Street.

William died 19th April 1914 at 16 Pim Street Belfast. His daughter Maggie was present at the death. Oddly his death certificate records him as being an ex-Head Constable which was incorrect. The remainder of his pension was paid to his daughter Mary.

Charles McMullin 15,288 also a native of Tyrone, born 1832, and may have been a relative. He joined 13th September 1851 and was also posted to County Antrim. Charles volunteered to serve in the Crimean war in the Lifeguards on 27th September 1852 according to his service record. There are no further records for him.

A record for military service for Charles McMullin, former Irish Constabulary man, indicates that he served for 21 years finishing as a sergeant in the 100 Regiment of Foot. The record states that he

initially was a member of the Grenadier Guards and had pension worth four years and twelve days from the Constabulary. He was promoted to sergeant in 1862 but was reduced again to private after getting in trouble. He later was promoted to corporal but changed regiment in 1867 to 110 Regt of Foot where he remained until October 1872. He went then to live in Reading, England. In 1891 he was noted as living at 65 Waterloo Road, Reading, was married and had three children. In 1901 he was living at 21 Abbey Square, Reading.

1865

Sub Inspector Arthur Pratt Winter Morton

1865-1st April 1867

Arthur Morton was born Le Havre France 2nd August 1844. His father Pierce was in the military. His mother was Louisa Somerville. He joined the constabulary as an officer cadet 27th January 1863 and was posted to County Cavan 26th October 1863.

He was then posted to County Antrim and was noted in local press in Ballycastle by the beginning of November 1865. On 19th December 1866 he married Eliza Rebecca McNeale daughter of solicitor Stephen Wilson McNeale of Ballycastle.

Arthur was then posted to Castleblayney County Monaghan 1st April 1867 followed shortly after by a move to Donegal 31st July 1867 on his own request. On 18th September 1867 son Pierce Somerville was born at The Quay Ballycastle. Arthur was stationed at Ramelton at this time.

On 1st May 1869 he was posted to Arklow County Wicklow. On 1st December 1870 Arthur was sent to County Clare. He died 31st August 1871 aged 28 at Kilrush County Clare

1867

Sub Inspector Charles Andrews Carr

1st April 1867- July 1868

Charles Carr was born County Roscommon 1840. He was the son of Frederick Carr who had been a Chief Constable in the Baronial Police 1st October 1821 to 1st April 1824 and who had then gone on to be ultimately a County Inspector retiring in 1866. Charles joined as a cadet 16th May 1859. He was first posted to County Meath 16th November 1859. He then served County Down from 1st July 1861, then County Roscommon 1st March 1863. He was then posted to the Reserve 1st September 1865.

1st April 1867 he was posted to Ballycastle as replacement for Arthur Morton. In August 1867 while walking at Giants Causeway Charles' hat blew off. On going to retrieve it near the edge of the cliff the ground gave way causing him to fall 351 feet. He struck earth and rocks on the way down however was able to stand up immediately after. He then attended a pic-nic. He was found to have 24 separate cuts and was able to walk a mile to the Causeway Hotel. He then rested for two or three days in bed.

Charles then returned to County Roscommon by at least July 1868 and was stationed at Frenchpark. He then served County Down (1869-1871), Donegal (1871-1875), Cork (1875-1889), Meath (1889), Dublin (1889-1896) and finished at Moville County Donegal (1896-1899).

18th March 1872 he married Margaret Henrietta McDermott daughter of Edward McDermott Esq. Both were resident at 23 Palmerston Place, Dublin however Margaret was from County Longford.

He was pensioned 1st July 1899 and in 1901 was living at St Patrick's Place, Cork with their three children

Angustin born 1872/1873 Donegal

Florence born 1875/1876 Donegal

Charles Alfred Carr born 27th June 1877 Ballincollig Cork

Another daughter Margaret Henrietta Carr was born 23rd December 1876 Ballincollig Cork and died aged 17 5th April 1893 at Lucan County Dublin. Charles died 8th February 1917 and was buried with his daughter at Lucan.

1868

Head Constable George Lalor 1st April 1868-25th November 1869

George Lalor was born County Tipperary north 1830. He was the son of constabulary man Richard Lalor (according to his later wedding certificate). He joined the constabulary 16th September 1851 on the recommendation of Sub Inspector Mullin. George had been a tailor prior to joining.

He was posted to the Reserve 5th February 1852 and then County Antrim 9th May 1852. While there he was reduced in rank to 2nd sub constable 12th May 1852 but was promoted back up on 1st October 1852. On 1st April 1859 he was promoted to acting constable and on 1st November 1859 he was promoted to constable.

On 21st December 1861 at St Anne's Belfast he married Eliza Sweeney daughter of business man Michael Sweeney. Both George and Eliza were living in Belfast.

By 26th October 1865 George was living and working in Ballymena. He was based at the High Street barracks where his son George was born. By 23rd April 1867 son Richard was born at Henry Street, which suggests that George was then stationed at Harryville barracks.

George was promoted to Head Constable 7th October 1867 and was sent to Coleraine County Londonderry 26th October 1867. On 1st April 1868 George was transferred to Ballycastle.

A year later on 23rd April 1869 daughter Elizabeth was born at the barracks at Anne Street. Sadly a few months later George died 25th November 1869 aged 39.

Sub Inspector EJ McDermott/Edward Joseph MacDermott

July 1868 – January 1869

Edward MacDermot was born around 22nd March 1846 in County Galway. He was the son of Sub Inspector Henry MacDermot and brother of County Inspector Henry Roderick MacDermot.

He transferred from Depot to Ballycastle July/August 1868. In January 1869 he was transferred to Ballinamore County Leitrim.

5th May 1873 while stationed at Clifden County Galway married Frances MacDermot daughter of JP Charles MacDermot of Coolavin. They appear to have been cousins. They were married at Craggah County Mayo. He later became a Resident Magistrate

1869

Sub Inspector Thomas Murphy

15th January 1869- Nov 1872

Thomas Murphy was born County Wexford 1843. He joined as a cadet 8th December 1866. He Initially was sent to Arva County Cavan 3rd June 1867. He was transferred to Ballycastle 15th January 1869.

While at Ballycastle he received a favourable record for quelling a disturbance 26th October 1870. This appears to have related to an attack on a band from Coleraine who had been playing at the Ballycastle regatta. It was reported as a “party disturbance” and that Sub Inspector had been escorting the band to McDonnell’s hotel with a detail of police when they were attacked by a mob armed with sticks and stones. Several people were wounded. It was stated that further trouble was stopped due to the intervention of MR William Woodside of Coleraine (a native of Ballycastle), local priest Rev Mr McAlister and the proprietors of the principal hotels, Mr McDonnell and Mr Lavery. Due to the incident anti-catholic feeling in Coleraine was high which resulted in the windows of a number of homes being broken.

In November 1872 Thomas was moved to County Mayo. He was then posted to the following Roscommon 1874-1876, Clare 1876-1877, Mayo 1877-1878, Kerry 1878-1879, Kildare 1879-1880, Limerick 1880-1881, Monaghan 1881-1883 and finally Tipperary north February 1884 until he was discharged on his services not being required any further in October 1884.

Between 1875 and 1881 Thomas found himself in varying forms of trouble with his authorities as outlined on his record:

1. 5th October 1875 – reduced twelve steps on the seniority list for making a false return of duty.
2. Caution of the Inspector general of dates 19-11-75, 12-12-76, 13-2-77, 5-3-78, 28/-9-78, 27/12/78, 14-1-79, 10-9-80 and 3-1-81. All related to “persistent disrespectful writing.”
3. 10th June 1881 – reduced ten steps in the seniority list for insubordination.

His departure from the force was due to drunkenness and insubordination.

John Jones 2909

John Jones was born County Monaghan around 1811. He joined the constabulary 24th April 1838 on recommendation of the Inspector General.

John served only in County Antrim and was promoted to Constable 1st December 1841. In June 1858 he was awarded ½ chevron He was pensioned 1st November 1859. By 1864 John was living at Mazes, Drumtullagh Ballycastle.

20th September 1869 daughter Annie Jones married widowed butcher Archibald Coils (Coyles) at St James Church of Ireland. Both parties were from Ballycastle. John Jones was listed as being a farmer.

He died 5th May 1886 at Mazes, Ballycastle. John was a widower at the time of his death. Pension record stated that he had three unmarried daughters at the time of his death. One of his daughters Elizabeth received the remainder of his pension. Elizabeth was named on the Valuation Revision records as taking over control of the property at Mazes. Present at his death was his grandson John Coyles.

1871

On 3rd May 1871 the death of Constable David Reid at Ballycastle was announced in local press and confirmed in death records. A will record stated that he was a bachelor and that his next of kin was Samuel Reid of Meganety (Loughgall) County Armagh. The death record states that he was 54. There is no satisfactory service record available for David.

1872

Moses Brannigan 7208

Moses Brannigan was born County Monaghan around 1827. He joined the constabulary 9th May 1846 having been recommended by Sub Inspector Flinter. Flinter at this time was stationed at Ballymena indicating that Moses joined from this area. He had been a clerk prior to joining.

He served only in County Antrim. On 1st August 1848 he was promoted to Acting Constable but was reduced to Sub Constable 1st September 1851. He was then promoted to Constable 1st August 1855.

Moses appears to have married Charlotte Douglas in the Ballymena area in 1853. On 14th April 1855 at Ahoghill a daughter was born.

23rd October 1872 the family were living at Castle Street Ballycastle when son James Douglas was born. Sadly, on 12th March 1874 son James died aged 15 months. Moses was then pensioned 16th July 1875. He then took on employment as a publican. According to the Valuation Revision records in 1876 Moses occupied a property on North Street. This appears to have been number 25 North Street.

On 4th April 1887 daughter Martha married farmer James McGregor at St James' Church. Margaret E Brannigan was a witness. McGregor was from Moyarget.

Moses died 6th April 1889 at The Quay Ballycastle of cirrhosis of the liver. His daughter M.G. Brannigan was present at his death. The final pension was paid to Charlotte. In June 1889 Charlotte applied for transfer of spirit licence from her deceased husband to her. Charlotte died 6th April 1898. Son Charles then took over the licensed premises after her death.

On 15th December 1897 daughter Annie Brannigan married Detective Constable William Eakins (49,176) of 14 Queen Street Belfast at St James' Church Ballycastle. Eakins was native of County Sligo and was the son of land steward William Eakins. He had joined the RIC 8th May 1882 and initially served in Galway before moving to Belfast 1st June 1887. He was promoted Acting Sergeant 1st January 1904 and Sergeant 1st September 1906. He was pensioned 23rd April 1912. During his service he received seven favourable records.

20th March 1901 daughter Charlotte JD Brannigan married Thomas Moles at St James' Church. Thomas was the editor of the Ulster Gazette and was from 7 Woodford Terrace, Armagh. His father had been Edward Moles a fishery inspector. Moles became a Privy Councillor in 1923. Moles was a member of the Secretariat of the Irish Convention 1917-1918. Moles went to the Belfast Telegraph

after the Ulster Gazette. He took part in the Larne gun running with the UVF. 1922 he was appointed the managing editor of the Belfast Telegraph. He was involved with Irish Football Association, Amateur Athletic Association, National Cycling Union patron of Belfast Sports Club. Father lived at Ardmore Ballymena. Thomas died 1937.

Daughter Sarah Branigan in 1901 was a boarding house keeper at Ann Street Ballycastle. At that time her sister Annie and her two children Charles Robert (born 10th October 1898 119 Upper Canning Street Belfast) and Phillis Maude (born at the same address 5th February 1900). By 1911 the Eakins were living at 119 Alexandra Park Avenue Belfast, William was a Detective Sergeant and a further son William Douglas (born 21st February 1906 at Alexandra Park Ave) was present.

Son Charles Douglas Branigan was a hotel keeper/publican at North Street. He had married Jane Charlotte McLees 7th November 1900 at St James' Church. Jane was the daughter of land agent William McLees. They had a daughter born 5th September 1901 at North Street. On 28th April 1903 a daughter Doris was born. On 17th December 1904 Doris died. 4th January 1906 daughter Mildred was born. The Valuation Revision records show Charles taking control of a property at 17 North Street in 1905. The records also show Charles taking control of the salmon fishery building in 1907 at the old pier. Charles died 21st December 1924. Charles had been a member of Ballycastle Rifle Club. The pub was taken over by William Machett.

Jane was killed in a motor accident at Ballyrashane in August 1937. The car was driven by her son-in-law George Scarlett. Mildred Kathleen had married George Scarlett MB B.Ch son of Mr and Mrs WJ Scarlett Ulsterville Avenue Belfast in September 1929 (see George Scarlett below). Mildred noted as being the niece of Deputy Speaker of House of Commons (Thomas Moles). Her parents had lived at Lisvarna in Ballycastle.

Sub Inspector William Barry

1st December 1872 – 1st March 1877

William Barry was born County Galway 1828 son of farmer William Barry. He joined the constabulary 5th August 1845 and worked his way through the ranks. He served in Counties Monaghan, Mayo and Waterford. His registered number was 6852. On 1st November 1872 he became an officer at the age of 47 years.

On 28th November 1872 William married Mary Theresa Tierney of Peter Street Waterford. Mary was the daughter of shop keeper John Tierney. He was then posted to County Donegal but within a month was sent to Ballycastle arriving 1st December 1872. The Valuation Revision records places William Barry at North Street at reference number 41 between ruins and the Coastguard station.

On 6th September 1874 son John Alphonsus was born at The Quay Ballycastle. Two years later on 24th September 1876 daughter Kate Ursula was also born at The Quay Ballycastle.

On 1st March 1877 William was moved to County Leitrim. He was the last Sub Inspector in Ballycastle as the district was dissolved with the Sub Inspector in Ballymoney having remit over both areas. The barracks at this time then moved from Anne Street to Castle Street.

On 13th December 1878 son James Ignatius was born at Aughadark. On 19th April 1881 daughter Mary Beatrice was also born at Aughadark.

William was then transferred to County Fermanagh 10th June 1881. He died 27th October 1883 at Drumnary (Derrygonnelly) County Fermanagh aged 54 of bronchitis.

1874

John Kelly 39,889

John Kelly was born County Tyrone in 1855 and was the son of farmer Terence Kelly. He joined the Royal Irish Constabulary 6th December 1873 on the recommendation of Sub Inspector William Francis Purcell who was based at Omagh. John was a draper prior to joining.

He was sent to County Antrim 30th June 1874 and was then transferred to Belfast 16th November 1875. On 1st January 1878 John was transferred to County Donegal.

On 1st September 1881 John married Sarah Kelly at Ballycastle. Sarah was a servant from Broughinlea and John was stationed at Buncrana at the time. Sarah was the daughter of land steward John Kelly. Witnesses were Patrick Verdon and Annie Darragh. Patrick appears to have been a publican of Anne Street and Annie may have been the daughter of Archibald Darragh of Ballyloughran.

John returned to Belfast 10th December 1883 and was promoted to Acting Sergeant 1st July 1885 and then to Sergeant 1st November 1887.

On 27th August 1889 son John Terence Kelly was born at Broughinlea Ballycastle. At the time John was stationed at Antrim Road Belfast. John was still in Antrim Road in April 1892

He was pensioned 1st February 1901 and at the time of the census was living at Cavendish Street Belfast. He then moved to Omagh where he claimed his pension from 27th April 1901. His pension record shows he moved to Ballycastle (claiming at Ballymoney) from 26th August 1910.

By the time of the 1911 census John was living at Broughanlea Fair Head Ballycastle with Sarah. The census record shows that they only had the one child.

A later pension record places John at Anne Street Ballycastle. The Valuation records puts him on Anne Street from 1913 a few doors away from fellow RIC pensioner Hugh Clarke (see below).

1876

Patrick Foley 13,299

Patrick Foley was born in County Cork around 1826 or 1829 the son of farmer Patrick Foley. He joined the constabulary 18th September 1849 having been recommended by AF Roche JP.

He was sent to serve in County Antrim from 1st January 1850. He was reduced to 2nd Sub Constable 1st October 1853, promoted back to Sub Constable 1st March 1854, back again for six months from 15th October 1864, promoted to Acting Constable 1st April 1869 and finally to Constable 1st November 1872.

Patrick was pensioned 16th April 1875. He appears to have claimed at Lisburn until 7th January 1876 when he claimed at Ballycastle.

He married Susan McGill 18th November 1875 at Ballycastle chapel. Susan was the daughter of shopkeeper John McGill.

He died at Anne Street Ballycastle 12th January 1895 aged 66. Mary McGill was present at his death. Mary was his sister-in-law and was a cloth shop keeper. The remainder of his pension was paid to Susan. His pension record was annotated "imbecile" indicating that Patrick had some mental health difficulties towards the end of his life.

In 1901 Susan was living with her sisters and brothers at Anne Street. A brother Hugh was a Union Clerk. On 27th September 1913 Susan died at Antrim asylum aged 77. She was noted in 1911 at Holy Well asylum (Antrim).

George Scarlett 8515

George Scarlett was born County Fermanagh around 1828. He joined the constabulary 16th February 1847 on the recommendation of Sub Inspector Edward Dunsterville who was stationed at Arney near Bellanaleck at the time.

He served initially in County Cavan. On 12th September 1862 George married Mary Anne Henry. He was promoted to Acting Constable November 1862 and Constable 1st May 1864. George was pensioned 1st July 1876 from County Monaghan. It is not clear when he moved there, however son William James was born in Monaghan around 1864/1865 which would indicate that George moved there on promotion. A daughter Jane was born 1874/1875 also in Monaghan.

Son John Sharpe Scarlett was born in Castle St 19th August 1876. The property Valuation Revision books place George Scarlett at Castle Street from 1876 and a further property beside it in 1877 (references 61 and 63 respectively). 7th March 1879 birth of Hugh Samuel Scarlett at Castle Street.

Valuation Revision records show that George Scarlett also had control of property in Townparks reference 16b 1898. This was taken over by his son John in 1916. In 1899 George Scarlett appears to have purchased 42 Castle Street and control was given to his son John. He still retained control of 40 Castle Street (previously referred to as references 61 and 63). John took control of both properties in 1910 where he had his boot merchants.

On 6th November 1894 William J Scarlett, son and publican, married Agnes Saunders of Belfast at Argyle Place Presbyterian Church Belfast. William's son George married Kathleen Branigan as above. They remained in Belfast and at the time of the 1901 census were living on Sandy Row and William was a publican with his sister Jane living with them and at the time of the 1911 census William's brother Hugh was living with them. The bar was at 172-174 Sandy Row and was named "Scarlett's." As outlined previously they went on to live at Ulsterville Avenue not far from Sandy Row. William became a JP and was a one-time member of the Water Board and President of St George's Unionist Association.

On 14th September 1905 Janie Scarlett, daughter, married George Bryans, clerk of 26 Sandhurst Gardens, Stranmillis at St James' Ballycastle. George was son of farmer John Bryans. Witness was John S Scarlett and Annie E Maybin.

At the time of the 1901 census the Scarlett family were living at Castle Street Ballycastle. In the household were George, his wife and son John and daughter Mary Elizabeth. On 17th June 1901 Mary Elizabeth Scarlett married coachman Richard Caulfield son of labourer Adam Caulfield. They married at St James' church. Witnesses were S McCormick and A Scarlett.

George was a Select vestry man for Ramoan Parish Church. He died 20th July 1901 at Castle Street Ballycastle. The remainder of pension was paid to his widow. He was noted to have been a staunch Conservative and was buried at Ramoan Parish.

Son George Henry Scarlett went on to be post master and was a JP. He was also a Captain in the local Boys Brigade. George married Hester (Hessy) Jane Black who was the postmistress at 12 Anne Street. They married 29th April 1898 at All Saint's Church of Ireland Belfast. George was a telegraphist and was living in Belfast. Hessy was the daughter of merchant Dennis Black. Daughter of George Henry Scarlett, Phylis Hester was born 28th February 1899 at Anne Street. The Valuation Revision records show George H Scarlett taking control of 63 Anne Street in 1909 as the Post Office.

On 19th February 1920 widow Mary Anne died aged 84. L.W. Scarlett was present at death. A grandson George White, son of John Sharpe Scarlett went on to run a footwear and printing business. His mother was Elizabeth Hayes White. They married 17th September 1913 at Ballycastle Presbyterian. George White died November 1976. He had been a secretary at Ballycastle Golf Club in the 1950's.

