

The Constabulary in Ballymoney 1822-1922

A record of men who served in or claimed pension in Ballymoney or the surrounding area



According to research carried out at the time of the opening of the new police station in Ballymoney in May 2013 there is a record of the Ulster Constabulary possibly based at Townhead Street in Ballymoney around 1822. The end of 2019 saw the development of the old RIC/RUC/PSNI building into [private dwellings](#). The history of the police in the town from the time of the County Constabulary to the Royal Ulster Constabulary saw a legion of men coming and going from the town. Some came to serve and stayed, some went elsewhere and some came from the area and returned on retirement.

This study looks at all the officers, head constables and some of the sergeants and constables who were associated with the town and the local area. Some went on to achieve great things, others met sad and often tragic ends and most just went about their lives as normal working men with families and the problems that everyday life throws up. I have where possible tried to identify where they lived through the Property Valuation records which can often be misleading as to the exact number.

In 1901 and 1911 I have endeavoured to resolve the census returns as well as identifying the men in the town. In 1921 I have used the last Nominal Return to show which men were working in the town. At the end of the piece the officers and head constables are listed in order of service in the town. For the greater part the men are listed when they first arrived in Ballymoney or as close as records and newspapers can provide information. The last men listed are the pensioners many of whom were local men.

The last site the Royal Irish Constabulary used was the former Ballymoney Bridewell on Charlotte Street. In August 1827 it was stated that 3 years prior a considerable sum was presented for building a bridewell at Ballymoney. In 1843 it was noted that the small bridewell is a new building and similar in accommodation to that at Ballymena, containing 2-day rooms and 8 cells. In excellent order as to cleanliness, furniture etc: the keeper attentive to his duty and the registry; and accounts correctly kept. In 1851 362 confined in 7 months in the same period 192 in Ballymena.

Up to that point the constabulary had moved to Charlotte Street and were using a building a short distance from the bridewell. This house is now just before the laneway leading to the Reformed Presbyterian Church and the old court house and is 73 Charlotte Street. In September 1880 tenders were sought "for the conversion of Ballymoney Bridewell into Royal Irish Constabulary Barrack. The plans and specification can be seen at the Ballymoney Constabulary Barrack." In April 1881 in the Westminster

"Mr Biggar gave notice that he would on Monday next ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland if it is in contemplation to remove the constabulary barracks in Ballymoney from its present position; whether it is proposed to create new barracks to the outside of the town, and in a street in which there is not one public house, and only one shop of any kind; whether it is true that the Town Commissioners at Ballymoney forwarded a memorial to his Excellency urging the transfer of the barracks to a more central site, and, if so, if he has any reason to suppose that said memorial does not express the feelings of the inhabitants, and if his Excellency could direct that Dervock should be the headquarters of the district, and thus save the ratepayers the expense of maintaining barracks in Ballymoney."

"In reply to Mr Callan it was stated by Mr Forster that it was in contemplation to remove the constabulary barracks at Ballymoney to a site thirty yards distant. The expenses were paid out of the taxes and the Treasury had therefore to be considered in the matter."

Valuation records indicate the barracks opened around 1883. In November 1923 the Government of Northern Ireland sought tenders for structural alterations and additions to the Ballymoney barracks. The work had been carried out by 1926 and the cost amounted to £5,542. It was noted the fixed strength of the station was one district inspector, 1 head constable, 2 sergeants and 9 constables. Of these 1 head constable, 2 sergeants and 5 constables resided in the barracks and the head constable occupied the only married quarters. This is the format of the existing building with the extra floor.

This is not intended to be an academic work and is open to correction where errors are found. I hope it is of use.

1825

1825- November 1833 Chief Constable for the District of Upper Dunluce Captain Somerset Corry

Somerset Corry was born in 1796. He joined the County Constabulary in 1825 and was posted to Ballymoney as Chief Constable. In November 1833 the *Belfast Commercial Chronicle* published an address from the High Sheriff of the County of Antrim and the Magistrates and inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood of Ballymoney recording their deep regret at the news of his removal in October 1833. A further article recorded the death of Chief Constable Somerset Corry at Saintfield County Down 28th November 1835. At that time, he was serving with the County Down Constabulary.

In 1825 a case was recorded in the Belfast press of John McLoughlin, a “deaf and dumb boy”, who was indicted at the County Antrim Assizes for taking a few ball cartridges from the pouch of one of the police constables at Ballymoney. John was found not guilty.

1829

On 31st August 1829 Sergeant William West of the County Constabulary based at Ballymoney was shot while executing a warrant on Bamber’s for forcible possession of farm land at Cabragh. John Balmer fired the gun but six in total were held in joint enterprise. Richard Bamber, James Bamber senior and junior and John Bamber senior and junior were indicted for murder. They were also charged with the attempted murder of Richard and Andrew Chambers also named as police. William West was recorded as being the son of “P West” of Ballymoney.

The Andrew Chambers mentioned in this case may be Andrew Chambers of the Constabulary number 322. Andrew was born in Co Fermanagh between 1795 or 1798. He was recommended to the police by the Earl of Enniskillen and joined the County Constabulary in Belfast on the first day of 1825. He served in Ballymoney for eight years and ten months before being moved to Tyrone and was stationed in Cookstown. An obituary stated that he had been Constable in charge of Ballymoney. Andrew was pensioned 1st November 1853. He had married Sarah prior to joining on 1st December 1817. He died 13th April 1878 at the residence of Mr Thomas McKinney jr., at Unagh near Cookstown. Andrew’s wife Sarah had pre-deceased him on 30th December 1869 at Lissan Lodge Cookstown aged 70.

1836

1836-1841 Chief Constable Oliver Sutherland

Oliver Sutherland was born 1802 in County Galway. He joined the Constabulary 26th January 1824 and served Cavan 1824-1827, Hillsborough County Down 1827-1829, County Londonderry 1829-1836 (possibly in Garvagh) and Antrim 1836-1842. A return for Chief Constables records Oliver in Ballymoney in 1836. Discharged 1841 but changed to annual pension 16th October 1842 as a Sub Inspector. Oliver died December 1858 at Ballinasloe.

1837

1837-1851 Head Constable James Donaldson 253

James Donaldson was born in County Fermanagh around 1800. He joined the Constabulary on 1st January 1825 and was sent to County Antrim where he spent all of his career. James had been recommended by the Rev Edward Stack of Tubrid, Fermanagh which is in the Kesh area.

On 3rd November 1830 James married Mary McBride, eldest daughter of James McBride at Ballymoney. James was stationed at Loughguile at the time. On 1st August 1832 James was promoted to Constable and then 2nd Head Constable on 1st September 1837. A newspaper article at the start of December 1837 records that Sergeant Donaldson of Ballymoney had been promoted to the rank of Head Constable, indicating that he had been in the town prior to promotion. Another article refers to James, on that occasion James was praised for bringing two women to justice for breaking into the laundry of Rev Mr Smyth's house, stealing property and killing several fowl. Some of the stolen items had been found in a pawn shop run by Mr James McElwain.

He was pensioned on 1st April 1851 claiming initially at Coleraine then at Mountmellick County Laois from 24th July 1874. James died in Mountmellick area 3rd June 1876.

1841

1841-1846 Sub Inspector Henry Persse Kirwan

Henry Kirwan was born in 1818 at Triston Lodge Killarney County Galway. He was the son of Sub Inspector Edward J Kirwan. Henry held an Ensigns Commission in the Galway Militia but had never served with them.

He joined the Irish Constabulary 26th August 1840 and was sent to serve in County Antrim, likely straight to Ballymoney. He remained in the County for 5 years and 4 months and left around January 1846. He then served in Longford, Donegal, Monaghan, Cork ER, Leitrim, Meath and Tipperary NR. By 1st October 1867 he rose to the rank of County Inspector.

Henry was pensioned 15th October 1875. Four years later his adopted daughter Sarah/Annette Foster married the barrister and later unionist leader Sir Edward Carson on 19th December 1879. He died 3rd December 1884 at 68 Frankfort Avenue Dublin. His daughter Anette of 9 Herbert Place was present at his death. Annette died in 1913.

1846

1846-1859 Sub Inspector Richard William Bagley

Richard Bagley was born 1817 in County Westmeath. Prior to his service with the police he served two years with the British Legion in Spain as a captain in the artillery. He joined the constabulary on 13th December 1838 and initially served at Wicklow for 9 ½ months, then Longford for 6 years 4 months before coming to County Antrim.

Bagley was pensioned on 17th January 1859. In the early 1870's Richard lived at 65 Frederick Street Edinburgh. However, on 16th October 1876 at Portrush he married Sarah Maria Evans daughter of

Thomas Kelly Evans of Gortmerron County Tyrone. Sarah was the widow of Frederick Charles Ferguson Esq. Ferguson had died 20th October 1872 at De Vesci Terrace Kingstown and was the son of Patrick Ferguson of Lisdermot House, Dungannon Co Tyrone.

At the time of 1901 census Richard and Sarah were living at 1 Mount Royal in Portrush. This is a row of terraced properties at the start of Eglinton Street. His immediate neighbour was retired sergeant David Lindsay who had previously served in Ballymoney (see below).

Richard died at Coolnagee, Portrush on 10th June 1903 aged 86 and was buried at Coleraine cemetery. Coolnagee appears to be the same as 1 Mount Royal. Sarah died 5th June 1909 at 26 Mark Street Portrush aged 81. Her cook Mary Bolder was present at her death. Mary was noted in the 1901 census as working for Richard and Sarah at Mount Royal.

1852

1852-1856 Head Constable John Morrow 1112

John Morrow was born in County Armagh around 1812 son of Richard Morrow. He joined the constabulary 11th December 1832 having been recommended by AL Kelly JP. He only served in County Antrim, firstly Belfast and then Ballymoney. He was promoted to Constable 1st December 1840 and then 2nd Head Constable from 1st February 1851. It is likely that was when he was posted to Ballymoney.

John was listed in January 1856 in the *Coleraine Chronicle* as one of the subscribers to the Ballymoney Free Night School. This was an institution started as a charitable and benevolent effort for the “vagrant boys of the town.” It was opened 10th October 1854 in the ground floor of the market house (now the masonic hall).

On 16th November 1856 John was pensioned from the police. Two weeks later John married Harriett (Hetty) L Browne at Trinity Church in Belfast. Harriett may have been from Bushmills and was the daughter of Samuel. They had a son John born 1857, however he died 1858. A daughter Jane was born 1859 in Ballymoney. Jane later emigrated to Canada and married George Boak in 1885 in Toronto.

In Ballymoney John and Harriett ran a hotel/bar on High Street. John died 11th July 1861. The local newspaper stated that he was aged 40 which does not equate to what is recorded on his service record. It is more likely that he was 49. His will stated that he was a publican.

On the same month as his death there was an auction of his belongings including – furniture (200-year-old wardrobe), jaunting car, guns, fishing equipment, wood, hay, cows and manure. Harriett died 2nd November 1862 aged 39 at High Street.

1856

1856- July 1872 Head Constable William Wright 1173

William Wright was born in County Tyrone around 1811. He joined the Constabulary 1st January 1832 recommended by Francis Jervis JP. This may have been the Rev Francis Jervis of Aghnacloy indicating that William may have been from this area.

William initially served in Tyrone but was transferred to County Down from 1st January 1836. William was promoted to Constable on 1st November 1840. While there he was fined by the County Inspector in March 1841. On October 1845 William married, Jane Beggs from County Down.

At the start of his career William was a mounted officer, however on 1st August 1849 he was dismissed. The reason for this is not stated however it may have been connected to his promotion to 2nd Head Constable 1st October 1849.

Newspaper reports place William at Downpatrick from 1850 which would suggest this was where he was sent on promotion. Interestingly in March 1856 Head Constable William Wright was convicted at the County Down Assizes of assaulting a farmer Mr Napier where his patella (kneecap) had been broken. Mr Napier addressed the judge and based on William's previous good character wished for him to be dealt with leniently and that he bore no ill will. William was then imprisoned for four weeks.

William was transferred to County Antrim 1st September 1856, presumably as result of his conviction, and took up his post at Ballymoney. In Griffiths Valuations William was recorded as living on Charlotte Street in 1861/1862. On 19th December 1867 daughter Grace Caroline Wright was born at Charlotte Street Ballymoney. In 1869 an auction of the property William lived in on Charlotte Street along with that of his neighbour the Misses McIntyre and two small tenements occupied by John Deen and Archibald McQuilken was held. The properties had been owned by Mr William McIntyre who had died. In July of the same year William was amongst a large and "respectable" audience at the public examination of the pupils at Ballymoney Model School.

On 17th January 1872 a son was born at the RIC barracks on Charlotte Street, however no name was recorded on the birth certificate. In April 1872 William was elected as Inspector of Fisheries for the North Antrim district by the Board of Conservators. In 1862 William had been *ex-officio* Sub Inspector of weights for the district. The notice of his election in the *Coleraine Chronicle* stated that his appointment was a fitting testimony to the efficient manner in which he invariably discharged his duties. William was then pensioned from 1st May 1872 and collected his pension at Ballymena rather than Ballymoney.

A presentation was made to William in Ballymoney in July 1872. The inhabitants of Ballymoney and the neighbourhood presented him with a purse of sovereigns. It was noted in the *Coleraine Chronicle* that during his service he enjoyed the esteem of his superior officers and of the men under him.

The Valuation records places the family at 5 Fountain Place Ballymena from 1883. On 20th May 1895 Margaret Wright died at Fountain Place aged 27. Her brother Frederick was present at her death. Maggie had been a milliner and died of TB. Frederick may have been the unnamed male child born 1872.

William died 10th September 1899 at Fountain Place. The Valuation records also show that the family had moved out of the address by 1904. His daughter Grace Wright was present at his death. In 1901 the remaining family were living at a house on Limestone Street Belfast. Those present were Jane, sons John (born around 1871) and Fred and daughter Grace. Also present were grandson Herbert and granddaughter Janie. By 1911 they were living at Duncairn Gardens Belfast. Of note Herbert and Janie were described as being nephew and niece respectively.

1859

01/03/1859-01/02/1870 –Sub Inspector Mason Alcock 23,953

Mason Alcock was born 1836 at Roughgrove near Bandon County Cork. He was the son of Edward Jones Alcock a clerk in holy orders. Prior to joining the police Mason was an Ensign in the South Cork Militia 12th October 1855- 12th September 1856.

He joined as a cadet officer 28th September 1858 and was posted to County Antrim from 1st March 1859 and was posted to Ballymoney. In Ballymoney he lived on Charlotte Street in property previously occupied by Catholic priest Rev John McErlane. In 1865 McErlane had sued a Protestant rector Rev Matthews Casson Browne for libel in respect of a letter published in the *Ballymoney Free Press*. Browne apologised and withdrew the letter ending the case.

While in Ballymoney Mason was rewarded twice for his actions. Firstly, he was granted £14 from the Reward Fund for arresting an offender during a “party riot” dating from 12th July 1865 and secondly, he was granted good service pay 9th October 1867.

The matter from 12th July 1865 was described in the *Coleraine Chronicle* as a gallant charge of four policemen headed by Sub-Inspector Alcock. Three local men, Benjamin McElroy, James Adams and John Stinson were charged with being members of a party who paraded the streets of Ballymoney on the morning of 12th July with fife and drums which disturbed the peace of the inhabitants. Not the most unusual occurrence for that particular date, however in this was at ten minutes to three in the morning. Alcock was in Church Street with his sword on his arm, he approached the parade to the shout of “do not let him take the drum.” He stated that he had approached the men with his sword drawn. Acting Constable David Lindsay (as below) gave evidence that all the four police present had their swords drawn but conceded there had not been an assault on police prior to this. Further evidence was given that resulted in the Bench deciding that the appropriate offence was being a disorderly mob and fined the men five shillings and costs.

April 1869 Mason assisted in forming part of guard of honour for the arrival of Prince Arthur at Portrush. The guard was made up of Mason under 30 RIC men and 15 Coastguards under Captain Peel R.N. After the Prince visited, he later went to Londonderry where there were riots which saw the ending of the Londonderry Borough Police and the start of the primacy of the RIC in the city.

In August 1869 Mason Alcock, along with Sub Inspector’s Bailey and John Wellington Pepper (also from Cork) commanded 140 men (with 120 from County Donegal) in Ballymoney at the market square for the elections. There were also a troop of dragoons from Dublin under the command of Captain Montague and two companies of the 56th Regiment under Captains Hill and King. The police were stationed in and around the eleven polling booths in the market place and the military were at the town hall. There was unsurprisingly no trouble.

15th February 1870 Mason was transferred to Ballymena. A number of gentlemen including solicitors, JP’s, clergy and his replacement E.W. Bailey gathered in the news room of the Town Hall in Ballymoney on 6th April 1870 where Mason received a gold watch and chain. It was stated that he was leaving the district after eleven years without any feelings of ill will from anyone. Also transferred at the same time to Ballymena was a Sub-Constable Murray.

Mason then went from Ballymena to Balbriggan 1876. He then served in the Reserve, Donegal, Mayo, and Donegal on promotion to County Inspector 1st October 1882. He was then transferred to Monaghan. While stationed there he married Frances Diana Miller daughter of gentleman John Miller of Linsfort House Buncrana. They married 8th March 1888 in Donegal.

Mason was pensioned 1st July 1899. He was presented with a silver tea pot, coffee pot, tray and lamp from West & Sons College Green Dublin. At the time of the 1901 census he was living at Castle Ave, Clontarf East, Dublin. He died 5th May 1901 at Sandon Clontarf.

1865

Constable Hugh Liddy 3329

Hugh was born in County Cavan around 1817. He joined the Irish Constabulary 9th November 1838, having been recommended by George Knipe JP of Erne Hill, Belturbet Co Cavan. Hugh served in Tyrone and then Antrim. On 2nd December 1851 he married Rose Anne. Earlier that year on 1st March he had been promoted to Acting Constable and by the beginning of October he was promoted to Constable.

In November 1855 he was noted as being the constable in charge at Carnteel County Tyrone. In 1858 he was station in Donemana in north Tyrone where he was later noted in March 1864. By July 1865 Hugh was stationed in Ballymoney. He was noted as dealing with a case of an illegal procession on 12th July at Ballymaconnelly, Rasharkin. Case was subsequently dealt with a Rasharkin Petty Sessions.

Hugh was pensioned on 1st February 1871. He died 1st January 1878 at 6 Peel Street, Belfast of cirrhosis of liver. His neighbour Paul Higgins of number 4 was present at Hugh's death.

Constable David Lindsay 19,132

David Lindsay was born in Kilmarnock Scotland in 1833. He was the son of William and Hannah Lindsay of Low Glencairn Street, West Side, Kilmarnock (Miekel's Land). William and Hannah were originally from Ireland. William was involved in textile production being a cotton hand loom weaver in 1841 and a broker in weaver's utensils in 1851.

An article in the *Coleraine Constitution* in March 1884 stated that William Lindsay had, in 1839, come into possession of a sword that had been borne by Miss Betty (or Betsy) Gray at the Battle of Ballynahinch during the United Irishmen uprising of 1798. Miss Gray had led the charge dressed in green silk brandishing the weapon which was described as

an implement of war of the most exquisite workmanship, the handle being of green stained ivory to which a chain is attached and silver mounted, while the blade is of steel so fine and highly tempered that its point can be made with ease to bend to the handle and spring back again with extraordinary flexibility. Its evidently was never manufactured for male use in warfare and would no doubt have been a costly article.

It was not known how Miss Gray obtained it, but it was thought to have been of French origin. During the battle Miss Gray had seized another sword from an opponent who had been attacking her fiancé and had thrown the aforementioned weapon in the thatch of a cottage. Miss Gray was killed during the battle and the sword was not recovered until long after.

In 1851 David was employed as a weaver, his brother Charles was a block printer and another brother John was a stealer to a calico printer. Before coming to Ireland David was a block printer (calico block printer). This involved the use of wooden blocks to print onto calico material to create a design. Calico printing and shawl production were a main industry in Kilmarnock and employed

around 1800 people at one stage. In 1833 there were seven firms specialising in calico printing and shawl production.

David came to Ireland in 1854 and joined the Irish Constabulary on 13th November having been recommended by JP JW Gibon/Gibson and posted to Co Antrim. David initially worked in Belfast. He was given the service number 19132

On 5th February 1863 David Married Catherine Strain who was originally from County Londonderry. The marriage however was in Belfast. Two years later on 1st February 1865 David was transferred to Ballymoney Co Antrim and on 20th September a daughter Sarah Hannah Lindsay was born at the barracks which were on Charlotte Street.

David was promoted to the rank of Constable on 1st July 1867 and was posted to Portrush. On 8th August 1868 a son David was born at Portrush police barracks. Sadly, just under three months later on 31st October 1868 David and Catherine's daughter Sarah died at the barracks aged 3.

Around 1872 David was awarded a silver medal from the Belfast Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals which may have been connected to the securing of a very important conviction against fifteen persons for shooting of live fowls.

Cruelty to Animals, *The Coleraine Chronicle*, 25 March 1871

Constable Lindsay then appeared to prosecute seventeen persons for cruelty under the following circumstances:- On the 5th of January last a number of persons assembled at Outhill, for what is called a shooting match; and several domestic fowl being tied to stakes fastened to the ground, each person was allowed to fire at a bird on payment of one penny per shot to the owner. By the rules of the game the sportsman who killed his bird received it as his prize. But if unhurt or only wounded, it was let in its painful position until disposed off by some "crack" shot. A great number of cocks, turkeys, &c, were killed in this manner during the day.

Mr Leech who appeared on behalf of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, having stated the case, fifteen of the defendants pleaded guilty to the charge of participating in the unnatural amusement; and Mr Leech said he would not press for a heavy fine.

The magistrates then decided in fining the parties each in the sum of 1s and 3s costs.

The cases against the remaining two defendants were not proceeded with as it was alleged they took no part in the proceedings. It having appeared that the parties had been brought up by Constable Lindsay from no less than five Police sub-districts.

Their worships in disposing of the case, remarked that it was one of considerable difficulty, and that Constable Lindsay had taken great trouble to bring the guilty parties to justice, and had acted fearlessly in the discharge of his duty.

David's talents did not lie solely in his professional capacity. In April 1874 it was noted by the *Coleraine Chronicle* that a couple of pieces of music which had been composed by David, entitled "Venite in C" and "Psalms in F," had been sung in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on the second Sunday in Lent.

Three further children were born to Catherine and David in this period. On 11th July 1873 Godfrey Bevington Lindsay was born, Hanna Lindsay in 1874 and on 31st January 1875 Alfred Godfrey Lindsay were all born at Portrush. Another son Charles W Lindsay was born at an as yet unidentified stage.

David was pensioned from the police on 5th October 1880. His retirement was noted in the *Coleraine Constitution*. The article noted that some time prior David had met with an accident which resulted in an injury to his arm. Although he was not incapacitated "under the strict regulations of the Force it was deemed desirable that he should be permitted to retire." While stationed in Portrush "his abilities and irreproachable conduct as a police constable were universally admired, while his civility and constant readiness to render assistance in many a good cause made him a general favourite." David however maintained employment with permission of the Lord Lieutenant as ship-inspector of the port, a role which he had been carrying out since 1874.

In 1887 it was noted that David had built Mount Royal which is opposite the Methodist Church in Portrush on Eglinton Street and "commanding in front a magnificent view of the Skerries, the Causeway, Dunluce Castle, the White Rocks and in fact the whole coast." The original buildings were noted to have been three storeyed and as they now have four must have been raised at some point. Given that the uppermost storey at the town end has the date 1897 emblazoned on it, it is likely this was the year of the extension. Also initially there were on three or four dwellings, these were added to, to produce the current seven.

Catherine Lindsay died on 7th September 1900 at number 2 Mount Royal aged 67. David was present at her death. In the census the following year the residents of 2 Mount Royal were David, his daughter Hannah and his grand daughter Ethel Roda Weir Lindsay.

Ethel was the daughter of Charles W Lindsay and Mary Long. Charles and Mary had married at St Bartholomew's Church Montreal Canada on 24th June 1884. Mary's father had been Richard Long who had pre-deceased the wedding. Ethel was born on 9th June 1887 at Long Commons Coleraine where Charles and Mary were living.

David and Catherine's son David was an Inspector with Northern Bank and had married Alice Catherine Polson at Mohill 29th September 1903. His brother Alfred in 1901 was a bank manager living at Whitehead Co Antrim, but by 1906 he was living at 2 Mount Royal.

David Lindsay died on 6th May 1910 at 2 Mount Royal aged 77. His son Charles was present at his death. An obituary of David in the *Coleraine Chronicle* noted that David had been known for his "poetry celebrating the Creator." It was recorded that he had written over 300 poems and was a personal friend of John Shannon the editor of the *Coleraine Chronicle*. His poems had appeared in over 100 newspapers. A selection of some of his published works are reproduced at the end of this piece. Notably the first poem was published in 1881 shortly after his retirement and the last was handed into the offices of the *Chronicle* a few days before his death.

In addition to poetry the obituary noted that David was a student of the history of North Antrim and Portrush and was known as a raconteur. Indeed in 1884 he had published a tour of the north coast taking in Portrus, Bushmills and the Giant's Causeway. David was also known to be an accomplished water colourist depicting local scenes and he also turned his hand to oil painting. If that was not enough he was also believed to have studied astronomy.

1868

John Sloan 1108

In 1868 former Head Constable John Sloan 1108 was living in Ballymoney. On 21st November his son Samuel, a writing clerk died aged 17 at Ballymena. John was born in County Antrim around 1811. He joined the County Constabulary 1st May 1832 and served all his career in County Antrim.

John was promoted to constable 13th February 1837 and then Head Constable 16th April 1848. He then married Mary Jane 21st November 1850 possibly while stationed at Carrickfergus. A son was born 1853 at High Street in the town.

John was pensioned 1st July 1855 from Carrickfergus. He died 4th December 1885 at Drumfane Kirkinriola Ballymena.

1869

March 1870 – 1st December 1875 Sub Inspector Edward William Bailey 34,405.

Edward Bailey was born 1850 in County Cavan. He was the son of James Luttrell Bailey. James was the first Commissioner of Police and Town Inspector of Constabulary for Belfast from 1st September 1865 after the disbandment of the Local Belfast Police. He held the position until 1882.

Edward joined the constabulary 5th June 1868 and was sent to County Donegal and served in Raphoe. He was transferred to Ballymoney in March 1870 to replace Mason Alcock. In May 1870 Bailey formed guard of honour at Portrush railway station for a Vice Regal visit.

On 13th October 1875 Edward married Jane Thomson Cramsie daughter of late James Cramsie Esq solicitor from Ballymoney. Witnesses were J.B. Bailey (presumably a relation of Edward) and Captain James Sinclair Cramsie J.P formerly of the Northumberland Fusiliers who lived at O'Harabrook, Ballymoney. They married at the St Patrick's Parish Church Ballymoney.

Following his marriage Edward was transferred to Rathmullan Donegal 1st December 1875. He was subsequently transferred to Armagh until 1888. He was then moved according to the press because he had been there 10 years and apparently removed on rule that he could only serve in one place for a certain length of time. He was sent to Fermanagh, then to Buncrana County Donegal, Nenagh County Tipperary and finally to the Depot. His move to Nenagh had been due to "drunkenness and tipling."

Edward was pensioned 9th December 1893. At the time of the 1901 census Edward and family were living on Chaire Memorial Road, Larne. In October 1906 Edward appeared at court at Buncrana Petty Sessions for drunkenness on Main Street Buncrana on 11th August and for assaulting two people on 15th May. After hearing the evidence the Court was of the opinion that the offence of assault was a technical one and it was so trifling that they considered the law did not concern itself with trifles. The matters were then dismissed.

Edward died 31st December 1918. His pension was paid to daughter Evelyn Rosa Bailey.

1872

1872- October 1874 - Head Constable George Storey 7056

George Storey was born in County Cavan around 1826 and was the son of farmer George Storey. He joined the police 11th March 1845 having been recommended by Sub Inspector Henry William Wray. Through his career he was mounted, dismounted and remounted.

Storey served Kilkenny, Reserve from 1st May 1845, Tipperary South 1st December 1848, Reserve, Wicklow from September 1850. He was reduced to 2nd Sub Constable in December 1850, then back to the Reserve again from 1st May 1851. George was promoted to Sub Constable again from 1st

January 1852 and the following year was transferred to County Armagh. On 1st May 1857 George was promoted to Constable. He was again transferred to the Reserve on 20th October 1858.

From 1st April 1859 George was posted to County Antrim and appears to have served in Belfast. He was promoted to Head Constable from 7th October 1871 and at the start of November was transferred to County Londonderry. His move to Ballymoney came 1st April 1872 lasting until 16th October 1874 when he was transferred to Lurgan and the Union Street Barracks. During his tenure in Ballymoney George married Jane Holt Brown daughter of surveyor William Brown at Templeport Co Cavan on 30th December 1873. Jane originally from County Antrim, and possibly Belfast. Both were listed as being resident at Tawnagh at the time, south of Swanlinbar County Cavan.

George was pensioned 21st August 1875. He died 11th October 1893 at Port County Cavan

George's brother William Storey was also a member of the constabulary with registered number 6475. He was born County Cavan 1824 and joined a month after George on 11th April 1845. He too was recommended by Sub Inspector Wray.

William initially resigned 1st April 1851 to emigrate. He was readmitted 20th October 1851 and served in Kilkenny from 25th October 1852. William was transferred to Belfast from 1st September 1865. He was promoted to Acting Constable on 1st July 1866. He married Mary Taylor 18th February 1867 at Christ Church Belfast. Mary was the daughter of saddler Hamilton Taylor of Athol Street. William was stationed at Queen Street in Belfast. He was pensioned 16th November 1867 and claimed at Swanlinbar. His pension record is annotated "insane Robert Storey" indicating the pension was possibly paid to another brother.

16/10/1874 – 11/02/1875 Head Constable Robert Wilson 8548

Robert Wilson was born in County Donegal around 1827. He was the son of Head Constable George Wilson. He joined the Constabulary 27 September 1847 on the recommendation of County Inspector James Battersby. Battersby appears to have been in charge of County Cavan at the time. Wilson was then posted to Cavan and the County Londonderry. He was promoted to Acting Constable in April 1854.

Wilson subsequently went to fight in Crimea war (1853-1856) and was readmitted 9th August 1856. He served in the Royal Field Artillery and the Commissariat Department. He had been awarded two medals. Robert was promoted to Constable in March 1856 according to his service record which is confusing as he was at war at the time.

Robert married Margaret McSparren 16th December 1862 at Banagher parish church. Margaret was a shopkeeper at Feeny where Robert was serving and was the daughter of shopkeeper James McSparren. He was then transferred to County Armagh from 1st June 1863 and was in charge of Middleton.

Robert was promoted to 2nd Head Constable 4th March 1871 and was posted to Union Street Lurgan. While there he was recognised three times for his actions. 4th July 1872 he arrested and saw conviction of a returned convict named Conlon on a charge of housebreaking. 8th July 1874 he arrested and saw the conviction of two men named Smith and Butcher who had robbed a man of £10 coming from Moy fair. Again 12th August 1874 was the arrest of two men and their conviction and on 25th August 1874 the arrest of man for a number of serious larcenies.

This prolific record was surely something that singled Robert out for praise and a welcome policeman in the district. However on 16th October 1874 he was transferred to County Antrim and arrived in Ballymoney. This was a direct swap with George Storey as above.

Robert died 11th February 1875 at the Union Street Barrack Lurgan. It was noted in the press after his death that he had been cordially hated in the area by an influential clique. Charges had been made against him of neglect that came from Lurgan. The charges were later found to be unproved shortly after his demise. Robert had come to Lurgan a week before his death to search for corroborative evidence to strengthen his case. It was described that his enquires were complete when he was worn out with harassing anxiety and mental depression and was seized with a fatal illness. His death certificate states that he died of inflammation of bowels lasting two days. At the time of his death he was living at 9 High Street Lurgan, however as stated he died at Union Street Barracks.