Denis Black 35,841 (not in receipt of pension)

Denis was born Ballycastle County Antrim around 1851. He joined the Royal Irish Constabulary 23rd July 1869 aged 18 having been recommended by Head Constable George Lalor who was stationed at Ballycastle. He appears to have joined from County Londonderry.

He initially served in County Down from 4th December 1869. On 16th October 1870 he became a Mounted Constable and went to serve with the Reserve. On 20th October 1871 Denis was transferred to County Londonderry and in September 1872 was noted in Coleraine.

Denis was admonished due to being drunk 22nd December 1873, and fined 15 shillings 4th June 1874. On 7th April 1875 he was dismissed. He was again fined 80 shillings 14th October 1875. Denis was dismissed 1st November 1876.

In 1901 living at Tamlaght, Ardclinis with brother John Black. Died 11th March 1911.

Denis had joined when he was 18 which would indicate that his father was or had been a member of the constabulary. There is no suitable match.

1st March 1877

1st March 1877 the Ballycastle policing district was dissolved and the post of Sub Inspector for Ballycastle was removed with the Sub Inspector at Ballymoney taking charge. The post of Head Constable was also centred in Ballymoney.

1880

Thomas Dugdale 37,179

Thomas Dugdale was born in County Leitrim in 1853 son of farmer Henry Dugdale. He joined the RIC 6th December 1879 on the recommendation of Sub Inspector Francis Blake Lopdell. Thomas was only 18 when he joined however it is not apparent that his father was a serving or former RIC member.

Thomas was sent to King's County 29th April 1871. He was transferred to County Antrim 16th September 1877. Dugdale married Jane Cobbe 30th May 1878 at St Paul's Church Portarlington

Queen's County. Jane was the daughter of boot and shoe maker William Cobbe. Thomas was stationed at Portglenone at the time.

In April 1879 son Henry Crawford was born in Mountmellick area. Thomas was still stationed at Portglenone. Thomas was "removed" 8th March 1880 and may have been sent to Ballycastle at this time. On 23rd May 1880 daughter Jane was born at Portarlinton, Thomas was stationed at Ballycastle.

On 31st January 1882 daughter Rebecca Cobbe was born at Ballycastle barracks. The following year on 22nd July 1883 son William John Croaghan Dugdale was born Chapel Lane Ballycastle. Sadly on 12th October 1883 William John Croaghan Dugdale died of enteritis at Chapel Lane Ballycastle.

By December 1883 Thomas was stationed at Ballymoney. On 13th October 1884 son Thomas Walter Mullen was born at Church Street Lisburn where Thomas was then stationed. On 26th March 1886 daughter Susan Croghan was born at Smithfield Lisburn where Thomas was stationed.

On 1st June 1886 he was promoted to Acting Sergeant and was stationed in Ballymoney. Then on 1st October 1886 he was promoted to Sergeant. In September 1887 he was transferred from Ballymoney to Ahoghill. On 29th September 1887 daughter Maud Mary Jane was born at Toome where Thomas was Sergeant. On 14th December 1888 daughter Louisa Seabrook was born at Dervock where Thomas was then Sergeant.

Thomas was admonished 2nd September 1889 and on 16th October 1889 Thomas received an unfavourable record and was warned. He was warned again 16th April 1890 and reduced to the rank of Constable on 19th April. In November 1889 daughter Harriett Anne was born at Portarlinton, Thomas was still at Dervock.

Thomas was then transferred to County Donegal 10th May 1890 and was pensioned 4th October 1890. On 28th September 1891 son George William was born at Broomstreet Mohill. Thomas had claimed his pension at Mohill but then Belfast West by September 1891. His pension was payable to his wife Jane from 7th January 1893 under power of attorney.

His pension address and status changed a number of times over the next couple of years:

15th June 1894 Longford

3rd August 1895 Trim – pension record marked as "emigrant." It is thought Thomas went to USA at this time.

19th August 1895 Longford

26th August 1895 power of attorney cancelled (it is likely that Thomas returned from USA).

15th October 1895 Longford

27th April 1896 daughter Eva was born at Newtownforbes County Longford

11th July 1896 Belfast West

Longford 15th March 1897

1901 census Craane, Moydow, County Longford.

1st August 1901 pension again paid to power of attorney as Thomas was again in America. This was revoked in 1913. At the time of the 1911 census the family were at Craane, Moydow, County Longford. It was noted that they had 11 children born 7 of which were alive.

On 26th June 1922 it was noted that his address was Glenbank Connecticut USA. This was later to be 734 Main Street Clark's Hill, Stamford, Connecticut.

1881

William Chadwick 27,477

William Chadwick was born County Cavan around 1844 and was the son of Henry Chadwick. He joined the constabulary 13th February 1862 on the recommendation of Rev A Nicholls. William was 18 at the time of joining which would indicate that his father was in the police, however the only Henry Chadwick was 31,063 and appears to be William's brother. Henry's marriage certificate in 1874 states his father's name to be Henry William Chadwick. Henry also joined aged 18.

He first served in County Donegal from 8th June 1862. In 1872 he appears to have been serving in the Letterkenny area. On 1st May 1874 he was promoted to Acting Constable and on 1st June 1875 to the rank of Constable.

While there he married Rebecca Stevenson 5th December 1879 at Donegal town. Rebecca was the daughter of farmer William Stevenson and was from the townland of Drummenny Lower just east of Donegal town where Chadwick was stationed.

William was then transferred to County Antrim 1st April 1880. On 29th September 1880 daughter Margaret Anne was born at Drumgorman County Donegal near to Mountcharles. At that time William was stationed at Aghalee County Antrim.

By 12th November 1881 William was at Ballycastle where daughter Mary Jane was born at the barracks. On 4th January 1883 son William Henry was born at the barracks. A further daughter Rebecca Stevenson was born at Ballycastle barracks 18th May 1884.

On 1st July 1886 William was promoted to Head Constable. A fortnight later on 15th July 1886 son Robert George was born at the barracks.

William was then transferred to County Meath on 15th October 1886 and appears to have gone to serve in Slane. He was pensioned 20th October 1892 and claimed his pension at Londonderry.

On 21st December 1892 son Samuel was born at 3 Laburnum Terrace Londonderry. By 1896 William was appointed superintendent of the municipal slaughterhouse in Londonderry.

In 1901 the family were living at 21 Little Diamond Londonderry. Son William was working as a stock broker's clerk and daughter Rebecca was a solicitor's general clerk.

William resigned his position at the abattoir in September 1906 due to failing health. At the time he asked if he could remain in the house tied to the job for some time to allow for gaining a new dwelling place.

William died 20th November 1907 at 23 Westland Avenue Londonderry aged 63. He was buried in the City Cemetery

At the time of the 1911 census the family were still at Westland Avenue. Margaret and Mary were National School teachers and Rebecca was a typist. Robert was an architect and civil engineer living

in Castlebar County Mayo. William was now a stock broker's assistant and was married to Sarah Mary Robinson and living at Meadowbank Avenue Londonderry. They had married 13th December 1910 at Donemana Presbyterian Church. William went on to run a stock broking business on Shipquay Street Londonderry along with Robert Chadwick under the name Messrs James Stewart & Co. Prior to his employment Robert had been a captain with the 15th Loyal North Lancashire Regiment in WW1. In 1919 he was awarded the Croix de Guerre by the Belgian monarch. He had previously been a 2nd Lieutenant in the 11th King's Liverpool Regiment.

William emigrated to Canada at the end of the 1920's and died in 1958. Robert also emigrated to Canada around the same time and died in Toronto 19th September 1955.

9th April 1912 Margaret (known as Madge) married teacher Robert McIlroy B.A. of 'Auburn' Strand Road Londonderry at Christ Church in the city.

3rd September 1918 Mary Jane married James Stanley Nevin of Eden Terrace Londonderry. James was a mercantile clerk, however his father was Francis Nevin who had been the headmaster at the Model School where Mary had been working. The wedding took place at 23 Westland Avenue and Mary's brother Samuel officiated as he was by then a minister in the Church of Ireland.

William's wife Rebecca died 9th September 1939 at 4 Crawford Square Londonderry. Their daughter Rebecca died 3rd October 1956 also at 4 Crawford Square.

Samuel died 7th November 1959. It was noted that he was The Rev Canon Samuel Chadwick M.A. of Earlsgrift Rectory Donemana. His sister Mary lived with him. Samuel died in his vestry shortly after a baptism. His coffin was carried by members of the RUC in Donemana.

1885

William Henry Belford 49,749

William Belford was born County Cavan in 1864. He was the son of Sergeant Richard Belford 6139. He joined the RIC 2nd August 1882 having been recommended by Sub Inspector Brown.

He was posted to County Clare 29th October 1882 then Roscommon 1st April 1883. William was transferred to County Antrim 4th October 1885.

On 15th August 1890 William married teacher Margaret Livingstone Ruske of Ballycastle. Margaret was the daughter of farmer Robert Ruske. Robert Ruske may have been from Drumlom, Shercock County Cavan, as per 1901 census return.

The Valuation Revision records places William at Anne Street from at least 1892. This was later 'Fleurville' from 1907. He therefore appears to have control of two properties. This address was changed in the early 1920's to Quay Road and appears to have been number 18.

On 10th May 1894 son Albert Richard was born at Anne Street Ballycastle. A daughter Evaline Jennie was born at the same address 31st July 1895.

William was pensioned 11th February 1898. A further daughter Martha Letitia was born 6th March 1899 at Ann Street.

1901 living at Anne Street Ballycastle and listed as being a colliery clerk. Son William Henry was born 26th July 1901 at Athelford Ballycastle. By October William sr was listed as working in the estate

office. 10th June 1904 son Alfred James was born at Anne Street, which presumably was Athelford. William was still working as a clerk.

1911 still living at Anne Street, William's occupation was listed as hotel gas works, golf club and lawn tennis club secretary. Margaret was a teacher under the national board.

June 1920 secretary Ballycastle Marine Hotel Co. In court applying for transfer of a spirit licence for the Marine as it had been sold as part of a hotel syndicate which also acquired the Golf Hotel Portush (later named Castle Erin).

William was noted as being a member of North Antrim Constitutional Association (treasurer), Ballycastle Rifle Club, secretary of Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club, North Antrim Horticultural and Orchard Assoc (1921). Member of Ballycastle Urban Council, appointed JP in 1922. Board of Ballycastle High School. First secretary of both golf and tennis clubs

He died 2nd March 1942 at Fleurville Anne Street/Quay Road Ballycastle. Probate was paid to William Henry Belford medical doctor and Alfred James Belford barrister-at-law. Margaret died 25th October 1947 also at Fleurville. Son Albert became a bank manager. William was a doctor based at Ballymoney.

1886

James McNally 29,566

James McNally was born in County Monaghan around 1841. He joined the constabulary 17th June 1864 on the recommendation of Edward Atthill JP of Advarney House, Ederney County Fermanagh. He appears to have joined from County Fermanagh.

Initially James was posted to County Galway from 7th January 1865, then Donegal on an unrecorded date.

On 27th September 1871 James was married to Cecilia Hellen daughter of mechanic Edmund Hellen of Londonderry. James was stationed at Ramelton at the time; however, the marriage was in Londonderry.

On 1st May 1872 he was sent to County Sligo where he was promoted to Acting Constable 1st October 1881 and Constable 1st June 1882.

On 1st February 1886 James was transferred to County Antrim. By December he was serving in Ballycastle where he remained until the end of 1891 when he was moved to Armoy.

In September 1893 James was noted as being in Ahoghill. James was pensioned 15th July 1894. He decided to settle in Ballycastle and rented a house on North Street known as Dunanie House.

At the time of the 1901 census he was living at Anne Street Ballycastle. He died at Quay Road Ballycastle 25th February 1907.

1888

James Black 23,714

James Black was born in Ballycastle County Antrim around 1838. He joined the constabulary 21st July 1858 having been recommended by Sub Inspector Burdon. His previous occupation was as a sailor.

He was posted to County Down 12th November 1858. On 1st March 1860 James was sent to the Reserve where he stayed until possibly 1st July when he was moved to County Londonderry. It was possibly at this stage he became a mounted officer.

James was admonished 15th November 1869, fined 20 shillings 21st November 1876, 50 shillings 17th December 1877, 20 shillings 29th January 1881 and 60 shillings 13th July 1882.

In June 1870 James was noted as working in Coleraine. By September 1871 James was transferred to Limavady according to the press. However, it was noted that on 1st June 1872 while stationed in Coleraine James was promoted to Mounted Acting Constable on the recommendation of Sub Inspector George Wray. There may have been some inaccuracy in the report of the move to Limavady. It was noted in the *Coleraine Chronicle* that James had skill, quickness and courage in apprehending criminals.

James was then dismounted on 11th July 1872. In September 1872 James was transferred from Coleraine to Londonderry. It was noted that he was to be replaced by his brother Denis Black (possibly as previously mentioned).

On 24th April 1875 he was wounded in the head. The following may refer to the injury.

On Saturday evening while a number of the Mounted Constabulary were in patrol in the Strand, Mounted Constable Black, owing to some mishap to his saddle fell to the ground and was trampled on the breast by his horse. He was immediately removed to James Street barrack where he was attended by Dr Dareus. On making enquiries last night it was ascertained the injured Constable was progressing favourably.

He was then reduced in rank to Sub Constable again 29th January 1876. On 1st January 1878 James was transferred to County Tyrone. In June 1879 James was noted as working in Strabane.

He was pensioned 1st November 1888 and his departure from Strabane was universally regretted.

James died 4th March 1900 at Mill Street Ballycastle where he lived with his sisters Lizzie and Catherine. A Sally Spence of Cloughcorr was present at his death. The sisters were noted at the address in 1901 and 1911. His brother Archibald was also in RIC (see below). In his will James left £200 10s to his sisters. James' final pension payment was paid to the Rev Thomas Cox who was the administrator.

Sally Spence was from Cloughcorr, Ballintoy and was married to farmer Arthur Spence. They married in 1859 at Ramoan Presbyterian Church. Arthur was a widower at that time.

1889

Robert Halligan 46,788

Robert Halligan was born County Armagh in 1862 son of Christopher Halligan (possibly of Ballymagerny near Loughgall). He joined the RIC 16th March 1881 having been recommended by Sub Inspector Jones.

He was first posted to Belfast 30th August 1881. Robert was then transferred to King's County 27th November 1885. He was fined 10 shillings 16th December 1885 which may be linked to his transfer.

On 23rd March 1888 Robert was moved to County Monaghan.

He was transferred to County Antrim 10th May 1889 and was posted to Ballycastle. On 22nd October 1889 Robert married Elizabeth Mary Smythe at St Mark's Church Ballysillan. At that time Robert was still stationed at Ballycastle and Elizabeth was living at 36 Meadow Street Ligoniel, Belfast. Her father was engineer John Smythe. Elizabeth was also from County Armagh. Witnesses were Constable Thomas Livingston 45,144 and Mary Ann West.

1891 a daughter Florence was born in Belfast. However, by 25th December 1891 a further daughter Elizabeth Mary was born at Ballycastle. On 24th July 1893 daughter Edith Annie was born at Anne Street Ballycastle.

According to the Valuation Revision records Robert occupied at property next to, or near, the new barracks at Market Street from 1892.

Robert received two awards, 10th March 1893 and 6th September 1894.

11th August 1895 son Robert John born at Anne Street. 29th September 1898 son Henry Norman born at Ballycastle. On 1st February 1901 Robert was promoted to Acting Sergeant in Ballycastle.

At the time of the 1901 census Robert was a lodger in a house on Rathlin Island in the Demense townland. The property was run by Annie McKinley. Also resident in the property were three coastguards. His family however were living at New Market Street Ballycastle.

On 1st May 1903 Robert was promoted to Sergeant and was posted to Kells/Connor. Robert was cautioned 26th April 1906. On 20th April 1907 daughter Florence died of TB at Kells. The Nominal Returns for 1910 and 1911 places Robert in Kells. He was pensioned 12th December 1911.

In April 1914 applied for transfer of licence from Martha Mallon for 36 Vernon Street Belfast. On 16th May 1914 Robert was prosecuted for opening licenced premises outside permitted hours.

Robert died 26th April 1937 at Vernon Street. Probate was paid to his son Norman who then applied for transfer of the licence.

1893

Sergeant Thomas Doohan 41,915

Thomas Doohan was born County Mayo in 1855 son of John Doohan a farmer. He joined the RIC 7th February 1876 on the recommendation of Sub Inspector Frederick Augustus White. White died of typhoid fever aged 48 as a County Inspector.

He was first posted to County Tyrone 31st August 1876 and appears to have been sent to Cookstown. He was promoted to Acting Constable 1st September 1883.

On 4th October 1883 he married Margaret Jane Morgan at Cookstown chapel. Margaret was the daughter of sailor William Morgan and lived at Cookstown at the time. He was then transferred to Belfast 15th December 1883. 16th March 1885 son William Patrick was born at 83 Cupar Street Belfast

In Belfast Thomas was promoted to Sergeant 1st July 1885. On 21st December 1886 he was transferred to County Antrim and appears to have been stationed at Rasharkin.

Despite his moves two daughters were born at the maternal home. On 15th June 1887 daughter May Margaret was born at Loy, Cookstown and 6th January 1889 daughter Honoria (Nora) was born at Cookstown.

In 1891 he was posted to Ballycastle. On 30th August 1891 son John Joseph was born at Ballycastle. On 12th December 1892 daughter Alice born at Ballycastle. On 10th May 1895 daughter Helena May born at Ballycastle. She died 5 days later of tetanus. 11th December 1896 daughter Helena Louisa was born at Ballycastle

On 10th February 1899 Thomas was promoted to Head Constable and was transferred to County Leitrim and was stationed at Manorhamilton.

Thomas was transferred back to Belfast 20th October 1900. At the time of the 1901 census the family were living at the barracks at Henry Street. In July 1905 he was transferred from Henry Street to be the officer in charge of records at Belfast Police Courts.

In February 1906 he was noted as presiding over the annual meeting of Belfast RIC Cycling Club at Glenravel Street barracks. At the meeting he was elected as captain for the year and was elected as a delegate to the Irish Amateur Athletics Association.

O 9th May 1910 at "Doreen" Cliftonville Road Belfast daughter Nora died of heart disease aged 21. She was buried at Milltown Cemetery.

In 1915 and 1916 he was noted as working from Belfast Police Office in the city centre. However, the Nominal Returns places him at Henry Street 1910, 1911, 1916, 1917, and 1918. This suggests that although he worked at the Police Courts he was based at Henry Street.

He was pensioned 1st June 1918. Thomas died 18th April 1921 aged 66 at St John's Private Hospital, Crumlin Road Belfast. His address was "Dorene" 66 Cliftonville Road, Belfast.

October 1893

RIC barracks on Rathlin disbanded and brought back under remit of Ballycastle station.

1894

Constable Patrick Brannigan 56,093

Patrick Brannigan was born County Tyrone 1870/1871 and was the son of Thomas Brannigan. He joined 16th October 1893 on the recommendation of District Inspector Smith.

Patrick was first sent to County Antrim 1st July 1894 and appears to have been posted to Ballycastle. While there he came 18th on the "P" list in a competition for 30 vacancies in December 1901. On 1st August 1902 Patrick was promoted to Acting Sergeant.

He was transferred to Holywood County Down 26th August 1902, however from contemporary newspaper reports he appears to have been moved earlier.

Patrick married Eliza Hannigan 11th February 1903 at Holywood chapel County Down. Eliza was the daughter of former police officer Thomas Hannigan 24,977 originally from County Cavan but served in counties Down and Armagh. Thomas was a spirit merchant in Holywood. Witnesses were Teresa Hannigan, Eliza's sister, and Constable Farrell Blaney 59,261.

Patrick was then sent back to County Antrim 1st May 1903 and was stationed at Dervock. On 25th November 1903 daughter Eileen was born at Dervock. She was followed on 30th January 1905 by son Thomas.