Robert's personal estate of less than £600 was administrated and granted to his widow Margaret who was resident of Drummoney, Kesh County Fermanagh on 14th June 1875.

Of note at a sitting of Ballymoney petty sessions on Monday 13th February 1875 (two days after his death) a case of was brought before the magistrates listed as The Queen at the prosecution of Head Constable Wilson against Catherine Dunlop and Andrew McCane. It was argued by the defence that as the case was brought in the name of the late Head Constable Wilson it could not be proceeded with and the case should be adjourned pending the issuing of a new summons. Sub Inspector Bailey countered that the case was brought in the name of the Queen. Solicitor Mr Cameron replied that it was a principle of law that when a party to the case died the proceedings were adjourned and the summons amended at the Quarter Session and not at Petty Sessions. The case was dismissed without prejudice pending new summonses.

1875

01/03/1875- 21/10/1883 Head Constable William Mack 15,123

William Mack was born County Galway around 1831 and was the son of soldier James Mack. He joined the constabulary on 18th June 1851 having been recommended by Sub Inspector Daniel Murray who was stationed in County Clare at the time. William's service record indicates that he joined from County Clare.

Mack was initially sent to County Longford from 12th October 1851. While there he was promoted to Acting Constable 1st November 1859 and then Constable from 1st May 1861. He got married on 15th September 1862 to Maria Graham at Templemichael Killoe, County Longford. Maria was the daughter of farmer Cornelius Graham and was from Westmeath.

William remained in Longford until 1st March 1875 when he was transferred to County Antrim. This may have been as a result of his promotion to 2nd Head Constable, although the date was not recorded on his service record, however local press would reflect his arrival at that rank in Ballymoney. He later was promoted to 1st Head Constable 1st May 1879.

William was pensioned on 21st October 1883 and claimed initially at Ballymoney. The property valuation records show that he was living on Charlotte Street from 1884. In 1892 he was noted as being the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Ballymoney.

The Macks subsequently moved to Larne. In 1901 they were living at St John's Place and 1911 at Station Road. William died at Station Road Larne aged 86 7th March 1918. William and Maria had had four children.

01/12/1875 – 01/04/1877 – Sub Inspector Matthew Michael Stritch 37,549

Matthew Stritch was born County Roscommon 1846 and was the son of Resident Magistrate Andrew R Stritch and Margaret Catherine Gray. Andrew Stritch was a support of Daniel O'Connell in 1840's. In the 1850's was in Longford and in 1860 moved to Castlebar County May where he died 1872. Matthew was appointed as a cadet on 13th March 1871 and was initially sent to County Londonderry 18th September 1871 and took up his post in Maghera.

On 1st August 1874 he was transferred to the Reserve. The following year on 1st December 1875 Matthew arrived in Ballymoney.

In June 1876 Matthew took the Norther Counties Railway Company to court in respect of the loss of one of his two greyhound dogs. Matthew had been travelling from Belfast to Ballymoney and had obtained a ticket for himself but the office for obtaining tickets for the dogs was not open. On the platform a porter took the dogs from him stating that he would get a ticket for them. The porter then put the dogs into a van where luggage was placed rather than a dog box. This van opened into the guard's van and had two windows which operated by being lifted and raised. Matthew then came to where the dogs were and saw that the dog's chain was fastened to a strap of a traveller's cases securely and strongly. Matthew then took his seat elsewhere. On arrival at Ballymoney Matthew found that only one dog remained and the chains that held the dogs were also gone. No report had been made of a dog on the line however Matthew stated that one of the windows was opened and dog hair was noted at the aperture. The judge considered the liability of the company taken into account the conditions of carriage contained within the ticket specifically obtained for the dogs. It was decided that the dog must have escaped through restiveness and it was considered whether this was a just and reasonable consideration. The judge cited a case in England where the company had stated on the ticket that they were not liable for injury cause by fear or restiveness. He felt the dog was in a safe place and the company were not liable.

He was transferred to Galway WR on 1st April 1877 and posted to Dunmore. 1st September 1878 he was moved to County Mayo and was in charge at Belmullet. On 27th October 1881 at Grawhill, Belmullet, Matthew was leading a detail of men responding to a crowd of probably Land League supporters. Later the evidence of a number of people was given to show that the order to fix swords and "Charge and into them" was given before any provocation was given by the people and the police continued firing upon and stabbing them while they were running away. Police argued that stones had been thrown at them first and the people did not retire until after the bayonet charge and firing had ceased. Two women had died as a result.

On 2nd January 1882 Matthew was move to Queen's County and on 3rd January 1882 an unfavourable record and transfer at own expense for persistent neglect of duty. It was stated that he had been moved due to the Grawhill case but was not suspended.

On 8th June 1882 in Dublin he married Elizabeth Raper Dunn daughter of surgeon John Dunn. Elizabeth lived at 57 Summerhill. Matthew was stationed at Ballylinan at the time. On 28th October 1882 Matthew was reduced ten steps in seniority for making false entries in a No 8 form and transferred at own expense to Belfast. A Court of inquiry at Ballylinan had charged Matthew with (1) systematic and wilful violation of sec 45 of the Constabulary Code by seldom attending at his office for the purpose of office duty before or at ten o'clock a.m. during the period from 20th July to 25th August 1892 (2) systematic and wilful violation of sec 623 of the Constabulary Code by seldom attending Divine Service on Sundays during the same period (3) Wilfully and knowingly making false entries and signing false certificates on his No 8 returns in stating and certifying that during the

months comprised within the periods above mentioned he regularly attended at his office not later than ten o'clock, a.m., on each day, Sundays excepted when not prevented by duty (4) Knowingly making false certificates in his No 8 returns in sating and certifying in each Sunday during the period before mentioned he regularly attended Divine service. Witnesses included members of the clergy, his own staff and the County Inspector.

Matthew arrived in Belfast 1st November 1882. On 22nd April 1883 son Andrew John Russell was born at 96 Great Victoria Street Belfast. On 10th May 1884 daughter Elizabeth Mabel Lambert Russell was born a short distance away at 38 University Road Belfast.

8th June 1886 received a contusion of right temple while endeavouring to preserve the peace at Belfast during sectarian rioting. His injury was received in the area of Durham Street. Matthew later made a claim for £3,000 which was turned down after lengthy discussion in court by the County Antrim Grand Jury.

Matthew was transferred to Galway WR 16th May 1887 and then County Mayo 1st September 1890. He was first posted to Ballinrobe and then Castlebar from 1st June 1893. He was then pensioned 26th May 1894.

On 23rd October 1895 wife Elizabeth died at 3 Hardwicke Place Dublin. It appears that following this Matthew no longer looked after his children as at the time of the 1901 census he was a boarder at a house at Effra Road, Rathmines, Dublin and in 1911 he was living as a boarder at Parnell Place, Dublin. In 1901 and 1911 his two children living with their maternal grandmother Elizabeth Dunn at Marlborough Road, Dublin. Andrew was a brewery clerk in 1911. In 1901 their uncle Thomas Dunn was listed as head of the family.

For some reason from 8th March 1899 Matthew's pension was paid to Thomas Dunn (brother in law) under order of court. From 19th August 1903 the pension was paid to RG Warren (solicitor) receiver by order of court. From July 1906 the pension was paid to Isaac Molloy (solicitor) under Power of Attorney and finally the power of attorney was worked from Pay Office. This may have been linked to why he was not looking after his children.

1st January 1917 marriage of Rev Charles Coote Whittaker Duggan and Ella Thackery Stritch of 7 Ardenza Terrace Seapoint. This Ella appears to be the same as Elizabeth Mabel, however it is not apparent why she had changed her name. She was using this name at the time of the 1901 and 1911 census.

Matthew died 17th November 1921 after being found to have entered the River Liffey in Dublin. It is not known if he went into the water voluntarily but was found in an exhausted state. A boat man pulled him from the river however he died two hours later at St Patrick Dun's Hospital. His address at the time was Seafield, Dollymount, Dublin. The cause of death was recorded as being exposure following submersion. The balance of his remaining pension was paid to his son Andrew.

1926 son Andrew J Russell Stritch of Marlands Dunmurry died at Oban Scotland while on holiday.

1877

Charles Rowan/Roan 39,268

Charles Rowan was born County Cavan 1854 and was the son of farmer James Rowan. He joined 10th March 1873 recommended by Sub Inspector Archibald Hayes. He was first sent to County Antrim 30th September 1873 and made his first appearance in Ballymoney in the local press in January 1877.

On 6th February 1883 Charles received an award of £1 for an unknown act while serving in Ballymoney. He was promoted to Acting Sergeant 1st December 1886 and was noted as being in Lisburn by June 1889. On 1st February 1891 he was promoted to Sergeant and was subsequently transferred to County Monaghan 19th December 1891.

Charles married Rose Mooney of Ballymoney at The Church of Our Lady and St Patrick Ballymoney on 17th February 1892. Rose was the daughter of Bernard Mooney a farmer and publican who was deceased. Charles was stationed at Drumboat County Monaghan. Bernard had died 10th October 1882 at Church Street in Ballymoney. His son, also Bernard took over the business however he was bankrupt by 1901. Prior to this though in 1895 a licence was transferred from James Gillen for premises at Church Street.

Also in 1895 on the instruction of executrix of Mrs Mary Mooney's will, Mrs Rowan (Charles' wife), an order was made to sell leasehold property and publican's licence at Church Street Ballymoney including household furniture and effects along with farm of land at Newal near Ballymoney. It was noted that the business has been run as a pub for over 50 years and was currently let to Mr John Gillan. The farm was about half a mile from Ballymoney towards Stranocum. The bar etc was bought by Bernard McCloskey in trust and the farm by Daniel McLaughlin spirit merchant of Main Street. Bernard McCloskey was a witness to Bernard Mooney senior's will. Mary Mooney had died in January 1895 however in October the licence was transferred from Mary Mooney to Rose Rowan.

Meanwhile Charles had received an unfavourable record 1st December 1893. He was subsequently pensioned 22nd April 1898. He came to Ballymoney and at the time of the 1901 census was living at Church Street Ballymoney working as a spirit merchant as was his wife Rose. In October 1910 the licence was transferred from Rose to Edward McWilliams (marked as such at 1912 in the Valuations). The address was possibly 21 and 23 Church Street with Rose owning both buildings.

At the time of the 1911 census Charles and Rose were living at Victoria Street Ballymoney and listed as being retired. According to the Valuation records between 1915 and 1930 Charles Rowan occupied 18 High Street, no business appeared to be attached. Between 1914 and 1916 Charles Rowan occupied 6 Cameron Place.

In 1929 Charles was noted as being on the committee for Ballymoney Hospital which was to be the Robinson Hospital.

01/05/1877-16/08/1879 –Sub Inspector Thomas Jaffray Norris Robertson 29,526

Thomas Jaffray Norris Robertson was born 13th August 1844 Haddington Road Dublin son of Charles Robertson. Prior to his police career he was a Clerk in the Census Office from July 1861 to Sept 1862. He joined the constabulary on 19th May 1864.

Prior to coming to Ballymoney Thomas was in a number of locations, Down 1st February 1865; Limerick 1st December 1869; Kilkenny 1st April 1872; Down 1st April 1874; Donegal 1st July 1876.

While in County Donegal on 26th April 1877 married Kate Codrington Ball (born 5th September 1856 Cottage Grove, Southsea), daughter of Captain Edward Codrington Ball R.N. of Doe Castle County Donegal. They were married at the parish church at Clondahorkey West. At the time Thomas was stationed at Dunfanaghy.

He then transferred to County Antrim 1st May 1877. In August 1877 he was noted in Ballymoney as participating in a concert at Ballymoney Parochial Hall. While in Ballymoney he lived at Bleak House.

A son Charles Edward Norris Robertson was born at Bleak House Ballymoney 29th January 1878. A daughter Margarite Kate Norris Robertson (known as Daisy) was born 6th June 1879 also at Bleak House. Bleak House appears to have become the manse for the Reformed Presbyterian Church after the Norris' departure.

On 16th August 1879 Thomas was transferred to Down and was stationed at Banbridge. The family lived at Riverview where George Stanley Robertson was born 22nd October 1880. Thomas was then moved to Dublin 22nd August 1882; King's 1st January 1884; Clare 1st March 1885 and then to Cavan following a caution and at his own expense for "unsatisfactory explanation."

A daughter Edith Clare Robertson was born 1885 in England. From 3rd May 1886 Thomas was declared insane and became an inmate of St Patricks Hospital, Kilmainham Dublin (now St Patrick's University Hospital). His pension record stated that a certificate of insanity was required for continuation of payments of pension following the commencement of his pension on 10th May 1886.

Thomas died at the hospital 17th June 1887 aged 42.

Kate then remarried 19th May 1888 to teacher Robert Fell Smith. They moved to London and owned pubs. Kate died 12th June 1938 aged 81. For more information on Kate's family see <http://www.crisley.co.uk/family.php?famid=F483>

George Crawford 22,331

George Crawford was born County Donegal 1830 and was the son of farmer John Crawford. George initially joined the Irish Revenue Police on 6th July 1853 but transferred to the Irish Constabulary when the Revenue were disbanded 1st October 1857.

He initially served in County Londonderry from 13th December 1857, and also County Antrim, however service record does not reflect this. On 10th November 1864 George married Sarah Collins from Tamlaght County Londonderry. They married at the Presbyterian Meetinghouse at Churchtown and George as serving in Portglenone at the time. Sarah was daughter of farmer William Collins.

On 20th March 1869 daughter Hannah was born at Dunloy where George was stationed. On 31st August 1871 daughter Sarah was born at Drumard, Kilrea however George's occupation was listed as labourer. 4th October 1873 daughter Annabella was also born at Drumard, Kilrea. George was still at Dunloy but the witness was Isabella Collins, a relative of Sarah. A daughter Margaret Jane was born at Dunloy 11th March 1876, George's occupation was again recorded as being a labourer. By June 1877 George was stationed in Ballymoney.

On 4th May 1882 daughter Mary was born at Charlotte Street in Ballymoney. The family had been at that address since around 1879 according to the Valuation records.

George served in Ballymoney until he was pensioned 1st December 1883. The family were linked to Charlotte Street until 1885 again according to the Valuations. George died 21st November 1885 at Bendooragh. His daughter Hannah was present at his death. On 10th August 1888 Hannah married Samuel Lilley of Drumahiskey at Drumreagh Presbyterian Church.

In 1901 George's wife Sarah was operating at Post Mistress at Bendooragh with daughter Mary living with her. On 20th May 1903 Mary married William Tumlinson/Tomlinson of Balnamore at Drumreagh Presbyterian Church. By 1911 Mary had taken over as the post mistress however she and her new family were living with her mother.

1880

24/01/1880 -October 1881- Sub Inspector George Henry Shannon 44,613.

George Shannon was born around 1855 in Dublin City and was the son of gentleman William Nolan. He trained as a barrister and had been a tutor at Trinity College before joining. He was also noted as playing tennis competitively for Trinity.

He joined 8th August 1879. Ballymoney was his first posting on 24th January 1880 which was announced in the *Coleraine Chronicle* who wished him an auspicious commencement of his official career. In September 1881 noted as acting as a steward at a grand amateur concert at Ballymoney Town Hall under the patronage of Sir Frederick and Lady Boyd.

Shannon was by October 1881 was transferred to Newcastle West County Limerick. Newspapers stated that Mr Gardiner from Depot was to be his replacement, this never transpired. A year later George was posted to the Reserve on 1st October 1882. He was married on 2nd September 1884 to Mary Nolan from Dublin, although she had been born at Roscrea Co Tipperary. No father details for Mary were recorded on their wedding certificate, however she was the daughter of William Nolan Esq of Bloomfield, Castleconnell. George was resident at Castleconnell at the time.

George was transferred to Cork on 15th September 1884. It was noted that he was employed by the RIC at the Riots Commission for Belfast in 1886. On 15th March 1888 appointed to the Divisional Magistrates Staff Inalee co Kerry on transfer. He worked under Colonel Alfred E Turner C.B. Royal Artillery. Later Major General and then knighted 1902. The majority of his work with turner was under the Crimes Act and in a question in Westminster it was stated by the Chief Secretary for Ireland that Shannon was a Special Crimes Officer. A case from the previous month showed Shannon prosecuting under the special Crimes Act at Sixmilebridge County Clare.

Following a somewhat case that drew a lot of media attention in April 1888 George was made a temporary Resident Magistrate on 10th May 1888. He was initially sent to Longford, and was noted in Tipperary in 1890. George moved around with his now permanent position as RM and was recorded in the 1901 Census as RM at Birr, Kings County. At that time his son George William Shannon was noted as becoming a barrister. Later the same year George senior was appointed to Louth and operated from Dundalk. In 1913 he was appointed as an additional magistrate for City and County of Dublin.

George died 28th June 1927 at Clarinda Park, Kingstown.

1881

14/11/1881-01/11/1882 – Sub Inspector Owen Wynne 46,828

Owen Wynne was born in 1857 in Middlesex, and was the son of barrister James Wynne. He joined 10th May 1881 and was posted to Ballymoney 14th November 1881. While in Ballymoney Owen was noted in April 1882 as singing at a concert for Ballymoney Cricket Club.

By 1st November 1882 Owen was transferred to County Clare. Around the time of his leaving he advertised for sale a Malvern shooting cart. The cart could be viewed at Ballymoney barracks. His stay in Clare was short as 15th May 1883 he was transferred to Castlerea County Roscommon. He remained there to 1st March 1886 when he was moved to Kilrush County Clare where stayed for a year. On 1st March 1887 Owen was moved to Dundrum Tipperary.

On 4th August 1887 Owen married Phoebe Mary Dorothea Young the daughter of James Young Esq., J.P., of Castlerea. They married at Monsktown, Dublin. Phoebe was resident at 7 Alba Terrace, Monkstown.

Owen's final transfer was to Midleton County Cork on 1st December 1891. He died 23rd October 1898 in England but was buried in Dublin. In 1901 widow Phoebe and two sons were living at Spencer Villas Glashule, Dublin.

1883

09/04/1883- 01/11/1887 – District Inspector Ross Carthy Rainsford 50,475

Ross Carthy Rainsford was born 7th November 1858 at Carlingford County Louth. He was the son of Rev Joseph Godman Rainsford, Curate of Dundalk, and Maria Susan Carthy. He appears to have been named for his maternal grandfather Ross Carthy Esq., of Carlingford who had been a lieutenant in the Royal Longford Militia.

Prior to his career in the police Ross had been a graduate of Trinity College Dublin. He then worked for three years as a tutor. He was known to have been a keen cricketer in his youth. Ross joined the constabulary on 16th November 1882. His first posting was to Ballymoney 9th April 1883.

In July 1884 Ross was noted in the *Coleraine Chronicle* as playing in a cricket match for Ballymoney against Ballymena. He scored ten runs and bowled in fine form. In May 1886 at Ballymoney an inspection was conducted by Inspector General Andrew Reed. Rainsford and Head Constable Robert Dowler (as below) put the men through drill. The men were then ordered to the day room where they were questioned on several acts of Parliament. The inspection lasted for over three hours. The Inspector General praised both Rainsford and Dowler for the cleanliness, efficiency and intelligence of the district force. In July 1886 Ross served in Belfast during the riots on the Shankhill. These were the same riots as to which George H Shannon (as above) had been assigned to do legal work.

On 1st November 1887 Ross was transferred to Sixmilebridge County Clare. Again possibly George H Shannon was operating in the same area as Ross by 1888. A further transfer came 1st October 1890 when he was moved to Newport Mayo.

On 20th October 1894 Ross was involved in an incident that became known in the press as The Achill Outrage which involved the escape of a prisoner named James Lynchehan. The charge against Ross was "that on the 24th October 1894, you were guilty of neglect of duty in not making adequate arrangements for the safe custody of a prisoner James Lynchehan from the Valley House to Mallaranny on his way to Castlebar jail." Lynchehan had been charged with the attempted murder of Mrs Agnes McDonnell of The Valley, Achill on 6th October. Her injuries included wounds to her head, body bruised and beaten and one of eyes was "shattered." It appears that Lynchehan was a tenant of Mrs McDonnell and was under notice to quit. Lynchehan escaped from custody when he was being transferred back to Castlebar jail under police escort from Dugort police station. One account is that at approximately 8 p.m. under the guard of constables Muldoon and Ward, Lynchehan was approached by his brother who had a coat which he asked to give to the prisoner. The two guards

released Lynchehan from his handcuffs to put the coat on which allowed him opportunity to escape on foot. Another account was that Lynchehan had leapt from the car and ran off while still handcuffed. It was noted that the wife of one of the two escorting constables suddenly died the following day.

Constable John Flannery was charged with allowing civilians with coming into the barracks and conversing with the prisoner and a similar charge was laid against Sergeant James Hoey. Constables Carrigan/Karrigan, Sullivan and Gwynne were in the barracks at the time that Lynchehan was allowed to communicate with a servant boy who had brought clothing and were subsequently the clothing worn by the prisoner at the time of his arrest had went missing. Constable John Muldoon was charged "that on the 20th October 1894 you were guilty of neglect of duty in allowing the prisoner James Lynchehan to escape while in your custody." The man who was driving the cart, Albert Purvis, gave evidence that when Constable Ward asked for a light he and Muldoon were distracted and Lynchehan took the opportunity to jump from the cart. Muldoon and Ward then gave chase and asked Purvis to return to the barracks for more police. He saw that Lynchehan was still handcuffed.

Lynchehan was not captured until 5th January 1895 when he was found hiding under the floor of the house of a man named James Gallagher at Strabeens about two miles from Achill Sound. Gallagher and a cousin of Lynchehan's named Mary Masterson were arrested. The property had been searched previously but the most recent search was based on information received.

A Constabulary Court of Inquiry held at Achill resulted in that Constable Carrigan was found guilty of the two charges laid against him, was fined £3 and was transferred to another County at his own expense. Constable Sullivan was found not guilty for the charge which was investigated and for a charge he admitted was admonished with a record. Constable Gwynne was transferred at his own expense to another County. District inspector Rainsford was found guilty of the charge preferred against him and was transferred to another County at his own expense. Constable John Flannery was acquitted of the charges against him. Sergeant James Hoey was acquitted of the charge against him but was found guilty of misconduct in connection of the escape of Lynchehan and received an unfavourable record and warned that if found to be failing in his duty again would be reduced in rank. Constable Muldoon was found not guilty but was transferred to another County. Constable Patrick Ward was found guilty of the two charges laid against him and was dismissed.

On 10th January 1895 Ross was posted to Thomastown Kilkenny. Ross' service record did not reflect his punishment from the Achill affair. On 1st January 1900 he was moved to Cavan and the 1901 Census return shows Ross was living at Church Street Cavan town. He returned to Kilkenny at the start of February 1902 and was stationed at Pilton. While there, on 3rd April 1902, he married Maud Elizabeth Moore daughter of Mark Moore Cleric in Holy Orders of Kiltegan Co Wicklow. A witness at the wedding appears to have been District Inspector (later County Inspector) Kerry Layne Supple. Later the same year on 24th November Ross moved to Ballinalsoe Galway.

In March 1906 it was announced in the press that Rainsford was undergoing the examination for promotion to County Inspector. He was subsequently promoted to County Inspector 16th May 1906. This saw him transferred to, and in charge of, Queen's County from 18th May 1906. A year later he was moved to Castlebar County Mayo on 22nd May 1907. This may appear to be an odd posting given the Achill affair. At the time of the 1911 census Ross and family were living at Carrownurlar, Breaghwy. The return noted that the family had employed a governess, groom, cook and nurse. Notably the groom Michael Minogue and the cook Ellen Kinchella, had come from County Kilkenny and may have been in service to the Rainsfords for a number of years.

Ross' final posting was to Carrick-on-Shannon County Leitrim from 11th September 1912. He remained there until he was pensioned 15th June 1920. His reasoning for leaving may have been due to his home being raided by the IRA on at least one occasion. The family subsequently moved to the safety of Belfast and his pension address was noted as being 4 Rosetta Avenue Belfast in June 1922 and again 25th September 1922. In 1937 it was mentioned in the press that his son Frederick Fitzgerald Rainsford had been promoted to rank of Flying Officer in the RAF. Also in 1937 daughter Marie E Rainsford married Charles B Adams at Knockbreda Parish Church.

Ross died 12th March 1942 at Haslar, Upper Galwally Newtownbreda. The press noted that son Dr Cecil R Rainsford was in government service in Far East and Frederick Fitzpatrick Rainsford B.Agr. was in RAF. Three daughters, Maud Primrose, Maria Edwina and Alice Mary were also mentioned. Ross' wife Maud died at Atherton Vicarage Manchester in 1950.

In November 1943 son Cecil Ross Carthy Rainsford MD was seconded to the War Office from the East African Medical service for "special work." His brother Wing Commander Frederick Fitzpatrick Rainsford was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. The awarding of the DFC drew comment in the local press. It stated that Frederick was a member of 115 Squadron. He had been born at Castlebar County Mayo in 1909, educated at Campbell College and Queen's University Belfast. He had been mentioned in despatches January 1941. The citation for the DFC stated

This officer has participated in a large number of sorties many of them while serving in the Middle East. More recently he has taken part in attacks on various targets in Germany, including Dortmund, Wuppertal and Hamburg. Wing Commander Rainsford's efforts have been characterised by outstanding determination to achieve success, and he has set an example worthy of high praise.

In 1969 Frederick was an Air Commodore and took up the second top job in the British Consulate General in New York. It was noted that he was a one time bomber squadron commander and he had recently returned from Seoul South Korea where he was First Secretary with the British Embassy. It was noted that his sister Alice Rainsford was living in Ardglass. Alice had been a teacher at Down High School.

In 1987 Frederick published his memoir, "Memoirs of an Accidental Airman." In the book he described himself as "Irish Imperialist and Anglo Irish." It was noted that one of his ancestors was Sir Mark Rainsford, a brewer and Lord Mayor of Dublin who sold his brewery to Arthur Guinness on April Fool's Day 1759. It was noted elsewhere that Frederick had been involved in the Berlin Airlift operation after the second world war. For further information on Frederick see <https://dib.cambridge.org/viewReadPage.do?jsessionid=431E7194B85C28C939DAD0FF15FF7175?articleId=a7573> . There are also Rainsford family papers at Longford library including a typed memoir by Alice of her early life.

10/11/1883 – 16/03/1892 - Head Constable Robert Dowler 27,436

Robert Dowler was born in County Fermanagh around 1843 and was the son of farmer Richard Dowler. He appears to have been from the townland of Little Granshagh south of Enniskillen and just west of Bellanaleck. Richard Dowler died in 1892 and the sole executor of his estate was son John James Dowler. Also mentioned was a daughter Ann Dowler, however no mention of Robert.

Robert joined the police on 24th January 1862, having been recommended by Rev William Alexander Willock rector of Cleenish Co Fermanagh. This church was in the village of Bellanaleck. Willock was to become a prominent personality in the movement for Irish National Education.

Initially posted to Longford on 8th June 1862, he moved two years later to the Reserve on 15^h January 1864. His next move was to be part of the new Belfast police who replaced the Local Belfast Police on 1st September 1865. He remained there until 4th July 1868 when he was posted to the Reserve again. His service record states he went to Londonderry city but does not give a date, however contemporary newspaper reports put him in the city from at least 1871.

On 1st January 1872 Robert was promoted to Acting Constable. The following year on 1st May on the recommendation of County Inspector RF Fanning (later Deputy Inspector General) he was promoted to Constable. Unfortunately his promotion was tainted by an admonishment 8th April 1874.

Robert married Sarah Jane Blair from Derry City on 29th September 1874 at Ballyarnett Presbyterian Church. Sarah was the daughter of writing clerk Thomas Blair and was resident in Londonderry. At the start of December 1874 Robert was posted to County Donegal and was sent to Buncrana. By 1877 he was stationed at Carrick south west Donegal and by the end of 1878 Letterkenny.

On 10th June 1879 Robert was promoted to 2nd Head Constable which was followed on 1st July by a transfer to Downpatrick County Down. However on 7th July 1879 a son Robert Armstrong Dowler was born at 11 Society Street Londonderry which was given as Robert's address. This was Sarah's family home. Indeed the newspapers made the announcement of the birth the day after giving Robert's service location at Downpatrick. It is possible that Robert was on leave at the time. In addition there are Jewell's living on Society Street who are probably connected to Alexander Charles Jewell who was a witness at Robert and Sarah's wedding.

Robert was transferred to Ballymoney 10th November 1883 where he served until he was pensioned on 16th March 1892 as Head Constable. In the February prior to his retirement Robert put himself forward for the position of Clerk of Petty Session at Ballymoney in the place of Henry Morrison who had died. Morrison lived on Charlotte Street in Ballymoney. Robert had one rival James Millar of Ballymoney, however Robert was successful. At this time Robert was living on Charlotte Street. The house he lived in was 2 Breezemount, or 65 Charlotte Street At that time he was recorded as being Clerk of Petty Sessions Town Court and Commissioner for Oaths.

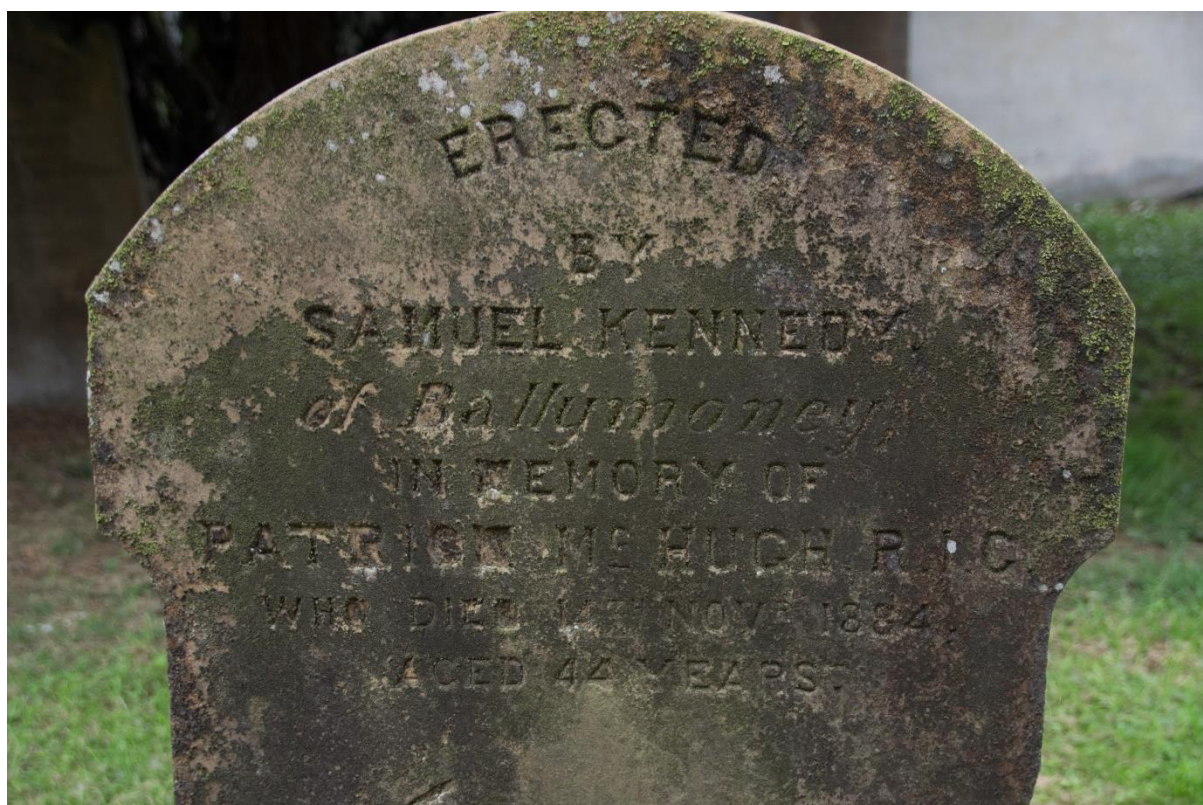
Robert died at Charlotte Street on 17th April 1907 aged 63. He had taken seriously ill on 16th and died after a few hours of suffering. At the time of the 1911 census Sarah and son Robert were living at a house on Bond's Hill on the Waterside area of Londonderry. Sarah died 16th September 1919 at Buncrana, her son Robert was present at her death. In 1923 Robert was noted as being in the workhouse at Carndonagh.

1884

Sub Constable Patrick McHugh 26,561

Patrick was born in County Fermanagh around 1839 and joined the Irish Constabulary 19th February 1861. He had been recommended by W Archdall JP, the Earl of Erne. Patrick served in Tipperary and from 1st May 1864 was in the Reserve. He was pensioned 26th June 1882.

Patrick died 14th November 1884 at Church Street Ballymoney of chronic pneumonia. Publican Samuel Kennedy, also of Church Street was a witness. Patrick was buried in Ballymoney old graveyard and his headstone, which was erected by Samuel Kennedy, is shown below.



Patrick had left all his earthly possessions to Samuel as outlined in his will dated 4th April 1884:

"I Patrick McHugh at present residing in Church St Ballymoney and being of sound mind and understanding do hereby declare this to be my last Will and Testament. I leave and bequeath to Samuel Kennedy Publican Church St Ballymoney my watch and chain my boxes of clothing and any and all the money that may be in the said boxes or in my lodgings at the time of my decease. I also leave and bequeath to the said Samuel Kennedy all the money amounting to about £50 be the same more or less lying to my credit in the Post Office Savings Bank as well as any other property or effects not specified above of which I may die possessed. I request that the said Samuel Kennedy shall see that my remains shall be decently interred."

Samuel Kennedy also ran the Ballymoney Tavern and Refreshment Rooms at Portrush Quay c 1869

Constable Robert Morrison 30,135

Robert Morrison was born in County Cavan around 1846 and was the son of farmer John Morrison. Robert joined the Constabulary 10th February 1865 having been recommended by Sub Inspector Arthur Pratt Winter Morton, son of Pierse Morton Esq., of Kilnacrott House Co Cavan.

Morton had been stationed in Cavan from 1st August 1863 having come from the Depot. He next went to County Antrim. In 1865 Morton noted as assisting Ballymoney district from a neighbouring district and may have been in Ballycastle. This was likely as in 1866 and 1867 he was noted as living in Ballycastle.

Robert Morrison served Belfast from 1st September 1865, and then County Antrim from the start of 1868. In his career he received a number of punishments, fined 30 shillings in April 1870; admonished 15th February 1873, find 70 shillings 21st June 1875 and fined 40 shillings 4th June 1877.

On 15th October Robert married Sarah Ramsay daughter of weaver James Ramsey originally from Cavan but living in Belfast. They married at Great Victoria Street Presbyterian Church in Belfast. A witness may have been William Cairns 34,040. At the time of marriage Robert may have been stationed at Crumlin, however the writing on the wedding certificate is difficult to decipher.

On 12th June 1876 Robert and Sarah had a daughter Hannah. At the time they were living at 15 Roden Street in Belfast which would suggest that Robert had transferred back, however his record does not reflect this. Indeed in 1869 a Sub Constable Robert Morrison was involved in incidents in Ballymurphy which would support being in the vicinity of Crumlin but still being close to Belfast. Hannah went on to become a National School teacher.

By 1879 Robert was stationed at Moss Side but living at Drumtullagh where his son Robert Samuel was born. Newspaper records place Robert in Ballymoney from around 1884. By 1894 Robert was the Food and Drugs Inspector of the district.

Robert was pensioned from the police on 21st March 1895 and by 1898 he was living at 3 Earlmount, Victoria Street Portrush. In the 1901 census Robert was recorded as being a stone mason. The following year the local press stated that he was the Harbour Master in Portrush.

In 1903 Robert Samuel was successful in exams at Trinity College Dublin in gaining the Chaldee and Syriac Prize and also the only prize awarded in the Senior Hebrew Class. At the examinations were for his BA degree and he obtained a First.

In 1911 Robert and Sarah were still living at Victoria Street and he was noted as being a clerk. Sarah died on 1st April 1914 and Robert died the following year on 9th February 1915.

Robert Samuel became a minister and went to St Saviour's Portadown from 1913 until 1922 when he became rector of Ballymore Tandragee. Hannah worked along with him as an assistant in the parish.

Robert Samuel died on 25th May 1925 at his residence Ballymore Rectory. He had been ordained a Deacon in 1904 and a priest in 1905. He had been Curate of St Stephen's Church Belfast and of St Mark's Portadown. Robert was buried at Ballymoney parish church. Hannah died 24th August 1939 at Edward Street Portadown. Her obituary noted that she was a native of Ballymoney and her father was an ex-head constable of the RIC which was untrue.

1887

Sergeant James Quest 34,892

James Quest was born around 1845 in County Meath. He joined the RIC 1st October 1868 and was sent to serve in Donegal from 6th March 1869. While stationed at Milford James married Susan Hilferty of Ballylin on 3rd March 1877. He was then transferred to County Antrim from 15th June 1877.

On 22nd March 1880 Susan and James had a daughter Ellen Mary born at Ballylin. At that time James was stationed at Bushmills. James was then promoted to Acting Sergeant on 1st September 1881 and then to Sergeant on 1st November 1883.

A second daughter Susan Francis was also born at Ballylin on 4th July 1884. At this time James was stationed at Lisburn. While in Lisburn James was the Inspector under the Food and Drugs Act. In early 1887 James was noted as being in Ballymena, however by November of that year James was working in Ballymoney according to the court reports.

James was pensioned 27th April 1894 and moved to Belfast after claiming pension in Londonderry for short period. In the 1901 census he was living at 20 Joy Street Belfast. Susan died a short time after on 11th May 1901.

James died 9th April 1908 at 28 Parkside St Belfast (however his will stated 28 Eden Crescent, Alexandra Ave Belfast). This was the home of former RIC man James Kearney 27,410, who was also executor of the will. Kearney had joined the RIC 14th January 1862 and served in Monaghan from 16th May 1862 and twice in Belfast and was pensioned 1st April 1893. Kearney appears to have been operating some form of support network for retired RIC men.

In 1901 James Kearney was living at 1 Trinity St Belfast. Also present in the property was former Head Constable Michael Little, registered number 7215. He died 11th September 1903 and Kearney was the executor.

A neighbour of James was former Sergeant Michael McMahon who died at 7 Trinity St on 11th April 1901. The executors were James Kearney and McMahon's half-brother James McCourt. Noted mourners were James Kearney and Michael Little amongst a host of others. Michael's last pension payment was paid to Kearney and McCourt.

Michael McMahon was born around 1829 in County Clare. He joined the Constabulary 14th October 1850, and was given the number 14,231. He served Tipperary south and also Belfast and the Reserve. Michael was promoted Acting Constable 1st October 1864 and subsequently Constable on 1st October. He was pensioned 1st March 1882.

James McCourt service number 24,030 was born in County Armagh around 1837. He joined 15th October 1858, and served Meath 12th February/1859 and Belfast 1st August 1871. James was promoted Acting Constable and Constable in the 1870's. James was pensioned 1st January 1889. He had married Margaret Coyle of Drogheda 24th May 1871.

In 1911 James Kearney was still living at Parkside St. Also resident was former constable Thomas Coffey 48,338. Coffey was born Tipperary South around 1861. He joined 9th January 1882 and served Sligo 29th April 1882, Belfast 3rd August 1888 and Tipperary North 7th August 1907. Thomas was pensioned 16th April 1908.

15/11/1887– 22/08/1890 – District Inspector Henry Gore Moriarty 51,164

Henry Moriarty was born 10th April 1864 at Parsonstown Kings County (Offaly) and was the son of County Inspector Thomas Moriarty (25,255) later Commissioner of Belfast police and Harriett Agnes Gore. Harriet was the daughter of William Gore Esq., of Moyola County Londonderry. In December 1883 it was announced in the *Freeman's Journal* that Henry Gore Moriarty eldest son of Thomas Moriarty Esq., County Inspector RIC of Kerry, and of Abbeytown House, Abbeyville Roscommon (home of Thomas' father Lieutenant Henry Moriarty, who was the son of Sir Thomas Moriarty) had passed from the Queen's Service Academy, Ely Place Dublin on first trial for the RIC cadetship having scored 1,141 marks out of a maximum of 1,800. He then joined 12th July 1884 and was first posted to Headford County Galway on 1st May 1885.

On 1st July 1886 Henry was transferred to Magherafelt County Londonderry. He was severely admonished on 8th April 1887 and possibly as a result was posted to Ballymoney 15th November 1887. In August 1888 Henry was involved in action at Draperstown in respect of evictions from the Drapers' estates. In January 1889 Moriarty was summoned to court by servant Stephen Bayne who alleged that he was owed £7 10s for three and a half years service. The case was dismissed however it was noted that Bayne had travelled with him since Moriarty was stationed in Galway. Moriarty

stated that Bayne had an issue with alcohol. The following month on 12th February 1889 he received an unfavourable record, for highly improper conduct towards a constable.

Henry was mentioned in the *Londonderry Sentinel* on 7th March 1890 as he had been walking two unmuzzled fighting dogs around Ballymoney. It was stated that he had the habit of doing so and on that occasion one of the dogs worried the dog of a local merchant at the Market square. It was stated that Moriarty and a constable watched the fight and when challenged by three residents he asked them what right they had to interfere.

He died aged 26 on 22nd August 1890 at Steevens Hospital Dublin of mitral regurgitation. Henry had made a will in which his father Thomas CIRIC JP was named as executor.

1890

October 1890 – District Inspector John Elliott Cairnes Lawlor

John Lawlor was born around 1848, probably in Portstewart, and was the son of John Hilliard Lawlor employee of the Provincial Bank. The family were noted as living at The Crescent Portstewart in 1847. John senior was noted as being a native of Kerry and had spent fifty-two years in the service of the Provincial Bank. Fourteen years had been spent as a cashier in Coleraine, three in Belfast and thirty in Ballymena as manager. His wife was the daughter of Colonel John Elliot Cairnes of Portstewart who was the head of an old County Tyrone family from Knockmany and descended from one of the defenders of Derry during the siege David Cairnes. Colonel Cairnes had served under General Robert Rollo Gillespie of Comber.

Lawlor joined the Royal Irish Constabulary 13th December 1867 and was posted to Londonderry 1st July 1868. He was transferred to Cavan 1st August 1871 and then Strabane County Tyrone from 1st August 1876. He received an unfavourable record for neglect of duty 13th November 1876 and a further one for serious dereliction of duty 3rd January 1878.

On 8th October 1882 he was moved to County Cork. He was then posted to Westport Mayo 1st July 1884 and then back to County Tyrone 20th June 1885 and posted to Cookstown. This was to be a short stay as he was moved to Kilkenny 1st November 1885. From 1st November 1887 John was sent to Westmeath and was noted as being in Mullingar in 1889. At that time it was recorded that he had been connected to the evictions on the Olphert estate in County Donegal and seen training men in the use of a battering ram.

On 31st May 1889 John's father was murdered, by Edward Mather Murray, the bank accountant who then shot himself, at Brocklamount, Ahoghill. Lawlor lived on the Galgorm Road about a mile from Ballymena and was manager of the Provincial Bank. At around 4 p.m. he was passing the residence of Murray at Gladstone Terrace. Murray was observed following Lawlor and was seen carrying a double-barrelled gun. Both men were found at Brocklamount lying dead on the footpath. Lawlor had a deep gunshot wound at the posterior of the back of the neck. His right arm lay across his back and on his left hand he wore a fawn coloured glove. Murray, who was dressed in a light coloured tweed suit, lay on his back and bore all the signs of committing suicide with the shot having passed through his mouth carrying with it a portion of the brain. Police were summoned from the Harryville barracks and County Inspector Brownrigg and Head Constable Gregg attended with other police. It was later established that there has been unpleasantness between the two men for a considerable time and Murray was threatened with dismissal if it continued.

The following year John was transferred to County Monaghan on 1st October 1890 and was stationed at Clones. He remained there until 1st April 1896 when he was moved to Rathfriland County Down. His final move was to Edenderry King's County on 15th June 1898.

John died 10th September 1899 at Guy's Hospital London. His body was brought back to Ireland and brought to Coleraine by train. The funeral service was held at St Patrick's Coleraine and burial at Agherton Portstewart.

Lawlor had been mentioned in the *Coleraine Chronicle* as being the replacement for Henry Gore Moriarty in October 1890, however this was not to be. This may have been due to his brother William Hamilton Lawlor being the manager of the Braidwater Spinning Mill at Balnamore just outside of Ballymoney. The mill employed 430-450 people and processed about 12 tons of flax per week in 1893.

01/10/1890-01/11/1893 – District Inspector George Bedell Ruttledge 53,461

Instead of John Lawlor coming to Ballymoney George Ruttledge swapped with him the posting to Clones County Monaghan. George was born around 1863 in County Fermanagh and was the son of John Young Ruttledge D.D. fellow of Trinity College Dublin.

George joined as a cadet 14th November 1888 and had been a pupil in land agent's office for two years before joining. His first posting was to Clones Monaghan 1st November 1889. The following year 1st October 1890 he was sent to Ballymoney County Antrim.

10th and 12th May 1893 the annual ball shooting practice was held at Portrush under the charge of George Ruttledge. All the stations of the district were represented. The range varied from 100 to 400 yards. On the first day Constable William Love (Ballymoney) was awarded first prize; Constable Goss (Armoyle) second prize and Constable Fitzgerald (Bushmills) third. On the second day Constable Costello (Ballycastle) took first place, Constable Robert Morrison (Ballymoney) second and Constable King (Dervock) third.

September 1893 dealt with a number of men from Rodden Foot Ballymoney who had been causing disturbances in the town celebrating the defeat of the Home Rule Bill on 9th September. The men were William James Patterson, Robert Cairns, William Wade, John Wade, James Wade and John McCotter. John Wade, William Wade and John McCotter were also charged with assaulting John Phillips of Dervock on the same date in Ballymoney. The *Belfast News Letter* reported that the two Wades appeared to have received a severe beating about the head and Constable Morrison had a scalp wound. Witnesses gave evidence that they saw no stones being thrown at the police and that the police had attacked the men with batons striking them about the head. The case was dismissed as the charges had not been sufficiently proven. It was noted that the decision gave general satisfaction as none of the accused had ever had a charge made against them before.

By 1st November 1893 George was transferred to Killarney County Kerry. On 24th April 1895 he married Winifred Herbert daughter of Henry Herbert JP of Cahirnane, Killarney. They married at the parish church of St Bartholomew's in Dublin and Winifred's address was given as 11 Clyde Road, presumably Dublin. The family lived at Cahirnane House which is now an hotel.

Following his marriage George was moved to Newport Tipperary 1st June 1895. On 9th October 1896 George and Winifred had a son, Derek Stewart Ruttledge born at their home Clareview, Newport. Sadly on 21st October 1896 Winifred died aged 27 of peritonitis at their home. George was transferred to Kilfinane Limerick 1st March 1897, Kinsale County Cork 1st November 1900 (1901 census listed as living at Compass Hill Kinsale), Balbriggan Dublin 15th January 1903 and Mullingar

Westmeath 1st July 1905. At the time of the 1911 census George and son Derek were living at Harbour Street, Mullingar.

On promotion to County Inspector George was posted to Roscommon town 24th May 1911. His final move was to Galway city 1st March 1916. George was awarded £10 for duty performed during Sinn Fein rebellion. He was also awarded the Kings Police Medal for being in charge of County Galway during the 1916 rebellion – attacking and dispersing bodies of armed rebels. Capt Armstrong, ten men from Connaught Rangers along with Rutledge and ten men from RIC defended Oranmore. A shot from Rutledge's revolver was the signal for the men to fire on the insurgents as they advanced, the insurgents then retreated in motor cars they commandeered.

Derek Rutledge married Evelyn Mabel Deschamps Chamier, daughter of Colonel Henry Deschamps Chamier (Connaught Rangers) of The Ivies, Galway on 10th April 1920. Derek's address was given as Ardmore, Galway. The two fathers acted as witnesses. Derek's employment was recorded as "gentleman." George was then pensioned 15th October 1920.

Sergeant James Andrew Orr Anderson 38,214

James Andrew Orr Anderson was born in County Down around 1853 and was the son of Robert Anderson. James joined the Royal Irish Constabulary aged 18 on 6th November 1871. It is likely that he was from south Down as he was recommended by Sub Inspector Andrew Gallagher 27,335. Gallagher was posted to Down in 1861 and died at Newcastle in 1900, he was either in Rathfriland or Newcastle at the time of James' joining.

He joined aged 18 6th November 1871 having been recommended by Sub Inspector Andrew Gallagher 27,335. Posted to Co Down from 1861 and died at Newcastle in 1900. Noted in the Newcastle area in 1879, however had been at Rathfriland in 1870. Given that Andrew was only 18 when he joined there is a suggestion that his father was a serving or former member of the RIC. There are two possibilities 11,536 and 28,461, however one resigned and the other dismissed within a few years and there is not enough available information. In addition on James' wedding certificate it states that his father was a teacher.

James served in Donegal from 31st July 1872. On 11th December 1884 while stationed at Muff on the Londonderry/Donegal border he married Mary Anne Thompson of nearby Culmore. Mary was the daughter of farmer John Thompson and they were married at Ballyarnett Presbyterian Church.

On 1st April 1885 James was transferred to Belfast and three months later to Armagh. On 1st December 1885 James and Mary's first child Mary Elizabeth Anderson was born. Mary was born at Great James Street Londonderry, however James was stationed in Armagh city. His stay in Armagh was to be short as on 16th October 1886 he arrived in County Antrim. James was noted as being stationed in Bushmills 16th May 1888 when his son Robert James Anderson was born. James was promoted to Acting Sergeant 1st October 1888 and may have already been in Ballymoney.

James and Mary had a second son Samuel Arthur Anderson who was born 16th March 1890 at Charlotte Street Ballymoney. James was then promoted to full sergeant 1st February 1891 and was noted as in Ballymoney. The property Valuation records note James as living at Charlotte Street until 1892, however he was transferred to Broughshane in July of 1891. Three further children were born at Broughshane, Albert born 3rd May 1892; Maud born 16th May 1893 and William Henry Anderson born 7th December 1894.

He then returned to the Ballymoney district by 1896 when he was the sergeant at Portrush where he remained until he was pensioned 1st April 1900. In 1901 James and Mary were living at Shane Street

Randalstown. James died 24th September 1930 at address which is hard to decipher and seems to read as "Shark Cottage" Randalstown.

1891

Sergeant Thomas Morgan 42,312

Thomas Morgan was born in County Cavan around 1853 and was the son of farmer Patrick Morgan. He joined the Royal Irish Constabulary on 8th June 1876 having been recommended by Sub Inspector Archibald Edward Ormston Hayes.

Morgan served initially in Tipperary S.R from 31st January 1877, then with the Reserve from 23rd July 1879, Galway WR from 22nd November 1879, and then Monaghan from 11th October 1882. On 1st December 1889 Thomas was promoted to Acting Sergeant and then to Sergeant from 2nd August 1891. He was then transferred to County Antrim from 19th December 1891 where he appears to have been posted to Ballymoney.

By the start of April 1892 Thomas had been moved to the remote posting of Rathlin Island. The following other men were moved there, Constable Fitzgerald from Larne, Constable McCutcheon from Knocknacarry and Constable Hadden from Ballymoney. Interestingly some men were moved out of Rathlin as follows Sergeant Seabrooke now Constable Seabrooke from Rathlin to County Leitrim; Constable McCullough to Kerry; and Constable Teely to Whiteabbey. The same notice stated that Dunloy police station was abolished on 21st March with Sergeant Haughney to Mosside; Constable Dougherty to Cloughmills; Constable Moonan to Ballycastle; Constable Young to Portrush and Constable Farrel to Dervock.

In respect of the Rathlin Island posting by October 1893 Morgan, Hadden/Hayden had been moved to Railway Street Lisburn; McCutcheon to Ballyward and Moonan to Martinstown (he must never have left Rathlin). It was stated that the reason for the transfer of all the men was due to the abolition of the station which was formerly part of Ballycastle subdistrict and had now returned to the former status. This would suggest that there was some reason for the demotion of Seabrooke and the need to replace the station party in 1892. The reason of this is revealed in a constabulary enquiry held around March 1892 and reported as follows by the *Coleraine Chronicle*

Charges Against County Antrim Policemen

The result of a constabulary inquiry into certain charges against a policeman stationed at Rathlin Island, County Antrim, has just been made known. The charges against Constable Lynch were – (1) that he was drunk at roll call on the night of the 24th November 1891 in the barracks, Rathlin Island; (2) that on the 29th November he said to Sergeant John Seabrooke, in a defiant and contemptuous manner, that he would not send his complaint through the sergeant, but would post in himself; (3) that he falsely accused Sergeant Seabrooke of returning to barracks in Rathlin Island at three o'clock on the morning of the 15th November 1891, accompanied by a civilian named William Williamson, who was holding him from falling, the sergeant having been on patrol with Constable McCullough from 8 o'clock the previous evening; (4) that he falsely accused Constable McCullough of returning alone to the barracks at Rathlin Island at five o'clock on the morning of the 15th November 1891, the constable having been on patrol with Sergeant Seabrooke from 8 o'clock on the previous evening; (5) that he falsely accused Constable Michael Feely, who was barrack orderly on the night of the 14th November 1891, of having made a false entry in the guard's diary in the constabulary barrack, Rathlin Island, to the effect that Sergeant Seabrooke and Constable

John McCullough returned from patrol at a quarter past 11 o'clock on the same night. Constable Lynch denied all the charges. The decision of the Inspector General has been made known as follows:- Constable Lynch is found guilty of two of the charges, and acquitted of three of the five preferred against him. He is admonished and transferred at his own expense to another station and district. Arising out of the charges preferred against Constable Lynch very serious matters against Sergeant Seabrooke, Constable McCullough and Feely have come to light, and the line of action adopted by them was deceitful and indiscreet, and if persisted in would have compelled their expulsion from the force; but inasmuch as they now admitted the allegations against them, this course of action would not be adopted, but in lieu of the same the following penalties will be inflicted – Sergeant Seabrooke is reduced to the rank of constable and transferred at his own expense to the County Leitrim; Constable McCullough is fined £2 and transferred at his own expense to County Kerry; Constable Feely is fined £1 and transferred at his own expense to another station and district.

Thomas returned to Ballymoney by mid-1894. On 30th August 1899 he married Catherine Shannon daughter of farmer James Shannon from Curraghnoo County Cavan. They were married at Ballyhaise. Thomas and Catherine remained in Ballymoney until midway through 1900 when he was moved to Antrim town and was noted in the 1901 census as being stationed at Market Square.

Morgan was pensioned on 9th July 1901 and claimed his pension at Cavan. Thomas and Catherine lived at Oakwood, Ballyhaise with Thomas working a farm. He died on 16th April 1913 of chronic bronchitis.

Acting Sergeant William Dunlop 48,547

William was born in County Monaghan around 1862 and was the son of farmer Robert Dunlop. He joined the RIC on 13th February 1882 and served in Limerick City from 13th June 1882, Antrim from 9th May 1883, Roscommon from 16th October 1907, and Armagh from 25th July 1911.

Prior to serving in Ballymoney William worked in Bushmills. He moved to Ballymoney on promotion to Acting Sergeant from 1st February 1891. It was noted that he had come second in a new civil service type of exam. William subsequently was promoted to sergeant on 1st July 1893.

By 1901 he was stationed at Whitehouse, Whiteabbey. On 15th October 1907 he was promoted to Head Constable and was transferred to Roscommon. His time in Whiteabbey was not misused as on 6th January 1908 he married English girl Gertrude Elizabeth Lucas daughter of builder Frederick Lucas. Gertrude had been a domestic cook at the home of solicitor Wellington Young (Young went on to become a senior solicitor for the Unionist Party who died in 1926). At the time of marriage William was Head Constable at Ballintubber and Gertrude was living at 13 O'Connell Street Athlone. Gertrude had been working for solicitor Joseph H Dixon at the time.

By 1911 Gertrude and daughter Eliza living at Barrack Street, Ballaghaderreen, Roscommon. Eliza had been born at Ballaghaderreen on 2nd December 1908 where William was Head Constable. William retired on 18th November 1913. He died on 27th September 1915 at Drumadd Co Armagh.

1892

Head Constable John Moffett 32,241

John Moffett was born in County Fermanagh around 1847 and was the son of farmer James Moffett. He joined the Irish Constabulary 8th November 1866 having been recommended by Sub Inspector Thomas Ross. Ross was stationed at Kesh County Fermanagh at this time. John was a clerk prior to joining.

After training John served in County Donegal from 28th February 1867. On 13th February 1877 he married Mary Ann Kearney daughter of farmer James Kearney of Lurganboy Donegal. At the time John was stationed in Donegal town. On 1st October 1877 he was transferred to County Sligo. Interestingly John and Mary had a son named John who was born at Lurganboy 30th November 1877. At that time John was stationed at Drumcliffe County Sligo. While there he was promoted to Acting Constable 1st May 1878 and then three months later to Constable (prior to the creation of the rank of sergeant). On 26th May 1880 daughter Margery Margaret Moffet was born at Lurganboy, however John's location was given as Grange.

John went further and was promoted to 2nd class Head Constable on 1st September 1881 prior to his transfer to County Limerick on 5th of the same month. His stay in Limerick was short as he was moved to Drogheda on 10th February 1882.

On 21st December 1883 John was again moved, this time to County Tyrone. On 10th December 1884 a further son, Edward James was again born at Lurganboy County Donegal, however at this time John was noted as being in Newtownstewart. John did not remain in Newtownstewart and by the time of the birth of daughter Lizzie Adelaide on 10th June 1887 all were living in Aughnacloy. John finally arrived in Ballymoney 21st April 1892.

On 17th October 1900 daughter Margery Margaret (or Margaret M as she was referred to) died aged 20 at the Kildare Street Training School in Dublin. Margery died of heart disease. Her remains were brought back to Ballymoney by train and the coffin was brought from the station to St Patrick's churchyard by members of the RIC under District Inspector Ireland. On Main Street and Church Street the businesses were shuttered and blinds drawn as a mark of respect. When Margery was younger she had been a monitor for five years at the Church Street National School in Ballymoney.

John died of probable brain haemorrhage at Ballymoney barracks on 16th February 1901 and was buried at the Parish Church Ballymoney (St Patrick's). At the time of the census a few months later Mary was still living on Charlotte Street. Son John was a national school teacher and another Edward was a solicitor general's clerk. Lizzie Adelaide Moffett was still at school aged 13. Mary Anne died aged 54 20th June 1903 Charlotte Street, her son Edward was present.

1893

November 1893 – March 1902 District Inspector Frederick Crawford Vincent Ireland 53,460



Frederick Crawford Vincent Ireland was born 22nd September 1869 at 9 Newtownsmith, Kingstown (Dun Laoghaire) County Dublin. He was the son of former Sub Inspector Frederick Ireland 29,189 and Lydia Barbara Stanley. His father's address at the time was given as 34 Upper Leeson Street, Dublin and his occupation given as "gentleman."

Frederick senior was the son of Thomas Ireland Chief Clerk Queen's Bench Division, Four Courts Dublin (died at 1 Stanley Terrace Rathgar 1878). Frederick joined aged 18 and 3 months on 23rd December 1863 serving in Londonderry, Louth, Waterford and Mayo. He was reduced ten steps in the seniority list 29th April 1868 for leaving his station without leave. He received a favourable record for exertions at a fire 16th July 1868. On 3rd November 1868 at St Anne's Belfast Frederick had married Lydia, daughter of Henry Valentine Stanley, gentleman of Beech Hill County Dublin and Gardenrath County Meath. Lydia was the granddaughter of Captain J Crawford Vincent, Royal Artillery of Oakley Park County Meath. He then resigned from the police 18th December 1868. In August 1870 Frederick sat an exam for a position in the Constabulary Office at Dublin Castle. He had four rivals and took first place with an unprecedentedly high score. Frederick was the cousin of County Inspector De Courcy Ireland from Galway who had joined in 1844 and retired in 1887. Another

relative may have been Sub Inspector James Ireland from Roscommon who joined 1841 and resigned 1868.

Young Frederick joined as a cadet 14th November 1888 and was posted first to County Leitrim and was stationed at Killeshandra. While there in August 1890 as he was going to attend the petty sessions at Belturbet his horse reared up as he left his yard upsetting the car and breaking it into bits. The driver was seriously injured and the horse was badly cut. Frederick however escaped without injury.

At the start of November 1893 Frederick was transferred to Ballymoney in the place of George Rutledge. While stationed at Ballymoney he married Edith Annie Whitton of 2 Charlemont Terrace Kingstown, daughter of accountant Frederick Anthony Whitton. The wedding occurred 29th September 1894. Frederick's father was listed as a Civil Servant. The witnesses were his mother Lydia Barbara Ireland and John Richard Wallscourt-Blake. His parents' address was 15 Breffni Terrace, Sandycove.

At the time of the 1901 census Frederick's parents were living at Eden Park, Glasthule, Dublin. His father's occupation was recorded as a civil service official at the GPO. A brother Walter was a clerk at Guinness' brewery. Frederick senior died 22nd July 1906 at 7 Eden Park. His occupation was listed as Staff Officer in the Crime Department at Dublin Castle. This may suggest that at the time of the 1901 census he did not want his occupation published indicating that his role may have been sensitive.

Back in Ballymoney Frederick and Edith were living at Laurel Lodge, 4 Coleraine Road. On 1st July 1895 a son Geoffrey Vincent Stanley Ireland was born at 2 Charlemont Terrace Kingstown. Frederick's address was listed as Laurel Lodge Ballymoney.

15th May 1896 Frederick was driving his horse drawn car with two female passengers from Coleraine to Ballymoney. On passing through "The Toll" which is about three miles from Ballymoney they met a traction engine belonging to H.T. Barrie of Coleraine which so frightened the horse that the animal swerved round throwing the driver from the car. The driver fell on his head sustaining serious injuries. The horse then galloped off along the bog road. After a good distance the horse slowed down and was brought to a standstill. Frederick and his fellow passengers escaped injury.

In October 1896 an annual inspection was carried out at Ballymoney by Inspector General Sir Andrew Reed. 32 members were present from Armoy, Ballymoney, Ballycastle, Bushmills, Mosside, Portrush, Loughguile, Dervock and Cloughmills barracks. Ireland himself was not present however the inspection was co-ordinated by Head Constable John Moffett.

A further child Phyllis Edith Stanley born at Laurel Lodge Ballymoney on 8th March 1899. The family group were recorded on the 1901 census along with their servants and children of two of the servants.

Servants

Jane Lennon nee Summers/Somers appears from the census to have been born in County Antrim around 1870, and was the daughter of tailor William Somers. However she may have been born in Dungiven. The census shows her father William and wife Matilda living in Dungiven. Jane worked for the Irelands as cook/domestic servant. Her husband James Lennon was born County Tyrone 1871/1872, and the son of Francis Lennon according to their wedding certificate. James worked as a coachman/domestic servant. Jane and James married at Ballymacarrett East Belfast 12th November 1892. Jane was from Dungiven at time of marriage and James living at 36 Kilwood Street Belfast. Their children were Sarah Lennon born 21st April 1894 at 8 Bradford Square Belfast and John Lennon

born Dungiven 11th December 1897. By 1911 the Lennon's were living at Tamnaskeeney County Tyrone and James was a farmer.

Kathleen Annie Hickey was born Dublin 1880/1891 and worked for the Irelands as a nurse/domestic servant. By 1911 she was working at Wilton Terrace, Dublin for Andrew Kingsbury Overend and family. Overend was a practising barrister and son of Judge Thomas George Overend who was Recorder of Londonderry. Andrew was later to become a justice in the Irish High Court.