On 1st October 1905 Patrick was promoted to Sergeant and was posted to Cushendall where by January he was noted as being an Inspector under the Food and Drugs Act. On 27th May 1906 son Vincent Alphonsus was born at Cushendall. Patrick received a favourable record 23rd January 1907.

Patrick was then moved to Glengormley by July 1908. 5th August 1909 son Joseph Patrick born at Glengormley. He died 10 hours later. On 17th August 1910 another son Brendan was born at Glengormley. He died two days later.

In September 1912 Patrick was transferred to Ballycastle in place of Hugh Loughran who had been promoted to Head Constable. On 13th February 1913 daughter Laurann Bridget was born at Ballycastle. On 24th March 1914 son Nial was born at Ballycastle, followed on 4th July 1916 by daughter Mary.

The Nominal Return records show that in 1918 Patrick was stationed at Ballycastle I which was the main station. However, there was also a special station named Ballycastle II. Patrick remained in the town and on 2nd April 1918 daughter Emelda was born.

On 1st September 1919 Patrick was promoted to Head Constable. He was then transferred to Carrickmacross County Monaghan 21st September. He was presented with a cheque for a substantial amount at the Dalriada Hall. The presentation was made by former RIC man W.H. Belford who said that Patrick was never known to shrink "going into a row."

In the Nominal Returns for January 1920 and 1921 Patrick was recorded at Carrickmacross. He received a favourable record 12th January 1921. He was disbanded 3rd April 1922. His pension record gave an address at Ann Street Dungannon in December 1922.

20th August 1939 Patrick Brannigan, merchant of Ann Street Dungannon died. Administration to Thomas Brannigan merchant. On retirement he came to Dungannon and conducted business in a spirit and grocery store. He was also a member of the Urban District Council.

Archibald Black 29,797

Archibald Black was born Ballycastle County Antrim around 1844 and joined the constabulary 7th October 1864 having been recommended by JS Moore JP. He appears to have joined from County Londonderry.

Initially Archibald was posted to County Down 8th June 1865. He became a mounted man 20th May 1866 on transfer to the Reserve. On 1st July 1867 he was posted to County Tyrone.

15th September 1871 Archibald was transferred to County Londonderry, but was moved back to Tyrone 1st December 1873.

His pension record states that he was promoted to Acting Constable 1st July 1875 however this was cancelled. He was however promoted to Mounted Constable 1st November 1880 and was moved to the Depot 25th January 1881 where he remained until 5th March when he was posted to the Reserve.

5th November 1883 Archibald was posted to Louth. He was then moved to County Fermanagh 4th September 1887 and was reduced to Acting Sergeant in September 1888. He had received an unfavourable record 11th April 1888. On 12th October 1888 Archibald was transferred again to Derry.

On 1st October 1892 Black was promoted to Sergeant and transferred to County Cork on 21st. He remained there until he was pensioned 26th October 1894.

Archibald appears to have been involved in sea rowing races at Ballycastle.

Died 7th January 1898 pension paid to brother James Black. James was present at his death. Estate paid to sister Elizabeth Black.

1898

Constable John Kelly 52,207

John Kelly was born 1862 County Armagh. He joined 15th October 1884 having been recommended by Head Constable Michael Macgee (22,739) who appears to have been stationed in Louth at the time. Macgee was around the time of recommendation promoted to District Inspector

John initially served in County Londonderry from 27th March 1887. He then was transferred to County Louth 21st December 1889.

John was married 29th September 1899 to Catherine (Cassie) Carragher at Greenore County Louth where John was stationed and Catherine lived. Catherine was the daughter of farmer Stephen Carragher. He was then transferred to County Antrim 26th October 1898.

On 3rd April 1900 son Francis was born at Greenore County Louth. By 1901 the family were living at New Market Street Ballycastle near to the barracks. On 17th June 1901 daughter Rose was born at Ballycastle. On 30th March 1903 daughter Kathleen was born at Greenore while John was still at Ballycastle. Cassie's surname was recorded as McCarragher.

John was transferred to County Tyrone 1st January 1904. On 18th May 1905 son Peter was born at Skerry, Tynan, County Armagh. A further son John was born around 1909. The Nominal Returns place John at Ballygawley in 1910 and 1910 however his family were living with Cassie's father Stephen at Skerries County Armagh. On 16th January 1911 daughter Margaret Mary was born at Skerry.

John was pensioned 23rd November 1911. On 15th December 1912 daughter Teresa Winifred was born at Skerry. This was followed on 3rd October 1914 by the birth of son James at Skerry, then on 11th May 1916 daughter Mary Loretta and 10th May 1918 daughter Josephine. John's occupation was listed as a farmer.

Skerry is the townland of Skerries in south Armagh on border with Monaghan.

1900

Sergeant Hugh Loughran 49,581

Hugh Loughran was born in County Tyrone in June 1864 and was the son of Patrick Loughran. He joined aged 18, on 11th July 1882 having been recommended by Sub Inspector McGovern. In 1882 McGovern was based at Dungannon indicating the approximate area from where Hugh came.

He served in Tipperary NR from 26th November 1882, County Clare from 16th September 1884 and then County Down from 20th February 1889. On 24th October 1891 Hugh was transferred to County Monaghan where he was there promoted to Acting Sergeant on 1st July 1893.

On 12th September 1893 Hugh married Catherine Elizabeth Darby of Saintfield Co Down, daughter of merchant James Darby. Hugh was stationed at Tonysillogagh County Monaghan at the time. James Darby had died in 1888, he was a timber merchant and lived at Hillview House Saintfield. Catherine was originally from Scotland. It was probable that Hugh was stationed at Saintfield while he was in County Down. A son Daniel Joseph Loughran was born at Saintfield County Down on 2nd July 1894.

From 24th March 1895 Hugh was transferred to County Antrim where he was promoted to Sergeant on 1st November 1895. Hugh was mentioned in the press as being a contemporary of John Miller, as mentioned, from 1896. Indeed, on 18th July 1896 a further son James Patrick Loughran was born at Saintfield and Hugh was noted as being a sergeant at Ballymoney. In 1898 he was noted as being Inspector of Weights and measures. In the same year Mary Rosaleen Loughran was born at Charlotte Street, Ballymoney on 18th March. In Ballymoney Hugh, Catherine and family lived according to the valuation records at 58 Charlotte Street until around 1901.

By 1900 Hugh had transferred to Ballycastle with daughter Kathleen Loughran born there on 11th August 1900. By 1901 the family were living at North Street Ballycastle.

26th September 1902 daughter Norah Frances was born at Ballycastle. 8th September 1905 son Hugh Patrick was born at Ballycastle. 18th October 1907 so William Alphonsus was born at Ballycastle.

At the time of the 1911 census the family were living at the barracks at Market Street.

Hugh was promoted to Head Constable on 19th July 1912 and was moved to Ballymena. He remained there until the end of his service. In 1932 he was recorded as living at 19 Suffolk Street Ballymena.

1901 census

Barracks

Sergeant Hugh Loughran 49,581 (as above)

Constable Andrew Blackburne 55,108

Andrew Blackburne was born 18th April 1869 at Kittyfergal, Stranorlar, County Donegal son of famer John Blackburne and Mary Ferguson.

He joined the RIC 16th July 1891 on the recommendation of District Inspector William Stephens of Raphoe. He was initially sent to serve in County Cavan 18th June 1892. Stephens had been promoted through the ranks and held registered number 17,313. He had retired by the time Andrew had joined.

On 1st February 1898 he was transferred to County Antrim. By 1901 he was stationed at Ballycastle.

Andrew was transferred to Londonderry 14th March 1903 and was noted in April 1905 as being stationed at Bishop Street. On 6th May 1905 Andrew received an injury to his head. This may relate to an assault which occurred a month previous at 22 Fulton Street and caused by James Duffy. It was stated that Duffy had hit Andrew around the head with something like the buckle of a belt and knocked him to his knees and caused a wound. Andrew was later reported to have been in a weak state.

15th April 1909 Andrew married Sarah Ann Ferguson of Killycor at Banagher Presbyterian Church. Andrew was stationed in Londonderry at the time. Witnesses were Minnie J Ferguson and Constable Benjamin Whyte Hunter 58,676.

On 31st December 1910 son John Crooks was born at 8 Harding Street Londonderry. At the time of the 1911 census the family were still at 8 Harding Street. During this period Andrew was still stationed at Bishop Street.

He was promoted to Acting Sergeant 1st September 1913 and appears to have been sent to Castledawson. On 15th June 1915 son Samuel James Blackburne was born at Castledawson.

Andrew was promoted to Sergeant 1st February 1916 but remained in Castledawson. On 4th March 1917 son Alfred was born at Castledawson.

In April 1919 Andrew and Constable John Brady were investigated for neglect of duty at Castledawson. It was in relation to the death of a woman named Ellen McPeake who had died of exposure at the roadside at Annaghmore 11th February 1919. Andrew conducted his own defence. Witnesses stated that they had informed Brady of the presence of the woman in the area and he had failed to follow it up. Andrew stated that Brady had not told him anything about the woman. He too was accused of failing to follow up a report made about the woman. Both were honourably acquitted.

However, Andrew was then transferred to County Antrim 22nd May 1919. On 2nd June 1919 daughter Janetta Elizabeth was born at Tamniaran which is just on the edge of Castledawson towards Bellaghy. This suggests at that either the move was delayed or the movement of his family was subsequent to his transfer.

Andrew was noted the Nominal Returns at Larne January 1920 and 1921. He was pensioned 19th August 1921 from Larne.

An advertisement in the *Larne Times* 13th August 1921 stated that Mrs Andrew Blackburne of 43 Newington Avenue Larne was opening a wholesale and retail drapery warehouse.

7th January 1951 Andrew died at 43 Newington Avenue. A note in the *Larne Times* stated that the Committee and Players of Newington Rangers Football Club regretted the death of the father of their esteemed member Alfred Blackburne.

Constable William Smith Dunn 56,011

William Dunn was born Grattan Street, Youghal County Cork 26th November 1874. He was the son of policeman Thomas Dunne (possibly 17,897) and Elizabeth Smith.

He joined the RIC aged 18 1st September 1893 having been recommended by District Inspector Ewart. He was formerly a teacher.

Despite being from east Cork he was sent there 21st April 1894.

He was transferred to Belfast 11th April 1897. He was moved to County Down 8th September 1898. William was transferred to the Reserve 22nd July 1899 until he returned to County Down 12th December 1900.

On 6th March 1901 William was sent to Ballycastle County Antrim. William resigned 18th March 1902 to go to South Africa.

Constable Patrick Brannigan 56,093 (as above)

Constable John McNeill 59,258

John McNeill was born 22nd April 1878 at Dunmullan, Omagh County Tyrone and was the son of William McNeill and Eliza Beatty.

John joined the RIC 2nd January 1900 recommended by Head Constable Eakins. He was posted to County Antrim 11th May 1900 and was noted in Ballycastle by July, he may have been in Loughguile in May 1902.

John was in Randalstown by 1907 and remained there until promoted to Acting Sergeant 1st March 1911 and put in charge of Templepatrick.

On 13th June 1911 he married Elizabeth McFadden at Antrim. His brother Samuel McNeill was a witness. Transferred to County Armagh 1st October 1912 and promoted to Sergeant 1st December 1912.

Noted between 1916 and 1919 at Edenderry and then Portadown by 1920. Disbanded 31st May 1922 serving at Edward St Portadown, he then joined RUC. In 1924 transferred to Coleraine on promotion to Head Constable in place of John M Culkin. 1925 3rd class favourable record for duty in Portadown. Retired and worked for John Kelly Ltd coal merchants Coleraine. Son William H McNeill Constable in RUC – known in amateur boxing circles. Killed in RTC September 1938 at Islandtasserty. Lived on Portstewart Road.

Brothers:

District Inspector Samuel McNeill 61,715



Samuel McNeill was born 20th December 1885 Dunmullan Omagh County Tyrone (between Omagh and Gortin) son of William McNeill and Eliza Beatty. He joined 23rd February 1906 having been recommended by District Inspector Michael Wall who was serving in Omagh at the time. Of note both men made their way through the ranks to District Inspector.

McNeill's first posting was to County Sligo 1st September 1906. He was moved to County Antrim after eight months on 1st May 1907. Samuel appears to have been sent to Ballymena and was noted in the High Street barracks in the 1911 census and in January 1913 where he was mentioned as passing a promotion exam.

On 1st November 1913 Samuel was promoted to Acting Sergeant and transferred to County Armagh. By December 1915 Samuel was working in Lurgan where he was promoted to Sergeant 22nd September 1916. Prior to his promotion he had been Inspector of Weights and

Measures in Lurgan. Samuel remained in Lurgan where he was promoted to Head Constable 1st November 1919 and was subsequently transferred to Cork ER 20th November 1919.

Samuel then returned to County Armagh 19th August 1920 and was promoted to District Inspector 16th October 1920. He initially went to Newtownards from 21st November but was moved to Castlebar County Mayo on 1st December 1920. Samuel's service record states that he came to Ballymoney from Castlebar Co Mayo 16th November 1921. The *Ballymena Observer* stated that Samuel was destined for Ballymena District rather than Ballymoney. He was to replace District Inspector George Archie Morant who had been promoted to County Inspector for Louth and Meath. The *Belfast News-Letter* also carried the same information. However it seems that District Inspector Samuel Richard Wynne was in post during this period (Ballymena from 1st January 1921 until disbandment).

On 1st June 1922 Samuel transferred to RUC and remained in Ballymoney. In June 1923 he was promoted from 3rd to 2nd class District Inspector at Ballymoney. On 4th June 1924 Samuel married Norah Evelyn Johnston at Omagh Methodist Church. Norah was daughter of farmer Thomas J Johnston and was noted at Freughmore, Loughmuck in the 1911 census.

Samuel remained in Ballymoney until 1932 before he was transferred to Armagh. He had dealt with three murders in his time at Ballymoney. He was transferred to Enniskillen by 1934. In 1941 he was transferred to Newtownards. Samuel died 24th May 1946 at 15 Willoughby Place Enniskillen. He was buried at Cappagh Churchyard Omagh.

Robert McNeill 63,677 - born 26th May 1883 at Drumullan. Worked as Grocer's assistant before joining. Joined 24th March 1908 recommended by District Inspector Conlin. Posted to County Armagh 15th September 1908 then County Antrim 1st November 1908. Serving in the county at the same time as his two brothers. Noted at Martinstown 1910 and 1911 in Nominal Returns, then Antrim Town 1916 and 1917 then Cloughmills 1918 and 19189. On 22nd May 1919 married Sara McCullough from Drumadoon near Cloughmills. Transferred to County Down 9th August 1919 and noted in January at 1920 Hidemarket then in January 1921 Newry Joint Station. Disbanded 31st May 1922 then joined RUC. Retired from Limavady County Londonderry 1940.

Robert Halligan 46,788 (as above)

New Market Street

Constable John Kelly 52,207 (as above)

1903

Constable Thomas Montgomery 58,323

Thomas Montgomery was born 21st February 1874 at Carrinakielt near Magherafelt County Londonderry and was the son of farmer John Montgomery and Susanna McCracken. He joined 15th July 1898 on the recommendation of District Inspector Irwin.

17th January 1899 he was posted to County Tipperary. On 18th September 1903 he was transferred to County Antrim

On 26th February 1914 he married Sarah Wilkinson of Drumshanny County Monaghan. Sarah was the daughter of farmer Thomas Wilkinson. At time Thomas was stationed in Ballycastle. Best man was Constable Henry Neill of High Street barracks Ballymena. * Thomas was then transferred to Bushmills.

On 19th December 1914 son Thomas John was born at Bushmills where Thomas was stationed. In January 1916 Thomas was still at Bushmills however on 18th November 1916 daughter Sarah Margaret was born at Dunmurry where Thomas was then stationed.

Thomas was promoted to Sergeant 1st May 1918 and was moved to Portglenone.

He was disbanded 21st May 1922. His pension address was given as Upper Main Street Bushmills. Thomas then became a boot merchant in Bushmills and died 4th December 1951 at the Braid Hospital Ballymena.

*Harry Neill was born Largymore, Blaris, County Down on 20th July 1885 and was the son of carpenter Harry Neill. He joined from County Antrim, most likely from Lisburn and recommended by District Inspector George William Patrick Knox of Lisburn and was given the number 62,225. Harry initially joined 15th November 1906 but was classed as unfit by the surgeon and was subsequently re-appointed 2nd February 1907.

Initially Harry served in County Antrim from 27th July 1907 and is noted in Ballymoney from November 1907. In May 1909 in the town he charged a one-armed street vocalist" from Lisburn called James Mooney with public drunkenness. A Special court held in the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions J Stuart Cochrane and Mooney was imprisoned for a week.

At the time of the 1911 census Harry was living in the barracks in Ballymoney. However, by 26th February 1914 he had moved to High Street barracks in Ballymena. He remained in Ballymena until 6th January 1918 when he was transferred to the Reserve. On 4th October 1918 he married Sarah Gibson daughter of merchant JB Gibson of Ballymena. Harry's occupation was given as a clerk which may suggest that he was working in Dublin Castle or similar or he was apprehensive about stating his actual occupation. His father was described as a "dead policeman RIC." There is no evidence to support this entry as his father was a carpenter as far back as 1877. Harry's residence at time of marriage was Dublin. They married at Kirkinriola Presbyterian. A witness was fellow RIC man William J Patton 62,159.

On 1st December 1921 Harry was transferred to Belfast. He was disbanded 31st May 1922

1906

Constable James Farrell O'Brien 61,430

James O'Brien was born at Breenagh, Churchill County Donegal 5th March 1887. He was the son of RIC Sergeant Peter O'Brien and Mary Guirke and one of eleven children. At the time of the 1901 census they were living at Seacor Donegal.

He joined the RIC 16th October 1905 having been recommended by District Inspector MacDonald. James had formerly been a shop assistant.

He was sent to County Antrim 4th April 1906 and was posted to Ballycastle. James was transferred to Belfast 16th January 1913. He resigned 18th February 1914 to emigrate.

William Robert Meabank 45,117

William Meabank was born Old Ross County Wexford in 1861 youngest son of at that time Sub Constable George Meabank. He joined the RIC 6th January 1880 aged 18 ½ having been recommended by Sub Inspector Wilson. He was a shoemaker prior to joining.

His father George was also a native of County Wexford and had joined the police 10th October 1848. He served Tipperary north from 1st February 1849 and then Kilkenny. According to his service record George married 30th December 1856 and his wife was from what was King's County. Interestingly his marriage certificate states that he was married 7th February 1853 to Eliza Jessop daughter of Humphrey Jessop bootmaker of Portland, Lorrha. George too was the son of a bootmaker James Meabank. The marriage was in County Tipperary and it was after this he may have been transferred to Kilkenny. He was promoted to Acting Constable 1st April 1870 and then to Constable 1st May 1872. George was pensioned 1st May 1879. George appears to have died aged 55 29th May 1882.

On 17th September 1880 William was sent to County Limerick. He was transferred to the Reserve 23rd March 1887 where he remained until 5th May of the same year when he was sent to County Kerry.

On 1st November 1888 William was posted to County Fermanagh. 1st June 1889 he was moved to County Monaghan where he stayed for just over a year when he was sent to County Londonderry on 6th August 1890. On 3rd December 1891 he was fined 20 shillings.

19th April 1894 William married Martha Torrens McMaster at Aghadowey Presbyterian Church. William was stationed at Eglinton at the time. Martha was the daughter of farmer Samuel McMaster of Inchaleen, Garvagh. Due to the marriage William was transferred to County Tyrone on 16th September 1894.

William and Martha's first child Mary Catherine was born at Gortgonis just outside Coalisland 29th January 1895. William would likely have been stationed at Coalisland. On 11th December 1896 son George Samuel was born at Ballygawley where William was then stationed. While in Tyrone he served 12 years in Aughnacloy where he finished his service.

On 29th April 1897 William was fined 10 shillings and on 16th July 1897 he was fined twice for 30 shillings and 20 shillings.

At the time of the 1901 census the family were living at Caledon Street Aughnacloy. At that time Martha's sister Mary was staying with them.

In February 1905 it was noted that William had taken a month's leave from Aughnacloy. William was pensioned 1st September 1905 and initially claimed at Coleraine. He found employment as clerk of the markets in Ballycastle around the start of May 1906. At the time of his employment he and his family were living at Enfield Terrace, Portstewart. He then claimed his pension from Ballymoney 12th June 1906. The Valuation Revision records show William taking control of a property at Market Street from 1907 which formerly had been lived in by John and Margaret Jennings. John was the keeper of the markets according to the 1901 census.

William died of stomach cancer 2nd August 1907 at Marketplace Ballycastle aged 46. He was buried at Ramoan Church burying grounds Ballycastle.

1911 Martha and her two children were living at New Market Street Ballycastle. Martha was working as clerk of the markets.

In October 1913 it was announced that Mary Kathleen had won a place at Kildare Street teacher training college in Dublin to train as a National School teacher. She had prepared for the exam at

Moneycarrie National School near Garvagh. The involvement with Moneycarrie was likely to be due to Mary's maternal family who were from the Garvagh area.

In February 1917 it was noted that Miss Meabank of Market Yard Ballycastle had received a letter of thanks from the Military Hospital in Belfast for the eggs which were sent each week for the Red Cross collection.

11th November 1922 daughter Mary married William Moreland Collins son of draper John Collins "Ben-Eden" Ballymena (possibly on the Broughshane Road). The marriage was at Agherton Church Portstewart. At the time of the marriage Mary was a teacher at Canning National School Garvagh. She had taken up the post in mid-1918. It was noted that Martha was then living in Garvagh. Martha died at Gettican Bridge Garvagh 8th March 1955. A will record for William Collins for 1962 gives his address as Islandview Causeway Street Portrush

George Samuel Meabank, William's son, joined the RIC 8th March 1920 having been a soldier. George was a sergeant in the 12th Battalion The Royal Irish Rifles (Ulster Division) during WW1. He was recommended by District Inspector Irwin, joined from County Londonderry and was given the registered number 70,625. He initially served in County Limerick but was transferred to County Londonderry and was promoted to Sergeant 1st February 1921. He was disbanded 31st May 1922. His pension record shows that he was stationed at Ballyronan at this time and he transferred to the RUC. 1924 still Ballyronan, 1927 transferred to Gulladuff, 1935 Ballymoney inspector under Explosives Act (1943 made inspector for Northern Ireland), 1944 Carrickfergus, transferred to Pomeroy 1948. Died 8 Castle Street Carrickfergus 28th December 1956. An announcement of death stated that he had been stationed in Derry, Armagh, Belfast and Carrickfergus which does not seem accurate and it also stated that he was sent to Carrickfergus in 1941 which was also wrong. Sadly it also stated that at the time of his death his wife Elizabeth was in New Zealand, had been notified of his severe illness and was making her way home when he died. Rather callously the paper noted that she would not be aware of his death. The funeral was delayed pending her arrival. They had no children.

A man who appears to have been William's brother, John George Meabank, joined 14th July 1882 and had the registered number 49,620. He too was recommended by Sub Inspector Wilson. He served in counties Westmeath and Wicklow and was resigned 11th February 1888 with a view to entering the Civil Service. It is not apparent if he did this as there is no entry for him in the 1901 census. In 1907 he emigrated to USA and lived in Pennsylvania. He died in 1934.

1907

Constable Patrick James McEnteer 61,374

Patrick McEnteer was born 9th March 1885 Ramelton County Donegal. He was the son of Constable Michael McEnteer 39,781 and Ellen McClure. Michael was from Kingscourt County Cavan, had joined 8th October 1873 and served initially in Carrickfergus and then County Donegal from 10th February 1883. Ellen was from Ballyclare and they married 1878. At the time of the 1901 census the family were living at Bridge Street Ramelton. A sister Mary was born 1889. He was pensioned 17th January 1908. In 1911 he and Ellen were living in Regent Street Belfast. Ellen died 30th July 1918 at 42 Regent Street Belfast.

Patrick joined 1st May 1905 having been recommended by District Inspector William Sherlock Lennon. He has been a shop assistant prior to joining. On 1st November 1905 he was sent to County Mayo. He was transferred to County Armagh 1st July 1906.

Patrick was moved to County Antrim 7th February 1907 and was stationed at Ballycastle. He was posted to Belfast 1st January 1911 and was stationed at Musgrave Street.

17th October 1917 Patrick married teacher Mary Cullen of Ann Street Ballycastle. They married at the chapel in Ballycastle. Patrick was a constable at Glenravel Street Belfast at the time. Mary was the daughter of National School teacher John Henry Cullen. John was originally from Belfast, however in 1879 when he was a teacher in Ballymoney he married Margaret McHenry of Ballyvoy, Ballycastle. In 1901 John and family were living at Fair Head, by 1911 they were at Ann Street.

By 1919 he was still stationed at Glenravel Street where he remained. Patrick was disbanded 15th May 1922. In June 1922 Patrick was one of three applicants for the post of Town Constable and Shop Act Inspector at Ballycastle. Patrick was nominated by former RIC man William Belford and seconded by a Mr Humphreys and was subsequently successful.

His address on his pension record was Northland Villa, Ballycastle Co Antrim for October voucher in 1922. By July 1923 Patrick had resigned from the post.

In November 1942 Patrick was mentioned as being a member of Ballycastle School attendance committee. His daughter Miss Mary Patricia McEnteer aged 16 died at this time. She was a pupil at Cross and Passion School. They lived at Ann Street

In June 1947 part of Ballycastle Labour Group and reported on receiving a letter from the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland in respect of the two bags of coal which had been sent from Ballycastle to Stormont to test. It was revealed that the coal had eventually been passed on to the Geological Survey Office for testing.

Hugh Clarke 48,507

Hugh Clarke was born in County Antrim around 1857 and was the son of farmer Daniel Clarke and Ann O'Neill of Murlough. He was baptised 21st June 1857. He joined the RIC 10th February 1882 having been recommended by Sub Inspector Owen Wynne who was stationed at Ballymoney at the time.

Initially he was sent to Galway. He was transferred to County Londonderry 22nd May 1889.

Hugh married Martha McFarland of Dungiven 23rd June 1897 at St Patrick's chapel Dungiven. Hugh was stationed at Victoria barracks City of Derry at the time of marriage. He had previously been stationed at Garvagh and Portstewart.

He was then transferred to Glenties County Donegal 1st September 1897. At the time of the 1901 census Martha and Hugh were still living at Glenties in Donegal. He was pensioned 16th April 1907 and appears to have spent the majority of his time in Donegal in the Glenties area.

At the time of the 1911 census Martha and Hugh were living at Anne Street Ballycastle. They had no children and had taken in three boarders. Hugh was employed as a General Man. They also employed one domestic servant.

The boarders were -

James Keegan 1893/1894 Coleraine scholar – son of publican John Keegan of Killowen Street Coleraine.

John Dunbar 1891/1892 Co Antrim carver and toy maker – born Ballycastle 5th November 1891 son of Margaret Dunbar. No record of father on birth certificate.

Eithne Nic Lochlainn 1888/1889 Belfast, National School teacher.

Given the location of where Hugh was living, the occupation of John Dunbar and the Irish language links, it is highly likely that Hugh was connected to the Irish Peasant Home Industries Shop (An Tuirne Beag – The Little Spinning Wheel) which was located on Anne Street.

The shop was founded in 1904 by Belfast philanthropist Mrs Frances Riddell who aimed to give employment to the poor boys at their homes in the winter evenings and in the workshop and to impart technical education.” An instructor at the shop was Stephen Clarke (born 11th March 1873 Torglass, Murlough). Stephen was Hugh’s brother. Stephen went on to become the manager and convinced Mrs Riddell to bring expert carver Anton Lang from Bavaria to Ballycastle to work as an instructor for two years. Stephen remodelled the shop in the form of a traditional cottage kitchen to display the items made by the boys. The shop is located where Wysner’s butcher is sited. Stephen is recorded in the 1911 census on Anne Street and his occupation is listed as a wood carver, modeller and toymaker.

Stephen was also involved in political activity. On 30th May 1905 he was arrested on a charge of circulating literature of a treasonable nature in the shape of posters warning anyone against joining the army, navy or police. It was established that the leaflets had been distributed on the last fair day. The content of the leaflets were reported to have been

Any man joining England’s army, navy or police force is a traitor to his country and the enemy of his people. Let England fight her own battles. We have done it long enough.

At his trial in July 1905 the jury found him guilty of publishing and distributing but without seditious intent and so was acquitted on the second part. It is rumoured that Roger Casement paid his fine.

The connection with Casement was that Stephen was involved in the Gaelic League and was a close friend of Francis J Biggar and both Biggar and Casement had paid visits to the toy factory in Ballycastle. According to the account of local IRA volunteer Liam McMullan the factory was a rallying ground for nationalists, most of who held extreme views. Bulmer Hobson was also known to have visited Ballycastle. Hobson founded the Dungannon Clubs along with Belfast man Denis “Dinny” McCullough who was to become President of the Irish Republican Brotherhood 1915/1916 and was involved in the organisation of the Irish Volunteers in Belfast. On 23rd April 1913 Denis stood as best man for Stephen at his marriage to Sarah Ann Flanagan in Dublin.

Stephen also was involved with the Irish Volunteers and pictured at a meeting on Rathlin in June 1914. At that meeting, held at the parochial hall, Rev A McKinley appealed to the men of the island to join the Volunteers and strengthen the hand of those who struggled so long to obtain self-government for Ireland. FJ Biggar also addressed the meeting and spoke in support of John Redmond the leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party. Clarke also spoke along with a Mr J Connolly. It was noted that after the meeting practically all the men on the island were enrolled.

Stephen Clarke and FJ Biggar also helped found the Ballycastle annual feis. The first was held in 1909 and Denis McCullough was a judge. Clarke was also involved in the organisation of Ballycastle Irish Historical Association which saw lectures on Irish History and culture.

He later became a member of Ballycastle Council and died in 1931. The contents of the factory were passed on to Ballycastle museum.

Hugh Clarke died 18th January 1928 at Anne Street Ballycastle after a lengthy illness. He was buried at the cemetery attached to St Patrick and St Brigid’s church.

1908

Samuel Edward Jenkins 50,320

Samuel Jenkins was born in Ardglass County Down 4th July 1864. He was the son of Thomas Jenkins who was a chief officer of the Coast Guard. He spent his youth however around the quay at Ballycastle. There is a reference to his father Thomas being at Portrush in 1872. By 1884 Thomas was Chief Officer at Greencastle County Donegal.

Samuel joined the RIC 19th September 1882 aged 18 on the recommendation of Sub Inspector Smith.

He served first in Belfast from 18th November 1883. On 27th February 1888 he received a 20 shilling fine. He then went to County Leitrim 1st March 1888 which may have been connected to the fine.

On 1st February 1890 Samuel married Annie Rutledge daughter of farmer George Rutledge at Dowra County Cavan. Dowra is on the border between Cavan and Leitrim.

He was transferred to County Sligo 10th April 1891. On 18th February 1892 Samuel received a 10 shilling fine and on 7th April he received an unfavourable record. Samuel was then posted to County Longford from 15th April 1892.

On 22nd August 1893 son Thomas George was born at Lanesboro County Longford where Samuel was stationed.

Samuel received a number of unfavourable records, 28th September 1894, 10th December 1894 and 15th November 1897. He received a further fine of 40 shillings and a warning 9th December 1898 and another for 50 shillings 31st July 1900.

At the time of the 1901 census Samuel, Annie and son Thomas were living at Barrack Street Granad. On 16th March 1903 at Main Street Granard daughter Margaret Jane was born.

Samuel was pensioned 21st November 1908 and found employment as a water bailiff In Ballycastle. It was mentioned later that he held the post for upwards of 16 years. He was well known to local fisherman as "Sam" and as having an extensive knowledge of fish and their habits. His son Thomas G Jenkins succeeded him in the role.

December 1910 a man named William Ross appeared at a special court in Ballycastle charged with assaulting Samuel on the night of the recent election. It was stated that on Quay Road around 100 people surrounded Samuel and he was knocked down by Ross. Ross denied the charge. The case was later dismissed, however during the evidence it became clear that this was a "party" case and that Jenkins had been drunk at the time and had acted in a disorderly manner. Ross later took Samuel to court for alleged false imprisonment and malicious prosecution. The matter was dismissed.

At the time of the 1911 census the family were living at Townparks Ballycastle. In September 1912 Samuel signed the Ulster Solemn League and Covenant at Ballycastle Orange Hall.

In April 1918 it was announced in the local press that Private Thomas G Jenkins of the Irish Guards had been admitted to hospital having been wounded for the fourth time. In October 1917 the announcement of his third wounding had only been made.

12th August 1925 Thomas married Annie Matthews at Ramoan Presbyterian Church. Address from Vaulation records was Clare Road.

26th November 1928 Annie died at Ballycastle. The funeral was to Culfeightrin Church and included all the former RIC men in the district.

Samuel died 4th February 1933 at Careymill just outside Ballycastle. He also was buried at Clufieghtrin. A number of ex-RIC members acted as pall bearers. Daughter Margaret was then living in New York having married Harry Cochrane and son Thomas was living at Clare Road in Ballycastle and was still a water bailiff. In 1950 Thomas was at the same address.

Margaret was noted in the 1940 US Census as living on 2nd Avenue Manhattan. She worked as a receiving clerk at a dress shop and her husband was a labourer. They had a daughter Genevieve who had been born in Northern Ireland 1926.

1909

Constable John Martin 64,169

John Martin was born Kilrea County Donegal 8th June 1882. He was the son of grocer John Martin and Anna Cannon. He joined the police 13th July 1908 on the recommendation of District Inspector Frederick Campbell Wallace who was stationed at Raphoe.

He was sent to County Antrim 26th January 1909 and likely straight to Ballycastle. In June 1915 he was transferred to Portrush.

John was married 16th January 1917 to Margaret Fegan of Upper Knockbarragh Rostrevor and daughter of farmer Bernard Fegan. At the time of the marriage John was still stationed at Portrush. It is not apparent how their paths crossed; however, Margaret had left the family home prior to the 1911 census.

John was transferred to Belfast 14th April 1917 and was noted the following January at College Square. On 21st July 1919 son John was born at 14 Annadale Street.

By January 1920 John was stationed at Glenravel Street. He was disbanded 26th May 1922. The address on his pension was 14 Annadale Street Belfast. In 1931 son John was noted as attending St Mary's Christian Brothers' School Belfast.

January 1910 Nominal Return

One sergeant five constables

Sergeant Hugh Loughran (as above)

Constable Patrick James McEnteer 61,374 (as above)

Constable John Martin 64,169 (as above)

Constable Thomas Montgomery 58,323 (as above)

Constable James Farrell O'Brien 61,430 (as above)

Constable David Smyth 58,653

David Smyth was born 1877 Ballyrory, Claudy, County Londonderry. He was the son of farmer John Smyth and Margaret Guy. He joined 3rd January 1899 having been recommended by District Inspector Samuel Hanna.

He served in County Antrim from 4th July 1899. In 1901 he was in Armoy. By 1905 he was stationed at Ballintoy. By January 1910 he was in Ballycastle.

He then moved to Whiteabbey by at least June 1913. He remained there until 1920. On 8th September 1920 David was promoted to Sergeant and posted to Ballinagh County Cavan. He was discharged 4th April 1922.

January 1911 Nominal Return

One sergeant and four constables

Sergeant Hugh Loughran (as above)

Constable John Martin 64,169 (as above)

Constable Thomas Montgomery 58,323 (as above)

Constable David Smyth 58,653 (as above)

Constable James Patrick Slowey 65,325

James Slowey was born 24th November 1891 at College Street, Cavan, County Cavan. He was the son of mounted constable Thomas Slowey 47,822 and Elizabeth Cassidy. Thomas was dismissed in

1900, promoted to Acting Sergeant 1902 and Sergeant in 1904. He died in service on 5th May 1911 of TB contracted while on duty

He joined the police 1st June 1910 having been recommended by Head Constable Johnstone. His first posting was to Ballycastle on 1st January 1911, shortly before the Nominal Return was completed.

On 23rd June 1914 he was transferred to Belfast. By January 1916 he was stationed at Springfield Road

He married Mary McAuley a nurse from the Diamond Ballycastle on 22nd August 1917 at Ballycastle Chapel. Mary was the daughter of flesher (butcher) Daniel McAuley. At the time James was stationed at Springfield Road Belfast. In 1901 the McAuley's were living at Castle Street.

On 10th April 1918 daughter Margaret Elizabeth was born at 33 Kashmir Road Belfast and on 17th November 1919 son Thomas was born.

By January 1920 James was stationed at Anderstowntown barracks. On 1st April 1920 James was promoted to the rank and pay of sergeant and was posted to Mountpottinger in the east of the city. He received a favourable record 5th December 1921.

In June 1921 his wife Mary died at her mother's home in Ballycastle. Mary was aged 31 and died of TB.

He was disbanded 31st May 1922. His initial address on his pension record was 207 Mountpottinger Road Belfast but was then Stonebridge, Clones County Monaghan.

1911 census

Barracks

Sergeant Hugh Loughran (as above)

Constable David Smyth 58,653 (as above)

Constable James Farrell O'Brien 61,430 (as above)

Constable James Patrick Slowey 65,325 (as above)

Constable John Martin 64,169 (as above)

Hospital

Constable Thomas Montgomery 58,323 (as above)

Influenza

Townparks

Samuel Edward Jenkins (as above)

1912

Constable Hugh Sweeney 62,204

Hugh Sweeney was born 27th December 1886 Letterkenny County Donegal. He was the son of grocer and publican John Sweeney and Sarah Martin. At the time of the 1901 census the family were living

at Main Street Letterkenny. He joined the RIC 1st November 1906 on the recommendation of District Inspector William Sherlock Lennon as previously mentioned.

On 1st May 1907 he was posted to County Antrim and was noted in Bushmills in the Nominal Returns for 1910 and 1911 but had moved to Ballycastle by at least March 1912.

In August 1917 Hugh was transferred from Ballycastle at the same time as Constable McDyre (see below). It was perceived locally that the move was as result of a disciplinary matter however District Inspector Oates of Ballymoney stated in court that it was not as a punishment and their superiors had come to conclusion due to a certain set of circumstances they ought to be transferred.

Hugh was then posted to Aghalee where he appears to have finished his service. He was disbanded 23rd May 1922. The address on his pension record was Doaghbeg, Letterkenny, County Donegal by October 1922

Constable Edward Molloy 63,991 (as above)

Edward Molloy was born 31st October 1884 Urney County Tyrone. He was the son of labourer James Molloy and Catherine Harvey. At the time of the 1901 census the family were living in Stranorlar County Donegal and James was working as a coachman.

Molloy joined the RIC 1st July 1908 from County Donegal on the recommendation of District Inspector John Shankey. Edward had previously been employed as an asylum attendant.

He was posted to County Antrim 12th January 1909. At the time of the 1910 Nominal Return he was stationed at Dunmurry. By July 1912 he was stationed at Ballycastle

On 1st October 1913 Edward's father James died at Stranorlar County Donegal. He was well known in the area and was the Vice President of the No 149 AOH Ballybofey. The funeral was attended by Edward's brothers John, James, Bernard and Michael.

Edward received a fracture to a finger bone on his right-hand 23rd June 1915.

On 16th February 1916 he married Margaret McKillop, shop keeper of Ballycastle at the chapel in Ballycastle. Margaret was the daughter of John J McKillop, car driver. Constable Hugh Sweeney 62,204 was a witness.

Edward was then transferred to Dromore County Down 17th March 1916. On 29th October 1917 daughter Mary Kathleen (Molly) was born in Ballycastle. On 18th June 1919 son John James was born at Gallows Street Dromore where Edward was serving.

By January 1921 Edward was stationed at Church Street, Newry.

He received a favourable record 14th April 1922 and was disbanded 26th May 1922. His pension address was listed as The Diamond Ballycastle. In October 1923 Edward applied for the transfer of alcohol license from Henry McClements to himself at the Diamond in Ballycastle. Edward then ran a bar located at number 6 The Diamond, at the top of Fairhill Street opposite the Antrim Arms. The bar is now called The Diamond Bar. Two years later he applied for and was granted permission to structurally alter the premises.