On 21st January 1902 Frederick was recorded as playing badminton competitively at Ballymena. He played mixed-doubles with a Mrs Hezlett in competition listed as Ballymena V The Honourable Leopold Canning's Team (Canning of Garvagh). Frederick won his match and the team won the competition. In 1904 he as recorded as playing mixed-doubles in tennis at a competition at Mallow County Cork. A later article stated that he was well known in tennis and badminton circles.

Frederick Ireland was transferred to Mallow County Cork in March 1902. A committee was brought together in Ballymoney Town Hall to decide what was the best way to reflect the town's appreciation for Frederick's service over nine years. It was decided that an illuminate address was the most appropriate token and a subscription list was then opened to raise money. The address was executed by Messrs Robinson Bros., of Donegall Street Belfast and was presented 18th March. While living in Ballymoney Frederick was noted in 1900 as a member of Ballymoney Lawn Tennis and Cricket Club and acting as chairman indicating that he had an active part in local life. While in Ballymoney it was noted that Frederick performed duty in Belfast occasionally on a temporary basis. At Ballycastle petty sessions his leaving was marked. The RM compared Frederick to remarks made in respect of Lord Roberts – "E's little, but 'e's wise: 'e's a terror for his size."

In 1906 he was transferred to Kilkenny and in 1911 he was recorded in the census as living at Leggetsrath West just outside of Kilkenny city. On 3rd July 1912 Frederick was promoted to County Inspector and sent to Westmeath. In February 1920 he was appointed to the charge of both Louth and Meath and moved from Dundalk to Navan.

Frederick was pensioned 1st October 1920. His address was given as 19 Mespil Road Dublin. He died 12th October 1930 and was buried with his parents.

1896

Acting Sergeant John Miller 43,679

In 1896 John Miller was living at 11 Charlotte Street Ballymoney which was part of "Oldenbourg Terrace." He remained there until 1901 according to the property Valuation records. John was born in County Armagh around 1859, and was the son of farmer William Miller.

John joined the RIC on 15th April 1878, having been recommended by Head Constable Burke. John was previously a gamekeeper. John only served in County Antrim where he was sent on 0th November 1878.

On 14th April 1886 John was stationed at Whiteabbey. On this date he married dressmaker Charlotte LD Kennedy daughter of Land Steward David Kennedy. Charlotte was from Holywood across Belfast Lough. A witness was Constable Robert Hewitt 47,301. Robert was also stationed at Whiteabbey and was subsequently married on 16th February 1892. John and Charlotte had a son Hugh Kennedy Miller born at Jordantown on 27th November 1886 which indicates that Charlotte was pregnant at the time of the wedding.

On 16th September 1890 another son William Miller was born at Ballygallagh, Ballyclare. It is probable that John was stationed there.

On 1st May 1895 John was promoted to Acting Sergeant and it may have been at this stage he was moved to Ballymoney. Indeed he was mentioned in the local press from September of 1895 until July 1897. He was then promoted to Sergeant on 1st October 1897 and by the following year he was moved to Loughguile. His stay at Loughguile was to be short as by mid-July he was stationed at Portglenone. While at Portglenone John managed to dislocate his right shoulder on 1st June 1899 according to his service record.

By the 1901 census the family were living at Garvaghy, Portglenone. John was pensioned from the police on 8th February 1907. Having already secured appointment as master of Ballymena workhouse by the town's Guardians in January. By 1912 both John and Charlotte were employed there with Charlotte being the Matron. John died 24th June 1917 aged 58 while still employed at the workhouse.

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.

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.

Constable James Gilbride 57,136

James Gilbride was born at Tullynasharragh County Leitrim on 4th January 1875 and was the son of farmer James Gilbride and Mary McGourty. He joined the RIC on 2nd September 1895, however was declared unfit by the surgeon and was re-admitted on 15th October 1895. James had been recommended by District Inspector Oswald Bayly Maffett.

Gilbride was sent to County Antrim from 3rd April 1896 and was stationed at Ballymoney. On 28th August 1896 he received an award from Humane Society and again on 16th December 1899. In 1901 James was recorded as living at the barracks on Charlotte Street in Ballymoney.

In March 1904 a question was asked in the House of Commons in respect of religious opinions of policemen. The Chief Secretary for Ireland was asked whether he was aware that Constable Gilbride stationed at Ballymoney distributed to Protestant members Roman Catholic emblems and literature. He was also asked if he was aware that following the sudden death of Head Constable Moffett at Ballymoney Gilbride had broken open Moffett's private box and extracted similar literature which was addressed to Moffett from a Sergeant based in Tyrone. The Chief Secretary was asked what action he intended to take to prevent interference with the religious opinions of policemen. Mr Wyndham replied that in 1901 prior to Moffett's death Gilbride had entered into correspondence with the Head Constable who was not Catholic. On Moffett's death Gilbride removed and destroyed the correspondence and at the time the Inspector General expressed disapproval. He stated there as no foundation for the statement in question.

James appears to have been moved around the time the question was asked as he is recorded as dying at Cushendall on 22nd August 1905. James died of enteric fever and heart failure. His death was witnessed by Sergeant Patrick Brannigan. His remains were conveyed for interment at Killarga County Leitrim. On arrival at Manorhamilton all the available members of the RIC from the surrounding districts and a number of relatives and friends accompanied the remains for burial.

Died 22/08/1905 enteric fever & heart failure at Cushendall.

Constable John McGreevey 43,499

John McGreevey was born in County Down 1856 and was the son of farmer John McGreevy. He joined the RIC on 6th February 1878 having been recommended by Head Constable Gallagher. From contemporary newspaper reports there was a Head Constable Gallagher stationed at Downpatrick at this time.

After the depot John served in Donegal from 31st December 1878. While stationed at Rosnakill he married Ellen Kerr daughter of farmer Bryan Kerr on 28th January 1886. John was then transferred to Tyrone on 20th June 1886. John and Ellen had a daughter Mary Kathleen born in the Cookstown area around 1887.

While in Tyrone John received an award on 3rd June 1889. He was then transferred to Cavan 9th September 1890 and then Antrim 10th April 1891. On 20th July 1892 while stationed at Greencastle County Antrim a daughter Isabella was born. The next three children were then born at Portglenone, Bridget Christina born 31st December 1893, Ellen Agatha born 3rd February 1896 and Julia born 30th May 1897.

The next child Norah Teresa was born at Charlotte Street, Ballymoney 24th March 1899. It is possible that John's move to Ballymoney came as a result of a punishment received 1st August 1898, however there is no available supporting information.

By the time of the 1901 census John and family were at Cloughmills where son John Bernard was born 27th April 1903. John and Ellen's next child Genevieve was born at 67 Argyle Street Londonderry 23rd May 1906, however John was still stationed in County Antrim. He was pensioned however on 2nd November 1906 and claimed his pension at Londonderry.

The family were in the same house at the time of the 1911 census. John died of heart failure 17th September 1921 at 37 Argyle Street.

The following advertisement in different newspapers was run between 1909 and 1910 and on the balance of probabilities refers to John. The following was from the *Coleraine Chronicle*:

DANGEROUS NEGLECT IN COLERAINE.

There are many in Coleraine who do not realise how serious it is to neglect pains in the loins and back, urinary disorders, gravel, puffiness in the ankles and under the eyes, and rheumatic twinges. These and other unmistakable symptoms of kidney and bladder trouble are due to the kidneys failing to filter urinous poisons out of the blood. That is why kidney trouble is so serious, and why it so often ends fatally. An encouraging Londonderry cure is given here.

Mr. J. McGreevy, of 65, Argyle Street, Londonderry, says:—"For some months I was troubled by a weakness in the small of the back. I was never laid up with it, but it worried me a great deal. There was also a pain in the hip, and my knees were swollen. This swelling was accompanied by a dull pain.

"After I had been troubled in this way for some months I gave Doan's backache kidney pills a trial. They gradually restored me to my usual good health, and in the end quite cured me. You are quite welcome to use my name for Doan's backache kidney pills, as they are a genuine medicine. (Signed), J. McGreevy."

Doan's backache kidney pills are two shillings and ninepence per box, or six boxes for thirteen shillings and ninepence. Of all chemists and stores, or post free direct from the Foster-McClellan Co., 8, Wells Street, Oxford Street, London, W. Be sure you get the same kind of pills as Mr. McGreevy had.

1901

Just after census

05/04/1901 – 01/10/1901 Head Constable John Lockhart 40,103

John Lockhart was born in County Sligo 1857 and was the son of James Lockhart who was a land steward. He joined the constabulary 9th February 1874 having been recommended by Sub Inspector James Roe who had been stationed at Swanlinbar.

Initially he served in Belfast from 27th July 1877. John was noted in May 1878 operating in north Belfast, possibly around Antrim Road area. In July 1880 it was reported that John had been admitted to the Royal Hospital with a severe scalp wound which he received when he was struck by a stone when he was arresting a woman. On 6th September 1883 John married Maggie Montgomery Magill from Belfast at Eglinton Street Presbyterian Church. Maggie was the daughter of Hugh Magill a linen draper. The witnesses were Frederick Magill and Ellen Montgomery Magill.

In November 1883 a newspaper court report referred to Detective Constable John Lockhart of the Belfast Police Office. There are references to a Detective Constable Lockhart in Belfast as early as June 1883. On 10th December 1883 John was then transferred to County Armagh. John was noted as serving in Lurgan having been promoted to Acting Sergeant 1st September 1885 and then Sergeant 1st December 1887. He was linked to the Queen Street Barracks in 1897 and 1898.

John was promoted to Head Constable 24th October 1900 and was moved to Delvin, Westmeath 10th November 1900. John's promotion was mentioned at Lurgan petty sessions and congratulations were expressed as well as praise for his efficiency and intelligence. His stay in Delvin was short as he was transferred to Ballymoney from 5th April 1901 and narrowly missed inclusion in their census. His posting to the town was as replacement for the late John Moffett who had died two months earlier.

John was only Head Constable at Ballymoney for short period prior to retirement. In September 1901 he was elected as Clerk of Petty Sessions and commissioner of oaths for Bushmills and Portrush area following the death of Mr D Doherty. He was then pensioned from 1st October.

The Lockharts lived at Bayview House in Portballintrae. John died 13th March 1908 at his home address, leaving his widow and five children. By 1911 the family were living at Orient Gardens Belfast.

Son John T Lockhart worked for the Belfast Bank from 1907. He later became the manager of the Derry branch of the Belfast Bank. In 1945 received an MBE and was recorded as living in Belfast and no longer employed by the bank. Prior to being the bank manager in Londonderry he spent many years managing the Ballymena branch and had been involved locally as the hon treasurer of the Ballymena Musical Festival Association and one of the founders of the Ballymena Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society. He was also closely involved with Ballymena Bowling Club in the early 1930's. John had retired in 1944 due to ill health and by 1948 was living at 555 Upper Newtownards Road Belfast. His son Timothy Kingston Lockhart was victim of an accident at the Belfast Municipal College of Technology. John died December 1961 at his home at Carolhill Park Belfast. His mother Maggie died at his home on Upper Newtownards Road 21st December 1947 aged 89.

Son Frederick James Lockhart worked as a flax buyer and was the head of family. He worked for the York Street Flax Spinning Co. Frederick died 28th February 1924. His addresses were given as Park Hill Middlesex, Ontario, Canada and Parkhill, Old Cavehill Road Belfast. His widow was Emily Entwistle,

daughter of teacher Robert Entwistle, whom Frederick married 12th April 1911. Emily was a clerk in a spinning mill according to the 1911 census and was living on Eia Street off the Antrim Road.

Daughter Ellie Lockhart worked as a secretary at a Furnishers Office. On 24th June 1913 Ellie/Ellen married Robert William Sloan, a commission merchant of Glenavon, Connsbrook Ave, Belfast.

Daughter Joannna was a book keeper for a drapery firm.

1901 Census Return

Barrack Return

Sergeant Isaac Gilleland 52,212

Isaac Gilleland was born at Arclintagh Co Monaghan on 21st May 1867 and was the son of farmer Joseph Gilleland and Margaret Hamilton. He joined the RIC 15th October 1886. Following training Isaac was sent to Tipperary NR from 27th February 1887 where he was promoted to Acting Sergeant from 1st March 1896. He then was moved to the Reserve from 1st December 1896.

On 1st June 1898 Isaac was promoted to sergeant and moved to County Antrim on 22nd October 1898. Isaac was stationed in Ballymoney from at least August 1899. On 21st October 1907 Isaac was promoted to Head Constable and sent to the Depot where he remained until 9th November 1911 when he was transferred to Roscommon according to his service record, however he had died on 5th August 1911 at Steeven's Hospital Dublin of neurosis of the heart. It was noted that he had been in Roscommon on temporary duty. His remains were met at the train station by District Inspector Gilber N Potter.

Constable James Gilbride 57,136 (as above)

Constable John McCaffrey 42,039

John McCaffrey was born in County Fermanagh around 1854. He joined on 18th March 1876 having been recommended by Sub Inspector John Henry levers 34,576 and was posted to County Antrim on 30th September 1876. A constable McCaffrey is noted in Ballymoney from around 1881. Transferred to Bushmills in November 1881. Notably levers resigned from RIC due to ill health, moved to Australia and applied to join the Melbourne police.

John was pensioned on 7th June 1903 and claimed at Kesh. He was noted in the 1911 census at Drumgowna East, Tirmacspird.

Constable William Love 49,442

William Love was born in County Londonderry 1860 and was the son of carpenter Matthew Love. It is likely that he was from the Limavady area as in 1901 there was a Matthew Love living at Drumrommer, Keady, east of the town. William joined the RIC 14th June 1882 having been recommended by Sub Inspector (later County Inspector) George Henry Walk Dobbyn who was stationed in Limavady at the time.

Following training William was stationed in County Dublin from 21st October 1882 then moved to County Antrim on 1st September 1885. William was noted as working in Ballymoney from newspaper court reports from 1887.

On 16th November 1901 William married Helen Murdoch of Seymour Street in Ballymoney. Helen was the daughter of insurance agent John Murdoch. John Murdoch was the assistant superintendent of Prudential Insurance Company based in Ballymoney. The family had originally come from Ayrshire in Scotland.

John Murdoch was involved in fraud case in 1907 along with John McIntyre and Daniel Boyle where they had defrauded the company. The charge was that Murdoch and McIntyre in 1905 and 1906 did unlawfully conspire with one Daniel Boyle by forgery, fraud and false pretences to defraud the Prudential Assurance Co., Ltd., by means whereof they did obtain the sums of £11 6s, £18 18s, and £2 8s, the moneys of the said company. The charge was brought by Constable Abel Richey (see below). The case was heard at the Crumlin Road Court in March 1907 and all pled guilty. Boyle was sentenced to nine months imprisonment with hard labour, Murdoch to two calendar months with hard labour and McIntyre to four. In 1911 John Murdoch was a weighmaster living on Rosebury Road Belfast.

William Love was not stationed in Ballymoney during the fraud or the subsequent court case as he was transferred to Donegal 2nd August 1903. He had previously been promoted to Acting Sergeant on 1st September 1902 and it was noted at the time of his departure that it would have been normal practice for him to have been transferred after his marriage, however his retention in Ballymoney had been a special favour from the authorities and a mark of the confidence in his abilities and that his long residence in the town meant he was better suited than a stranger. It appears that William was then sent to Dungloe.

William was promoted to sergeant 1st October 1905. In January 1909 William ran for position of Clerk of Petty Session for Malin while stationed at Moville. Testimonials were read from County Inspector Morrell of Letterkenny, District Inspector Marks of Moville, Captain Cochrane Royal Navy, Rev Thomas Benson rector of Ballymoney and Rev EH Nunns rector of Moville. It was stated that William had twenty six years and seven months service and had never had a single unfavourable record. He was described as reliable, temperate and perfectly trustworthy. William ended up drawing with another candidate John McLaughlin but due McLaughlin being the son of a local councillor it appears that local politics swayed the decision. William handed in a letter of protest. He was then transferred later in the year to Raphoe.

William remained in Raphoe until he was pensioned 7th August 1920 and claimed pension his pension there initially. In the 1922-23 pension record his address was 9 Aberfoyle Terrace, Strand, Londonderry. By 1932 he was living at Deanery Fold, Bishop Street, Londonderry. William died on 4th August 1949.

Constable Henry Sharpe 55,950

Henry was born in the Rathdrum district of County Wicklow in 1872. He joined the police 8th July 1893 having been recommended by District Inspector William George Williamson (served six years as Adjutant at the Depot). Henry served in Queen's County from 2nd August 1894, Antrim from 10th July 1896 and was sent to Westmeath on 7th June 1901.

Henry sadly died aged 29 on 17th October 1901 of an abscess in brain at Bonnevalley Athlone. His service record states "ear trouble." Henry's body brought to Fardrum barracks in the charge of Sergeant Thomas Stephenson 43,131.

Constable Philip Smith 59,304

Philip Smith was born at Moher County Cavan on 17th December 1879 the son of farmer Charles Smith and Catherine Reilly. He joined the RIC on 23rd January 1900, recommended by District Inspector Smyth.

Philip served initially in County Antrim from 9th June 1900. He was then moved to County Leitrim from 28th September 1901. While there he married 20/10/1914 to Sarah Marley at Tubbercurry Co Sligo on 20th October 1914. Sarah was a milliner and the daughter of shop keeper John Marley. At the time Philip was stationed at Carrigallen.

Philip was then moved to County Londonderry from the first day of 1915. He served at Lecky Road and finished his service at Bishop Street barracks at disbandment 25th May 1922.01/01/1915. His address at the time was 21 Laburnum Terrace Londonderry. Smiths were noted at the address in the local press in 1925 with Lily and Rosanna winning school prizes in December of that year.

Constable John Leddy 54,623

John Leddy was born Corcanadas in County Cavan 23rd August 1868 son of farmer Daniel Leddy and Catherine. He joined 15th November 1890 having been recommended by District Inspector Davies. Initially he was sent to County Antrim from 14th August 1891

John was posted to Armoy and went temporarily to Ballycastle in 1895. In 1896 he was transferred to Knocknacarry just outside of Cushendun. In 1898 and 1900 John was noted as being stationed in Dervock and the following year he was in Ballymoney. While in Antrim he was promoted to Acting Sergeant on 1st December 1909. He served at this rank in Ballymena. He was then moved to County Donegal 1st April 1910 and was noted as being at Ardara at the start of 1911. On 1st February 1911 John was promoted to Sergeant and remained at Ardara. He later transferred to Dungloe and finally Annagry/Anagaire.

He was pensioned on the first day of 1921 and claimed his pension at Swanlinbar. In 1922 his address had changed to 5 St Paul's Square Liverpool near to Princes Dock.

Constable John Molloy 47,565

John Molloy was born Kings County around 1858 son of farmer John Molloy. He joined the police on 10th August 1881 having previously been a painter. He was recommended by Sub Inspector Henry Augustine Allen.

John first served in Monaghan from Christmas Eve 1881 until he was moved to Belfast 6th December 1887.

On 1st October 1888 he was transferred to County Antrim. John was noted as serving in Ballymena in 1890. John was recorded in the *Ballymena Observer* as having served between 1892 and 1898 at Harryville barracks in Ballymena and also at Cullybackey. He requested a moved at this time to Dervock. In 1899 he was appointed Inspector of Explosives in the place of Sergeant McBride of Portrush who had retired. Contemporary newspaper reports place John in 1900, 1901 and 1902 at Dervock.

While stationed at Cullybackey on 11th August 1890 John married, at the Methodist Church on the Falls Road in Belfast, Martha Ann Rollins daughter of grocer George Rollins of 25 Berry Street Belfast. John's police record does not record the fact that he was married.

The 1901 census shows John married to Martha from Belfast and son John born. John was born at Cullybackey 13th July 1893.

On 1st June 1905 John was promoted to Acting Sergeant and then at the start of December 1907 he was promoted to Sergeant John was recorded as serving at the Ballyscullion Hut in 1910 and 1911.

In 1911 John's family were living at Regent Street in Belfast. A daughter Elizabeth Kearns Molloy was present. Elizabeth was born 1st July 1891 at Cullybackey.

John was pensioned 21st December 1911 and claimed his pension in Belfast. He died 13th September 1913 at 46 Regent Street Belfast. His employment was recorded as being an insurance inspector.

Ballymoney Town

Charles Street

Francis Joseph Moonan 49,458

Francis Moonan was born in County Armagh in 1856 and was the son of Thomas Moonan railway manager. Francis joined the Royal Irish Constabulary on 17th June 1882 on the recommendation of the Rev J Hamill. This may have been the Rev James Hamill P.P. who helped found the Catholic Club movement. Hamill was based at St Patricks on Donegall Street in Belfast and later St Mary's Whitehouse, Whiteabbey.

Francis was initially sent to County Monaghan 26th November 1882. While stationed at Aughnacrowley He married Mary McDermott 14th October 1890, who was from Killybegs County Donegal and was the daughter of farmer James McDermott. Francis was supposed to transfer to County Donegal on 14th November 1890 however this was cancelled (presumably due to his marriage) and he was sent to County Antrim 4th December 1890.

On 20th August 1892 Francis and Mary had a daughter named Mary Ann who was born at Mullajordan County Monaghan. Francis, according to the birth certificate, was stationed at Rathlin Island (see Sergeant Thomas Morgan as previously mentioned), however by this time he had been transferred to Ballycastle. As previously mentioned in 1893 he was then moved to Martinstown between Ballymena and Cushendall. By the birth of their son Joseph 17th January 1894 Francis was stationed at Ballymena and the family were living at Greenmount Terrace Ballymena. Another son Robert was born in Ballymena in 1896. A newspaper court report of 1897 stated that Francis was stationed at High Street.

Francis was then transferred to Cloughmills where his daughter Winnifred was born on 25th November 1898. In 1900 Francis was mentioned as dealing with cases in the Dunloy area which suggests that he had again been moved. By the time of the 1901 census the family were living at Charles Street in Ballymoney. At this address just after the census was taken another daughter, Gertrude, was born. At this stage Francis was evidently working in Ballymoney.

His stay in Ballymoney was not for long as by 21st January 1903 on the birth certificate of his son Leo Francis it was noted that they were at that time in Bushmills. Francis was to stay in Bushmills for the rest of his service. Three further children were born in Bushmills, Sarah Cecilia born 10th November 1905, Patrick Fintan born 17th February 1909 and Bridget born 11th January 1912. At the time of the 1911 census Francis was recorded as "Frank."

Francis was pensioned 3rd April 1915 and remained in Bushmills. His wife Mary died at Church Street 21st December 1925. On 22nd July 1932 daughter Gertrude died at the house of her sister in Bushmills according to press notice.

Linenhall Street

Sergeant John Phillips 40,452

John Phillips was born in County Sligo around 1855 and was the son of farmer John Phillips. The family had connections in Donegal. John joined on 8th July 1874 having been recommended by Sub Inspector Bartholomew Richard Purdon.

Initially John was sent to serve in Londonderry City from 30th June 1875. The majority of the cases he dealt with which were reported in the local press were drunks and disorderlies in the city centre. On 1st October 188 John was promoted to Acting Sergeant and by the start of February 1885 he was promoted to Sergeant.

There is mention of a Sergeant John Phillips stationed in Magherafelt in 1886 which may have been the same man. However on 26th April 1887 John married Elizabeth Fallon daughter of farmer James Fallon at St Eugene's Cathedral in Derry. Elizabeth was the housekeeper at the cathedral. Due to the union John was transferred to Belfast 5th July 1887. In 1888 John was noted as dealing with a domestic assault at Cultra Street meaning he was probably stationed around the York Road/North Queen Street area.

On 14th December 1892 John was transferred to County Antrim and became the sergeant in charge of Dervock. By 1897 John was stationed Carrickfergus. In 1897 he as an Inspector under the Food and Drugs Act and the following year was made an explosives inspector. He was noted as being in Carrickfergus in 1900 but by the time of the 1901 census he was living at Linenhall Street in Ballymoney.

John was pensioned on 8th March 1902 and initially claimed in Londonderry. He then appears to have moved around as by 1904 he was claiming from the Pay Office and by October he was in Liverpool. At the start of 1905 John claimed in London before returning to Belfast by May 1905 where he remained. At the time of the 1911 census John was a boarder in a house in Spamount Street Belfast. Spamount was probably within the area he had been working when he was stationed in Belfast. His wife's location is unknown.

Charlotte Street

Constable John James Park 51,135

John Park (sometimes recorded as Parke) was born 22nd December 1866 at Ballyhagan, Boveva, Dungiven. His father was labourer John Park and mother Elizabeth Hunter. John joined the RIC 23rd January 1884 having been recommended by District Inspector Henry Allbutt, Two years later Allbutt resigned to take up his appointment as Deputy Chief Constable of Liverpool and subsequently Chief Constable for Bristol 1894-1906.

John was sent to serve in County Londonderry from 21st July 1884. He was then transferred to the Reserve in Donegal from 20th February 1889. Two months later he received a punishment. On 25th July 1889 a case recorded that John was based at Drumnatinny, near Falcarragh. In April 1890 John was noted in court records as operating in the Falcarragh area which would indicate that he may have been in the area doing protection duties on the Olphert estate. By 21st November 1890 John was stationed in County Donegal full time. In December 1890 John was listed as a witness in a

domestic murder which occurred at Kildrum in the Dunfanaghy district, however as he was also mentioned in 1891 as being at Falcarragh it is likely he stayed there throughout.

On 20th March 1895 John transferred back to County Londonderry where he was noted as serving in the city in 1898. While in Londonderry he received three further punishments 14th September 1895, 3rd December 1896 and 11th December 1899. He was then transferred to Belfast on 13th December 1899.

Earlier that year on 17th August John married Matilda T Douglas of 91 Spencer Road in Londonderry. They married at the Methodist church on Clooney Terrace. At that time John was stationed at Victoria barracks on Strand Road. Matilda was the daughter of farmer David Douglas and was originally from County Tyrone.

While in Belfast John received another punishment on 18th May 1900. Shortly after on 1st June 1900 John was transferred to County Antrim. It is likely that John was sent straight to Ballymoney as a case of his was heard in court in the town in September dating from 17th August.

In Ballymoney John received another punishment 15th November 1906. However it is unfair to concentrate on his punishments and he was twice awarded, 19th June 1891 and 7th October 1903. He was also made Inspector under the Food and Drugs Act around 1909.

John lived at 31 Charlotte Street and then from 1904 until 1912 23 Charlotte Street according to the Valuation records. He was pensioned 1st February 1911 and by the time of the census was living at a house on University Avenue Belfast. John and Matilda subsequently moved to Birmingham by 1915

Constable William McMackin 53,243

William McMackin was born 19th June 1866 in the Drumquin area of County Tyrone. His father was a farmer named John. William joined 24th July 1888 on the recommendation of District Inspector Charles Dwyer. Dwyer was stationed at Newtown Stewart between 1st January 1885 and 15th June 1893. He had risen through the ranks.

McMackin was sent to serve in County Donegal from 10th February 1889. On 16th February 1895 William was transferred to County Antrim. He then married Annie O'Neill the daughter of farmer Edward O'Neill on 17th August 1895. William was stationed at Ballycastle at the time of the marriage. They married at St Mary's Dregish, Ardstraw County Tyrone.

William and Annie had a son John Edward who was born 6th March 1897 at Ann Street Ballycastle. He remained in Ballycastle until around the end of 1897 when he was noted as serving in Ballymoney. A son Patrick was born at Charlotte Street Ballymoney 15th October 1899. On 14th September 1901 a further son Michael was also born at Charlotte Street. However by the birth of James Columbia McMackin 8th July 1903 the family were living at Knocknacarry, Cushendun. The Valuation records state that between 1901 and 1903 William was living at 58 Charlotte Street which was previously the home of Sergeant Hugh Loughran.

In September 1907 was transferred from Cushendun to Lisburn. It was noted at the local petty sessions prior to his transfer that he was an efficient officer and performed his duty in an impartial manner. William was promoted to Acting Sergeant on 1st September 1908. He was then transferred to County Donegal again from 15th April 1909. In Donegal he was promoted to sergeant 1st September 1910 and was the sergeant in charge at Glencolumbkille until the end of his service on 15th May 1919. William's pension was claimed at Belfast initially then Omagh by 1922.

William died 5th January 1949 at Beechmount Hospital Falls Road Belfast. His effects went to farmer James O'Neill who may have been a relation of Annie's.

Constable Francis Maguire 51,066

Francis Maguire was born early in 1863 in County Fermanagh, he was the son of farmer Andrew Maguire. He joined on 27th November 1883 having been recommended by District Inspector Barry.

Initially Francis served in County Cavan from 4th December 1885. He then transferred to Tyrone 1st February 1890 and then County Antrim 14th November 1891. It is likely that Francis went straight to Ballymoney as on 23rd February 1893 he married Anne Hackett at St Mary's Clogher and at the time it was noted that he was stationed at Ballymoney. Anne was the daughter of merchant James Hackett.

Francis and Anne had a daughter Annie Catherine who was born at Charlotte Street on 14th December 1894. The Valuation records show this to be 58 Charlotte Street. A son John was born at Charlotte Street 6th June 1897 then Frederick 28th July 1900. Valuation records then have the family at 56 Charlotte Street until 1909 with two further police Mulloy and McLernon living there subsequently.

Francis was then pensioned from 18th December 1908 and claimed first at Aughnacloy. He subsequently claimed at Ballyshannon from 1st March 1909 and in 1911 was noted as working as a coal agent in Bundoran County Donegal.

Town Parks

District Inspector Frederick Crawford Vincent Ireland (as above)

Outside of census

01/11/1901 – 08/06/1908 - Head Constable John Edward Somers 41,680

John Somers was born in County Cavan around 1858. He joined 8th November 1875 having been a shoemaker. John was recommended by Sub Inspector Lawlor. He initially served County Antrim from 30th June 1876, then Donegal from 29th December 1880, Belfast 10th October 1882 and King's County 1st February 1883.

While in King's he was promoted to Acting Sergeant 1st March 1885 and then Sergeant 1st October 1886. In February 1900 he was noted in a court case as being based at Clara. The following month he was promoted to Head Constable and transferred to Rathfriland County Down from 10th March 1900.

At the time of 1901 census John was listed at the barracks at Downpatrick Street Rathfriland. His stay there was short and he was transferred to County Antrim from 1st November 1901. The reason for his transfer was the closure of Rathfriland as a district headquarters. This closure also saw the transfer of District Inspector Frank O'Neill, both transfers were lamented at the local petty sessions.

It is not clear when John came to Ballymoney, however the earliest mention in the press is in May 1902 when John was present when Assistant Inspector General S.A. Waters came to Ballymoney to inspect the men of the district. John assisted District Inspector Leatham in presenting the men in drill and being tested on acts of parliament. After finishing his inspection at Ballymoney, Waters visited the stations at Armoy, Mosside, and Dervock on bicycle accompanied by Constable William Love.

In December of the same year John brought Rose Ann McClean of Meeting House Street to court for keeping a brothel. McClean was considerably under the influence of drink on her appearance and during John's evidence kept up a continual interruption. She was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

In May 1908 John was one of six applicants for the position of Master of Ballymoney Workhouse. The others were William John Paul of Maghera, William Carson of Coleraine, Hugh Dunlop of Ballybrakes, George Nicholl of Garvagh, and William Cresham of Carrickfergus. John received the second highest number of votes but was beaten by Hugh Dunlop. He was then pensioned on 8th June 1908. He claimed his pension at Ballymoney from 18th December 1908 having initially claimed at Lisburn.

In September 1910 at the Revision Sessions for voters it was noted that John had lived at Carnbann House, near Portrush since 1st September 1908. This was the home of Matthew Cameron. John had the exclusive use of a sitting room and a bedroom. Matthew was a farmer in the Ballywillan area.

John died 29th December 1911 at the Adelaide Hospital Dublin. His address was given as Portrush and was listed as being a bachelor. However on his police pension record the pension was paid to widow Elizabeth Somers, there is no record of any marriage.

1902

01/04/1902-01/05/1903 – District Inspector William Stanley Balfour Leatham 58,446

William Leatham was born 29th December 1879 at Irish Street Downpatrick. He was the son of Sub Inspector (later Commissioner of Police for Belfast 1901-1906) Charles Western Leatham and Charlotte Isabella Balfour. He completed the exam for RIC cadetship 16th August 1898, and joined as cadet 5th September 1898.

His first posting was to Wicklow 13th April 1899, then Rathmullan Donegal 1st June 1899. At the time of the 1901 census he was still living at Rathmullan. A visitor at the house is Marion Leatham from. Marion was the second wife of Charles who. Marion was William's step-mother as Charles had married again in 1892. Marion was the daughter of Rev George Shaw of Belfast.

William was posted to Ballymoney from 1st April 1902 until he was repositioned to the RIC Depot No 3 Company from 1st May 1903 where he worked as a Musketry Inspector. He remained there until 1st November 1906 when he was transferred to Loughrea Galway. The following year he was moved with the County to Athenry Galway on 15th May 1907. William joined the Reserve 15th June 1910. On 14th March 1915 he was posted to Portumna Galway .

On 1st February 1916 William joined the 6th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles and served as GSO Intelligence Branch Northern Irish District during the war period. William was given the rank of Major and during the 1916 rising was present in Dublin where he was severely wounded in the thigh and invalided out of active service, presumably to the Intelligence branch. On 6th July 1916 he married Cecilia Gibson Heard daughter of County Inspector George B Heard. George was later to become Commandant of the Depot. William's address at the time was given as 33 Upper Fitzwilliam Street Dublin. On 22nd February 1919 William left the military but retained his rank.

He rejoined the RIC and was posted to County Meath 14th June 1919. However he was appointed as a magistrate in Sligo 29th March 1920 where he lasted a year and retired due to his injury from the rising. He retired to Portrush where he took a keen interest in the Royal Portrush Golf Club and was also a member of Portrush council. Lived at Orkney Lodge Portrush..

William died 6th November 1933 at Hopefield Cottage Portrush. He left a widow and 4 children, 3 girls and a boy. His father Charles had died in July of the same year. In March 1939 Cecilia married William's cousin William Stanley Leatham who was the manager of the Provincial Bank of Ireland Belfast.

Constable William John McNabb 56,748

William McNabb was born Muff County Donegal 18th September 1872 and was the son of Sub Constable John McNabb and Isabella Stretton. His birth certificate records him being John William. He joined 15th November 1894 from Londonderry (only being a few miles from Muff) on the recommendation of District Inspector William A O'Connell. O'Connell was later to become Deputy Inspector General.

Initially he served County Mayo from 1st June 1895 where he received an unfavourable record 16th February 1898. Two years later he was transferred to County Antrim 18th August 1900. William was noted at Martinstown in April 1901. In October 1902 he was noted as being in Ballymoney, however by January 1903 it was noted that he was being transferred to Portglenone and being replaced by a Constable Grimes of Portglenone. By 1909 William was stationed at Glengormley. On 9th August he married Martha Morrison of Colinwood who was the daughter of Gavin Morrison engineer.

William was then transferred to Louth 15th September 1909 and then Armagh 16th June 1915. He was pensioned 1st January 1921.

His father John McNabb was born County Antrim in 1831. He joined 13th July 1850 recommended by N Lackey JP. He was assigned the number 14,034. He served in Leitrim 20th November 1850, and then Donegal 1st December 1863. His service record states that he resigned in June 1852 however he was pensioned 16th November 1880. During his service he married Isabella Stretton at Carrigallen Leitrim 9th October 1869.

John initially claimed his pension in Buncrana but then moved to Londonderry 5th December 1883. At the time of 1901 census the family were living at Fountain Street Londonderry. John died 21st April 1907 at 68 Fountain Street Londonderry. His son-in-law John Brown, Baker, of 15 Aubery Street was present at the death. John's wife was Matilda, they had married 10th September 1891. John Brown's father was a policeman called John Brown. Brown lived at 45 Fountain street and McNabb's were at 64 Fountain Street.

Constable Hugh Alexander Nesbitt 59,207

Hugh Nesbitt was born County Donegal (connected in Belfast) 1876 and was the son of farmer Alexander Nesbitt. He joined 16th November 1899 having been recommended by District Inspector Fallon who appears to have been in the Glenties/Ardara area at the time.

His first posting was County Antrim from 1st May 1900 and at the time of the 1901 census he was stationed at Connor. The newspapers refer to him at Kells and Connor from 1900 indicating this was his first station. By August 1902 he was prosecuting a man from Stranocum which suggest he may have been in Ballymoney, but by December he is in the town.

Hugh then was posted to the Reserve on 21st June 1906 and then Belfast 1st February 1907. It was noted in the press that Hugh's move from No 1 Company to Belfast was at his own request and expense. On 24th June 1907 he married Tillie Forbes who was the daughter of flesher Joseph Forbes of High Street Ballymoney. Hugh was stationed at Lisburn Road Belfast at the time of the wedding.

At the time of the 1911 census Hugh and his wife were living at Ethel Street off the Lisburn Road Belfast.

Hugh served until disbandment 31st May 1922 and then went on to join the RUC. In July 1926 he was mentioned in a court case giving evidence regarding a collision. At that time he was still stationed at Lisburn Road. He died 4th May 1958 at Ards Hospital. His home address was given as 54 Queen's Parade Bangor and his occupation was given as retired police sergeant.

Sergeant Patrick McGlade 48,428

Patrick McGlade was born in 1863 in County Londonderry and probably from the Magherafelt area. He joined 23rd January 1882 having been recommended by Sub Inspector Edward Henry Winder who was based at Magherafelt from September 1880 until April 1883. Patrick was a shop assistant prior to joining.

Initially Patrick served in what was Kings County from 20th May 1882 and then Kerry from 1st July 1886. In January 1887 he was noted in court records as being stationed at Killorglin. By October he was stationed at Beaufort County Kerry. His service record shows that he was transferred to County Tipperary but the date was not shown. Court records have him in Tipperary from at least 1st June 1891. Patrick received an award for his police work on 8th December 1891 although the service record does not record for what.

While still in Tipperary Patrick was promoted to Acting Sergeant from 1st March 1893, however on 21st April 1893 he was transferred to County Antrim. By November he was serving in Toome on the Antrim/Londonderry County border. He was then promoted to the rank of sergeant on 1st September 1895 and took on the responsibility of being an inspector under the Food Act for Antrim district by March 1896.

In 1899 Patrick was stationed at one of the barracks in Lisburn and by August 1900 he was in Whitehead. Patrick was recorded in the 1901 census at Whitehead station however by September he appears to be working in Larne. While there he received an unfavourable record on 25th June 1902. By October 1902 he was stationed at Ballymoney.

On 4th May 1904 it was reported in the press that Patrick was the captain of the County Antrim RIC Cycling and Athletics Club. Constables Graham and Dunleavy of Ballymoney were members of the committee. Shortly after this Patrick was reduced to Constable on 23rd May. Again the reason is not recorded. He received another punishment 26th April 1906 and was pensioned 15th February 1907. His pension record states that the pension was claimed in Belfast indicating that his service may have ended there. 25th November 1909 he moves his claim from D district to C district. Patrick was claiming his pension in Belfast in 1911 and at the time of the census he was living as a boarder in a house in Carlisle Street, his occupation was "photography traveller." By 14th February 1917 Patrick was claiming his pension in London where he remained beyond 1923.

1903

01/05/1903-15/10/1905 – District Inspector Edward O'Connor

Edward O'Connor was born 1864 in Cambridgeshire. He joined as an officer 30th January 1889. His first posting was Tinahely County Wicklow 21st July 1889 and the following year to Kilbeggan Westmeath 1st August 1890. On 1st January 1893 Edward was moved to Derrygonnelly Fermanagh, the Mohill Leitrim 1st August 1895.

His next station was Aghnacloy Tyrone from 1st February 1896. Just over a month later on 11th March Edward forced open the door of a shop belonging to James Abraham in the town. Abraham subsequently took Edward to court for illegally forcing the door and provoking Abraham to cause him to make a breach of the peace. It is not apparent what the outcome was as the case was adjourned.

Edward was transferred to County Donegal 1st February 1898 and was posted to Buncrana. He was then moved to Ballyshannon in Donegal on 1st September 1901.

On 13th February 1902 Edward was reported to have refused to carry out the order of the magistrates at Ballyshannon petty sessions by refusing to remove certain constables he had placed at the entrance to the magistrates room in the courthouse and also to obey other directions of the court. It was also reported that he had failed to obey orders previously. In addition it was reported that he had been censured at Lifford assizes by Mr Justice Kenny the previous year. It was asked whether it was intended to keep O'Connor in Donegal. These points were all raised at Westminster however the Chief Secretary stated that it was not the fact that Justice Kenny had censured Edward.

May 1903 Edward was moved to Ballymoney. He retired 15th October 1905 due to ill health. It appears that Edward left Ireland as his pension was paid at the Pay Office. It seems that he did not rest on his laurels. It is noted in his obituary that he had graduated from Oxford in 1900 with a degree in Arts which is probably incorrect as he was still serving in Donegal, however he seems to have completed degrees in medicine and surgery in 1913 taking his MD degree in 1920 all at Oxford. It was also stated that he was called to the Bar at Gray's. Other information stated that he took the diploma of public health at Trinity College Dublin in 1914 and a year earlier took the Liverpool diploma in tropical medicine.

In WW1 he was attached to No 16 General Hospital British Expeditionary Force as a temporary captain of the RAMC. This unit were based at Le Treport, Normandy, France from January 1915 until February 1919. In October 1919 it was noted that Edward's pension paid was to power of attorney Thomas William Ridley, manager of London County and Westminster Bank and Parr's Bank Oxford. There had been another person acting as power of attorney in 1915 however the name in the pension record is not clear.

In August 1921 Edward was arrested and brought to court in London for disorderly conduct. He was found by two policemen knocking the door of a public house at 3 a.m. stating that he had walked from Crystal Palace in search of his hotel in the Strand and had got lost. It was stated that when he had reached Southgate, a distance of around 15 miles, he felt tired and knocked on the door. He denied using bad language. The magistrate pointed out that if he had been walking from Crystal Palace to Southgate he would have passed the Strand! Edward was described as a barrister and a M.D.

There was a note on his pension record that he was employed as Assistant Tuberculosis Officer at £506 per annum in October 1922. He seems to have been based at Woolwich Tuberculosis Dispensary, Maxey Road Woolwich. His RIC pension not affected.

In July 1927 Dr Edward O'Connor was found shot dead in a boarding house in Enghien-Les-Bains on the outskirts of Paris. An obituary noted that it was believed that he was connected to the Irish Constabulary. He had lived in Sydenham, however his address in the medical directory was care of Westminster Bank Oxford. He had left his Sydenham home in 1926. His body was discovered by a maid with a revolver lying beside it. It was classed as suicide.

Constable Thomas Henry Sherreitt 55,592

Thomas Sherreitt was born County Leitrim around 1871 and was the son of farmer Aaron Sherreitt. He joined from County Tyrone 16th November 1892. His first posting was to County Tyrone from 12th July 1893, then Belfast from 17th April 1896. Next he was posted to County Down from 1st September 1900 and was recorded in the 1901 census at Dundrum.

On 28th November 1903 Thomas was transferred to Ballymoney County Antrim. The following year on 24th February 1904 Thomas married Maggie Jane McCrea of Wateresk Kilmegan, near Dundrum. The valuation records link Thomas to 11 Charlotte Street from 1905 until 1909 however he was transferred to Belfast 1st October 1904 and may have been renting the property out.

In Belfast Thomas was stationed at Musgrave Street and Mountpottinger. His brother James, service number 47,542, was also stationed at Belfast at that time. Maggie had moved to Belfast by 8th June 1905 when daughter Elizabeth Esther Maria was born at 43 London Street. A second daughter Lydia Ellen Adelia was also born at that address on 20th July 1906 daughter Lydia Ellen Adelia. The next child born was George McCrea who was born 18th July 1907 at 19 Delaware Street Belfast which is not far from London Street. The next son Thomas Henry was born 1st December 1909 also at Delaware Street. Norman Hugh was born at 18 Glendower Street Belfast on 7th June 1914, this was also in the east of the city

Thomas was disbanded 31st May 1922 and in August was living at Maggies' home area Kilmegan Dundrum County Down.

1904

Sergeant Abel Richey 52,191

Abel Richey was born in County Cavan in 1868 according to his service record and was the son of Constable Robert Richey according to wedding cert. However his birth certificate shows that he was the son of farmer Robert Richey and Jane Gorman and was born 1st December 1866. There is no satisfactory match for Robert Richey if he was in the Constabulary.

He joined 15th October 1886 having been recommended by Head Constable Wisely. Abel was sent to County Sligo 27th February 1887 and by June 1888 was stationed at Keash/Kesh in the County according to court records. A later newspaper article linked him to Mullaghrow.

On 21st November 1890 Abel was transferred to the Reserve in Belfast. By 21st May 1894 he was permanently transferred to Belfast and was barracked at Mountpottinger in the east of the city. He was noted as having taken a leading part in the organisation and development of the South East District RIC Swimming Club for which he acted as honorary secretary. In 1903 he was noted as chairing a meeting at Mountpottinger barracks and winning a silver medal.

Abel married 31/10/1895 Maggie Rowntree of Kingscourt County Cavan the daughter of farmer Alexander Rowntree on 31st October 1895. Abel was living at 37 Newry Street off the Castlereagh Road. A witness was John George Howell also from Kingscourt.

On 18th March 1897 Abel and Maggie's first child Robert Alexander Richey was born at 27 Newry Street Belfast. The next child Edmund Abel Richey was born 26th January 1899 at 20 London Road Belfast followed by Margaret Adela Richey born at the same address 19th November 1900. A further daughter Ethel Jane Richey was born at that address 16th April 1904.

On 1st October 1904 Abel was transferred to County Antrim and probably Ballymoney. He left Belfast due to considerations for his health. The family had moved to Charlotte Street by 28th September 1905 here son William Rowntree Richey was born 28th September 1905.

On 1st July 1907 Abel was promoted to Acting Sergeant in Ballymoney. At the beginning of the following year son Gerald Gorman Richey was born in Ballymoney. At the start of December 1908 Abel was promoted to sergeant and by the following February, if not sooner, was transferred to Bushmills.

On 15th March 1911 Abel was transferred back to Ballymoney after two years in Bushmills. The 1911 census places the family at Henry Street Ballymoney and the Valuation records link them to 21 Henry Street Ballymoney in 1912 and 1913.

In October 1912 sons Robert and Edmund passed the preliminary examination for the Pharmaceutical Society for Ireland. They had been attending the Model School in Ballymoney. However they were not to stay in the town as on 7th January 1913 Abel was pensioned and claimed in Belfast.

On 17th September 1917 son Norman James Richey was born at Sunnymede, Ormiston Crescent, Belfast off the Upper Newtownards Road.

At the end of October 1918 Abel received word to Sunnymede that son Second Lieutenant R.A. Ritchey of the Royal Irish Fusiliers was a prisoner at Restalt, Germany and not as he had been notified 30th September 1918 that he had been killed. It was noted in the press that Robert had formerly been in the services of Messrs Davidson & Murray PH.C Mountpottinger. He was repatriated to Belfast by December 1918.



Second Lieutenant Robert Alexander Richey

Robert Richey later joined the RIC 8th March 1920 and was given the registered number 70,616. His record did not state that he was a temporary constable. He served Wicklow 24th March 1920 (18 days after joining), and Sub Depot (possibly Richmond Barracks) 9th November 1920. However he later went to Tyrone. His record notes that he had been a chemist's assistant. He was recommended by Head Constable Dancy. Robert was disbanded in County Tyrone 31st May 1922 and transferred to the RUC the next day and was noted as serving in Dungannon. He was still there in 1928 and was awarded a favourable record in 1929 for detections relating to a series of thefts from gas meters in the town. He was then transferred to Lisburn in 1929. By 1935 Robert was stationed in Belfast at Cullintree Road barracks and on 1st October 1935 was promoted to Sergeant on the Weights and Measures Staff. In April 1940 Robert was elected as an elder of Great Victoria Street Presbyterian Church.

During the Second World War Robert was a Captain in the Royal Irish Fusiliers and was later a president of the Old Comrades Association by 1948. He was noted on St Patrick's Day 1945 addressing the troops at Victoria Barracks Belfast where he said that all Irish regiments would be honouring St Patricks and declared the day a holiday for the troops. Given his age it is likely that he did not leave Ireland and he probably saw service due to First World War service. Robert was deeply involved in the Christian Aid movement and Mission work. His address for many years was 94 Stranmillis Road Belfast. In March 1963 after working as Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures at the Ministry of Commerce he was awarded an M.B.E. Robert died 14th November 1974 at 19 Empire Avenue, Dungannon. He was buried at Coolhill Cemetery.

Abel died 3rd October 1939 at his Purdysburn mental hospital. He was buried at Gilnahirk Churchyard. Abel was a member of in the Victoria Temperance Masonic 208 (P.M., W.Br, P.P.G.I.G. He had been a member from at least 1902. Probate to Edmund A Richey pharmaceutical chemist and Ethel J Rea. Ethel was married to William D Rea. On 20th August 1946 his wife Maggie Richey died at their home "Rivene" 47 Kensington Road Belfast. She was buried at Gilnahirk Churchyard.

In 1929 son Edmund has premises at 363 Newtownards Road Belfast. He died 17th June 1950 at 82 Upper Newtownards Road Belfast. Edmund has been a former President of the Ulster Chemists

Association and a leading member of the profession in Belfast. In an article pertaining to his funeral his brother Robert was described as "Captain". It was noted that Edmund had served his apprenticeship with Mr Horatio Todd M.P.S. J.P. in Belfast and had experience in Holywood, Lisburn and Carrickfergus before starting his own business in 1924. Edmund had made a study of electricity as applied to medicine and qualified as a masseur and electro-therapist from the Swedish Massage and Electrical Institute. Edmund had also been a Mason and was a member of the Galen Mason Lodge No 437. He had been married to Harriet.

Gerald G Richey was noted as being in 1944 the manager of the College Building Works on College Street Belfast.

William Richey died 4th December 1955 at 23 Circular Road, Strandtown, Belfast. He was noted as being a clerk of works and married to Mary Jane.

Sergeant James McElhill 53,480

James McElhill was born at Cavancaw Omagh County Tyrone 25th October 1867. He was the son of carpenter Charles McElhill and Anne McGoldrick. He joined the RIC 23rd November 1888 on the recommendation of District Inspector Oliver Anselim Tibeaud Mason who was stationed at Strabane from 1886.

He first served County Limerick 2th July 1889 and the County Monaghan from 1st September 1896. He was first stationed at then in 1898 Monaghan town. He was promoted to Acting Sergeant at Monaghan 1st March 1903 but then moved to Tydavnet.

James was transferred to County Antrim 1st October 1904 and appears to have been posted to Ballymoney. By May 1906 James was in Dervock . On 1st June 1906 James was promoted to Sergeant and remained in Dervock. By April 1907 James was posted to Antrim town where he remained until 1917. He then returned to Ballymoney by January 1918 and remained there until he was promoted to Head Constable 19th June 1920 and was subsequently transferred to the Reserve at the Curragh 1st July 1920.

On 1st November 1920 James was transferred to Kilbeggan Westmeath. On 12th June 1921 James had been travelling with some other police to 8 o'clock mass at St James' church. They were fired at by a number of men who decamped. James was hit in six places including the chest, leg and back of head. He lived on for one to two hours.

1905

Constable James Freeborn 56,719

James Freeborn was born Drimmeny Middle, Laghy County Donegal 6th March 1875 and was the son of farmer Richard Freeborn and Lizzie Kerrigan. He joined the RIC 15th October 1894, recommended by Head Constable Woods who appears to have been stationed in Londonderry at the time.

He served in County Roscommon 17th May 1895, then County Monaghan from 1st September 1896, and then Belfast 18th May 1898. He joined the Reserve No 4 Company at Depot 9th December 1899. However his stay there was not long as he received an unfavourable record 2nd April 1900 and was transferred to Meath from 10th April. He was stationed at Dunshaughlin until 7th February 1902 when he was moved to Harryville barracks, Ballymena.

Constable James Freeborn of Dunshaughlin County Meath, has been transferred to the Harryville Station. Constable Freeborn comes to this County with an excellent record. He has also had the distinguished privilege of attending on her late Majesty Queen Victoria whilst in Ireland, for which he has been decorated with the Queen's medal. The "Constabulary Gazette" of a recent issue had the following – "Transfer of Constable James Freeborn. This highly popular constable has been transferred from Dunshaughlin, County Meath to County Antrim, dating from 6th inst., in exchange with Constable Horan. By the transfer of Mr Freeborn the Meath RIC C.C. loses one of its most energetic and popular members, an all-round sportsman and his authorities in County Meath as well as his comrades just regard him as a highly efficient and courteous policeman. On the eve of his departure from Dunshaughlin he was entertained by his comrades and friends to a farewell supper as a mark of the esteem in which he was held. Their last wishes were – 'Good bye James; the best wishes of your late comrades in Royal Meath and wishing you every future prosperity.'

In August 1903 James was noted as being stationed at Rasharkin. On 21st April 1904 he married Margaret (Maggie) Jane Robinson daughter of blacksmith Thomas Robinson of Main Street Donegal. They married at the Church of Ireland in Donegal Town. James was stationed at Rasharkin. James was at some point moved to Moss side barracks but on 31st May 1905 was transferred to Ballymoney as the station had been shut down. He had been at Moss side since at least 9th May 1905 as his daughter Rosetta May Freeborn was born in the village.

The next child Elizabeth Jane Freeborn was born 24th July 1907 at Glynnview Avenue, Larne where James had been moved. The following year on 27th December 1908 a further daughter Annabella Freeborn was born however by this time they were living at Bay Road in Larne. A son Thomas was born 1st February 1911 at Adelaide Terrace and by the time of the census two months later they were living at Portland Road. The family seem to have moved again by 2nd June 1912 when son James Alexander Freeborn was born at Church Terrace.

James was transferred to Belfast from 1st June 1913, however daughter Martha Margaret Freeborn was born 24th July 1913 at Back Road Larne. The family then followed James to the city as the next daughter Margaret Ruth Freeborn was born at 27 Cheviot Street in Belfast 4th May 1916.

James was promoted to Sergeant 1st July 1918 and was disbanded 31st May 1922. He went on to serve in the RUC and in June 1923 was station Sergeant at Newtownards Road in Belfast. At this time he was injured by a gunshot and the circumstances appear to be that two colleagues had been pursuing a man who had breached a curfew and had shot two shots, one of which appears to have clipped James.

1931 James and Margaret were living at Oakland Avenue Belfast. In December their daughter Elizabeth married Sergeant Albert Harry Kennedy RUC. Albert went on to be the Inspector General of the RUC, gain the King's Police Medal and was knighted. His father had been in RIC and RUC. Elizabeth sadly died in 1941.



Miss Elizabeth Freeborn, daughter of Sergeant Freeborn, R.U.C., and Mrs. Freeborn, Oakland Avenue, Belfast, and Sergeant Albert Henry Kennedy, R.U.C., son of ex-Detective Sergeant J. and Mrs. Kennedy, Glenbrook Avenue, Bloomfield, who were married in St. Donard's Parish Church, Belfast, yesterday.

(Northern Whig Photograph.)

James retired by March 1932 having reached the maximum age of 57. He ended up working as Police Office staff at Chichester Street Belfast.

In 1936 his third Nelson (born Belfast 1919) was awarded one of three certificates awarded annually to boys of the Prince of Wales' Sea Training Hostel, London. The family were living at 'Sharon' Crocknamac Road Portrush. Nelson went on to join the RUC although he could have had a good naval career, and was stationed in Brown Square in 1943. He went on to join the Colonial Police in Malaya as a cadet in 1951 and introduced one way streets to Kuala Lumpur. In 1956 he was appointed traffic chief in Nairobi Kenya and a year later too charge of the troubled Famagusta area of Cyprus as Superintendent. He then was sent to Aden and was then sent to assist in a drugs war in Egypt.



Nelson Freeborn

James Freeborn died 27th October 1942 at 88 Upper Newtownards Road Belfast.

1906

08/01/1906 –Feb 1908 - District Inspector Gilbert Norman Potter 59,414

Gilbert Potter was born 10th July 1878 Dromahair County Leitrim the son of Clergy Man Joseph Potter who was later the Dean of Raphoe. The Potter family moved to Londonderry around 1878 and Joseph was the Canon of Christ Church. He went to school at Foyle College and by 1901 the family were living at Crawford Square on Northland Road.

He joined the RIC as a cadet on 27th January 1900 and was first posted to Castlepollard Westmeath 1st May 1901. His second posting was to Ballymoney on 8th January 1906. A month after arriving Gilbert was prosecuting the first appearance for a murder case along with County Inspector Reeves where Robert Devlin of Ballynaris, Bushmills was alleged to have murdered James Brown, stationmaster at Armoy on 2nd February 1906. By May 1906 he was the honorary secretary of the Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club in Ballymoney.

On 1st February 1908 Gilbert transferred to Charleville County Cork on his own request. However his stay there was not long as on 22nd July 1908 he was moved to the Reserve at RIC Depot. In September 1908 Gilbert was noted as being in charge of Reserve and Band, No 1 Company RIC Depot.

July 1910 Gilbert was in court on an allegation of arranging a fake boxing match. It was stated that Gilbert, as secretary of the RIC All-Ireland Boxing Tournament, which had occurred 23rd June at the Depot, had agreed with Joseph Singleton and Robert Shaw to box with £9 going to the winner and £3 to the loser. Due to time restraints the ten round match was stopped in the second and the referee told them to attend the Depot the next day for payment. The men alleged that the fight was

fake, however it was shown that one of them had lost a tooth showing that there had been physical contact. The case was dismissed.

Gilbert was next linked to No 4 Company Reserve at the Depot. In February 1911 he was in Dundalk on temporary duty, in April 1911 Portadown on temporary duty and then by November 1911 he was noted as being the head of all forms of pastime and amusement with the Reserve men in Wexford. In July 1912 his unit were in Tyrone on temporary duty for the annual parades. He may have returned to Wexford as on 14th August 1912 Gilbert was highly commended without record for good police duty during labour troubles at Wexford.

15th September 1912 Gilbert was moved to Cahir Tipperary NR as District Inspector. On

9th April 1913 Gilbert was married to Miss Lilian Harding daughter of Charles Furlong Harding of Charleville County Cork. A year later on 21st April 1914 daughter Hilda L Potter was born.



On 14th March 1915 daughter Georgina Potter was born at 89 Lower Baggott Street Dublin. Gilbert was serving in Tipperary.

In February 1916 Gilbert was in Clonmel Court facing charge of writing a threatening letter to Lady Ida Massy of Adrfinnan House. The letter was as follows

You are not so clever as you think, winning all your cases at court. You will soon see how you stand. Take care you don't have another shooting at Maddy Lodge when you go up. How is the brandy going? You can tell lies when you like. You should say what is true in court; but why can't you let the people alone, and not be always at them? How is the Hackney man?

We will see him next in court for his money and the man from Canada. The next time he falls off his horse don't say he is hit, and don't make a fool of yourself. You are going to be shot yourself so look out. Is old Bob still on the rum? Some more of your hen's heads are going to be cut off, so look out. Take care the motor does not break down with all the bottles of brandy when off to the next court. Mind you pay for the motor for all the courts. You seem very fond of police. Mind I give you on more chance, your life is in danger.

The letter was signed J or L.D. Lady Massy produced letters written by Gilbert and compared the handwriting as well as a previous threatening letter with the same writing. She alleged that Gilbert had verbally threatened her in the same terms as the letter. A number of witnesses stated that they thought the handwriting was similar however a handwriting expert, Mr Nolan, stated that the handwriting was disguised and as such was dissimilar. The evidence rested solely on the handwriting and left to the "23" eyes of the jury to decide. The case was dismissed in March 1916.

Gilbert was suspended under RIC Code 1217 from 16th February until 8th March 1916 in respect of the case. On 27th February 1916 son Gilbert Charles Potter born 89 Lower Baggott Street Dublin. Father at Apsley House Cahir.

On his service record it was noted that in response to a letter from the Inspector General dated 6th March 1916 that it was the duty of every officer of military age to put their services at the disposal of his country Potter regretted that he could not volunteer for "family reasons." On 25th April 1917 the youngest child Frederick J Potter was born.



Apsley House, Cahir

Gilbert is often solely remembered for being ambushed in his private vehicle and kidnapped by IRA 22nd April 1921. He was executed 27th April 1921 at Clogheen Co Tipperary. At the time he was still stationed at Cahir and the family were living at Apsley House. He was allowed to write a letter to his wife in the morning prior to his execution. His wife then received notice of his death. His body was exhumed from the grave the IRA had dug for him in August 1921 and brought back and re-buried in Cahir.

The following are extracts from correspondence between Gilbert and Lily;

24th April 1921

The officers if the IRA are here today and one of them informed me that they had reported my capture to Dublin, and were awaiting instructions. Meanwhile, he said, I was to be treated well, and given what I require. If there was any way of getting a pair of my boots sent to me and socks, underclothing, razor, etc., I should be more comfortable. The question of proposing an exchange of prisoners has, I understand, being raised by the IRA...Whatever happens, dear Lily, I feel so much that I brought such great unhappiness and distress to you and I pray you may be comforted and be assured there is nothing else on earth I value except you and the children, and home with you anywhere – you first. With my love, your husband, Gilbert.

Any communication between you and me, and through the IRA must be treated as strictly private between you and me alone; otherwise you will hear nothing. Could you send me papers to read, smokes, little money

27th April 1921

He requested IRA sent Lily his notebook and his will adding,

They are, I am sure, humane leaders, who will pity my wife, who is Irish, as I am also.

27th April 1921 letter from IRA HQ Tipperary

To Mrs Potter Cahir

Madam – (1) It is my sad duty to inform you that your husband G Potter was legally executed yesterday. (2) Your husband was charged with and found guilty of waging war against the Republic. (3) We tried to arrange an exchange of prisoners. We offered to release your husband if the British Government would release Volunteer Traynor who was similarly charged. Personally, I don't believe the offer went past Dublin Castle. (4) Traynor was hanged on Monday, the law had therefore to take its course. (5) Your husband was treated with the utmost consideration while a prisoner in our hands."

An extract from his diary 27th April 1921

27th April, 6th day. Slept well, rose 8.30 a.m. tea and egg, 9.15 a.m. About 11 a.m. I was told I was to die this evening...The young men who have been guarding me have been kind all through. Their authorities have made the order, and they are sorry.

Lily received a widow and dependents pension from 6th December 1921. Her address was given as 15 Church Road, Tumbidge Wells. The family had left Ireland soon after the killing. Lily died in 1926 at Broadstairs. Son Gilbert Charles later travelled back to Ireland in 1960's and discussed the kidnapping and execution of his father with IRA man Dan Breen. Gilbert also may have met a descendant of Thomas Traynor who had been executed by the British. For more information see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gilbert_Potter for a concise history.

Sergeant Francis Hughes 47,541



Francis Hughes, known as Frank, was born in County Armagh 1862/1863. He joined the constabulary 8th August 1881 and was recommended by Sub Inspector Edward William Bailey who had previously served in Ballymoney (see above).

Initially Frank served in Kildare from 24th December 1881, then Roscommon from 1st October 1883 and was stationed at Croghan. On 10th March 1885 he was moved to County Antrim and then Down on 1st October 1886. Frank was noted as serving in Donaghadee in 1888 and 1890. While there he received a caution on 21st December 1890.

He was transferred to Belfast 21st March 1891 and was promoted to Acting Sergeant 1st October 1897. Later that month he was transferred to Kilkenny. The following year he joined the Reserve on 1st December and was promoted to Sergeant 1st November 1899. On 24th February 1900 he was "seriously warned" although about what is unrecorded. By August he was in charge of the Sergeant's Mess Bar at the Depot. At the time of the 1901 census he was part of No 3 Company at the Depot.