Edward was to reasonably frequently run foul of the Licensing Act in his new venture and come under notice of his old colleagues. Particularly David Smith (see below) who had become a Sergeant after joining the RUC. All the cases were prosecuted by District Inspector McNeill (as previously mentioned above).

May 1924 – fined for breach of Act – his wife had given a man Tobias McCambridge two bottles of stout after hours to help him get over his ‘flu. It was noted in the article that he was Ex-RIC.

7th April 1926 – charged for breach of Act – Six men were found on the premises but it could not be proved that alcohol has been served. It was mentioned at that time that Edward had an attached restaurant business.

26th June 1927 – charged for breach of Act – Next door neighbour, and former licensee of the same premises, gave evidence (presumably after being caught out) that he had had a large number of day trippers from Belfast in his adjoining refreshment rooms who, after their meal, wished to have alcohol. McKinley saw one of Edward’s sons aged 10 or 12 and called him over to let him know that drink was required. It was stated that Edward then by use of a bucket and rope lowered down drink to McKinley who served it to the daytrippers in a cow shed at the rear of his premises. Everytime more drink was required he would tap on the zinc roof to let Edward know. McKinley’s credibility was called into question when it was mentioned that he was currently suspended from his employment due to an allegation of fraud. The case was dismissed.

11th February 1930 – it was alleged that Sergeant Smyth had spotted Constable William Ascough entering Molloy’s premises while on duty. This led to a RUC inquiry led by County Inspector Atteridge where District Inspector McNeill prosecuted. Smyth stated that he had followed Ascough in and found him drinking tea. Ascough denied any impropriety. Molloy gave evidence to the inquiry that he had asked Ascough to come to the bar in respect of a complaint he had made about somebody stealing from his premises. Mrs Molloy had asked Ascough about his sick child and the had fetched him a cup of tea when Smyth arrived. The matter was closed. The constable in question may be William W Ascough 73,654. He was originally from London, was a former soldier and had joined 1st October 1920. He was sent to County Antrim two weeks later indicating that he was one of the “black and tan” contingent. He was noted in the Nominal Return January 1921 (for further information see William Ascough below).

July 1930 – it was alleged by Smyth that Molloy had been operating an illegal taxi service and that he had taken 6 men from Ballycastle to a football match for 6s. The men involved stated that it hadn’t been a fare and they had done a collection for Edward after he had given them a lift. The magistrate, Mr Hume Riversdale Jones found Molloy guilty and it was recorded that due to some remark made by Molloy in the court had ordered Molloy to immediately leave the court.

8th August 1930 – Sergeant Smyth saw six footballers enter the bar at 1010pm and had heard bottles rattling. Smyth knocked the door and Mrs Molloy answered informing him there were 6 footabllaers getting tea. In court it was established that there was no evidence of drinking and Smyth was asked by the defence solicitor if he had been aware that the Moss side footballers had the habit of dressing and undressing at Molloy’s to which he conceded he was not. The case was dismissed.

21st June 1931 – Sergeant Smyth alleged a further breach of the licensing laws. He observed barber James Keegan of nearby Fairhill going into the bar at 1215am. He stated that at 1240am he had, somehow, heard drink being poured into a glass by a woman humming. He further alleged that at 110am he had heard the sound of corks being popped and the sound of money going into the till. Keegan and Edward had then come out of the bar. Molloy had stated that he had asked Keegan to

come and cut his wife's hair as they were going to Donegal the next day and she had bought a new hat. He had gone to Keegan's around midnight to get him. He argued that he was the only one drinking. The money Smyth had heard was payment for the haircut. Despite producing witnesses confirming his meeting with Keegan, Molloy was fined 40s and 11s costs and his conviction was recorded on his license.

5th January 1931 – accused of permitting drunkenness on premises. Smyth observed a very drunk woman coming out of the bar and then going back in again. He followed her in and spoke to Molloy. Molloy stated that the woman was not local and had come in drunk. He had been trying to establish her details to get her back to her accommodation. The woman followed Smyth out but failed to give him her name or address and was arrested. It was established that the woman was staying at a local hotel. The case was dismissed.

While all this had been going on Edward had become a member of the local council for the South Ward. He had ran unopposed as one of five representatives, all nationalist in January 1929. It was noted at the time that he was not an "old nationalist." He appears to have held onto his position for at least the next ten years. By May 1939 the council was nationalist controlled. In May 1958 his son John James was a member for the South Ward and another son Edward James was a member for the North Ward.

Outside of work and politics there were a couple of other incidents recorded in the local press. In August 1933 his 15 year old daughter was rescued from the rocks at Ballycastle by two university students. In October 1935 due to a heavy storm a tree had fallen down in front of Edward while he was driving along Mary Street. On going for help a further tree fell at the rear of the car causing damage. In July 1952 it was noted that daughter Theresa (their fourth daughter) had obtained a teaching qualification in Belfast.

In August 1959 Margaret Molloy died it was noted that she had ran the business after Edward died. Oddly there is no clear mention of Edward's demise.

1914

Constable Isaiah Fulton McConnell 59,532

Isaiah McConnell was born Tullyvallen County Armagh 1875. He was the son of farmer John McConnell and Anneliza. He joined the RIC 16th May 1900 on the recommendation of District Inspector Walsh.

He resigned 18th July 1900 stating that the Depot did not agree with him. He then returned to live with his family at Tullyvallen where he was recorded at the 1901 census.

He was reappointed with loss of service 16th April 1902 and was sent to County Donegal 17th February 1903.

15th May 1907 he was sent to the Reserve and then he resigned again 29th July 1907 to go to South Africa.

He was reappointed again 14th February 1908 with the benefit of his previous service and was sent to County Down 3rd April 1908. On 1st March 1909 he went back to the Reserve.

Isaiah was transferred to County Antrim 15th June 1912. In March 1913 he was noted at Loughguile. By April 1914 he was at Ballycastle. In December 1917 he was noted at Dervock.

He was transferred to County Londonderry 3rd August 1918. On 21st August 1918 he married Catherine McAlister of Ballycastle. Catherine was the daughter of farmer Daniel McAlister of the Bonamargy. They married at Culfeightrim Parish Church Ballycastle. He was stationed at Swatragh at the time.

On 21st November 1918 he received an injury to his left hand.

Isaiah was transferred to County Tyrone 20th February 1919 and was stationed at Moy. By January 1921 he was in Coalisland. He was pensioned 9th January 1921 and claimed his pension at Ballymoney.

In September 1922 Isaiah was appointed as temporary Rate Collector in Ballycastle in place of Mr J.A. Byrne who had failed to collect the rates. The following June he was made permanent. In 1926 Isaiah was found guilty of altering demand notes for rates in order to receive more money that was owed to a total of £23. He was sentenced to three months without hard labour. It appears however that his pension was not affected.

Isaiah died 27th July 1959 at 'Ardavon' Glenshesk Road Ballycastle. Probate was paid to farmer Daniel McAlister. He appears to have moved to this address around 1924.

A Second Station

Between at least June 1915 and no later than December 1917 there were two barracks in Ballycastle. In that period the main barracks at Market Street (Ballycastle I) was manned by men normally stationed in County Antrim. The other barracks (Ballycastle II) was mostly manned by men usually stationed in County Leitrim. All the men from Leitrim came from different barracks and were single. There were two men who returned to their home barracks in November 1916 and were each replaced by a man from their own home barracks.

The second barracks was established by the War Department to protect the wireless station near the top of North Street. The barracks were at 2 Victoria Terrace (known later as “Oceanview”) as pictured below (house to the right). The property was handed back in 1920. A later occupant was Rev Dr Samuel Carlyle Hughes who had been the chaplain to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland from 1889 to 1906. He died in 1926. The station was manned by one or two sergeants and seven constables.



From the Nominal Returns

January 1916

Ballycastle I – Market Street

One Sergeant and five constables

Sergeant Patrick Brannigan 56,093 (as above)

Constable George Browne 65,534

George Browne was born 17th February 1888 at Corgar County Leitrim son of Samuel Browne and Elizabeth. By the time of the 1901 census Samuel had died and Elizabeth was head of the family and a farmer. The family were living at Gortinure, Mohill.

He joined the RIC 4th October 1910 having been recommended by District Inspector Lionel Yates who was based at Ballinarobe. He was posted to County Antrim 1st May 1911.

By 1916 George was in Ballycastle. In February 1919 he was noted as sending a wreath to the funeral of Mary J McNeill sister of the McNeill brothers as previously mentioned. On 21st June 1919 he was sent to County Tyrone and was posted to Drumquin.

On 19th October 1921 he married Elizabeth Mclvor of Drumnakilly. Elizabeth was the daughter of farmer John Mclvor. At the time George was stationed at Mountfield.

George was then transferred to County Down 1st November 1921.

He was disbanded 31st May 1922. He then transferred to the RUC and was based at Scarva barracks. George was promoted to sergeant and in 1929 when Scarva barracks were closed he was transferred to Loughbrickland. Scarva had previously been closed between 1901 and 1907.

George died 17th January 1967. His address was The Bungalow, Huntley Road, Banbridge.

Constable Michael Kettle 68,180

Michael Kettle was born 16th April 1891 Killyrue County Cavan. He was the son of farmer Patrick Kettle and Bridget Brady. His mother died October 1908 of chronic rheumatism. He joined the police 12th October 1914 on the recommendation of District Inspector Isaac Hodge leaving his father and brother on the farm.

He was sent to Ballycastle County Antrim 1st May 1915. In July 1916 he was transferred from Ballycastle to Armoy. He subsequently was stationed at Bushmills where he served until 1920. In November 1920 he was stationed at Cloughmills.

Michael was disbanded 18th May 1922. His pension address was care of Mr Luke Brady 330 9th Avenue, New York. Brady was likely a relation on his mother's side.

Constable Edward Molloy 63,991 (as above)

Constable Isaiah Fulton McConnell 59,532 (as above)

Constable Hugh Sweeney 62,204 (as above)

Ballycastle II – Wireless station North Street

(Normal station to which the Leitrim men were attached is in brackets beside their names where applicable)

Two Sergeants and seven constables

Sergeant Patrick Brady 56,470

Patrick Brady was born County Cavan 1874. He appears to have been the son of Michael and Annie Brady of Lisatoo, Stradone. He joined 8th June 1894 on the recommendation of Head Constable Duffy.

He was posted initially on 16th December 1894 to County Cork, then on 8th January 1896 he was moved to the Reserve in Cork. A few months later on 13th July 1896 he returned from the Reserve to Cork. The following year he was posted to County Louth on 1st November 1897 and at the time of the 1901 census was at Gilbertstown. He received an unfavourable record 1st October 1902.

On 6th November 1908 he was transferred to County Longford where he received a favourable record on 8th June 1909. In January 1910 he was noted at Lismore Protection Post. While there he was promoted to Acting Sergeant 1st November 1910. On 15th January 1911 he was transferred to the Reserve at the Depot where he was promoted to Sergeant 1st September 1912.

Patrick was posted to Smithfield Lisburn County Antrim 16th February 1915 but was then moved to Ballycastle II probably on establishment.

By September 1917 Patrick was posted to Ballymena. He was then transferred on 1st June 1920 to County Cork. However, his stay there was short as he was moved to Westmeath 25th September 1920. In January 1921 he was noted at Kilbeggan.

Patrick was disbanded 4th April 1922. His pension address was care of Mrs M Brady, Lisatoo, Stradone, County Cavan.

Sergeant Edward Martin 56,133 (Gubalaun)

Edward Martin was born Cornashannel, Maguiresbridge County Fermanagh 6th September 1871 son of farmer John Martin and Ann McCannon. He joined the RIC 1st November 1893 having been recommended by District Inspector George Amyralde de Montmorency Edwin Dagg. Dagg was based at Lisnaskea. In the same year Dagg was the author of the reference volume *Devia Hibernia: The Road and Route Guide for Ireland of the Royal Irish Constabulary*.

He was posted to Lisburn County Antrim 1st July 1894. He was then sent to County Roscommon 1st July 1897 and then Westmeath 1st July 1900. At the time of the 1901 census he was stationed at Athlone.

He was married 17th November 1913 without leave to Mary McKnight of Ballymore where he was stationed. Mary was the daughter of labourer Joseph McKnight. On 1st January 1914 he was promoted to Acting Sergeant.

Edward was transferred to County Leitrim 4th February 1915. By January 1916 he was stationed at Gubalaun and was promoted to sergeant 1st December 1916. He remained there until 1919 when he was transferred to Kilylogford joint station.

The marriage was registered with effect from 1st January 1918 however he had received an unfavourable record 30th November 1914 which probably related to this breach of the Code.

Edward was pensioned 7th November 1920 and he claimed at Lisnaskea.

Constable Joseph Duignan 62,975 (Drumkeeran)

Joseph Duignan was born 3rd January 1888 County Roscommon. He was the son of farmer John Duignan and Lizzie. In 1901 the family were living at Mantuar. He worked as a drapers assistant before joining the RIC 23rd September 1907. Joseph was recommended by District Inspector McClelland and joined from County Leitrim.

He was posted to County Meath 11th February 1908. He received an unfavourable record 23rd November 1908 and was transferred to County Leitrim 1st December 1909. In January 1910 was recorded at Killarga, the following year he was at Gubalaun and was recorded on the census return. He received a favourable record 14th December 1912.

Between January 1916 and 1921 he was recorded as being stationed at Drumkeeran. By January 1921 he had moved to Dromahair. Joseph was disbanded 4th April 1922. His pension address was 8 Crocus Street Belfast.

Constable Laurence Fleming 59,952 (Farnaght)

Laurence Fleming was born Dunleckney County Carlow 21st December 1877 and was the son of farmer Laurence Fleming and Mary Landrickan. He joined the RIC 2nd January 1901 on the recommendation of District Inspector Shoveller having worked as a grocer's assistant. He was discharged two days later as unfit but was reappointed 2nd April 1901.

He was initially posted to County Kerry 5th October 1901. Laurence was sent to County Waterford 1st January 1905 but had moved on to Wexford by 1st August 1905. He was then posted to County Kilkenny 1st May 1906. On 1st December 1907 Laurence was sent to Belfast. By January 1911 he was stationed at Springfield Road.

He was moved to County Leitrim 24th August 1913 after receiving an unfavourable record on 11th August. In the Nominal Returns between 1916 and 1918 he was stationed at Farnaght. However, Laurence returned to serve in County Antrim 18th May 1918. By January 1919 he was stationed at Dervock.

He was pensioned 19th September 1919 and claimed at Ballymoney. His pension address was Anne Street Ballycastle. The Valuation Revision records place him at reference number 53 from 1925.

On 16th February 1920 Laurence married Elizabeth Boyle at Ballycastle chapel. Both were living at Quay Road (formerly part of Anne Street) in Ballycastle. Elizabeth was a housekeeper and was the daughter of shop draper Bernard Boyle. Bernard had premises at Anne Street.

In August 1930 as the result of a motor cycle accident Laurence was taken to Dalriada Hospital Ballycastle with severe head injuries. The accident occurred at Coolnagobagh, Ballycastle.

Constable Patrick Keaveny 66,588 (Drumshambo)

Patrick Keaveny was born 10th December 1892 County Galway. He was the son of farmer Martin Keaveny and Ellen. At the time of the 1901 and 1911 census he was living at Cloonminda. He joined the police 15th May 1912 on the recommendation of Head Constable Thomas Cheasty (43,958).

He was posted to County Leitrim 20th November 1912. At the time of the 1916 and 1917 Nominal Returns Patrick was stationed at Drumshambo (although was in Ballycastle). After returning from Ballycastle Patrick was stationed at Ballinamore, however on 23rd March 1918 he came to County Antrim and by January 1919 was stationed at Armoy

Patrick was transferred to Newry County Down 1st June 1919. On 25th June 1919 he married Marianne McClements, housekeeper, at Ballycastle chapel. Marianne was from Anne Street and was the daughter of publican Henry McClements (see Edward Molloy above). A witness was Constable John J Kelly 59,628 (see below).

In January 1920 Patrick was stationed at Kilkeel and the following year was at Warrenpoint. On 14th January 1921 he was to be transferred to County Roscommon, however this was cancelled.

He was disbanded 15th May 1922. His pension address was given as 3 Ormonde Terrace, Dalkey which is in South Dublin.

March 1918 Constable Joseph Lyster 68,053 from Antrim (Armoy) to Leitrim (in place of Patrick Keaveny)

Joseph Lyster was born 10th December 1893 Corracreigh County Roscommon. He was the son of farmer James Lyster and Maria Brislane. At the time of the 1901 census the family were still at Corracreigh. He joined the RIC 10th September 1914 from County Sligo on the recommendation of Head Constable Murphy.

He was first sent to County Donegal 16th January 1915. The following year he was recorded at Anagry. Joseph was to be transferred to County Antrim on 1st September 1917 however this was delayed until 6th October. In January 1918 he was at Armoy. On 23rd March 1918 he was transferred to County Leitrim in place of Patrick Keaveny 66,588 as mentioned.

In January 1919 he was stationed at Garradice, however by the following year he was at Dromod. Joseph was transferred to the Dublin Castle Clerical Company on 1st April 1922 and was disbanded 21st July 1922.

His brother Michael J Lyster also was a member (62,490). He was born 23rd October 1884. He joined 25th March 1907 and was posted initially to the Reserve. On 17th September 1907 he was posted to Galway. He was selected for service with the Irish Guards and enlisted 6th August 1915.

While serving during WW1 Michael married Ellen Connolly in Dublin 22nd January 1918. Ellen was from County Galway and was the daughter of farmer Martin Connolly. A witness at the wedding was brother Thomas Lyster.

He was re-appointed 10th February 1919 and was posted to Longford 7th May 1919. On 1st October 1920 he was promoted to Sergeant. On 20th July 1921 he received a 3rd class favourable record. He was disbanded 4th April 1922. His pension address was 33 Gresham Road, Brentwood, Essex.

Another brother Patrick also joined the police (62,865). Patrick was also born at Corracreigh, on 2nd May 1886. He joined 2nd September 1907 and served in Cork and Galway. He resigned 9th July 1913 to join the police in London.

Constable Daniel McDyre 66,406

Daniel McDyre was born 12th January 1891 Derries County Donegal. He was the son of tailor John McDyre and Anne Cassidy. He joined the RIC 5th February 1912 on the recommendation of District Inspector MacDonald.

He was sent to County Antrim 21st August 1912. Daniel was stationed in Ballintoy until beginning of June 1915 when it was announced in the paper that he was being transferred for service at Ballycastle Wireless Telegraph Station. He was transferred to Ballycastle I in July 1916.

In August 1917 transferred from Ballycastle at the same time as Hugh Sweeney. It was perceived locally that the move was as result of a disciplinary matter however District Inspector Oates of Ballymoney stated in court that it was not as a punishment and their superiors had come to conclusion due to a certain set of circumstances they ought to be transferred.

By January 1918 he was stationed at Randalstown and by January 1920 was at Crumlin. On 5th June 1920 he was supposed to transfer to Tipperary north but this was cancelled. Instead he was transferred to County Londonderry 1st June 1921.

Prior to his transfer on 11th May 1921 he married Elizabeth Ingram of Kells. Elizabeth was the daughter of the then deceased publican Samuel Ingram. Daniel was stationed at Kells at the time.

Daniel was disbanded 31st May 1922 and joined the RUC at Victoria Barracks, Strand Road, Londonderry. In 1924 he was Detective Constable McDyre and in November 1929 on promotion to Sergeant he was transferred from Derry to Belfast. He became a Detective Sergeant. He had scored 79.5% in his promotion exam.

May 1936 stationed at Springfield Road Belfast and was sworn in as a Head Constable. On 13th April 1937 he was appointed as a Detective Head Constable.

Died 24th October 1960. His address was given as 26 Baltic Avenue Belfast

Constable Terence O'Brien 65,699 (Fenagh)

Terence O'Brien was born 5th April 1889 Upper Sunville County Limerick. He was the son of farmer Thomas O'Brien and Bridget Connors. He joined the police 24th January 1911 on the recommendation of District Inspector James Reid.

He was sent to County Leitrim 1st August 1911 and was admonished 14th November 1911. By January 1916 he was based at Fenagh but was serving in Ballycastle. On return to Leitrim he was stationed at Gorvagh. Terence was transferred to County Waterford 10th October 1918.

By January 1919 he was at Tallow joint station. The following year he was at Ladylane. He received a favourable record 14th April 1921.

He died 11th January 1922 of "bronchitis and nervous debility."

Constable Patrick Reilly 64,116 (Glenade)

Patrick Reilly was born 29th July 1884 County Mayo son of farmer Anthony O'Reilly/Reilly. He joined the RIC 9th July 1908 having been recommended by District Inspector Hugh Shier. In 1911 Shier was stationed at Arndaree. Shier had been promoted through the ranks.

Reilly was sent to County Leitrim 23rd February 1909. In January 1910 he was at Corraterriff. He was transferred to County Roscommon 14th November 1910, however he returned to County Leitrim 10th August 1911. By January 1917 he was at Glenade.

14th June 1917 he married Bridget Kelly of Glenade. Bridget was the daughter of farmer Patrick Kelly.

Patrick was apparently to move to County Westmeath 24th August 1917 however this was changed to County Sligo on 12th September 1917. By January 1919 he was stationed at Easkey where he appears to have remained. He was disbanded 4th April 1922

First pension address was Proughlish, Largydonnell, County Leitrim, then Keellogues, Largydonnell, Manorhamilton, County Leitrim from 6th December 1922.

Constable Michael Walsh 67,235 (Dromod)

Michael Walsh was born 6th September 1893 The Quay County Sligo. He was the son of pilot James Walsh and Ellen Hannah He joined the police on the recommendation of District Inspector Hugh Shier 16th April 1913.

He was sent to serve County Leitrim from 12th November 1913. By January 1916 he was stationed at Dromod. He had moved to Gorravagh by January 1919 and by January 1921 he was at Mohill.

Michael was disbanded 4th April 1922. The address on his pension record was Quignalecka, Ballina County Mayo.

April 1916 there was a case in Ballycastle where a man named Thomas Courtney who was employed at the wireless station had allegedly been attacked by a dog belonging to Daniel McKinley of the Diamond. He gave evidence that when he was cycling across the Diamond the dog had flew out and tore his trousers. He stated that this was the second time this had happened and McKinley knew about it and had done nothing. The magistrates directed that the dog be kept under control and Courtney could proceed against McKinley for the cost of the clothing at the next court.

July 1916 County Inspector Morrison visited No. 1 and No. 2 barracks Ballycastle. Men under Sergeant Brannigan and Brady were inspected.

October 1916 County Inspector Morrison visited No. 1 barracks and put the men through drill and police duties. He complimented Sergeant Brannigan, Sergeant Brady and Acting Sergeant Martin on the efficiency of their men.

November 1916 Constable Deignan (Duignan) and O'Reilly return to County Leitrim after temporary duty in Ballycastle at No. 2 barracks. Replaced by Constables O'Shea and McCoy of Leitrim force.

January 1917

Ballycastle I – Market Street

One Sergeant and seven constables

Sergeant Patrick Brannigan 56,093 (as above)

Constable George Browne 65,534 (as above)

Constable Isaiah F McConnell 59,532 (as above)

Constable Daniel McDyre 66,406 (as above)

Constable Hugh Sweeney 62,204 (as above)

Constable Terence O'Brien 65,699 (as above)

Constable Thomas O'Shea 67,083 (Glenade)

Constable Michael Walsh 67,235 (as above)

Ballycastle II – North Street Wireless Station

Two Sergeants and five constables

Sergeant Patrick Brady 56,470 (as above)

Sergeant Edward Martin 56,133 (as above)

Constable Peter Black 61,597

Peter Black was born 19th June 1882 Mounneill County Monaghan. He was the son of farmer Patrick Black and Ellen Donnelly. He joined the RIC 21st December 1905 having been recommended by Head Constable McKeon.

He was posted to County Antrim 21st June 1906 and was noted at Dervock in May 1908. On 10th January 1914 he received an unfavourable record. The following month on 14th February he was fined £1.

By January 1916 he was stationed at Aghalee. The following year he was at Ballycastle II. Following that he was stationed at High Street Ballymena by January 1918.

Peter was married 29th October 1918 to Mary Hever at St Mary's chapel Portglenone. Mary was a dressmaker from Portglenone and was the daughter of Dominic Hever. She was a native of Carrowcushcly County Sligo. In 1911 Mary was a boarder in the home of draper Sarah O'Kane in Portglenone.

He was noted as being at Portglenone in January 1920 and 1921. He was disbanded 31st May 1922. His pension address was Cullybackey County Antrim.

Constable Laurence Fleming 59,952 (as above)

Constable Patrick Keaveny 66,588 (as above)

Constable Edward McCoy 68,635 (Drumkeeran)

Edward McCoy was born 28th January 1894 Moybane County Armagh. He was the son of farmer Philip McCoy and Mary McArdle. He joined the RIC 15th April 1915 on the recommendation of Head Constable Gilfillan.

He was posted to County Leitrim 1st November 1915 and by January 1916 was stationed at Drumkeeran. He served temporarily at Ballycastle returning to Drumkeeran by January 1918.

Edward was transferred to County Westmeath 22nd November 1921. The following day he was married to Kate Anne Bird daughter of farmer James Bird of Moneyduff. Edward was stationed at Manorhamilton at the time. A witness was Constable Joseph Duignan as previously mentioned who had been stationed at Drumkeeran with him.

He was disbanded 10th April 1922 County Westmeath

May 1917 inspection by County Inspector Morrison No. 1 and No. 2 barracks under Sergeants Brannigan, Brady and Martin

August 1917 seizure of arms from McAlister Memorial Hall belonging to Ballycastle National Volunteers.

November 1917

Constable Robert Turkington No. 1 barracks transferred to No. 2 barracks and Constable Smyth from Armoy to No. 1. This shows that as late as November 1917 the second barracks were operating, however by January 1918 they were no longer.

Constable Robert Turkington 66,334

Robert Turkington was born Derryloiste County Armagh 22nd May 1888. He was the son of farmer John Turkington and Mary Jane Cordner.

He joined the RIC 24th January 1912 having been recommended by District Inspector Joseph Ryan who was stationed at Lurgan.

Robert was sent to County Antrim 1st August 1912 and appears to have been posted to Martinstown. By January 1914 he was stationed in Ballymena and probably at the Harryville barracks. In March 1915 he was transferred from Harryville to Lisburn and was noted there in the Smithfield barracks in the Nominal Returns for 1916 and 1917.

His time in Ballycastle must have been quite short as he was not mentioned in the 1917 Nominal Return for Ballycastle was by January 1918 at Crumlin.

He was transferred to Belfast 15th August 1918 and was noted at Springfield Road in January 1919 and 1920. By January 1921 he was stationed at Lisburn Road barracks.

According to his service record Robert was married 27th February 1921. However his wedding certificate states it was 8th February. He married Sarah Matchett of 9 Symons Street Belfast. Sarah was the daughter of Thomas Matchett was from Derrykeevan County Armagh.

Robert was disbanded 20th May 1922. The address on his pension record was Derryloiste, Esky, Lurgan County Armagh.

Constable David Smith 67,363

David Smith was born Poles County Cavan 11th September 1893. He was the son of farmer Robert Smith and Mary Anne Martin He joined the RIC 1st July 1913 on the recommendation of District Inspector White.

He was posted to County Antrim 20th January 1914. By January 1916 he was stationed Cloughmills and by December 1917 Ballycastle. He then remained in Ballycastle until early 1921 when he was posted to Loughguile which was not long after burned by the IRA. He made a claim for damages of £24.

David then appears to have been moved not far off to Corkey where he was noted in April 1922. The following month he was disbanded on 31st May 1922. He was promoted to Sergeant by July 1922 at Corkey on transferring to the RUC. On his pension record his address was Corkey County Antrim. Corkey barracks were vacated by RUC at the end of September 1922.

David then served in Ballycastle by at least August 1923. In the newspapers he was recorded often as *Smyth* (see Edward Molloy above).

In October 1929 David married Matilda Mary Cooper daughter of the late Sergeant George N Cooper and Margaret Cooper RIC of Glengariff County Cork. The wedding took place at St Mary Magdalen Church Donegall Pass Belfast. George Nolan Cooper 44,770 was born County Wexford, son of Head Constable George Cooper 2880. He joined 8th September 1879 serving mostly in County Cork. George died 24th January 1919 of heart disease aged 50.

July 1943 David Smith was transferred to Richhill County Armagh. He retired in October 1950 after 37 years.

Following the disestablishment of the North Street barracks the staffing levels returned to normal.

January 1918

One sergeant four constables

Sergeant Patrick Brannigan 56,093 (as above)

Constable George Browne 65,534 (as above)

Constable John James Kelly 66,075

John Kelly was born 5th June 1890 Lisgorman County Leitrim. He was the son of farmer and relieving officer Hugh Kelly and Maria McHugh. He joined the RIC 21st August 1911 on the recommendation of District Inspector Francis Ignatius Whyte.

He was posted to County Antrim 27th February 1912 and appears to have been posted to Ahoghill and then Harryville barracks Ballymena. By March 1915 he was at the High Street barracks where he remained into 1917.

By January 1918 he was posted to Ballycastle.

March 1920 Sergeant McElhill of Ballymoney and Dermott, Ballymoney, Maguire, Bushmills and Kelly of Ballycastle are at present on temporary duty in County Tipperary.

John resigned 31st October 1920 "to better his position."

In May 1924 there is mention of a Constable John J Kelly of the Detective Branch of the Dublin Metropolitan Police being transferred to S Division. It is not apparent if this was the same man as there are no DMP records which match.

Constable Richard Magee 59,305

Richard Magee was born 6th January 1874 Portnaquin County Cavan. He was the son of farmer John Magee and Margaret Brady. He joined the police 23rd January 1900 on the recommendation of District Inspector Miller. He was employed as a secretary prior to joining.

He was posted to County Antrim 9th June 1900. At the time of the 1901 census he was stationed at Ballintoy. By December 1905 he was stationed at Carnlough.

At the time of the 1911 census Richard had moved to Dervock where remained until around December 1917 when he was transferred to Ballycastle. Richard's stay in Ballycastle was short as by March 1918 he was in Armoy.

On 1st October 1920 he was promoted to Sergeant and was sent to Smithfield joint station in Lisburn. Richard appears by February 1921 to have been stationed at Loughguile at the time when the IRA burned the barracks. Other men at the barracks at the time who subsequently put in claims or damage were Constable Nathaniel Dale (64,968 who was moved to Cloughmills and whose pension record placed him in the Dunloy area*), Constable David Smith (67,363 as below) and Special Constable Norman Jefferson (possibly originally from Antrim Road Lisburn according to 1901 census).

By May 1921 Richard was back in the Ballymoney area and by September 1921 he was stationed in Portrush. Richard was disbanded 30th May 1922. The address on his pension record was Portnaquin, Killeshandra, County Cavan.

*Nathaniel Dale died 23rd April 1954 at Portrush however he was living at 25 Charlotte Street Ballymoney. In 1924 he was living at Killane Ahoghill, in 1935 he was selling by auction at bungalow at Brocklamont Ballymena, 1936 he was living at Fairview Cullybackey, in 1940 he was letting land at Ballyclose Cullybackey.

Constable David Smith 67,363 (as above)

January 1919

One sergeant four constables

Sergeant Patrick Brannigan 56,093 (as above)

Constable George Browne 65,534 (as above)

Constable John Carter 57,261

John Carter was born in County Leitrim 1867/1868. He joined the RIC 25th October 1895 on the recommendation of District Inspector Harold Edmund Henderson.

He was posted to County Cavan 3rd April 1896. By 1901 he was stationed at Killeshandra. In January 1910 he was serving at Crossdoney Cavan

In July 1910 transferred to County Antrim however his service record does not reflect this. It was mentioned in the press. By March 1911 he was stationed at Loughguile. His service record states that on 26th June 1912 he was married however there is no satisfactory record.

By August 1912 he transferred to Armoy where he remained until March 1918 when he transferred to Ballycastle in a swap with Constable Richard Magee 59,305 as previously mentioned.

John then remained in January Ballycastle. John was pensioned 1st February 1921. John may have become the foreman of the Ballycastle Waterworks having previously been overseer of the water extension works in 1925. If this was John then he had an address at Castle Street Ballycastle.

Constable John J Kelly 66,075 (as above)

Constable David Smith 67,363 (as above)

Sergeant Michael Carr O'Boyce 59,163

Michael O'Boyce was born Drumany County Donegal 28th April 1877 and was the son of National School teacher John Clinton O'Boyce. He joined the RIC 2nd October 1899 on the recommendation of District Inspector Quinn. He had been a teacher before joining.

His father John went on to find fame as a Gaelic poet and scholar and was a pioneer of the Gaelic League in Donegal. John had been the principal of Fanad National School for nearly 50 years and had studied the Irish language for over forty. It was noted in his obituary in 1935 that during the years of the "Irish struggle he was in constant communication with all the leaders of the party and was visited in his home by Roger Casement." The family home was noted as being 'Ardnagreine' Portsalon. Casement had visited John between 1904 and 1906. Of note Casement had family from near Ballycastle and had been a regular visitor. Amongst the mourners at his funeral were noted two ex-RIC, John Kenny former sergeant of Letterkenny, and James Hogan (57,283) of Killyconnell Glebe, Kilmacrenan.

Michael was posted to County Fermanagh 1st May 1900. On 15th October 1901 he was transferred to County Londonderry.

He resigned 10th April 1902 to enter other employment, however was reappointed 17th April 1906 and may have been sent to County Mayo, however his record is unclear. The other employment is

also unclear; however, it is possible that Michael was involved in the setting up of Gaelic schools in Donegal along with his father. There is a mention of Michael operating as a poll clerk for the Ramelton area in the local government elections in May 1905 with his address being Drumany.

On 20th June 1907 he was moved to Carrickmore County Tyrone. He was married to Sara O'Hara on 23rd October 1913 at Massmount Chapel Donegal. Sara was the daughter of farmer James O'Hara and was from Strokestown County Roscommon. Michael was still stationed at Carrickmore.

Michael was then transferred to County Antrim 18th December 1913. In November 1914 he was stationed at Glenarm. On 1st May 1917 Michael was promoted to Acting Sergeant and by January 1918 was in charge of Ballintoy.

He was promoted to Sergeant 1st March 1919 and by September/October 1919 was transferred from Ballintoy to Ballycastle in place of Sergeant Brannigan who had been promoted to Head Constable. Hugh Sweeney then took over from Michael.

At the end of August 1920 Michael was the only officer on duty when the IRA raided the Ballycastle barracks for arms (see below for further details).

On 28th October 1920 Michael was reduced to Constable and was transferred to County Fermanagh on 17th December 1920. It is not recorded as to why he was reduced in rank. He resigned the following day as he was "dissatisfied with service."

In 1923 Michael was appointed Court Clerk for Portsalon County Donegal. The following year he was appointed as Court Clerk at Letterkenny. He held a similar position at Ramelton and Newtowncunningham also.

In March 1939 it was reported in the *Derry Journal* that a German named Walter Mosbauer who was touring Donegal was staying with Michael at Port Road Letterkenny. Mosbauer had previously been in Belfast, Dublin and Derry. Alderman James McCourt of Derry had written a letter of introduction which was presented to Michael. Mosbauer regaled Michael with stories of Hitler's "triumphal entry" in the Sudetenland where he was from. He is reported to have been a member of the Hitler Youth and compared "the situation in the Six Counties" as an "almost exact parallel of the Sudeten territory prior to Hitler's coming."

He retired at the end of April 1947. It was noted that his son Germain had carried out the duties at Letterkenny recently before the retirement.

At the time of his original appointment it was noted in the *Derry Journal* that

at the time of the Black and Tan terror he was sergeant of the RIC at Ballycastle, County Antrim; but rather than act as his fellow countrymen's oppressor he left the Force without a pension, though at the time he had dependant on him a wife and a family of small children. His appointment to the present post will, therefore, give satisfaction to everyone who appreciates courage and disinterested patriotism, and who considers that the nation owes a debt to those who risked everything in her service.

It is therefore possible given Michael's connections to Casement and the Gaelic revival etc his sympathies had lain with the Lynn's and the operations of the IRA in Ballycastle. Therefore, he may have facilitated the raid on the barracks in 1920 which may have led to the reduction in rank and pushed him towards his departure from the force. An account of what occurred is below.

Constable William Lancelot Marshall Barry 63,885

William Barry was born 12 Lawnbrook Avenue Belfast 29th December 1887. He was the son of RIC Sergeant David John Barry, 38,174, and Eliza Jane Hume. David was the son of another RIC man David Barry 2758. In 1901 the Barry family were living on the Springfield Road Belfast. David Barry was retired from the RIC and was working as an Inspector for the NSPCC. His father David was also living in Belfast. In 1901 he was living at Dover Street and in 1911 at Glanworth Street with his son Marshall and family and daughter Elizabeth.

William joined the police 15th June 1908 having been recommended by District Inspector John Charles Milling. Milling was later made a Resident Magistrate and murdered at home at Westport 30th March 1919.

William was posted to County Antrim 12th January 1909 and appears to have been stationed at Loughguile where was noted in 1911. By September 1912 William had been moved to Carnlough and was then sent to Lisburn.

He was stationed at Smithfield, Lisburn until the end of 1919 when he was moved to Ballycastle. A Constable Barry was noted in Ballycastle in November 1919.

At that time it was mentioned that a number of young men had been for the previous three years using a wall and ground beside the police barracks for playing handball. Due to objections a meeting was held in the courthouse on Castle Street. It was agreed to form a club to be called Ballycastle Recreation Club (Hand-Ball Section). Rules were drawn up and the following committee were appointed:

Rev JM Lynch CC, Dr D Boylan, Messrs HA McAlister, JA McMichael, R McDonnell, MF Quinn, Arthur Hunter, Constable Barry. Mr AJ Tumelty of the Belfast Bank was appointed as treasurer and secretary.

It was decided to approach Captain SJ Lyle with a view to getting permission to use one of the walls in the market yard and erect a ball alley there. Plans and specifications were made out and the alley was built, the wall having been refaced with cement and raised and the floor levelled. It was noted that the members of the RIC deserve special notice for their labour in helping to carry out the work.

In September 1920 William was moved to Antrim town.

On 16th July 1921 William was back in Ballycastle on leave. He called to the barracks at 6.10pm and spoken to a Constable Tully and arranged to call back at 12.15am. En route to the barracks he met Mr Patrick McCarry JP of Ballyligg, Ballycastle. Patrick accompanied him as far as the barracks. On arriving at the station on Market Street William knocked the window and was challenged by the guard who asked who was there. The door was partially opened on a chain and William stepped forward believing that his identity had been confirmed. William was practically up against the door when an arm appeared from behind the door with a revolver and a shot rang out. William heard Mr McCarry shouting "I am shot," and he ran over and caught him in his arms. Sergeant Henderson came from the barracks and helped him carry Patrick into the barrack day-room. William was unable to say who fired the shot but confirmed that it was from inside the barracks.

After the shooting present at the barracks were Sergeant Fay and W.C. Henderson, Constable Tully and a few more. William recalled a Special Constable who was the guard and at the inquest Samuel Steele gave his evidence. He stated that he had only been stationed at Ballycastle from July 1921 and

was unfamiliar with William. He stated that when the two men had come to the door and has asked for Constable Tully, he feared that the barracks were under attack and had put his revolver around the door and had fired a shot. He stated that he knew Ballycastle barracks had previously been attacked in August of 1920. He denied that William had identified himself as a policeman.

The inquest jury found that Steele had intentionally fired at Patrick McCarry without provocation. Steele was arrested and a statement was issued by IRA HQ in Dublin "we understand that Special Constable Steele has been placed under arrest by the RIC in connection with the shooting of Patrick McCarry one of the Republican candidates for Antrim in the general election of 1918." One of Patrick's brother was local IRA man Frank McCarry. Patrick too was believed to have been an active republican having previously joined the Irish Volunteers in 1914 and then the IRA during the War of Independence. It is not apparent if Steele was every prosecuted for the shooting. He had previously been a soldier and had recently served as a special in Rasharkin County Antrim until being transferred to Ballycastle three days before the shooting. He had served 20 years in the army and had been discharged in 1919 as medically unfit. He may have been from the Bushmills area.