1st July 1902 Frank was transferred to Belfast and was posted to Roden Street off the Donegall Road. February the following year he was moved to Springfield Road barracks where he was station sergeant. Contemporary newspapers stated that he was there for six years however this was not the case.

On 1st April 1906 Frank transferred to Ballymoney on his own request and had swapped with Acting Sergeant Thomas Hadden (previously of Dervock and Harryville). He was then pensioned 4th November 1906 with the intention of sailing for Canada at the end of the month. He initially claimed his pension at Armagh however from 22nd December he claimed at Liverpool. His intention to sail was not realised as he seems to have remained in Liverpool until at least 1919.

1907

Sergeant Thomas Tresillian 47,765

Thomas Tresillian was born at Patrick Street Waterford City 29th February 1864. His father was William was a clothes broker/dealer in cloth. William was a former constabulary man from County Cork, 11,575, who had joined in 1848. He resigned in April 1855 to join the Land Transport Corps during Crimean War, but was re-attested in October 1856 with service included. He retired in June 1863 and died 9th October 1877. Thomas' mother was Bridget Manly. The family were living at 8 Stephen Street Waterford in 1866.

He joined aged 17 years and 7 months 20th September 1881. Thomas was recommended by Sub Inspector Whelan. He was initially discharged as unfit but rejoined 26th April 1882. His first posting was County Kerry from 30th August 1882, then Kilkenny on 25th May 1886.

Unusually Thomas was posted to his home, Waterford City from 14th September 1888 where he remained until 10th November 1891 when he was posted to County Kildare where he was noted as being stationed at Naas in 1893. The following year on 1st May 1894 Thomas was promoted to Acting Sergeant and was posted to Donegal from the start of June. He was promoted to Sergeant 1st August 1896 and was noted in Buncrana in April 1897.

Thomas was transferred to County Antrim from 25th February 1898 and was stationed at Glenarm. On 26th April 1898 he married Rosina M McShane from Glasgow. The marriage occurred in Glasgow in the parish of St Joseph's. On 12th March 1899 daughter Mary was born at Glenarm. The following year son Anthony Aloysius Tresilian was born 30th April 1900 also at Glenarm.

In May 1900 Thomas was transferred from Glenarm to Dervock. A second daughter Sybil Tresilian was born 8th December 1901 at Dervock. Thomas was then moved to Ballymena in 1903 and by June 1905 was stationed at the High Street barracks. Thomas appears to have been transferred to Antrim within the next year as a son George Brogan Tresilian was born 14th April 1906 at Church Street, Antrim, where Thomas was also resident according to the birth certificate.

By June 1907 Thomas was noted in cases in Ballymoney. In June he applied for the position of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Dervock in place of RIC pensioner Andrew Breakey who had died (see below). Thomas was not successful. Notably Sergeant William Love, formerly of Ballymoney and then of Moville had also applied. In November Thomas was transferred to County Donegal and by the birth of daughter Sidney Howe Rose Tresilian 7th January 1909 was stationed at Moville. At the time of the 1901 census the family were living at Main Street in Moville.

Thomas was pensioned from 25th January 1912 and initially claimed his pension in Glasgow. However he moved to Waterford by 25th May 1918. In February 1919 he was brought to court in Waterford for rates non-payment. At that time his address was given as Patrick Street. The pension records show that his address was 4 St Patrick's Terrace which was then changed to 4 Jail Street and was there still in 1932 as recorded in RIC records.

Constable Harry Neill 62,225

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. 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. However by 26th February 1914 he had moved to High Street barracks in Ballymena. At that time he acted as groomsman to Constable Thomas Montgomery 58,323 of Ballycastle RIC who was the second son of Mr John Montgomery, Carickokielt, Magherafelt. Thomas was marrying Sarah Wilkinson the youngest daughter of Mr Thomas Wilkinson, Drumshanny, County Monaghan. Montgomery was transferred to Bushmills after his marriage.

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 as previously mentioned.

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

Constable Robert Dunseith 56,236

Robert Dunseith was born Limavady area of County Londonderry and was the son of farmer Thomas Alexander Dunseith. His birth year is unclear as his service record would put is 1867/1868, the 1901 census would indicate 1869 and the 1911 census 1872.

Robert joined 2nd January 1894 having been by District Inspector Thomas MacCarthy who was in charge at Limavady at the time. Robert was then sent after training to County Tyrone 18th July 1894. Robert may have been stationed in Sion Mills by 1896. By the time of the 1901 census he was stationed in Donemana. He received a 3rd class favourable record 15th February 1906. Robert may have been in Omagh by September 1907.

He was then transferred to County Antrim 1st December 1907 and more than likely was sent to Ballymoney. On 18th February 1908 he married Julia Elizabeth Monteith at Knockbreda Tabernacle Belfast. Julia was living at 204 Ravenhill Ave Belfast. However Julia was originally from Seskinore County Tyrone.

In Ballymoney Robert and Julia took up residence in a property on Queen Street. The Valuation records show this to be number 13. On 25th August 1909 daughter Mary Elizabeth Dunseith was born at Queen Street. The following year at the same address a son Thomas Howard Dunseith born 6th November 1910. The family were then recorded at the address in the 1911 census return.

Around November 1911 Robert took charge of Armoy barracks in place of Sergeant Burke who had been moved to Whitehouse. Robert was still a constable, however he must have shown a certain degree of skill and responsibility to be given this role. He was subsequently promoted to Acting Sergeant 1st March 1912 and then Sergeant 1st October 1913 remaining at Armoy.

In April 1918 Robert was put in charge of Portrush barracks owing to the promotion of Thomas Frazer to Head Constable. He remained there until disbandment 31st May 1922, however he then joined the RUC and remained at Portrush.

In 1929 Robert was recorded as living at Salisbury Terrace in Portrush. He died 20th September 1949 at Hopefield Cottage Hospital Portrush, however his address was given as 57 Sunningdale Park Belfast.

1908

01/05/1908 – 16/07/1910 - District Inspector Thomas Philip Barry Townsend 58,073

Thomas Townsend was born 12th February 1875 at Kilbeggan Co Westmeath. Son of Norman Lionel Townshend RM/RIC 33,015 and Annabella Harriet Barry. Norman served as a magistrate in Armagh after his retirement and died at Cathedral Close Armagh 8th June 1922.

He joined as a cadet on 13th May 1897, and was initially posted to Ballylinan Queen's County 24th January 1898. He then was sent to Magherafelt County Londonderry on 15th October 1899 and at the time of the 1901 census was a lodger on Broad Street in the home of local solicitor James Brown, surely a conflict of interest.

By 15th December 1901 Thomas was moved to Belcoo in Fermanagh where he served until 15th June 1904 when he was posted to Killorglin County Kerry. Next he was sent to Manorhamilton in Leitrim on 15th January 1908. He only remained there for a short time as he was transferred to Ballymoney 1st May 1908 at his own expense and request.

In September 1908 Ballymoney district was subject to an inspection by Assistant Inspector General A Gamble. The inspection took place at Ballymoney barracks and the assembled men were from Armoy, Ballintoy, Ballycastle, Bushmills, Cloughmills, Dervock and Ballymoney with Thomas in charge. The men were subject to their knowledge of drill, police and detective duties, life saving etc. Prior to his departure Gamble made the following entry on the books:

The men were extremely neat on parade and handled their arms with precision. There was no drill, as the day was inclement, but the answering on the theory of drill was accurate; their knowledge of police and detective duties and physical drill very good. All ranks questioned answered clearly and intelligently in police duties. The inspection was quite satisfactory.

In June 1909 Thomas and his men rendered assistance to the organisers of Ballymoney Athletics Club's second annual sports day. He was a Vice-President of the club and in May 1910 he was re-elected, he also elected Vice-President of Ballymoney Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club in the same month. Thomas was also noted as being a church warden at St Patrick's Ballymoney in June 1910.

On 16th July 1910 Thomas was transferred to Ennis County Clare and at the time of the 1911 census was noted as living on Drumbiggle Road, Ennis.

Thomas' brother Richard Stapleton Barry Townsend was a Lieutenant in the Royal Irish Fusiliers and was killed at Battle of Somme 1st July 1916.

On 15th November 1917 Thomas was transferred to Aughnacloy County Tyrone. His stay was not long as at his own expense and request he was moved to Antrim town 1st May 1918. Thomas then moved again within a year to Ballyconnell Cavan on 1st March 1919 and then Carlow town on 21st July 1919. He remained in Carlow until 1st April 1921 when he was moved to the Reserve where he remained until he was pensioned 16th July 1921. He was noted as living in Armagh at the time of his father's death in 1922.

01/07/1908- 26/01/1909 Head Constable James McCorry 49,673

James McCorry was born County Cavan 1857. He joined the police on 24th July 1882 on the recommendation of Sub Inspector Henry Hawtrey Jones. Jones had been stationed in Cavan 1876 to 1879 but was in Cashel Tipperary at the time of James' recommendation. James had previously been employed as a railway porter.

James initially served in Galway WR from 19th November 1882 until 1st May 1885 when he was moved to County Sligo. Court records place James at Keash/Kesh RIC 1889 and 1890. On promotion to Acting Sergeant 1st March 1891 he was transferred to Limavady County Londonderry. By March of the following year he appears to have been in the Maghera area but is more likely to have been stationed at Magherafelt where he was noted in April 1893.

He was promoted to sergeant 1st September 1893 and was moved to Castledawson. He remained there until around May 1897 when he was posted to Coleraine. His stay in Coleraine last until October when he was moved to Claudy, however he was back in Coleraine by March 1898.

James remained in Coleraine until he was promoted to Head Constable 1st July 1908 and was transferred to Ballymoney. His stay in Ballymoney was also quite short as he was moved to No 2 Company Reserve at the RIC Depot on 26th January 1909.

With attachment to the Reserve James was required to travel throughout Ireland and perform duty as part of police response to parades, protests etc. In October 1910 he was noted as being on temporary duty at Carrickmacross County Monaghan under District Inspector WSB Leatham who had previously been stationed in Ballymoney. In December 1910 he was serving under District Inspector John Hughes and came to Belfast to assist in the elections. In July 1913 James returned to Castledawson on parade duty with the Reserve.

It was noted in the press that in December 1913 James was transferred to Dunfanaghy County Donegal, however his service record recorded it as being 10th February 1914. James remained there until January 1918 when he rejoined the Reserve at the Depot in Dublin.

James' final posting was to Ballaghaderreen County Roscommon from 16th August 1919 until he was pensioned 18th July 1920. He claimed his pension at Enniskillen.

Constable Robert Glass 54,523

Robert Glass was born at Aghalane, near Plumbridge, County Tyrone 7th August 1869 and was the son of farmer John Glass and Margaret Gordon. He joined 1st September 1890 on the recommendation of District Inspector Charles Dwyer of Newtownstewart.

Also in Aghalane, Plumbridge was another Glass family with a farmer called John as the head. Two of the sons went on to join the RIC. Joseph Glass 49,786 and Samuel Glass 53,005 also recommended by District Inspector Dwyer. It is highly likely they were related to Robert.

Robert initially served in King's County 25th March 1891. On 13th November 1903 Robert married Emily Kelly of Clonminch. At the time Robert was stationed at Tullamore. A witness at the wedding was Constable Robert C Huleatt 54,673 (later became a Sergeant) who was the son of Richard Huleatt 4817.

On 1st May 1904 Robert and Emily were moved to County Antrim and on 26th May a son William Ernest Glass was born at Portglenone. The next child Albert John Glass was born 5th March 1906 at Portglenone. While at Portglenone Robert's record states that he was cautioned and received an

unfavourable record on 13th February 1908, five days later a daughter Muriel Glass was born 18th February 1908.

By August of 1908 Robert was stationed in Ballymoney. The Valuation records put Constable Glass at 31 Henry Street Ballymoney from 1910 until 1922, however the last newspaper report links him to Ballymoney in August 1916. It was probable that he was receiving rent from the property as he was next noted in the Nominal Returns in Larne in 1918. In between times he received a further unfavourable record 30th March 1917

Robert was pensioned 1st January 1921 and claimed at Larne.

Sergeant Francis Cullen 57,403

Francis (Frank) Cullen was born Loughros Cloonclare County Leitrim 16th September 1875 and was the son of farmer Thomas Cullen and Mary Gordon. He joined the police 23rd December 1895 having been recommended by District Inspector Quinn of Manorhamilton.

Initially he served in Kings/Offaly 16th June 1896 and was recorded as being at Clonmore in September 1897. He was transferred to Belfast 1st August 1900 and by the time of the 1901 Census was stationed at Divis Street barracks.

On 24th November 1903 Francis married Kathleen Donnelly the daughter of farmer Felix Donnelly of Magherafelt. At the time of the marriage Kathleen was living at 127 Brookmount Street Belfast off the Shankill Road. Francis was stationed at Springfield Road barracks.

On 1st June 1904 Francis was transferred to County Monaghan and posted to Castleblayney. A son Francis Augustine Cullen was born at Castleblayney 22nd May 1905.

Francis was promoted Acting Sergeant on 1st March 1905 and subsequently transferred to County Tyrone and posted to Ballygawley. A further son James Felix Cullen was born at Ballygawley 18th August 1906. On 11th December 1906 he was then transferred to Stewartstown. While there he was promoted to Sergeant 1st February 1907.

In December 1907 Francis was supposed to be transferred to Belfast although this cancelled. On 7th March 1908 he was transferred to Lisburn. His family did not follow him as a daughter Mary Kathleen Cullen was born at Stewartstown 20th November 1907. By November 1908 Francis was stationed at Ballymoney.

Between 1910 and 1912 Francis was living at 16 Union Street according to Valuation records. However in the 1911 Census wife Kathleen and children were living at Mullaghboy, Magherafelt. The following year Cornelius Hugh Cullen was born at Mullaghboy on 31st March 1912, Francis was stationed at Ballymoney. By September 1912 Francis was transferred to Ballymena.

Francis was then transferred to Rasharkin by May 1915. On 26th March 1916 a further daughter Elizabeth Rosaline was born at Moneyleck (Rasharkin). Francis remained at Rasharkin until he was promoted to Head Constable 1st August 1920 when he was transferred to County Clare. He was transferred to Newry by 11th December 1920 and then finally Meath 20th July 1921.

He was disbanded 3rd April 1922 and his pension record states that he went to live at Mullaghboy, Magherafelt. He remained there until he died on 17th January 1968.

Constable Terence Brady 54,733

Terence Brady was born Tierneevin Gort Galway WR 16th May 1871. He was the son of Thomas Brady RIC 8295 and Johanna Fitzgerald. Prior to joining the RIC he had no occupation and joined 2nd February 1891 aged 19 8/12 on the recommendation of District Inspector Thomas Tweedy

Initially Terence served in County Donegal 23rd October 1891 and was noted in court records as being stationed at Falcarragh in May 1892. He was then recorded as being stationed at Glen, south of Carrigart, by August 1893. On 1st February 1895 Terence was transferred to County Clare where he remained for three years returning to Donegal 21st September 1898.

On 1st December 1898 Terence married Susan McGettigan who was from Glen where Terence had been stationed nearly four years before. Susan was the daughter of farmer James McGettigan. At the time of their marriage Terence was stationed at Trevelough, Glenties.

Terence was transferred to County Fermanagh 3rd January 1899, however was transferred around six weeks later to County Antrim. On 29th December 1900 son Thomas Joseph was born in the Toome area when Thomas was stationed at Toome. At the time of the 1901 Census the small Brady family were living in a property owned by a man named William Ellis. It appears that two police families were living either in the same house or in adjoining houses. The other police constable was Henry Foy 52,401 and his wife Isabella Maude Foy. Henry was from County Donegal and joined the RIC when he was 17 5/6, he appears to have been the son of Henry Foy 27,092.

By 7th June 1904 Terence had been moved to Carnlough where his first daughter Isabella Maude was born. A further daughter Eugenie Ena was also born at Carnlough on 16th June 1906.

In December 1908 Terence was transferred to Ballymoney and brought his family with him. On 26th June 1909 daughter Dorothy born on Union Street. At the time of the 1911 Census the family were living on Charlotte Street. On 1st October 1911 daughter Ita was born at Charlotte Street. The Valuation records appear to show the family at two different houses on Charlotte Street between 1911 and 1925 with them being at 44 in 1911, 16 in 1913 until 1925. On 3rd July 1918 another daughter Eveline was born at Charlotte Street.

Terence was pensioned 20th February 1921 at Ballymoney and as above appears to have remained after retirement. He was not, however the only policeman in his family. The following were brothers:

Thomas Brady 51,450, also born at Tierneevin Galway, joined 27th November 1885, served Clare and Cork ER. Promoted to Acting Sergeant 1st July 1906 and Sergeant 1st September 1907. Pensioned 1st July 1919

Bernard Brady 56,480, also born at Tierneevin Galway, joined 15th June 1894, served Tipperary NR, Galway ER and Mayo SR. Promoted Acting Sergeant 1st December 1912 and Sergeant 1st December 1915. Disbanded 11th April 1922.

Edward Brady 57,360, born County Cavan, joined 16th December 1895, served Galway ER, Mayo, Galway ER. Promoted Acting Sergeant 1st September 1917 and Sergeant 1st March 1918. Disbanded 4th April 1922

Captain James A Brady (NYPD), born 1869 Tierneevin, Galway WR, served New York 48th Precinct.

Constable Michael Mulloy 58,779

Michael Mulloy was born in County Sligo around 1875 and was the son of farmer Anthony Mulloy. He joined the police 1st March 1899 on the recommendation of District Inspector Charles Denham Hayden Jeremy Jephson just before Jephson became a Resident Magistrate.

He first served in Louth from 1st September 1899 and in 1901 was barracked at Drogheda Street, Collon. Michael received a punishment 1st October 1902 according to his service record. On 25th April 1906 Michael was stationed in Dundalk. At that time he married Julia McGeough the daughter of farmer Michael McGeough.

Due to his marriage of a local girl Michael was transferred to County Fermanagh from 1st June 1906 and in the local press was recorded as serving in Lisnaskea in November of the same year. On 10th May 1907 so Anthony Gerard Mulloy was born at Lisnaskea.

Michael's service record shows that he received an award for courageous conduct on 17th September 1907. He was then transferred to County Antrim on 20th September 1907 and was noted in Ballymoney in December 1908.

On 19th March 1909 daughter Helena Josephine Mulloy was born at Charlotte Street Ballymoney. The Valuation records have Michael and family at between 1909 and 1912 at 56 Charlotte Street. However on 22nd February 1911 Michael was transferred to Belfast and on 25th October 1911 son Patrick T Mulloy was born at 63 Richardson Street Belfast in east Belfast. At the same address on 17th February 1914 daughter Shiela Mulloy was. A newspaper announcement in March 1915 stated that Constable Molloy was being moved from Newtownards Road to Mountpottinger station which is where Michael was noted in the Nominal Returns, this was also closer to where he was living.

A son Michael J Mulloy was born 1st March 1919 according to pension records however the birth certificate is elusive. Michael then died 4th April 1920 of pneumonia at 117 Roseberry Road Belfast. On 26th June 1921 Sheila then died.

In August 1941 Michael J Molloy and two other men from Belfast were walking near Glendalough Co Wicklow when they got into difficulties and had to be rescued from Lugduff Mountain.

1909

01/05/1909 – 26/03/1910- Head Constable Patrick Aloysius Marrinan 56,970

Patrick A. Marrinan was born 17th March 1877 at Clonmore County Louth. His father was Constable (later Sergeant) Patrick Marrinan 16,783 and his mother was Sarah McGrath. Patrick and Sarah had married 20th July 1866 and Sarah had been employed as a teacher. His grandfather had not been a policeman but was a farmer Peter Marrinan who died in 1873.

A brother James Frances Marrinan also joined the RIC and had registered number 58,261. He was serving in Dervock County Antrim in 1900. James had joined 1st July 1898, served in Reserve from 1st January 1899 until 23rd February 1899 when he was moved to County Antrim. He remained there until 1st January 1905 when he was moved to Belfast. He was promoted to Sergeant 1st March 1921 and was disbanded 31st May 1922. His address for his pension was 298 Crumlin Road Belfast. An obituary for James in 1956 stated that he was one of Northern Ireland's most colourful characters having been a policeman, amateur boxer, private detective, artist and writer. As a boxer he had held the national police lightweight championship for three consecutive years 1904-1906. During the same period Patrick was also national police champion in the heavyweight class. After leaving the

police James had become a private detective and had many cartoons and short stories published. James' son Patrick H Marrinan was an accomplished artist and member of the Royal Ulster Academy (see <https://www.rosss.com/artist/padraig-h-marrinan-rua/results/1135/>). James died at 524 Donegall Road, Belfast in 1956.

Patrick joined the constabulary on 15th June 1895 from County Armagh having been recommended by District Inspector Walsh. Patrick was initially posted to County Cavan from 4th January 1896, however was moved to Down 7th September 1897 and shortly after that to Belfast 25th November 1897. At the time of the 1901 census he was stationed at the Springfield Road barracks.

He was promoted to Acting Sergeant by October 1901. Confusingly a newspaper article stated that he was transferred from Donegal to Belfast at that time, however his service record does not support this. He was then moved to County Dublin 26th October 1901. Patrick joined the Reserve 1st May 1903. On 14th July 1903 his father Patrick died at Ogle Street Armagh, James was present at the death.

Patrick was promoted to Sergeant on 1st February 1904 and was with the Reserve at the Depot. In July 1904 it was noted along with District Inspector WPC Hetreed, police instructor and Head Constable Michael Horgan, Patrick had helped prepare a class of 30 sergeants and constables for an examination to be held by The Board of Trade which would see the successful candidate obtain a certificate to act as Inspectors of Weights and Measures.

On 24th April 1905 at the Earlsfort Terrace Rink, Dublin, Patrick boxed against Sergeant Hall of the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons. It was stated that Hall had recently won the Army boxing championship. The bout was so tight in points that a sixth round was ordered to decide. Marrinan was noted as being the most clever in the science of the ring. It appears that Marrinan won, however the article is not clear on the matter. In May 1906 Patrick went 15 rounds with Constable Martin Begley. The officers of the 11th Hussars offered a substantial prize for the return contest which was to take place 7th June at Marlborough Barracks. At the event at Marlborough it appears that Begley was not able to attend and Patrick had a match against a former member of the Inniskilling Dragoons Mr M Garry. Later in the month the semi-finals of the RIC heavy weight championships were held at the Riding School. At this event Patrick fought Constable Peter Naughton of Belfast and defeated him. In July he fought and defeated a Constable Begley, possible as previously mentioned. Of note it appears that both Marrinan brothers were fighting at this event, although in different classes.

Patrick was transferred to Belfast 1st October 1906. In August 1907 he was noted as stationed at Donegall Pass barracks and by December at Roden Street. His transfer did not stop his boxing as at the end of May 1908 at sports event in Derry Patrick fought and defeated Acting Sergeant Forde of the Dublin Constabulary. By December Patrick was acting as referee at an event at Celtic Park Belfast and it was stated that Marrinan was the champion of the Army, Police and Navy.

In April 1909 Patrick took the exam for Head Constable and took first place. His promotion saw him transferred to Ballymoney from 1st May 1909 and an end to his boxing career. His stay in Ballymoney was short with a move to Belfast 21st April 1910. He was posted to the Henry Street barracks at his own request.

On 14th September 1910 Patrick married Sarah Boyle of Main Street Ballymoney. The wedding took place at the chapel in Ballymoney. Sarah was the daughter of Spirit Merchant Patrick Boyle. Patrick Boyle had died in 1884 however his wife Annie continued on the business near the corner of Main Street. Annie died in 1918 and the business was carried on by son Francis Boyle who was also a

veterinary surgeon. Francis was involved in the Route Hunt and in 1907 was a member along with District Inspector Gilbert Potter. Francis later became a magistrate.

At the time of the 1911 census Patrick Marrinan was recorded at Henry Street barracks. On 9th June 1911 Desmond Patrick Marrinan was born at 27 Henry Street Belfast.

The following year on 26th March 1912 Patrick was promoted to District Inspector having taken first place in the exam. He was then posted to Castletownbere Cork WR. According to his service record he was there less than a month when he was moved to Ballymahon Longford on 15th April 1912. It appears that he may never have went to Cork. In June 1912 Patrick attend a course to instruct him on his officer's duties at the Depot. On 11th March 1913 son Maurice Patrick was born.

On 15th March 1913 Patrick was posted Enniskillen County Fermanagh. Twins Pauline Mary and Annie Gabrielle at Drumlyon Enniskillen which is in the Derrygonnelly Road/Loughshore Road area. On his service record it states that 30th March 1916 he volunteered for service in the Army, however there does not appear to be much evidence of this, certainly there was no break in service recorded. On 18th May 1916 daughter May Constance was born at Darling Street Enniskillen, presumably at or near the barracks. The final child Patrick was born 14th March 1918 at Enniskillen.

On 30th June 1917 while assisting in the arrest of four violent prisoners in Enniskillen he received a severe blow to the forehead which resulted in a light concussion and shattered four front teeth. Despite being injured Patrick appeared at court and charged the men who were all from Londonderry and were Patrick McCluskey, 19, Meehan's Row; Patrick Parke and Thomas Parke, 17, Meehan's Row and Michael McGlinchey, 17, Meehan's Row. It seems that Marrinan had been struck on the forehead with a tree trunk wielded by Patrick McCluskey.

June 1919 article in the *Derry Journal* stated that Patrick was on his way to Londonderry in place of District Inspector Ryan. This does not transpire and his next move was to Limerick city 14th April 1920, two months later he was promoted to County Inspector on 15th June 1920. Again in very short time he was made a Divisional Commissioner for Leinster and was stationed at Kildare from 25th September 1920

11th February 1921 Patrick was travelling in a two car convoy on the main Mullingar-Longford road. The first car ran into a trench and was damaged however nobody was hurt. It was assessed that the trench had been dug in preparation for an ambush.

Patrick served and was paid up until 24th August 1922. By October 1923 he was living at Portstewart and sworn in as a magistrate for Coleraine. In 1925 he qualified as a barrister and was noted as being CBE as well as JP.

1935 his son Maurice or 'Pat' was the new Irish heavy weight boxer and was recorded as having scored his second one round victory of the week at the Blackfriars Ring, London, when he knocked out Bill Berry of Marylebone. It was noted that he was formerly of the Palestine Police Force and Queen's University and 1933 Ulster light heavy weight champion. Possibly Maurice Patrick Marrinan who later won the 1938-39 heavy weight championship of Irish Universities. Maurice continued to box into the 1940's and in 1949 was noted as being a heavy weight boxer and film extra.

In 1940 another son, also Patrick passed the bar exam in London. He later involved in a phone tapping controversy in 1957 for which he was subsequently disbarred. It was alleged that he had formed inappropriate relationships with criminals such as Billy Hill and Albert Dimes in London and evidence of these relationship was obtained by the police through phone taps. Both Hill and Dimes were heavily involved in organised crime in London.

Patrick Aloysius died 8th October 1940 at 52 Ulsterville Avenue. He was buried at Milltown Cemetery Belfast.

Constable William John Patton 62,159

William Patton was born Wicklow County Wicklow 29th June 1888 and was the son of Constable William Patton 44,282 who was stationed at Harbour Street Mullingar at the time. His mother was Annie Nicholas.

William and Annie had married 10th August 1887. William was son of farmer John Patton and was also stationed at Mullingar at the time. Annie was from Ballincurra and was the daughter of John Nichols (according to wedding cert) a carpenter. William was born in County Armagh in 1856. He had joined 6th February 1879 having been recommended by Sub Inspector Somerville, and was previously a grocer's assistant. He served only in Westmeath. He had been promoted to Acting Sergeant 1st July 1896 and Sergeant 1st December 1897. He was pensioned 16th August 1910. In 1932 William was living at the Square, Kildare.

At the time of the 1901 census the family were living at Collinstown Westmeath where William senior was a sergeant. The other members of the family were Albert George Patton born 11th August 1890 at Harbour Street Mullingar, Charles Nicholas Patton born 21st September 1892 at Harbour Street, Robert Malcolm Patton born 13th May 1895 at Harbour Street and Edgar Thomas Patton born 9th May 1898 at Castlepollard.

William junior joined 15th October 1906 from Dublin and was recommended by District Inspector George Beatty West Stuart. He was formerly an asylum attendant. He initially served in County Roscommon from 26th April 1907 and then was transferred to County Antrim from 1st December 1908. William was first mentioned in the local press in June 1909 in Ballymoney.

On 8th April 1910 he was transferred to No 1 Company of the Reserve at the Depot in Dublin. The Nominal Returns note him at Strokestown as part of the Reserve Force in January 1911. On 26th May 1915 William was transferred to Belfast where he was stationed at Smithfield. However he only remained there until 1st December when he returned to the Depot to the Barrackmaster's Staff.

William remained in the Depot and was promoted to Sergeant on 1st January 1921 and three days later to Temporary Head Constable. He was disbanded as part of Dublin Castle Clerical Company on 31st August 1922 as a sergeant.

On 21st August 1923 William married Kathleen Mackey daughter of Nicholas Mackey of 82 Main Street Arklow at St Saviours Church Arklow. This may have been Nicholas Mackey 45,582, who had joined 6th September 1880, and served Cork ER, Wicklow and Meath. Nicholas had ended up as a sergeant and was pensioned 16th May 1907. He had been married 10th February 1892 to Marianne Tyrrell of Main Street Arklow the daughter of master mariner John Tyrrell.

William Patton went on to join RUC and ended up a Head Constable in Belfast. He died 9th September 1959 at 101 Cavehill Road Belfast. Kathleen was the beneficiary of his will.

His brother Albert George Patton had joined 17th May 1909 and had the registered number 64,764. He had been a drapers assistant. He served in Wexford from 1st December 1909 and Belfast from 11th July 1914. He was disbanded 25th August 1922. His pension record gives an address of 38 Donegal Road Belfast.

Another brother Charles joined 18th November 1912 with the number 66,916. He was previously a shop assistant. He served County Down 27th May 1913. On 7th June 1920 while stationed at Canal Street Newry he married Eva Lyons the daughter of butcher Joseph Lyons of Saintfield County Down. Albert Patton was a witness. He was then transferred to County Antrim 1st October 1920. Charles was disbanded 2nd May 1922. His pension record links him to 8 Somerset Avenue Bangor in November 1922.

A further brother Frederick James Patton who was born 8th June 1902 at Collinstown Westmeath joined 20th August 1920. His service number was 72,561. He served in Gortin County Tyrone from 9th December 1920 and was disbanded 23rd May 1922. Frederick had only just turned 18 when he joined. Frederick went on to become a Superintendent in the Malay police and was interned during WW2. He had formerly served with RUC at Newtownards Depot. He joined the Malay police around 1929.

Annie Patton died 11th October 1941 at their house Westernra, Kildare. Her obituary noted that William senior had been verger of St Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare for 23 years at that stage.

Constable John Brady 64,566

John Brady was born at Bushtown, Williamstown, Galway WR 2nd July 1888 and was the son of Owen Brady farmer and Bridget Raftery. He joined the constabulary 14th January 1909 having been recommended by District Inspector Fitzgerald.

He was first sent to County Antrim 20th July 1909 and was noted in the local press as working in Ballymoney by November 1909. It is likely that Ballymoney was his first station. He remained there until 19th July 1911 when he was transferred to Queen's County (Laois) and may have served in the Mountrath area.

On 1st February 1914 John was transferred to Cork ER and by January 1916 he was barracked at Kildorrery. By the following January he was in Toher/Togher in what was a rural setting west of Cork city and is now in the midst of housing developments. January 1920 has John recorded at Douglas which is south east of Cork city centre and again was in rural location at that time. By January 1921 John was stationed at Union Quay in Cork. His postings in Cork would have been during a very turbulent time when there was a lot of shootings and attacks on barracks. John was awarded a third class favourable record for an unrecorded action on 1st February 1921.