William was disbanded 31st May 1922 and transferred to the RUC. He was promoted to Sergeant and in 1926 was serving in Rasharkin. In September of that year he transferred to Ballymoney (confusingly in place of another Sergeant Barry who went to Cushendall). In August 1927 he was transferred temporarily to Toomebridge, however he was back by November when he was noted as taking part in hare coursing locally with his dog "Goat." In March 1928 he was transferred to Lisburn. In January 1931 he may have been transferred into Belfast to the Court Street barracks.

January 1920

One sergeant seven constables

Sergeant Michael Carr O'Boyce 59,163 (as above)

Constable John Bird Aiken 54,993

John Aiken was born Parkhill County Fermanagh 10th March 1870. He was the son of farmer Thomas Aiken and Susan McGregor. He joined the RIC 16th April 1891 from County Tyrone and was recommended by District Inspector Kelly.

He was posted to County Antrim from 11th May 1892. On 1st April 1895 he sprained his foot. By 1899 he was linked to Portrush. In 1903 he was moved from Portrush to Carnlough and in February 1906 transferred from Carnlough to Armoy.

By September 1909 he was stationed at Ballintoy. In 1911 he was stationed at Whitehouse outside Belfast but was on the opposite side of the county by January 1916 at Millquarter. He had return to Ballintoy by the following January and was therefore working with Michael O'Boyce. He then followed O'Boyce to Ballycastle by the start of 1920.

At the start of January 1921 John was at Aghalee barracks. John was pensioned 1st November 1921. He claimed his pension at Omagh

Constable William Lancelot Marshall Barry 63,885 (as above)

Constable Joseph Boyle 65,755

Joseph Boyle was born County Donegal 9th December 1890. He joined 15th February 1911 and was recommended by District Inspector August LeClerc MacDonald who was stationed at Ardara at the time.

He initially went to County Antrim 15th September 1911. It is not apparent where Joseph was stationed first however, he was mentioned in the local press at Carrickfergus from at least May 1913. He had received recognition for some unrecorded act on 12th December 1912, however there is no record in the press of anything which could be linked.

The Nominal Returns show that Joseph remained in Carrickfergus until around 1917/1918 when he was moved to Millquarter near Toome. He stayed there for a couple of years before being moved to Ballycastle by January 1920. By the following year he was in Ballymoney.

On 26th February 1921 Joseph was fined 5 shillings. On 9th May he received a gratuity and left the police. His pension record states an address of Middle Dore, Bunbeg, County Donegal dated 2nd November 1922. A newspaper report from 1950 states a man named Joseph Boyle from Dore was charged with an assault, it is not clear if this was the same man.

Constable John Carter 57,261 (as above)

Constable Thomas Doherty 66,645

Thomas Doherty was born Convooy County Donegal 15th April 1889. He was the son of farmer John Doherty and Rebecca Coyle. In 1901 the family were living at Convooy and John was employed as a baker. By 1911 John was unemployed, Thomas was a wool warper and another son John had returned home after service in the Highland Light Infantry. He joined the RIC initially 18th June 1912

but was discharged by the surgeon two days later as unfit. He was reappointed 3rd February 1913 on the recommendation of District Inspector Smyth.

He was sent to County Antrim 12th August 1913. In January 1916 and 1917 he was stationed at Dunmurry and by January 1918 at Bushmills. Thomas was moved to Ballycastle by January 1920 but by the following year was at Ballyclare

Thomas was disbanded 25th May 1922. The address on his pension record was Convoy, Donegal.

Constable John James Kelly 66,075 (as above)

Constable David Smith 67,363 (as above)

In March 1920 Constables John Aiken and Thomas Doherty were noted as having been on salvage duty on Rathlin.

Constable Mathew Tully 55,874

Mathew Tully was born County Roscommon 1871. He joined the police 16th June 1893 having been recommended by District Inspector John Bedford Russell Cameron. Cameron was based at Strokestown at the time of recommendation but had moved onto Adare County Limerick 1st June 1893.

He was posted initially to County Donegal 23rd February 1894. He was then transferred to Belfast 26th February 1898 and at the time of the 1901 census was at Duncairn Street Barracks Belfast.

Matthew was transferred to County Tyrone 6th August 1907 and may have been stationed at Stewartstown. He received an unfavourable record 4th September 1907. He was then sent to County Antrim 7th April 1908 and by July 1909 was noted in Ballymena. By January 1910 Matthew was recorded in the Nominal Returns at High Street Ballymena.

In February 1914 transferred to Whitehead on his own request. In court In Ballymena it was mentioned that he could not have been transferred to a better station as it was the “pet station of County Antrim,” and that there was “not very much business associated with it except in the summer months.”

Matthew remained at Whitehead until some point 1919 as he was noted as being at Glenarm by January 1920. However, by April 1920 he was in Ballycastle. At that time, he was noted as working with Sergeant O’Boyce and Constables Cross, Smith and Carter.

Disbanded 18th May 1922. The address on his pension record was 3 Eglinton Street, Belfast.

The Constable Cross referred to was Francis Cross 58,525.

Francis was born County Wicklow 1878 son of farmer Francis Cross. He joined the RIC 15th November 1898 having been recommended by District Inspector Supple. He posted to County Louth 16th May 1899.

He was transferred to Belfast 24th June 1905. He was then transferred to County Antrim 6th August 1907 and was awarded an unfavourable record 5th September 1907.

Francis married Martha Caulfield daughter of former sergeant John Caulfield of Broughshane on 7th July 1909. Francis was stationed at Ballymena at the time. A witness was William J McKinney.

By January 1910 he was stationed at Rasharkin. By 26th August 1910 she was stationed at Broughshane where son Francis Ernest was born. Francis remained in Broughshane until around 1918. In the meantime, a number of further children were born there, 18th December 1911 daughter Anna Martha Caulfield; 28th February 1914 son John Caulfield and 22nd May 1918 daughter Mary Eveline.

He was promoted to Sergeant 1st April 1920 after being in charge of Armoy for around three years. He appears to have remained in Armoy. He was disbanded 1st June 1922, registered for the RUC and withdrew again the same day. The address on his pension record was Armoy.

Francis' father-in-law John Caulfield was originally from the Ballymena area and was probably a native of Broughshane born around 1835. He was the son of farmer James Caulfield. He joined the police 13th November 1855 having been recommended by County Inspector Williams who was based in Ballymena. John had the registered number 20,298. He married Anne O'Neill at Jonesboro County Armagh 13th December 1881. Anne was from County Louth. They had the following children, Sarah Jane Caulfield born 27th September 1884 at Dunsany County Meath, Martha Caulfield 30th January 1887 born at Broughshane and John Charles Caulfield 8th July 1890 also born at Broughshane.

On 21st December 1885 John retired and claimed his pension at Ballymena. John was living in Broughshane in 1901. He died 19th February 1908 and his daughter Martha was present at his death.

IRA raid on Ballycastle Barracks August 1920

According to the account of IRA Captain Liam McMullen, as previously referenced, the organisation for the emergence of physical force republicanism began in Ballycastle at the time in the split in the Volunteers. This saw the formation of a Sinn Fein club involving men like Stephen Clarke and solicitor Louis J Walsh. A newspaper report from June 1917 reported on the club's second meeting where Stephen Clarke took the chair with Walsh and William Scally present. McMullen stated that there were about twenty men "with extreme views." In August 1918 a newspaper report of another meeting of the Ballycastle Sinn Fein club noted Louis J Walsh as chairman and Frank McCarry and Alexander Butler in attendance.

During the First World War their activities were mainly making preparations for local government elections. In addition, the war allowed organisation against the "conscription menace". In 1918 Louis J Walsh organised a rally where 2-3,000 people were reported to have gathered in the Diamond. What was notable was that the Independent Orange Lodge from Moyarget took a leading part. The master of the lodge, John Smyth of Cloughanmurry, acted as chairman for the meeting. The Moyarget band had joined up with the republican pipe band and paraded together through the town. McMullen stated that due to this the Orangemen were never bitter towards the Republicans after this, although he went on to say that at the local elections a group of young Orangemen had attacked Louis J Walsh.

In 1919 a Volunteer company was formed by Belfast man Paddy MacLogan. Twenty five men in Ballycastle signed up. Two other companies were formed in Glenravel and Loughguile. After the initial organisation was completed the headquarters were moved to the townland of Carey outside of Ballycastle town. In the Ballycastle company McMullen was made a captain, mechanic William J Lynn was officer commanding and Frank McCarry was an officer. Frank was the brother of JP Patrick McCarry who was to be shot the following year outside the barracks (see William Barry above).

18th August 1920 was regatta day at Ballintoy which saw the influx of a large number of people to the small village. A row broke out at the regatta, possibly orchestrated deliberately, which caused all the available local police to be drawn in. This would have left only one man, the barrack orderly, in the station on Market Street. According to McMullen six men went to the barracks however there was no answer to the door.

McMullen recalled that it was then decided that another attempt was to be made by other means and so a large-scale sports meeting was arranged outside the town. It is possible that this had already been arranged given the short available timeframe, however McMullen does not allude to this. The sports field was about three quarters of a mile from the barracks.

The Volunteers from Loughguile and Glenravel were brought in specially as they were unknown in the town. The police had also drafted in extra men according to McMullen which suggests that the sports meeting was known about well before the aborted attempt the previous day. McMullen stated that the RIC's reason for bringing in the extra men was that the police viewed those involved as being "extreme in politics and dangerous."

While the RIC men were away to the sports field the barracks would again be only staffed by the orderly who was there to permit access and deal with the public. Usually this would have been a constable, however on 19th August 1920 it was Sergeant Michael O'Boyce (as above). There is no explanation as to why O'Boyce was performing this role. One suggestion as outlined previously was that O'Boyce had Republican sympathies and was complicit in the planning of the raid.

McMullen states that William Lynn, who lived and worked on Market Street not far from the barracks, called to the station which was opened by the orderly (O'Boyce) with whom he spoke for ten minutes. Two men from Loughguile then held up Lynn and the RIC man to deflect suspicion from Lynn.

Contemporary newspaper reports state that Sergeant O'Boyce was confronted by around 20 armed men and placed against a wall. Two constables inside covered by revolvers while all rifles and ammunition were seized. McMullen did not mention any other police being present. Rooms in the barracks were saturated in petrol and the building was set on fire. Other reports state that rifles, ammunition, hand grenades, and Verey lights were taken and that four men initially arrived in motor car followed by around fifteen. The reports also stated that the IRA were unable to access some of the rooms and the men forced O'Boyce at gunpoint to give them access.

As stated, all reports agree that an attempt was made to set the barracks on fire and that papers and uniforms were piled up in the middle of the floor and set alight. It was also noted that the IRA had employed delaying tactics by holding up traffic to frustrate the police who were trying to return to the barracks. McMullen recalled that two men armed with rifles went to the sports field and sent a young boy to tell the police the barracks were being raided. When the police and others came down the road the two men held them up causing the delay. Later however police were able to re-enter the barracks and brought the flames under control.

Unfortunately for a number of the police a lot of the uniforms burned belonged to the men who were from various barracks brought in for duty at the sports event. It was a tactic for the police to send in men in plain clothes to mix with the crowds. The result was many men lost their uniforms and according to McMullen were unable to leave their barracks for some time.

The stolen property was spirited away in cars and taken to a temporary dump on a mountain. They were later taken to an arms dump in a cave on the point of Fairhead.

Subsequent searches in Belfast in September at Carrick Hill found items believed to from the raid.

In June 1921 the Inspector General put in a claim with Antrim County Council for £217 6s 11d for damages connected to the raid. The application was rejected as it had not been served within 7 days of the raid and the application had not given sufficient notice.

In March 1922 William James Lynn and Patrick Lynn motor mechanics of Market Street were charged with possession of 4 rounds of revolver ammunition, 2 sporting cartridges, 2lb gelignite, 22 small rolls of gelignite and 8 detonators. Also 2 sword bayonets and scabbards and 1 foresight protector. It was stated that one of the sword bayonets was identified as being one stolen from Ballycastle barracks and belonged to Sergeant Michael O'Boyce. William received 6 months with hard labour and Patrick was fined £10 or three months. The Resident Magistrates at the case was former RIC officer Hume Riversdale Jones.

A number of local IRA Volunteers later gave their accounts as McMullen had of their activities and confirmed their part in the raid. They were, James McCaughan as a look out, Frank McCarry stated he had organised a sporting event as a distraction, Neal McKernan of Turnaroan, Henry McKiernan of Turnaroan, John Lynn, John McNeill of Ballyvoy as look out and Patrick Butler.



Lynn's garage Market Street

The attacks on Torr Head Coastguard Station



Liam McMullen recalled that it was learned that Torr Head Coastguard station was to be closed and the men occupying it were to be sent back to England. The station had been a war signal station and was one of the most important in Ireland. It was decided that the station was to be attacked for arms and the date set was 13th September 1920.

The entirety of the Ballycastle Volunteers went. The station was made up of five terraced houses. Each house was separate on the ground floor but up the stairs there were connecting doors. Prior to the attack the IRA cut the telegraph wires so contact could not be made with the barracks in Ballycastle or elsewhere.

McMullen reports that when they rapped the doors no resistance was offered by the occupants. The IRA were shown where the arms were and a number of Webley revolvers, ammunition and Verey lights were seized. The station had been manned by an officer and five men.

A contemporary newspaper report for 16th September 1920 stated that on the previous day three military lorries with about forty soldiers arrived in Ballycastle. They carried out raids at the houses of,

Alexander Butler – Sinn Fein Headquarters (Butler was arrested and charged in January 1921 for a raid on the mail at Killagan. He was noted as living on Anne Street. In March he was sentenced to 18 months at a court martial in Belfast for having in his home ballot papers in aid of Casement Sinn Fen club and a membership card for the Irish Volunteers).

Henry McClements (publican of Anne Street whose daughter married Patrick Keaveney)

Stephen Clarke – Irish Toy Industry

William Scally

Lynn Bros., motor garage

No arms were found during the raid however at Lynn's three cars were dismantled and permits were taken.

In November 1920 following a rumour that the RIC Auxiliary Division were to take possession of the abandoned station a decision was made to destroy the building. A dance was organised at Carey which again drew in the RIC and as stated by McMullen provided an alibi for a number of the Volunteers. The station was set on fire and destroyed on 6th November 1920. The remains are as in the above picture.

Constable William Charles Thorpe 73,664

William Thorpe was born 19th January 1891 Ventnor Isle of Wight, Hampshire England. He was the son of hotel porter William Chapman Thorpe and lived at 213 South Grove Road Ventnor. He joined after demobilisation from the army at the recruiting office at Ventnor. His starting date was 1st October 1920. William had either been in the Coldstream Guards or the Army Cyclist Corps

He was posted to County Antrim 16th October 1920 and was noted in the Nominal Return for Ballycastle in January 1921. It is likely he was sent straight to Ballycastle.

William was disbanded 31st May 1922 and he then joined the RUC and was noted at Railway Street Lisburn on his pension record.

In 1927 William married Dorothy Catherine Vernon at Swadlincote, Derbyshire.

In June 1929 William was working at the County Inspector's office at Railway Street Lisburn as the assistant clerk. It was noted that he resigned to take up a position with the White Star shipping line.

In 1939 William was back living on the Isle of Wight at Rosecliffe Court, Sandown-Shanklin and was a general labourer. His wife Dorothy was working as a chambermaid.

Sergeant William Campbell Henderson 56,315

William Henderson was born 5th September 1872 Lisnaragh/Lisnarrow between Donemana and Plumbridge. He was the son of farmer David Henderson and Fanny Jack. David and Fanny had married at Donemana Presbyterian Church 26th December 1867.

William joined 1st February 1894 on the recommendation of District Inspector Henry Donati Tyacke who was based at Strabane. Tyacke was later to become an Assistant Inspector General.

He was posted to County Kilkenny 15th September 1894. William was transferred to County Donegal 1st April 1895. On 21st May 1897 he married Matilda "Tillie" Jane Tees daughter of farmer William Tees of Ballinafad. At the time William was stationed at Churchill. Of note his service record does not record his marriage until 14th February 1901.

On 13th November 1898 William Tease Morrison Henderson was born Garrowearry County Donegal. William was stationed at Tullybeg. On 28th November 1899 son David was born at Killylastin. William was stationed at Tullybeg. David died 9th June 1900 at Killylastin of diarrhoea.

William was moved to Londonderry 19th April 1900. At the time of the 1901 census he was living at De Burgh Square Londonderry with his wife, brother Andrew and sister in law Carolina Annette Tees. Their child William was living with William's parents at Loughash near Plumbridge.

A daughter Rita Henderson was born 1901 County Tyrone. On 12th October 1902 son Robert Alexander Henderson born at 1 De Burgh Square Londonderry. He was followed on 24th April 1904 by Herbert Leo Henderson born 1 De Burgh Square Londonderry.

The family moved two doors up and on 12th June 1905 daughter Lilian Caroline Anetta Henderson was born at 5 De Burgh Square Londonderry. On 24th August 1906 another daughter Annie Peoples Tees Henderson was born at the same address.

The family moved again, this time to 17 Argyle Terrace where on 27th June 1909 daughter Annie died of enteritis just short of her third birthday. They were noted there at the time of the 1911 census.

The Nominal Returns have William stationed at Victoria barracks Londonderry from 1910 until he was posted to County Antrim 1st November 1917. He appears to have been sent to Broughshane. By January 1920 he was stationed at Aghalee.

On 1st May 1920 he was promoted to Sergeant. By at least November 1920 he was stationed at Ballycastle (he may have been a replacement for Sergeant O'Boyce). In July 1921 William was on duty when Patrick McCarry was shot by Special Constable Steele as previously described.

He was disbanded 31st May 1922 and then joined the RUC. IRA Liam McMullen recalled that after he was arrested by members of the Ulster Special Constabulary he was bundled into a truck and taken to their base at Ballycastle Workhouse. He recalled that the men were drunk and had threatened to throw him out of the truck and shoot him. McMullen states that Sergeant Henderson heard about this and intervened and "forbade the shooting."

William remained in Ballycastle until around June 1923 when he was transferred back to Londonderry. On 13th October 1923 at the Antrim Arms in Ballycastle he was received by a committee consisting of some of the members of the Urban District Council and J.P's. He was presented with a case of Treasury notes and a list of the subscribers and was thanked for his service in Ballycastle.

William retired from the RUC at the end of July 1925 at Londonderry due to ill health.

15th April 1939 the death of Caroline A.M. Henderson wife of R.A. Henderson, Northern Bank, Ballybay was noted in the newspaper. She died at Lawrence Hill Nursing Home in Londonderry. The funeral was from 52 Marlborough Street where William was living. Robert and Caroline had only married on 16th March 1931 and at the time both were bank clerks. Caroline was under age at the time. She appears to have been some form of relative given her full name was Caroline Annetta May Tees which was similar to that of Robert's aunt who had been living with his parents in 1901. Caroline's father was Alexander Tees on the wedding certificate which appears to have been Robert's mother's brother.

William died 2nd January 1952 at 52 Marlborough Street Londonderry. Probate was paid to William S Henderson clerk of petty sessions and William T.M. Henderson railway clerk.

Sergeant Patrick Michael Fay 58,108

Patrick Fay was born 31st August 1878 at Killorglin County Kerry. He was the son of Sub Constable (later Sergeant) Thomas Fay 32,334 and Hanora O'Neill. Thomas had two other sons in the police John Francis Fay 56,732 and William Francis Fay 60,520. Thomas may also have been the son of John Fay 7925.

Patrick joined the police 1st March 1898 on the recommendation of District Inspector Patrick Markham.

He first served County Clare from 15th July 1898. He was transferred to the Reserve 20th December 1899, followed by a move to the Reserve in Kildare 15th July 1901 and then the Reserve at the Depot 26th April 1902.

On 10th September 1903 Patrick was fined 20 shillings, warned and transferred. He was sent to County Cork 16th September. This related to an alleged breach of discipline at Ballyshannon Crossroads on the night of the Gordon Bennett Motor Race. Four others were dismissed, Constables Martin Corbett; Edward Roche; George H Robinson and John H Godfrey. A Constable Richard Godfrey was also involved. It appears that they were absent from their barracks and went drinking.

While in Cork he was fined 10 shillings 4th January 1905,

On 4th November 1905 Patrick married Bridget Foley daughter of farmer Morgan Foley from Ballynamona. Patrick was stationed at Adrigole. A witness was Jeremiah Griffin who may have been 47,893 who was dismissed in 1902.

He was fined 20 shillings 13th May 1908 and cautioned 30th April 1912. In this period Patrick was stationed at Dunmanway. In the 1911 census Patrick and Bridget were living at Main Street Dunmanway.

The Nominal Returns places Patrick in January 1916 and 1917 at Rosscarbery and then in January 1918 and 1920 Timoleague. According to his record Patrick was awarded the Constabulary Medal 16th March 1919 although there is little available information for what it was awarded.

He was transferred to County Antrim 29th May 1920 and was posted to Dunmurry. Patrick was promoted to Sergeant 1st December 1920 and appears to have gone shortly after this to Ballycastle.

By August 1921 Patrick was stationed at Portglenone. In October 1921 it was noted in the newspaper that Patrick was the recipient of the King's Medal from the Lord Lieutenant for gallantry and devotion to duty. This may refer to the entry on his service record from March 1919.

He was disbanded 18th May 1922. The address on his pension return was Market Street, Ballycastle. There is no mention on the Valuation Revision records for Patrick on Market Street in this period, so it is difficult to say where he was living.

January 1921

Two sergeants ten constables – staffing levels raised likely due to the attack on the barracks and the attacks on Torr Head. 1921 also saw the stationing of Ulster Special Constabulary men in Ballycastle who operated from the Workhouse and from the Market Street barracks.

Sergeant Patrick Michael Fay 58,108 (as above)

Sergeant William Campbell Henderson 56,315 (as above)

Constable Thomas Anderson 64,845

Thomas Anderson was born 10th February 1890 at Edenreagh, Glendermott, County Londonderry. He was the son of labourer Thomas Anderson and Annie Ritchie. He joined the RIC 1st July 1909 on the recommendation of District Inspector Michael Horgan. He had been employed as a quarryman before joining. Michael Horgan was stationed at Limavady at the time Thomas joined, however he had only been posted to Limavady from February 1909.

On 3rd February 1910 Thomas was posted to County Antrim and was noted at Kells in January 1911 and at the time of the census that year.

Thomas appears to have remained in Kells until 1915 when he moved to Ballyclare. That year Thomas was selected for service in the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and enlisted on 23rd November 1915. It was noted that he was an all-round athlete and great sportsman as well as being a crack shot.

On 29th August 1918 Thomas married Edith Halligan daughter of spirit merchant Robert Halligan. Robert however was a former RIC man (46,788 as previously mentioned) and had been stationed in Kells County Antrim at the same time as Thomas. They were married at St Mary Magdalene Church of Ireland, Belfast. Of note both gave the same address of 36 Vernon Street Belfast even though Thomas was still serving in the military. His father at this stage was a road contractor. 36 Vernon Street was the address of Robert Halligan's pub which he had taken over in 1914.

Thomas was reappointed after demobilisation on 13th March 1919 and was sent back to County Antrim 7th June 1919 and was noted in Ballyclare again in January 1920. Contemporary newspaper reports place Constable Anderson in Ballyclare in June 1920. By January 1921 he was stationed at Ballycastle.

On 1st March 1921 Thomas Anderson was promoted to Sergeant. He was disbanded 31st May 1922 and transferred to the RUC. He possibly went to Dunmurry then to Armoy by July 1923.

Constable William Walter Marwood Ascough 73,654

William Ascough was born 1st November 1886 in Kilburn London. He was the son of Thomas Ascough and Catherine Dobson. In 1901 his mother was the head of the household and was a charwoman.

He served in the Middlesex Regiment during WW1, however in 1911 he was a Private. He was married 1st December 1912 to Olive Mills in London. In 1911 Olive was living with her mother and siblings at 26 Warden Road London. Of note her brother Henry was a carman which was the same occupation William had.

After demobilisation William joined the RIC 1st October 1920 and was posted to County Antrim 16th October 1920 and was sent to Ballycastle.

William was disbanded 31st May 1922 and joined the RUC and continued serving in Ballycastle.

In 1926 William is recorded in the Valuation Revision records at new properties on the Coleraine Road which had been built by the Ministry of Home Affairs Northern Ireland. These are located near to the Gospel Hall.



It is unclear from the Valuation records which of the two houses Ascough lived in.



In 1929 William came 6th in the ex-servicemen's class of the Beautiful Antrim Cottages competition. In that particular class he was required to have not only a good-looking house, but also a selection of fruit and vegetables in good quality.

In 1930 William was investigated in Ballycastle for being on licensed premises while on duty (see Edward Molloy). The following year he was in Rasharkin 1931 and was linked to Loughguile in 1934. It is not apparent when he retired.

On 4th December 1940 his son Guardsman William Ascough was accidentally shot while writing a letter to his parents. A fellow Irish Guard had picked up a Bren gun which he thought was not loaded and had went off. Three rounds had been fired all of which had struck William in the skull. It was noted that his parents, William and Olive, lived at Main Street Bushmills. He was aged 19 when he died and a member of the 2nd Battalion Irish Guards.

William died 1966.

Constable John Carter 57,261 (as above)

Constable James Doherty 64,355

James Doherty was born 22nd November 1886 Straid, County Donegal. He was the son of farmer Philip Doherty and Catherine Duffy. He joined the police 16th September 1908 on the recommendation of District Inspector William Henry Yeates.

He was posted to County Antrim 23rd March 1909 and was stationed at Cloughmills. He was recorded there at the time of the 1911 census and was noted in the press as being there until at least March 1913.

By 1916 James was stationed at Larne and the following year was at Cullybackey. Prior January 1920 James was moved to Portglenone and then before January 1921 to Ballycastle.

James was disbanded 18th May 1922. His pension address was Straid, Clonmany, County Donegal.

Constable Luke Donohue 68,735

Luke Donohue was born 31st October 1896 Mullyone County Monaghan. He was the son of farmer James Donohue and Mary Hanratty. The family were at the same address at the time of the 1901 and 1911 census returns. He joined the RIC 3rd October 1916 recommended by District Inspector Roe.

He was posted to County Kilkenny 6th April 1917 and was noted in January 1918 at Goresbridge. Luke was transferred to County Antrim 1st June 1918 and was stationed at Aghalee by January 1919.

Prior to January 1921 he was posted to Ballycastle. In August 1921 Luke was mentioned as competing in a friendly competition between Ballycastle Handball Club and the Ballycastle Club (established 1919 near the RIC barracks see William Barry above). It was reported in the press that the Ballymoney team had been the victors by 3 matches to 1. The details were:

James McLaughlin and James O'Doherty (Ballymoney) beat Constable Donohue RIC and Jack Donnelly (Ballycastle) 21-14, 21-5

J Carter and MF Quinn (Ballycastle) beat Dan O'Connor and James Quigg (Ballymoney) 21-13, 21-20

John Fines and Robert J Casey (Ballymoney) beat Dr Boylan and Patrick McCambridge (Ballycastle) 21-13, 21-13

Robert McLean and James McArthur (Ballymoney) beat Arthur Hunter and Patrick Duffin (Ballycastle) 21-5, 21-1

The J Carter referred to is likely to have been Luke's colleague John Carter. Luke's playing partner may have been blacksmith Jack Donnelly of Ballycastle. Dr Boylan was Daniel Boylan of Market Street. Handball was still going in 1922 but there was a hiatus until 1924.

Luke was moved to County Clare 26th November 1921. He was disbanded 31st May 1922 and may have been transferred to RUC although his pension record does not fully reflect this.

Constable William McKeon 64,562

William McKeon was born Edgesworthstown County Longford 10th July 1890. He was the son of police pensioner Michael McKeon 23,792 and Rose Sharkey. In 1901 the family were living at Aghafin, Edgeworthstown. He joined the RIC 14th January 1909 on the recommendation of Head Constable Nash who was stationed at Ballymahon.

He was posted to County Galway 20th July 1909. In 1911 he was noted in the census at the barracks Rahally, his occupation is noted as "policeman's son."

He received a favourable record 18th January 1915. He was transferred to County Dublin 1st July 1915 and noted at Finglas prior to January 1916.

William was posted to County Antrim 14th June 1919.

He was married 24th March 1920 to Ellen Costello at Lisvernane. Ellen was the daughter of policeman Thomas Costello 39,169. At the time of marriage William was stationed at Glenarm. A witness was Patrick Molloy.

By January 1921 William was stationed at Ballycastle. He was sent to the Depot 1st March 1921.

William was disbanded 3rd May 1922 at Gormanstown Camp. The address on his pension was 2 Mount Pleasant Terrace, Rathmines, Dublin.

Constable David Smith 67,363 (as above)

Constable William Charles Thorpe 73,664 (as above)

Constable Mathew Tully 55,874 (as above)

Constable John H Williams 70,710

John William was born Perry, USA (state unknown), 5th January 1896. He was the son of John Henry Williams and Mary. In 1901 they are living in North Monmouthshire Wales. John senior is in a coal mine. He served as a soldier in WW1 but also had been employed as a clerk. He was married 13th September 1915.

John joined the RIC 16th March 1920 and was posted to County Antrim 7th April. He may have been in Randalstown around July 1920. He was in Ballycastle by January 1921. He was transferred to Belfast 1st January 1921 and was posted to Musgrave Street barracks. John was disbanded 31st May 1922.

1922

Henry McAlister 59,015

Henry McAlister was born Bonamargy, Ballycastle, County Antrim 15th July 1879. He was the son of farmer Daniel McAlister and Barbara Humphreys. He joined the RIC 15th July 1899 on the recommendation of District Inspector Ireland who was based at Ballymoney.

He was posted to Galway 17th January 1900. Henry was transferred to Belfast 27th March 1902. On 12th August 1904 he was given a 2nd class award and then on 9th November 1904 he received a 2nd class award.

On 20th December 1911 Henry married Annie Margaret Rankin of Aughnaskeagh, Dromara, County Down. They married at the Reformed Presbyterian Church Dromara. Annie was the daughter of farmer John Rankin. Henry was stationed at College Square Belfast at the time. Notably this marriage was not recorded on Henry's service record.

He received a 3rd class favourable record on 26th October 1914

1915 Henry's father Daniel died at his home 'The Warren' Ballycastle. In the announcement of his death in the press it was noted that there were two other sons, Daniel and Patrick.

In January 1916 Henry was stationed at Henry Street Belfast. By the following year he was at College Square barracks where he remained. He received a 1st class favourable record and a grant 14th July 1917

Henry was promoted to Temporary Sergeant 8th January 1921. On 9th November 1921 he received a 3rd class favourable record.

He was disbanded 30th April 1922. The address on his pension record was Market Street Ballycastle.

His sister Catherine married Constable Isaiah Fulton McConnell 59,532, as previously mentioned in 1918.

His brother Patrick died 21st September 1938 at The Warren. Henry was the executor.

The following may be a relative:

Joseph Alexander McAlister 68,673

Joseph McAlister was born 24th April 1893 at Carnsampson near Ballycastle. He was the son of farmer Alexander McAlister and Mary Coll. He joined the RIC 1st June 1915.

He was posted to County Armagh 6th November 1915. On 5th December 1919 he was fined £1. Joseph resigned to better his position on 28th May 1920.

Second IRA attack on Ballycastle Barracks – May 1922

In May 1922 an attempt was made to blow up Ballycastle barracks with a 40lb bomb which was foiled by police from Ballymoney. A detail of police came from Ballymoney in a Crossley tender. They passed through with no sign of trouble but on their return found that the road was blocked so they feared an ambush. At the barracks they found a ladder up to the roof two doors along from the barracks. The police saw a man run off and fired after him. A subsequent search located a 40lb bomb with a fuse attached at the foot of the ladder.

A few minutes later an attack was made on the police and two bombs were thrown and about 30 shots fired. During the attack police seized two boxes of grenades, several tins of petrol, two pairs of boots, one pair of canvas shoes and a basket full of petrol bombs.

There was a lull for about an hour. Sergeant Andrew Jackson 69,194 who was usually based at Mountpottinger Belfast, saw some men and ordered them to stop. They fired two volleys of shots at him which struck him in the hand and leg.

Local IRA man James McCaughan later stated that he had been injured in the attack and had been taken to Belfast for treatment. He had also taken part in the 1920 raid as a look out. Frank McCarry, William Lynn, Neal McKernan, Henry McKiernan, John Lynn, John McNeill Ballyvoy and Patrick Butler all later acknowledged their part in the attacks.

On the same night the railway bridge between Killagan and Dunloy was blown up, telegraph wires cut and fifty yards of the railway line destroyed.

1935

Joseph Winlock 61,884

Joseph Winlock was born 2nd September 1886 at Carnbore near Dervock County Antrim. His father was farmer David Winlock and mother was Nancy McCallister.

Joseph joined the RIC from Belfast on 1st June 1906 on the recommendation of Head Constable Peate.

He was sent to County Meath 4th December 1906. Joseph was transferred to Belfast 23rd August 1907. For the majority of his service he was stationed at Musgrave Street. Joseph received two favourable records, 8th September 1911 (for courageous conduct) and 17th May 1919.

On 5th October 1915 Joseph married Mary Mollan at Belfast Registrar's Office. Joseph was stationed at Musgrave Street Barracks at the time and Mary was resident at Victoria Homes, Ballysillan Belfast. Victoria Homes were children's homes established for "young girls from homes made miserable by poverty, unemployment and abuse of alcohol and to prevent the possibility of them becoming prostitutes or involved in other kinds of crime." It is not apparent if Mary was a resident there or working there, however no occupation was listed on her marriage certificate. Her father was farmer Andrew Mollan and they were from County Monaghan. Witnesses were Constable John Hall 58,119 who was also stationed at Musgrave Street and Mary Louisa Thompson (possibly a nurse). Joseph's father David died a few weeks later 26th October 1915 at Carnbore.

On 30th January 1918 son Joseph Winlock was born at 21 Toronto Street, Belfast (off the Ravenhill Road).

Joseph was disbanded 27th May 1922 in Belfast. His pension record gave his address as 21 Grampian Avenue, Strandtown, Belfast (between the Holywood and Upper Newtownards Roads).

Joseph died 24th September 1935 at Dalriada Hospital Ballycastle. His will stated that he was a retired RUC Constable. His pension record did not state that he had transferred to the RUC which suggests that he joined later.

His home address at the time of his death was given as Curramoney which is a townland south west of Ballycastle town on the Ballinlea Road.

1940's

Hume Riversdale Jones

Hume Jones was born 21st June 1866 son of Archdeacon Richard Jones. Between 1887 and 1891 he was a tutor of pupils at Trinity College Dublin, having qualified as a barrister. He then joined as a cadet officer 17th April 1891 become a District Inspector 3rd June 1891. His first posting outside of the Depot was to Killorglin County Kerry 1st December 1891.

10th January 1895 he was posted to Woodford County Galway where he remained until 1st June when he was moved again to Killarney County Kerry. On 14th February 1902 Hume was posted to Chaffpool County Sligo where he remained until 1st June 1903 when he was moved to Athenry County Galway. He was again moved 15th August 1903 to Ardee County Louth.

On 9th September 1903 Hume married Elizabeth (Betty) Ann Phibbs daughter of gentleman, land owner and JP, Charles Phibbs of Chaffpool. The wedding appears to have been carried out by Hume's father.

A son Hume Riversdale Jones was born 6th September 1904 at Irish Street Ardee. 15th November 1905 Hume was moved to Kenmare County Kerry. A second son, Charles Phibbs Jones was born at Reemore, Kenmare. Hume remained there until 1st February 1908. He was then moved to Ennis County Clare.

Hume was finally posted to Headquarters in Dublin 1st October 1908 where he was appointed to the Crime Special Department. At the time of the 1911 census the family were at Hadden Road, Clontarf, Dublin. A third son Edward Warburton Jones, was born 3rd July 1912 at Glenmara, Hadden Road, Clontarf, Dublin.

On 19th September 1914 Hume was made a Resident Magistrate. A daughter Elizabeth Maude Jones was born at Ardshanbally County Limerick 16th April 1918. In May 1920 Hume was made a RM for Dublin and was placed on special duty at Dublin Castle.

In 1920 Hume was noted as performing duties at special Crimes Courts at Lisburn and Moneymore. Over the next 16 years Hume worked in Ballymena, Coleraine, Cookstown, Londonderry, Omagh, Antrim and Ballycastle. He retired in 1936.

In December 1936 son Hume Jones married Ruth Babington daughter of (Attorney General) Lord Justice A.B. Babington and Lady Babington of Somerton Road Belfast. He was at that time a Captain in the 6th Royal Battalion (Scinde) 13th Frontier Force Rifles in India. He was killed in action in 19th December 1943 in Italy at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. The inscription on his grave reads "killed leading the 6 RFF Rifles to the attack on the banks of the Arielli." At the time of his death it was

noted that his brothers were Lieutenant Colonel CP Jones M.C. and Captain EW Jones member of the Northern Ireland bar. Their sister was serving in the A.T.S.



Hume jr on the left and his brother Edward to the right

During 1930's and early 1940's Hume and Betty were living at Glenwillan Portrush but subsequently moved to a house in Ballycastle they also called Glenwillan. He died aged 82 on 5th February 1949, at Glenwillan, Rathlin Road, Ballycastle.

Edward Jones went on to be a member of the Northern Ireland parliament, was later knighted, became a High Court judge and then Lord Chief Justice for the Appeal Court in Northern Ireland. H died in 1993.

Charles Phibbs Jones had a distinguished military career and during WW2 intially served as a brigade major for the 127th Infantry Brigade which was part of the British Expeditionary Force sent to France and Belgium in 1940. In 1941 he became a general staff officer at GHQ Home Forces. In 1943 he was appointed Commander of the Royal Engineers for the Guards Armoured Division. In 1945 he became Chief of Staff Malaya Command and the brigadier on the general staff of 30 Corps in North West Europe.

After the war, Jones was appointed brigadier on the general staff at Western Command in 1946. He then went to the Imperial Defence College in 1947 before being appointed commander 2nd Infantry Brigade in 1948. In 1950 he became director of plans at the War Office and in 1951 he went on to be general officer commanding 7th Armoured Division, part of British Army of the Rhine.

He was commandant at the Staff College, Camberley from 1954 to 1956 and then vice attorney general at the War Office from 1957 to 1958. He then became director of the Combined Military

Planning Staff at the Central Treaty Organisation in 1959 and general officer commanding 1 British Corps in 1960. He was general officer commanding-in-chief Northern Command from 1962 to 1963, when he became Master-General of the Ordnance; he retired in 1967. He was also colonel commandant of the Royal Engineers from 1961 to 1972

1949

Henry Ralph Stanley 52,304

Henry Stanley was born Queen's County (Laois) 1868. He was the son of Inland Revenue officer Robert Pattison Stanley. He joined RIC 19th October 1886 from Galway on the recommendation of District Inspector Lemon. He was a teacher before he joined although he was only 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ when he did join.

He served Cork from 27th February 1887. Promoted to Acting Sergeant 1st November 1894, then Sergeant 1st February 1897.

At the time of the 1901 census Henry was stationed at Grattan Street, Youghal County Cork.

On 18th December 1909 Henry married school mistress Lucy Jane Corr of North Main Street Youghal. Lucy was the daughter of former RIC Sergeant John Benjamin Corr 16,265. Corr died March 1898. In 1901 Lucy was listed in the census as being a servant at North Main Street. Witnesses to the wedding were brother and sister Thomas and Violet Field also of North Main Street. Thomas worked as a printer compositor along with his father.

At the time of the 1911 census Henry was still at Grattan Street. Lucy however was living with her mother Rebecca at North Main Street.

On 1st September 1913 Henry became a Head Constable and was transferred to County Clare 1st October.

Henry was pensioned 8th February 1920 and initially claimed his pension at Ballymena.

Lucy Stanley died 22nd March 1949 at The Bungalow, Townparks Ballycastle (this address maybe 17 Cedar Avenue, Ballycastle). Lucy was buried at Ballycastle Presbyterian Church.

Henry died 18th November 1957 at The Dalriada Hospital Ballycastle. His home address was given at The Bungalow Ballycastle.