John was disbanded 2nd April 1922.

Acting Sergeant Robert Jackson Stewart 52,606

Robert Stewart was born County Tyrone 1865/1866 and was the son of Constable Samuel Stewart 2709.* His parents may not have been married or just married when he was born as there is no apparent record of birth. Samuel had married Mary Jane Jackson 24th February 1865 at Aughnacloy. Mary was the daughter of shopkeeper Robert Jackson of Carnteel, Aughnacloy.

He joined 8th August 1887 having been recommended by District Inspector Joseph Samuel Hoare Hume of Aughnacloy. Initially Robert was posted to County Down from 2nd February 1888 and then County Antrim from 1st April 1895.

Robert was promoted to Acting Sergeant from 1st May 1908 and was noted in Ballymoney by December 1909 however he had previously been stationed at Cloughmills and then Crumlin. He was then promoted to Sergeant 1st February 1910.

On 16th August 1912 Robert was pensioned. He died unmarried at 30 Beverley Street Belfast on 13th February. His brother James H Stewart of 14 Glenbrook Ave Bloomfield was present at death. His will stated that he was formerly of Ballymoney and Whitehead however he only claimed his pension in Belfast suggesting that he had served at Whitehead. His sister Minnie (Mary) received his last pension payment.

Robert's brother James Henry Stewart was also a RIC man. He joined 13th August 1889 and had the registered number 53,920. James was born 21st March 1870 at Pound Hill Aughnacloy Tyrone and was also recommended by District Inspector Hume. He served County Dublin 1st November 1890, Armagh 18th November 1891, Down 11th January 1894 and Fermanagh 22nd November 1900. He was promoted to Acting Sergeant 1st February 1911 and then Sergeant 1st October 1912 and was pensioned 1st September 1914.

While stationed at Kesh in Fermanagh he married Eliza Jane McKelvey at Edenderry on 21st February 1901. James died 1st March 1938 at 27 Denorrtan Park Belfast. He was noted to be a water inspector.

*Father – Samuel Stewart 2709

Samuel Stewart was born 1816 County Donegal and was the son of farmer James Stewart, possibly of Convoys. He joined 11th July 1837 on the recommendation of Sir Edmund Hayes Bart., MP of Drumboe Castle Donegal near Stranorlar.

He served only in Monaghan and was promoted Acting Constable 1st October 1854 and then Constable 1st May 1858. As above he married Mary Jackson in 1865 and then was pensioned 1st November 1866. He died 28th June 1891 at Aughnacloy. His daughter Mary J Stewart was present at his death.

1910

Constable Patrick Morris Reidy 64,835

Patrick Reidy was born 19th February 1890 at Cloncowly County Longford (his service record states 1891). He joined 1st July 1909 aged 18 however due to being unfit was reappointed 22nd July and had been recommended by Head Constable Crudden and joined from County Westmeath. Patrick was the son of RIC constable Thomas Reidy 50,160 who was stationed at Tyrrell's Pass Westmeath at the time of his birth. The family later moved to Tyrrell's Pass and were noted there at the time of the 1901 census.

He was posted to County Antrim 3rd February 1910 and by 14th November 1910 had been admonished. Patrick remained in Ballymoney until around August 1913 when he was mentioned in the local press as being in Portrush. On 3rd August he detected a man from Portglenone called John Crawford travelling at around twenty miles per hour on Main Street recklessly. He was stopped by Patrick and was unable to produce his licence he then took off twice as hard. He at the same time looked back at Patrick "with a sarcastic smile on his face."

By December 1916 Patrick had moved to Ballymena. On 10th May 1917 Patrick received a 3rd class favourable record. He remained in Ballymena and was promoted to Sergeant 1st March 1921. He was then posted to Martinstown and was disbanded 8th May 1922. Patrick then returned to Tyrrells Pass as per his pension record.

Constable Thomas Porter Lyle 60,496

16 Union Street

Thomas Lyle was born Glencaw County Donegal 24th October 1880 and was the son of farmer James Lyle and Mary Anne Quigley. He is recorded in the 1901 census at Glencaw. He joined 16th November 1901 but was discharged by the surgeon as unfit. He rejoined 2nd December 1901 on the recommendation of District Inspector Bell.

He initially served in County Armagh from 18th July 1902. On 5th January 1909 Thomas married Bessie McAlister daughter of John McAlister, shoemaker of Crossmaglen. At the time of marriage Thomas was stationed at Edenderry, Portadown.

Following his marriage Thomas was transferred to Dunboyne, County Meath 23rd February 1909. On 7th November 1909 son James Wesley was born at Duleek, where Thomas was stationed. A few months later on 25th April 1910 he was transferred to County Antrim at his own request and came to Ballymoney.

The Valuation records appear to link Thomas to 4 Charlotte Street from 1911 to 1914 however he is more firmly connected to 16 Union Street from 1912 in the records where he was later noted as being in other sources. This address had previously been occupied by Sergeant Frank Cullen. On 24th February 1911 daughter Margaret Jane Lyle was born at Union Street.

Thomas was disbanded from RIC 31st May 1922 and transferred to the RUC. He was then discharged 22nd September 1922. His address on his pension record was 16 Union Street Ballymoney. Thomas moved from 16 Union Street to number 23 in 1928. His wife Bessie died at that address 19th June 1938 and was buried at Ballymoney new cemetery.

Thomas had a brother Andrew Lyle who also joined the RIC. He was born 28th April 1869. He joined 1st October 1891 having been recommended by District Inspector Heard and received the registered number 55,147. He served Waterford 6th July 1892, Cork WR 1st November 1905 and Waterford 17th July 1907. On 6th September 1905 he married Barbara Hollerhead from Cheshire and who was connected in Wexford, Waterford and Kilkenny. In 1911 they lived on O'Brien Street Waterford. He was disbanded 4th April 1922.

16/07/1910 – Oct 1914 District Inspector Charles Frederick Fellowes Davies 61,869



Charles Davies was born 3rd December 1884 at 69 Kenilworth Square, Rathmines Dublin. He was the son of Private Secretary James Henry Davies and Alice Ball. James went on to work in the Chief Secretary's Office at Dublin Castle. Alice was the sister of Sir Frederick James Ball RIC who had been Assistant Inspector General and Commandant of the Depot in 1908 then worked in the RIC Office in Dublin Castle from October 1909, retiring in 1912. In 1911 Alice and James were living at Grosvenor Square Dublin and at the time of Alice's death in 1939 were living at 11 Ormond Road Dublin.

Charles joined as a cadet 18th May 1906 having formerly been an assistant teacher at St Andrew's College for 6 months. His first posting was 1st January 1907 to Swanlinbar County Cavan. On 1st February 1909 he was transferred to Clones County Monaghan. He moved to Ballymoney 16th July 1910 and was awarded for good police duty for service in a disturbed area in October 1910. He later was highly commended for a shooting case in February 1914.

August 1910 noted as being a member of Ballymoney Cricket Team who played a visiting team from Dunboe, Castlerock. Charles was noted for his fielding ability but only managed to score four runs before he was caught out.

At the time of the 1911 census Charles was living at a hotel on Victoria Street Ballymoney run by William Robinson. This was The Victoria Hotel and was a Temperance Hotel opened 1891.

March 1913 at Kilgarran Petty Sessions regret was expressed at Davies being transferred to another district. This move did not transpire. In October 1914 he joined 6th Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and was made a Captain. In 1915 he was part of the 10th Irish Division. By January 1918 Charles was a Major with the 6th Battn. Between 25th February 1919 and 23rd April 1919 he was acting Lt Col of a regimental battalion of the Connaught Rangers. In 1916 he was decorated by King of Serbia with Order of White Eagle and Sword. Following the end of the war Charles retained the rank of Major. He was mentioned in dispatches four times

Charles rejoined the police 25th April 1919 and was posted 1st June 1919 to Carlow temporarily and then 1st July 1919 to Nenagh Tipperary NR. He was made Adjutant at the Depot from 15th June 1920 until 1st October 1920. In September 1920 he was due to go to Ennis County Clare as Acting County Inspector however this appears to have been cancelled. He was then made Temporary County Inspector 1st October 1920.

On 1st April 1921 he was finally promoted to County Inspector and went on to be Commandant at the RIC camp at Gormanstown from 22nd November 1920 until 1st March 1922. He was then transferred to Londonderry where he was disbanded 31st May 1922.

Charles transferred to the Royal Ulster Constabulary and worked at Headquarters from its inception.

In March 1924 it was announced in the press that he was due to marry Cecilia Moyna Kirkpatrick daughter of John Johnston and Cecilia Kirkpatrick of Kinraig Belfast. In 1911 John Kirkpatrick was a linen bleacher living at Ballygolan, Whitehouse near Belfast. He ran the firm Kirkpatrick Bros Ltd., and was later to be a Hugh Sheriff of County Antrim and was linked to a number of firms in the Belfast and Larne areas.

In January 1939 he was appointed Deputy Inspector General of RUC and in 1949 he was raised to CBE from OBE.

11/06/1910 – 23/05/1912 Head Constable James Arthur Leyden 51,712

James Leyden was born County Leitrim 1866. He was the son of William Leyden RIC 5437.* He joined 28th April 1886 from County Sligo and had been recommended by District Inspector Phillips of Tubbercurry.

Oddly for somebody born in Leitrim James was sent there to serve 17th September 1886. However as his father had served there and his mother was from Sligo it may have been acceptable due to lack of ties for him to be there. While there he was promoted to Acting Sergeant 1st March 1892 and then Sergeant 1st November 1894. James may have been stationed at Manorhamilton and may have been the victim of a dog attack in May 1895, however the newspaper record states Acting Sergeant Leyden and James had been promoted by this date.

On 8th February 1897 James was cautioned for an unknown offence and on 13th April he was moved to County Tyrone and was noted in Strabane by December. By 1900 James was the Inspector for Weights and Measures in the area. In June 1901 it was noted in the press that James, who was stationed at Omagh, had on the recommendation of County Inspector Greene had been granted a third-class favourable record for the exceptional zeal and intelligence displayed by him in the discharge of his duty. On 28th August 1901 he was transferred to Reserve No 4 Company.

At this point it is worth mentioning James' brother William H Leyden who was a Sergeant in Londonderry around the same time as James was serving in Strabane. Newspaper reports local to both areas often referred to a Sergeant Leyden which needed closer inspection to determine which one was being mentioned.

William H Leyden 45,982 was also born County Leitrim however in 1863. He joined 1st December 1880 aged 17 1/2. He served Galway ER 12th March 1881, and like James in Leitrim from 1st May 1885. He was promoted to Acting Sergeant 1st August 1890 and then Sergeant from 1st October 1892. He then was transferred to Donegal 1st December 1893 and then to Londonderry 6th February

1895. He served in Londonderry city and ended in Limavady. He was pensioned 17th August 1909 and lived in Tubbercurry County Sligo.

James was transferred back to County Tyrone on 1st October 1905 from the Depot to Dromore. It was noted in the press that prior to departing James was entertained by the sergeants of the Depot staff. On 10th February 1906 at Tubbercurry James married Sarah Irwin, daughter of farmer Napper Irwin of Muckelty County Sligo. James had no witnesses from his side as Napper Irwin and Hannah Irwin were the two recorded witnesses. Just over nine months later on 19th November 1906 saw the birth of son Charles Beatty Leyden at Muckelty County Sligo.

By July 1907 James was back in Strabane. At Muckelty County Sligo on 21st January 1909 daughter Agnes Violet Leyden was born. Agnes sadly died eleven days later at Muckelty due to a weakness from birth. Son Jack Irwin Leyden was then born 30th April 1910 again at Muckelty County Sligo. On 25th May 1910 he was promoted to Head Constable and 11th June he was transferred to Ballymoney County Antrim. The *Strabane Chronicle* noted that he had left Strabane on Tuesday 14th June 1910 on the 2.26 p.m. train. At the time of his departure he received a cordial au revoir from his colleagues and his friends in the town.

In Ballymoney James and family lived in the RIC barracks on Charlotte Street. On 16th August 1911 son James Napier Leyden was born at Charlotte Street Ballymoney. On 23rd May 1912 James was transferred to Ballyshannon County Donegal. Head Constable Timothy Gallivan 49,676 was announced in press as replacing James however his transfer was cancelled and he remained in County Limerick. Notably though the *Larne Times* stated that Gallivan had arrived in Ballymoney suggesting that some circumstances had risen to cancel his move.

The Leyden family then moved to College Street in Ballyshannon. At that address on 12th April 1913 son Gerard Joseph Leyden was born. On 3rd November 1915 a further son Philip Malachi Leyden was also born at the address. James was pensioned 23rd June 1918 and remained in Ballyshannon.

*William Leyden was born County Roscommon 1819, he had joined 3rd August 1843 recommended by Hubert Kelly Waldron J.P. Ashfort, County Roscommon. On 26th January 1848 Hubert was shot and coroner Thomas Peyton Esq., and Mr George Church were put on trial for manslaughter. Mr Peyton proceeded to Waldron's home to serve a court process issued by one of the higher courts at the suit of George Church of Carrick-on-Shannon. Peyton was accompanied by some bailiffs and a number of police. On arriving at the property Waldron, his son and a number of others stood inside the gate armed and ready to defend. Peyton demanded admittance but was refused by Waldron. Two of the coroner's men took crow bars to the gates which was met by Waldron firing and wounding one of the men. The police then fired and no less than twelve to fifteen shots were fired. Waldron was shot in the forehead and was killed. Several of his relations were injured along with some police. His son was arrested. The inquest found that George Church had fired the fatal shot.

Married 19th June 1851 his wife was from County Sligo. He served in Cavan and then Sligo from 1st April 1862. He was made Acting Constable 1st October 1860 and Constable 1st April 1862. He was pensioned 1st November 1874.

1911

1911 Census Return

Barrack Return

Sergeant Francis Cullen 57,403 (as above)

Constable Harry Neill 62,225 (as above)

Constable John Brady 64,566 (as above)

Constable John Thomas McFadden 65,250

John McFadden was born 26th November 1890 at Newtownstewart County Tyrone. His father was Owen McFadden, RIC 48,060. Owen McFadden was born County Donegal 1858, and joined the constabulary 8th November 1881 on the recommendation of Sub Inspector Mason Alcock (Alcock was stationed at Dunfanaghy Donegal at the time). Served in Longford from 26th March 1882, Leitrim from 6th February 1888. On 11th December 1888 he married Belinda Malone the daughter of Thomas Malone RIC 6413.* Belinda was from Ballyduffy at the time of their marriage and Owen was stationed at Arva. He was posted to Newtownstewart, Tyrone from 1st March 1890. Owen was pensioned 5th March 1912 and claimed at Dunfanaghy. He died 27th November 1918 at Newton aged 65.

John joined the police initially 18th April 1910 but was unfit. He rejoined 4th July 1910 on the recommendation of Head Constable Cox of Newtownstewart. John had been a former shop boy. John was sent to County Antrim from 15th February 1911 and was noted in the census a few weeks later indicating that Ballymoney was his first station.

On 23rd January 1912 John committed suicide with a gunshot wound to his head. His death certificate stated that he was suicidal due to temporary insanity. At that time he was stationed at Bushmills where he had come from Ballymoney around May 1911. John took his life in the coalhouse at Bushmills station and was discovered at half past seven in the morning by Sergeant Mackey. The newspaper report stated that he was found lying partly on his right side, with his head almost blown off, and a bloodstained rifle lying across his legs. It was noted that the 21 year old was described locally as the "boy constable". The *Northern Constitution* recorded that in October 1911 John had been troubled with "an internal malady" which had seen him staying six weeks in Hopefield Cottage Hospital in Portrush where he was twice operated on. He was then given a month's leave before returning to Bushmills on 3rd January 1912. This sickness may be linked to his initial rejection by the constabulary surgeon.

He had been recognised in the short time he had been there for his many estimable qualities and had won the confidence and respect of his colleagues and the people of the district. It was recorded that he had an enviable reputation in the field of athletics and he had performed with local football and hockey teams.

John was buried at the Catholic graveyard at Bushmills. Twenty members of the RIC had been drawn up in front of the barracks and followed the remains. His coffin was carried by members of the RIC and borne to the graveyard by his barrack comrades. His father Owen, who was still serving, was the chief mourner.

*Thomas Malone was born in County Clare 1823. He joined the constabulary 2nd August 1852 on the recommendation of Sub Inspector John Malone. He married 20th January 1852 and was pensioned 1st May 1875. It is not apparent if Thomas and John Malone were related.

Ballymoney Town

Henry Street

Constable Robert Glass 54,523 (as above)

Queen Street

Constable Robert Dunseith 56,236 (as above)

Union Street

Constable Thomas Porter Lyle 60,496 (as above)

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Charlotte Street

Constable Terence Brady 54,733 (as above)

Head Constable James A Leyden 51,712 (as above)

Sergeant Francis Cullen 57,403 (as above)

Sergeant Robert Jackson Stewart 52,606 (as above)

Constable Michael Mulloy 58,779 (as above)

Constable Patrick Morris Reidy 64,835 (as above)

Constable George Ferguson 59,467

George Ferguson was born at Drumquinia, Mohill, County Leitrim 25th February 1879, son of farmer Robert Ferguson and Anne Taylor. He joined the RIC 1st May 1900 having been recommended by District Inspector Hugh Conrad Greer who was stationed at Mohill.

Ferguson was sent to County Antrim 14th August 1900 and was stationed at Rasharkin and was noted there in the 1901 census return. On 7th October 1903 George received a favourable record in relation to his actions in respect of a cock fighting case. Along with Sergeant Richardson A Long and Constable Patrick Crowley George had been involved in breaking up a cock fight during which they were attacked. In April 1904 Richardson was awarded a silver medal by the Society for Protection of Cruelty to Animals and Crowley and Ferguson were awarded bronze medals. The initial nominations had come in August 1903. George was attacked again on 16th August 1910 on two separate occasions.

By the time of the 1911 census George was stationed at Cushendall. In December 1911 George was temporarily put in charge of Cloughmills barracks in the place of Sergeant Kennedy who was on holiday. It was stated that he was based at Ballymoney where he subsequently returned.

In November 1915 George was selected for service in the Army Service Corps of the Ulster Division enlisting 18th November 1915. By December he had left for England to join the Reserve Park, Ulster Division.

George was readmitted to the police 8th May 1919 and was returned to Ballymoney 4th July 1919. On 18th September 1920 he was transferred to County Tyrone. For a short period between 23rd November and 7th December he was moved to Meath before returning to Tyrone. On 23rd December 1920 George was fined 10 shillings. In January 1921 he was stationed at Coagh. He was pensioned shortly after on 1st February 1921. He collected his pension at Mohill.

1912

Constable Denis Teague 65,973

Denis Teague was born 19th October 1887 Knocknahorn, Dromore, County Tyrone and was the son of farmer Patrick Teague and Bridget. He joined 21st June 1911 but was discharged as unfit and was reappointed 10th October 1911.

He was posted to County Antrim 23rd April 1912 and was most probably at Ballymoney from this date in the absence of any other information. Court reports link him to the area from February 1913. By January 1918 Denis had moved to Portrush.

On 23rd November 1918 he married Alice Barnes. Alice was the daughter of stone carver James Barnes who in 1911 was living at Alexandra Place Londonderry where Alice had been born. They married at Coleraine. Alice was from Ballymoney at time of marriage. A witness was Michael Green 64,050 (see below).

A search of possible children for Denis and Alice revealed the birth of James Teague 22nd April 1918 at Bridge Street Strabane. This is significant for two reasons, firstly it was 7 months before they married and the birth certificate states they were married and secondly it suggests that Denis was stationed at Strabane, however his service record does not reflect this at all.

On 1st February 1919 Denis was transferred to County Louth and was noted in Ardee in January 1921. He was disbanded 4th July 1922. He changed name by deed poll to Denis Montague and had done so by 1923. The reason for this change is not apparent.

He had by then joined the RUC. In the RUC he was stationed at Swatragh County Londonderry and in Belfast while at Queen Street and Smithfield stations carried out points duties at Castle Junction in the city centre. While at Queen Street in November 1934 he was sworn in as Sergeant at Belfast Police Court He was a guard for Sir Dawson Bates. He retired from the RUC in 1945 and became a probation officer for the juvenile courts and later became a JP. He appears also to have been an inspector with the USPCA.

Also in 1945 Denis' son James, known as Jim, was believed to have been killed on 8th or 9th of February while flying with the RAF Reserve as a navigator and Flight Sergeant. He was flying in a Lancaster bomber as part of 630 Squadron and had been returning from a raid on Politz and crashed on home soil.

Denis died at Knocklayde Park Ballymoney in January 1973 aged 85. His obituary stated that he had served 35 years in the RIC and RUC.

Sergeant Patrick McCaffrey 58,256

Patrick McCaffrey was born 7th October 1876 Cashelard County Donegal son of farmer Peter McCaffrey and Anne McCool. He joined 15th June 1898 having been recommended by District Inspector Flower. Initially posted to County Cavan 16th December 1898. In 1900 he was stationed at Stradone, by the time of the census the following year he was at Scrabby village. According to court records he was on Bawnboy in March 1903 and finally Cavan town by April 1904.

On 1st August 1904 Patrick was transferred to Belfast. It is not immediately apparent where he was barracked however in August 1905 he was dealing with an incident at College Street, Cromac Square in November 1905 and Great Victoria Street in January 1906 so he appears to have been around the city centre. 1st June 1907 Patrick was promoted to Acting Sergeant and was posted to County Tyrone 29th June.

In Tyrone he worked in Aughnacloy and 1st November 1908 he was promoted to Sergeant. In January 1909 he was moved to Donemana. It was noted that he had been inspector of weights and measures for the Aughnacloy Petty Sessions District. By January 1911 Patrick was working in Omagh and at the time of the 1911 census he was stationed at the High Street barracks.

Patrick was transferred to Ballymoney County Antrim 10th September 1912. On 25th September 1912 he married Alice McKearney at Moy. Alice was the daughter of farmer James McKearney from Listamlet near Moy. A witness was Edward McCool who may have been 65,853 and probably a cousin. Alice appears to have been a nurse in Omagh in 1911.

In 1912 and 1913 Patrick is recorded in the Valuation records as living at 58 Charlotte Street. On 18th February 1914 he received a favourable record although it is not recorded for what he received it.

In September 1915 Patrick was transferred to Cushendall. While there he was awarded the Constabulary Medal 29th May 1920 but again there is no recorded reason. He was then promoted to Head Constable 1st September 1920 and moved back to Belfast on 11th September 1920. In January 1921 Patrick was noted at Smithfield barracks just outside the city centre.

Patrick was transferred to Gormanstown Camp on 10th January 1922 and was disbanded 19th April 1922. His pension address was given as Corr & Dunavalley, Moy PO, Charlemont County Tyrone.

Constable John O'Donnell 66,646

John O'Donnell was born 19th March 1892 at Madavagh County Donegal. He joined the RIC 18th June 1912 having been recommended by District Inspector Ernest Oswald Gerity 52,685.* He was sent to County Antrim 19th December 1912 and served only in Ballymoney.

He resigned 3rd October 1919 to emigrate to America, however was reappointed 6th February 1920 with benefit of 7yrs 3mths and 16 days previous service. It is not apparent from his record how his service ended as there is no mention of disbandment.

*Winner of King's Police Medal 1921. Joined RUC after RIC. Gerity married 7th January 1899 to Mary O'Brien while he was a Sergeant at Carrickmacross County Monaghan. Gerity's father was Patrick Ford Gerity Divisional Superintendent of Police in Ilminster Somerset who had retired in 1890. Mary was a teacher and was the daughter of Cornelius O'Brien. At the time of marriage Mary was resident on Arran Island Co Galway. Gerity's service record states that Mary had two brothers in RIC, one stationed in Carlow and one in Tyrone at the time of the marriage. Gerity ended his service in Belfast at the rank of temporary County Insp having been promoted in 1921 in Kerry. Gerity had been

appointed to the Fermanagh County command in 1922. He retired from RUC in 1927. And he lived at Minnamurra in Enniskillen.

01/11/1912 – 01/12/1915- Head Constable James Foley 52,713

James Foley was born Drumgorman County Leitrim 22nd July 1868 son of farmer John Foley and Margaret Campbell. He joined 10th October 1887 having been recommended by District Inspector Ambrose Samuel Madders of Dunmanaway County Cork.

Initially James served in County Limerick and was then posted to Cork WR 21st December 1897. At the time of the 1901 census he was stationed at North Main Street, Bandon. On 1st March 1902 James was promoted to Acting Sergeant. He was subsequently promoted to Sergeant 1st September 1904.

On 20th September 1904 he married Annie Harte daughter of John Harte ex-RIC 7420. Both were resident at Bandon County Cork at the time of the marriage. At the time of the 1901 census John and Annie Harte were living at Coolfadda County Cork. John is a vintner and Annie a housekeeper. John Harte had been born in County Limerick 1824. He had joined the police 12th May 1846 and served in Clare and Cork. He was promoted to Constable in 1863 and married the following year. He was pensioned at the start of 1877.

Following his marriage to Annie James was transferred to County Kerry 15th October 1904. On 24th May 1906 Margaret Mary Foley was born at Tralee. She was followed by John Joseph Foley on 17th December 1907 at High Street Tralee.

The following year on 24th April 1908 James was transferred to Naas County Kildare. A further daughter Annie was born there on 17th July 1909. The family were noted in the 1911 census at Tipper Road, Naas. James then remained there until he was promoted to Head Constable 18th October 1912.

His promotion saw his transfer to Ballymoney County Antrim. In October 1914 James oversaw a detail of 30 men who saw off former District Inspector Captain Charles FF Davies who was off to war. James led the men in three cheers. Every police station in the district was represented.

On 1st December 1915 James was transferred on his own request to County Meath. The reason for his departure was down to insufficient accommodation for him and his family in Ballymoney station. He was posted to Trim where he remained until 1920.

On 1st August 1920 James won promotion to District Inspector and was assigned Mountbellew Galway from 14th August. However at the end of September 1920 Trim barracks was attacked by what was reported as 100 armed men who surprised the barracks orderly and shot the head constable through the lung. Arms and ammunition were taken and the barracks were set on fire. The property taken included over one thousand rounds, a dozen rifles, a number of revolvers, Very lights, bombs, rockets and other military equipment. Further information stated that Head Constable White had been shot through the right breast with the bullet exiting through his right shoulder. White had replaced Foley on both of their promotions and at the time of the attack Foley was in Trim on leave and making arrangements for his wife and family to move to his new post. His family may have been in the quarters at the time of the attack. Foley however had been at mass and had been in civilian dress he had observed some of the attackers outside the barrack gates. Everyone was allowed to leave the barracks before it was burned.

On 14th March 1921 James was posted to Cork City and was put in financial charge of the County. He was promoted to 2nd class District Inspector on 1st May 1921 and on 1st July was appointed staff officer to the Divisional Commissioner. At the beginning of 1922 he was transferred to Listowel County Kerry where he remained until disbandment. On leaving the police he lived at 25 Achill Road, Drumcondra, Dublin.

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Constable Michael Green 64,050

Michael Green was born Gortoral County Fermanagh 18th August 1886 and was the son of carpenter Michael Green and Bridget McMullen. At the time of the 1901 census he was living at home at Glasdrummond County Fermanagh.

He joined RIC 6th July 1908 having been recommended by District Inspector Courtenay Oulton who was stationed at Enniskillen. Oulton had been born Pomeroy County Tyrone. Michael was discharged as unfit two days later. However he was reappointed 2nd March 1910.

On 10th September Michael was sent to County Antrim and was recorded as being at Cloughmills in January 1911. Michael was noted in Ballymoney from around the start of April 1914. He remained in Ballymoney until disbandment 3rd June 1922. His pension address reads "Ballymore" Ballymoney which may be Balnamore.

17/11/1914-01/08/1916 – District Inspector Philip Theodore Briarly Browne

Philip Browne was born 11th September 1890 at Iron-Acton, Gloucestershire, England. He was the son of Canon George Richards Browne. Prior to joining as a cadet he was an assistant school master at St Andrews Eastbourne for 2 ½ years.

He Joined as a cadet on 6th January 1914 (67,664) and was posted to Ballymoney 17th November the same year as his first posting. His time in Ballymoney appears to have been unremarkable and ended when he volunteered for active military service from 19th March 1916 in response to letter from Inspector General dated 6th March 1916. However he was noted as being at No 4 Company at the Depot from August 1916. In November 1916 Philip was at the Depot when the Inspector General was awarded the Constabulary Medal to twenty-two men who had been serving during the 1916 Rebellion, these did not include Philip as he was at Ballymoney at the time.

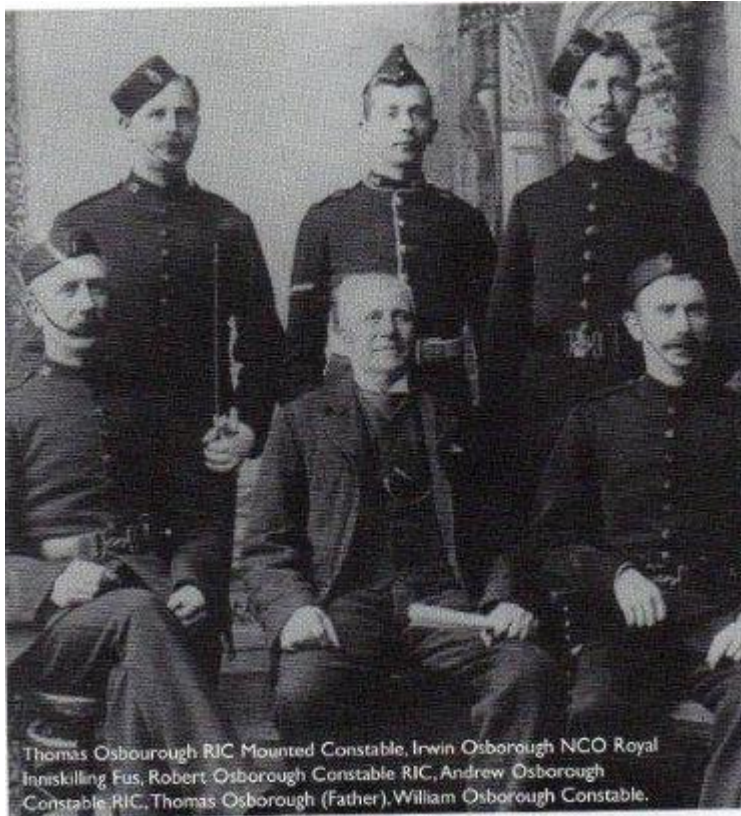
On 1st November 1918 Philip was moved to Corofin County Clare. On 15th June 1920 he transferred to County Headquarters at Howth County Dublin. Philip then resigned 1st October 1920 in order to take up his new position as the Chief Constable Bootle Borough Police from 7th October. He served there until 17th March 1926 and he then became the Chief Constable of Cumberland and Westmorland until 1952 when he died. In 1949 he was awarded the King's Police Medal. Philip was noted to have been an artist, photographer, toymaker, wood worker and actor.

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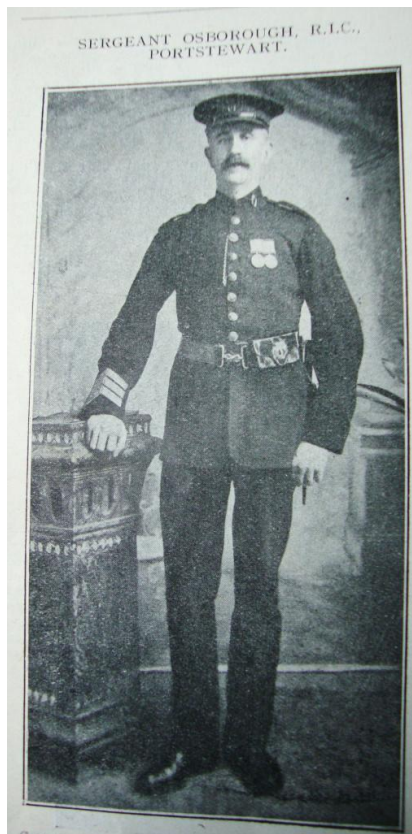
Acting Sergeant Robert Henry Osborough 55,952

Robert Osborough was born 29th September 1872 Gillygooly County Tyrone (elsewhere recorded as Mullahorn Omagh) the son of farmer Thomas Osborough and Bessie Jane Beaty. His father died at Albert Terrace Limavady August 1903. Thomas had other son in RIC, Andrew Osborough 46,132 (was working at Portstewart when Robert was in Ballymoney), William John Osborough 52,272, Thomas

Hewatt Osborough 53,062 – (whose son Thomas Howatt Osborough passed out from RUC training in May 1926 and was posted to County Tyrone). Another son Irwin/Irvine Osborough was in the 1st Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.



Thomas' daughter Margaret married John Horan 47,210 in 1899 who later became a Head Constable. Horan had brothers in RIC, William Norman Horan 52,907 and Thomas Horan 56,413. Two other daughters married quarter masters in the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.



Andrew Osborough as sergeant around 1911

Robert joined the RIC 8th July 1893 recommended by District Inspector Kelly. He was first sent to County Down 23rd March 1894. He was transferred to Belfast 1st September 1900 and on 24th September 1902 while stationed at Mountpottinger married Ellen Miller of Market Street Newry daughter of shoemaker Andrew Miller.

On 21st August 1903 daughter Winnifred Elizabeth Osborough was born 22 Market Street Newry, presumably Ellen's family home. The next child Thomas Henry was born 3rd April 1905 at 113 Greenore Street in east Belfast. Son Robert Hector Osborough was born at 104 Killowen Street Belfast 21st February 1907 he died 29th April 1909

Robert was then transferred to County Monaghan 6th August 1907 and was stationed at Newbliss. He was then transferred to Carrickfergus County Antrim 1st November 1908. On 4th June 1909 son John Neville Osborough was born at Irish Quarter South Carrickfergus. At the same address on 20th March 1912 son Irwin Reid Osborough was born.

On 1st June 1914 Robert was promoted to Acting Sergeant and remained in Carrickfergus until around March 1915 when Robert was mentioned as being in Ballymoney. On 6th May 1916 daughter Ruth was born at Charlotte Street. The family moved into the house formerly lived in by Sergeant Patrick McCaffrey and is likely to be 62 Charlotte Street. Robert was promoted to Sergeant 1st July 1917 and by July 1919 was noted as being the Inspector of Food and Drugs.

On 24th April 1920 daughter Ruth aged four was knocked down and killed by a motor car. She had run out from behind a heap of turf which was lying on Charlotte Street to cross over. The car, which was driven by Mr John McDonald, said he was only a yard off when he first saw her. No blame was apportioned to McDonald.

Robert was disbanded 30th May 1922 and his pensioned address was given as 62 Charlotte Street Ballymoney. The valuation records show that he was at 56 Charlotte Street until 1917 and then moved next door to 58 where he lived after 1925 when he was no longer Acting Sergeant and may have been retired. The pension information would suggest that the numbers were 4 off. However later information would suggest he remained at the same physical location.

In May 1923 Winnie was mentioned as being an accompanist at the Boys Brigade prize giving in Ballymoney. On 30th May 1925 Thomas Henry sailed from Londonderry destined for Chicago. His occupation was listed as Clerk and address as 62 Charlotte Street Ballymoney. 25th November 1929 Thomas Henry "Harry" Osborough married Irma Swisher of South bend Indiana. At the time of the 1930 US Census they were living at Rockland City Illinois.

In September 1927 Robert was in court for being on licensed premises after permitted hours. He and others were followed from the train station by police and seen tapping window of pub and being let in. The case was dismissed. In January 1929 Robert initially put himself forward as a candidate for Ballymoney council and then later the same month retracted. His occupation was listed as Weighmaster.

Robert Died 24th November 1934 at home at Windsor Avenue Coleraine. He was noted as being a member of Ballymoney Masonic. His wife Elizabeth died at the Royal Victoria Hospital Belfast in March 1938.

Constable John William Clancy 67,631

John Clancy was born 18th June 1895 at Carrigart County Donegal. He was the son of RIC Sergeant Patrick Clancy 43,102 and Anna Allen. Patrick and Anna had married at Gweedore County Donegal 19th April 1887. Anna was daughter of Head Constable Robert Allen 2692. Anna was born at Dungloe County Donegal 5th February 1869, and her mother was Anna Jane Irwin. Robert and Anne married 13th April 1868. Robert was a widower at the time. Anna may have been pregnant with her daughter Anna at the time of the marriage. Robert was the Head Constable at Dungloe. Robert's first wife may have been Isabella Allen who died aged 34 in 1866. Patrick Clancy went on to become a publican at Charlemont County Armagh as per 1911 census. Patrick died 27th March 1914.

John joined the RIC 16th December 1913 from County Armagh having been a shop assistant and was recommended by District Inspector Samuel Hanna who was stationed at Portadown. This was the same Samuel Hanna who had recommended William Orr as previously mentioned above. He only served in County Antrim and was first sent there 20th June 1914 and was stationed at Loughguile and by March 1915 Ballymoney.

25th December 1915 it was announced in the *Ballymena Weekly Telegraph* that Constable Clancy of RIC Ballymoney had joined the North Irish Horse at Antrim. It was stated that he was a fine specimen of manhood standing well over six feet. He was noted to have been the third Ballymoney constable who had joined the army since the outbreak of the war. A report in the *Belfast Telegraph* in February 1916 stated he was the fifth. His service record shows that he was selected for service with North Irish Horse on 3rd January 1916. In October 1916 John was noted as being a Corporal.

John was reappointed 14th February 1919 and returned to County Antrim 8th April 1919. He served initially in Ballymena and by January 1921 was in Ahoghill. He was disbanded 4th June 1922. His pension record states that he was "overseas."

On 23rd June 1922 John and his brother Thomas Allen Clancy sailed from Liverpool onboard the *Empress of India* destined for Canada. Both men's occupation was listed as "clerk."

John had two brothers in RIC:

Thomas Allen Clancy 69,698. Born Carrigans Co Donegal 5th December 1897. He joined from Belfast 1st May 1919 having been recommended by District Inspector Gerrity. He had been a joiners helper. He served Roscommon 21st November 1919 and Westmeath 1st March 1922 and then disbanded 5th April 1922. As above Thomas then went to live in Canada which was recorded on his pension record.

Patrick James Clancy 65,163. Also born Carrigans Co Donegal 15th July 1891 where his father was Sergeant. He joined 17th January 1910 from Londonderry recommended by Head Constable O'Donohue. He served Galway ER 4th August 1910 and noted at Woodford in January 1911. He was transferred to Belfast 15th November 1913 and was stationed at Henry Street.

He then joined the Irish Guards 13th January 1915. In October 1916 Patrick was recorded as being in hospital with shell shock and a Private. He was demobilised 22nd January 1919 and was readmitted to the RIC 23rd January 1919. He continued his service in Belfast from 1st April 1919. In January 1920 Patrick was noted as being back at Henry Street barracks. He was then promoted to Sergeant 1st September 1920. In January 1921 he was stationed at Springfield Road barracks. He was disbanded 31st May 1922. The address on his pension record was 109 Vine Street, Gorton, Manchester.

01/12/1915 – 24/06/1916 - Head Constable James Wright 54,191

James Wright was born County Sligo around 1870 and was the son of farmer Patrick Wright. He initially joined 10th February 1890 having been recommended by District Inspector Oswald Bayley Maffett. However he was discharged as unfit and re-joined 1st April 1892.

He was sent to County Waterford 12th October 1892 and served in Waterford city. James' service record states that he was sent to County Roscommon 16th September 1899 and court records do record a J Wright in Boyle in 1901, however he appears to have been serving in Westmeath.

On 11th July 1900 he married teacher Francisca Mabel Runian daughter of police pensioner John Runian/Ranion 22,353. Francisca was living at Thomas Street Waterford. James at the time of marriage was stationed at Athlone. Indeed by the time of the 1901 census James and Francisca were living at Kings Street Athlone.

Confusingly three children were subsequently born at Roscommon and there was no mention of the transfer to Athlone. This may have been a temporary move that was not recorded. Their first child however Josephine Elizabeth was born 25th April 1902 at 26 Thomas Street Waterford City which was probably John Runian's home.

John Runian was born in County Leitrim 1831. He had previous service in Irish Revenue Police from 1st January 1856 and had joined the Constabulary on the disbandment of the Revenue 1st October 1857. He served Tipperary North and Waterford 01/09/1871. He reached the then rank of Constable in 1880. He had married on 26th June 1877, Josephine Spangemacher daughter of land manager Joseph Spangemacher, from Germany. John was stationed at Cappoquin County Waterford at the time. He was pensioned 10th February 1886 and in 1901 was living at Thomas Street Waterford.

As mentioned Francisca and James had children born in Roscommon Town. Albert Thomas was born 12th June 1903 at Main Street Roscommon Town and Mary Belinda was born 4th November 1904 at Goff Street. On 1st April 1906 James was promoted to Acting Sergeant followed closely by the birth of Francisca Mabel on 22nd May 1906 also at Goff Street.

James was transferred to Wexford town 1st June 1907 and was promoted to Sergeant 1st August of the same year. A further son James Aiden was born 30th January 1909 at Cooper's Terrace Wexford Town. By the time of the 1911 census the family were living at William Street Wexford where son Patrick John Runian was born 1st June 1911.

On 1st November 1915 James promoted to Head Constable and transferred to Ballymoney 1st December. He remained in the town for a short time as he was transferred to Strabane County Tyrone 24th June 1916 (although this was not recorded on his service record).

James remained in Strabane until he was disbanded 15th June 1922. His pension record indicates that he went to New York.

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Constable Samuel Davidson Gilmore 51,823

Samuel Gilmore was born Dromara County Down 28th September 1867 and was the son of Sergeant William Gilmore 5224 and Martha Baxter. William died 23rd October 1897 of senile decay at Belfast Asylum. His address appears to have been 26 Paxton Street in east Belfast.

Gilmore joined 17th June 1886 having been recommended by District Inspector Robert George Bull. Bull was stationed in Belfast at the relevant time. Bull was to see active duty during the Belfast riots shortly after Samuel joined. Samuel was sent to County Meath 27th February 1887.

On 24th September 1889 Samuel was transferred to Belfast. On 13th September 1893 Samuel married Agnes B Dunwoody daughter of gardener Robert Dunwoody. Agnes' address may have been 85 Beersbridge Road Belfast. Samuel was stationed at Brickfield Barracks Belfast on Dover Street. Agnes would have been living near to Samuel's parents.

On 7th December 1893 Samuel was transferred to County Antrim and was noted in Crumlin from around 1895. On 31st December 1894 a daughter Mary Jane Patterson Gilmore was born at Church Street Lisburn County Antrim where Samuel appears to have been stationed so his move to Crumlin came subsequent to the birth. In May 1898 he was transferred to Dervock.

On 4th April 1900 another daughter Victoria Edith Agnes Gilmore was born at Dervock. The young family were noted at Dervock in the 1901 census. Samuel was then noted in local press at Rasharkin barracks from at least January 1908. In September 1909 Samuel was transferred from Rasharkin to Ballymena. At the time of the 1911 census Samuel was living at Albert Street in Ballymena.

By January 1916 Samuel was stationed at Ballymoney. From January to April 1920 he was placed on temporary duty at Armoy before returning to Ballymoney. He was then disbanded 23rd May 1922. Samuel died 6th August 1933 at 156 Ardenlee Avenue, Cregagh Road, Belfast where he had lived from time of disbandment

Constable Martin Mullarkey 67,358

Martin Mullarkey was born 22nd February 1892 at Cappagh County Galway the son of farmer Thomas Mullarkey and Mary Donelan. He joined the RIC 16th June 1913 and was posted to County Antrim from 22nd December 1913. It is unclear where he was posted first as he was not mentioned in the local press at Ballymoney until January 1916.

He was transferred to County Leitrim 19th May 1918 and was noted at Dromod in January 1919. He moved to the Reserve at the Depot 1st June 1919. He resigned 21st June 1920 "to emigrate." His

brother James Mullarkey also joined and had the number 70,335. He was born Cappagh County Galway 20th October 1898. He joined from Roscommon 16th February 1920 recommended by Head Constable Clancy, however he resigned 6th May 1920 due to "ill health." It may be significant why both brothers decided to resign around the same time, however there is no additional available information to indicate any conspiratorial reason.

10/08/1916 – 20/05/1918- District Inspector Thomas J Oates 55,710

Thomas Oates born 9th February 1872 Co Roscommon, youngest son of Terence Oates of Northyard, Strokestown. He joined 27th December 1892 having been recommended by District Inspector John Bedford Russel Cameron who had been posted to Strokestown 21st April 1892 coming from the Depot.

He was posted to County Donegal from 6th September 1893 and appears to have been stationed at Mountcharles. In October 1897 he moved the relatively short distance from Mountcharles to Donegal town. Thomas had received a favourable record along with Sergeant James Woods and Constable Patrick Wall for their courage, cool headedness and bravery in saving the lives of two young men who were attacked by a large and excited crowd at Doorin (just outside of Mountcharles) on 29th June 1896.

On 22nd October 1899 Thomas was transferred to No 2 Company Reserve at the Depot where he was recorded in the 1901 census. On 16th January 1904 he was transferred to Wexford although a newspaper reported that he had requested Waterford. 1st October 1904 he was promoted to Acting Sergeant and was then moved due to the promotion to Tipperary NR on 5th November 1904.

Thomas returned to No 2 Company Reserve on 17th July 1906 and was promoted to Sergeant 1st December 1906. On 31st August 1907 he was moved to Galway ER. On 28th November 1908 Thomas and colleague Constable John French were on patrol in the area of Knockaboy around 9 p.m. Thomas heard a shout and the sound of a person running and came across a man called John Connaughton covered in blood stating that he had been murdered. They proceeded to the area of Martin Faherty's house and saw a group of around a dozen men wearing cloths over their faces in disguise. Thomas was then hit over the head and attacked by men with sticks, he struck a few of them with the butt of his rifle. He then heard one of the men shout "shoot" and he ordered French to fire. He then himself fired two shots after the crowd. One man was arrested although more had been identified. The matter was subsequently reported to District Inspector Leatham (who had previously been stationed at Ballymoney). Later at the Connaught Assizes before Judge Kenny in Limerick two men were arraigned for attempting to murder Sergeant Thomas Oates and Constable John French and were found guilty. One of the men was the vice chairman of the district council. The judge highly commended the courage of Sergeant Oates and Constable French on the occasion, remarking that they undoubtedly risked their lives on that night and he hoped the authorities would suitably recognise their bravery.

Thomas was transferred to County Clare from 1st December 1908. On 10th December 1908 he was promoted to Head Constable and stationed at Kildysart, Ennis. Thomas' promotion was a direct result of what was recommended by the judge and sanctioned by the Inspector General Sir Neville Chamberlain. In June 1909 Thomas was temporarily sent to take charge of Doolin Protection Post, however he was counted as being at Kildysart in the Nominal Return of January 1910.

By the following January Thomas was based at Tiermaclane where he was counted in the 1911 census return. Thomas returned to the Reserve on 16th September 1911. On St Patrick's Day 1912 he was sent to Kilrea County Londonderry from Saturday to Tuesday with 50 men although there was

no trouble to deal with. In September 1912 he was sent to Lurgan in respect of Ulster Day with 50 men in marching order armed with truncheons only. In December 1912 he was noted as assuming the duties of District Inspector while District Inspector Francis Jackson was on leave. Thomas was also recorded as doing similar duties in 1915 at the Depot.

On 10th August 1916 Thomas was promoted to District Inspector and posted to Ballymoney. His time in the town appears to have been mostly taken up with prosecutions most notably of business owner James Pollock of Castle Street for charging prices that exceeded those stipulated by law. He also took similar cases against Charles Craig of Charles Craig & Co New Row Coleraine and Matthew Cunningham of Main Street Ballymoney. Thomas was transferred to Castletown Bere in Cork on 20th May 1918 which was then followed by his involvement in a civil court matter.

In June 1918 Thomas was in civil court in respect of a breach of promise case. Catherine Moloney, a typist, whom he had met when he was a Head Constable in Kilkee County Clare around 1911 claimed that they became engaged. Thomas agreed that he had written 128 letters to her but did not promise marriage in any of them. It was argued by the complainant that when Thomas had become a District Inspector his attitude changed and Catherine had noted a coolness. Thomas wrote to her and told her that it would be foolish for the correspondence to continue. A settlement was reached which was not disclosed in court.

It was reported in the press that on 13th June 1920 around noon, the lodgings of District Inspector Oates at Castletownbere were entered by 20 armed and disguised men. They broke the locks of two portmanteaux and three trunks and took away two suits of uniform and some plain clothes.

On 1st February 1921 Thomas was sent to Bantry but returned again to Castletown Bere 1st August 1921. He was pensioned 9th May 1922. He died 3rd June 1942 at his residence Lydenburg House Maidenhead Berkshire.

24/06/1916-23/06/1917 - Head Constable John Acheson 53,379

John Acheson was born at Ballybane County Roscommon 8th October 1867 son of farmer John William Acheson and Mary Monson. He joined the police 23rd October 1888 having been recommended by District Inspector Henry Whitmore Babbage who was stationed at Boyle.

Initially John was posted to Mayo on 29th June 1889 then Galway WR on 6th May 1900. At the time of the 1901 census John was stationed at Eglinton Street Galway city. John returned to Mayo on 1st June 1902 and he was promoted to Acting Sergeant 1st March 1903 and then Sergeant 1st June 1906. John was noted in the Nominal Returns at Castlebar in 1910 and 1911.

On 16th July 1912 he was transferred to County Clare, however he did not stay long as on 16th December he was transferred to Victoria Barracks Londonderry. On 8th April 1913 he married Emily Marsh of 28 Merrion Square Dublin & Kilcatherina Moate, Westmeath. Emily was the daughter of farmer George Marsh. They married at St Stephen's Church of Ireland Dublin. On 8th December 1913 son Cyril Thomas Acheson was born at 20 Northland Avenue Londonderry. This would mean that Emily was around a month pregnant at the time of their marriage.

At the beginning of March 1915 John was moved from the County Inspector's office to take charge of Bellarena barracks pending his promotion to Head Constable. The promotion did not transpire until 8th June 1916 and he was sent to Ballymoney on 24th June. The only court record of John's in the newspaper was reported in September 1916 and was in connection with a breach of the

licensing laws by Sarah McGarry of Tully. John remained in the town until 23rd June 1917 when he was moved to Tullamore in what was King's County, now Offaly.

John was pensioned 13th September 1920 and claimed initially at Athlone, then Boyle from 17th December 1920 then back to Athlone from 21st April 1921.

John had two brothers also in the RIC:

Robert Acheson 59,203 born 25th April 1880 at Leam County Roscommon joined from Leitrim 16th November 1899 having been recommended by Head Constable David Murnane (father of James Peter Murnane later District Inspector at Ballymoney see below). Initially sent to Fermanagh 1st May 1900 then Belfast 10th July 1901. On 6th August 1907 he was posted to Sligo where he received an unfavourable record dates 5th September. He then resigned 3rd November 1907 to better his position. Robert was reappointed 27th April 1908 and sent to Wexford on 16th June. On 17th July 1908 he received a further unfavourable record and on 7th September he was fined 40 shillings and warned. He then resigned again on 18th September 1908. By the time of the 1911 census he was back home living with his parents.

Thomas Acheson 60,519 was born 9th August 1882 at Leam. He joined from Leitrim 16th December 1901 having been recommended by District Inspector McClelland. He was posted to Tyrone on 18th July 1902. He died 19th January 1903 of an inflammation of the foot according to his service record, however his death certificate states it was meningitis. He died at Leam and his brother Robert was present.

Sergeant William Orr 58,583

William Orr was born at Moneyhanigan, Faughanvale County Londonderry 8th March 1877. He was the son of farmer Isaac Orr and Martha McLaughlin. He joined the RIC 1st December 1898 having been recommended by District Inspector Samuel Hanna who was posted to Limavady at the time.

He initially served in Fermanagh from 1st June 1899 and then Donegal from 10th March 1900. At the time of the 1901 census William was stationed at Kilmacrennan but by May 1905 he was in Buncrana. He was transferred to Belfast 1st August 1906. On 10th October he married Minnie Mullaly in the Buncrana. Minnie was from the daughter of Christopher Mullaly, merchant and former RIC sergeant 40,866. Christopher had died 5th December 1896 at Buncrana.

William was promoted to Acting Sergeant 1st November 1909 and was subsequently transferred to County Limerick on 10th December. In January 1910 he was serving at Abbeyfeale joint station. On 21st October 1910 William was transferred to County Sligo and at the beginning of January 1911 was noted at Ballymote which was repeated in the census return as linked to Market Street Ballymote. It is not apparent where Minnie was at this time.

William was promoted to Sergeant 1st December 1911 and later took on the role of Inspector for Weights and Measures. He was transferred to County Cavan 22nd June 1912 and then to Larne County Antrim from 8th August 1913. At Larne he again was Inspector of Weights and Measures but also Food and Drugs Inspector. In July 1914 he took charge of Cushendall.

He remained in Cushendall for just over a year and in August 1915 transferred to Ballymoney swapping with Sergeant Patrick McCaffrey as previously mentioned. In Ballymoney William lived at 56 Charlotte Street between 1916 and 1917 according to the Valuation records. The address had previously lived in by Acting Sergeant Robert Osborough (see below) and was probably be 60 Charlotte Street

On 23rd November 1916 William was transferred to County Tyrone and in January 1917 was noted at Aughnacloy joint station. By January 1918 he was in Omagh. William was pensioned 25th May 1919 and initially claimed at Strabane. He died 1st March 1922 at 6 Roslyn Street Belfast.

1917

23/06/1917 – 09/07/1919 Head Constable Thomas Reilly 58,222

Thomas Reilly was born 1876 in County Cavan. He joined 15th June 1898 having been recommended by a Head Constable Duffy.

Initially he was sent to County Monaghan 16th December 1898 and was noted as serving at Ballybay in court records. In 1901 he was awarded a 2nd class favourable record for courageous conduct. On 1st July 1902 he was transferred to Belfast.

In December 1904 while stationed at Donegall Pass Thomas was noted as being one of the successful candidates at the recent promotion exam and was awarded the ten-guinea prize offered annually by the educational establishment at which he studied for obtaining the highest number of marks of any of the pupils sent forward.

Thomas was promoted to Acting Sergeant 1st December 1905 and moved to County Meath 1st January 1906. By August 1906 he was noted as being stationed at Athboy. He joined the Reserve 1st November 1906 and was promoted to Sergeant 1st June 1907.

On 16th October 1907 Thomas was transferred to Galway WR from Reserve No 4 Company. By January 1910 he was stationed at Gort and on 3rd February 1910 he got married to May O'Reilly of Canaroe daughter of farmer Michael O'Reilly. Thomas' surname is recorded also as O'Reilly. May was a teacher.

By March 1915 Thomas was based at Kinvara. In May 1916 the magistrates at Gort Petty sessions gave expression to their admiration for the action of District Inspector Falvey, Head Constable Duffy and the police force in their command during the crisis which suddenly developed in the district on Easter Tuesday. It was the rapid concentration of the available police in Gort that saved the situation. The magistrates especially recommended the action of Sergeant Reilly of Kinvara and Constable McCarthy of Gort.

Thomas was transferred to County Armagh 1st November 1916 and appears to have been posted to Portadown. In March 1917 it was mentioned in the *Portadown News* that he had been decorated by the King for conspicuous service during the Sinn Fein rising. This was not recorded on his record however he had received a first class favourable record on 27th July 1916. The citation for the King's Police Medal was "conspicuous gallantry in arresting and disarming a leading rebel, whose capture during the early part of the rebellion was of greatest importance."

Thomas was then promoted to Head Constable 1st June 1917 and transferred to County Antrim from 23rd June 1917. It appears that he went straight to Ballymoney. In May 1919 Thomas was in charge of a number of men drawn from Ballymoney, Ballymena and neighbouring districts to protect the railway from a threat by striking iron-ore miners. Large stones had been found on the line between Parkmore and Ballymena on which the ore was usually transported. The line was patrolled day and night by the police and the men were carrying arms and were prepared for any eventualities.

On 9th July 1919 Thomas was promoted to 3rd class District Inspector and moved to Ardara County Donegal on 21st July 1919. Thomas was promoted to 2nd class District Inspector 9th January 1920 and

by 1st April 1920 was appointed to staff of Divisional Commissioners for Leinster and transferred to Headquarters in Dublin. On 1st November 1920 he was transferred to Tralee County Kerry. Thomas was disbanded 20th July 1922.

Brother James Reilly 60,783. Born Cavan 1879 joined 16th June 1902 having been recommended by District Inspector Ross Rainsford who had been in Ballymoney in the 1880's (see above) . Served County Donegal 3rd January 1903. Stationed in Bundoran at time of 1911 census and was still there when he was promoted to Sergeant 1st October 1920. Married Julia Reilly 21st November 1912 at Killeshandra Cavan. Served until disbandment 8th April 1922.

Constable John Dermott 55,333

John Dermott was born Largy County Leitrim 1868 son of farmer Thomas Dermott and Mary Gaffney. He joined RIC 1st April 1892 having been recommended District Inspector John Connaughton 18,575 who had been based at Manorhamilton but by the time John Dermott had joined was in Monaghan Town.

Dermott first served in Kildare from 21st December 1892 and then joined the Reserve from 15th September 1894. He then transferred to Belfast 10th December 1896 and by February 1899 was stationed at Glengall Street barracks.

On 24th April 1899 he married Anne Henrietta Anderson of 27 Fairview St Belfast. Anne was the daughter of shop keeper Thomas Anderson. On 2nd June 1899 John received an award for actions taken in respect of a motor car owned by the Belfast and Northern Counties Railway Company as a parcels delivery van being driven by a drunk driver in February 1899. Constable Benjamin Stafford who made the arrest stated that the vehicle was moving at a furious rate and had knocked down several people including Stafford. The driver, named Gillespie, had ran over Stafford's right leg on North Street having come from High Street, however Stafford had managed to recover and climb onto the car and pulled the brake. Gillespie was sentenced to one month's hard labour. John Dermott was with Stafford at the time and his conduct was described as quite heroic, although no detail was given as his evidence was not required at court.

On 18th June 1899 daughter Mary (Mamie) Kathleen Dermott was born at 84 Maryville Street Belfast indicating that Anne was seven months pregnant when they married. They remained at Maryville Street where on 25th August 1901 son John Francis Dermott was born.

By 10th May 1903 the family had moved to 41 Vernon Street where daughter Cecilia Annie Dermott was born. A further daughter Helen Monica was born at the same address 12th January 1904. The next child who was male and unnamed on the birth certificate was born at 12 Chambers Street Belfast 17th June 1906. The next son Thomas Joseph Dermott was born 29th July 1907 at 112 Dunluce Avenue Belfast.

By January 1910 John was stationed at College Square and the family were living at 9 College Place North. At this address on 7th August 1910 daughter Eileen Elizabeth was born. The family were still there at the time of the 1911 census. In the return it was noted that John and Annie had had seven children however three had died, these were Helen (died 10th December 1905 at 41 Vernon Street), the unnamed son (died on same date as he was born having only lived 10 hours) and John Francis (died 13th December 1903 of meningitis at 41 Vernon Street).

Shortly after the census in May 1911 John moved from College Square to Henry Street on his own request to fill a vacancy. While there he received an unfavourable record 2nd April 1913 and was transferred to Larne County Antrim 19th April 1913.

On 3rd February 1915 daughter Veronica Dermott was born at Back Road Larne. The next child was Francis Laverty Dermott born 31st March 1916 at Church Terrace Larne. In July 1917 John transferred to Ballymoney. Some residents of Larne presented him with a purse of sovereigns.

In Ballymoney the family moved to 30 Union Street where on 29th May 1918 Bryan John Dermott was born. John was disbanded 23rd May 1922 and remained at 30 Union Street.

1918

20/05/1918 – 01/06/1920 - District Inspector James Peter Murnane 66,457

James Murnane was born 27th June 1890 Coolock RIC barracks County Dublin. He was the son of David Murnane 41,425 who was a sergeant at the time of his birth. David went on to become an officer rising to 3rd class District Inspector in July 1901 and was pensioned at rank of 1st class District Inspector in May 1919.

Before joining the RIC as a cadet James was a teacher of languages at Christian Schools Charleville for about 5 months. He commenced his career on 28th February 1912 and was posted to Woodford Galway 15th September 1912. He was given an unfavourable record for making false statements relating to his official duties in June and July 1913 and seriously warned about his future conduct. He was then transferred to Castletownbere County Cork 15th July 1913.

The following is an extract of the account of Ernest Blythe IRB Organiser taken from <http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0939.pdf#page=80> :

I went by boat from Bantry to Castletownbere. When I landed I went straight to the hotel before enquiring for the local people whose names I had. I had just finished my tea when I was told that the District Inspector wanted to see me. I went out, wondering if there was another arrest coming, but found that the District Inspector was a man called Murnane whom I had known in the Dramatic Society in Newtownards before he joined, the R.I.C. as a Cadet. His call was quite friendly, and he told me, what I now learned for the first time, that in the list of suspected people issued to the police on the outbreak of war in 1914 my name was the first, the reason being, of course, that it was in the Antrim County section and that it began with a "B". I cut short the interview as soon as I could without insulting the man. I did not feel that it would be any help to me locally to have it reported over Castletownbere that on my arrival I had spent a long time closeted with the District Inspector.

James was moved to Ballymoney County Antrim 20th May 1918. On 26th February 1920 James married Miss Lily Fewings-McCarroll, of 18 Lavender Hill, London SW. They married at Kells County Meath. Lily's father was Jasper Fewings McCarroll gentleman of Drakerath Kells. It was noted in March 1920 that James was on leave of absence (probably his honeymoon) and District Inspector Long of Buncrana took temporary charge. He returned by the beginning of April.

On 1st June 1920 James was moved to Clonmel County Tipperary. He was pensioned 20th May 1922. In 1925 he was noted as being a barrister in Dublin.

Constable Hugh Sweeney 58,478

Hugh Sweeney was born in the Crossroads area of County Donegal 3rd May 1876 and was the son of farmer Patrick Sweeney. He Joined 1st October 1898, recommended by District Inspector James Bell 35,559 who was stationed at Dungloe County Donegal at the time.

Sweeney was sent to County Antrim 15th April 1899 and by the time of the 1901 census was stationed at Toberwine Street Glenarm. On 1st December 1905 Hugh was transferred to the Reserve.

8th August 1906 saw Hugh transferred back to County Antrim and was noted in the local press at Portrush then by 1907 in Bushmills. He remained in Bushmills until 1911 when he was noted in Portrush, however his stay there was short as he moved to Ballycastle by March 1912. While in Ballycastle and by 1916 there were two RIC stations, the main one where Hugh was based and a special station designated as Ballycastle II.

It appears Hugh may have been back in Portrush by April 1917 as he was a witness in a theft case, however by October he had arrived in Ballymoney. On Christmas day 1917 Hugh married Mary Hughes, milliner, of Portrush, daughter of Charles Hughes Shopkeeper. Mary was originally from County Armagh. Hugh stationed at Ballymoney. They married at St Patrick's chapel Portrush. A witness at the wedding was Constable Patrick O'Connell 65,761 who was to marry at the same chapel in November 1919(Patrick's witness was colleague John James Kelly of Ballycastle RIC 66,075. Patrick's wife was Margaret Hunt who was the book keeper for the Northern Counties Hotel in Portrush). In 1911 Mary had been living as a boarder at a property on Victoria Street in Portrush

While in Ballymoney Hugh was promoted to Sergeant 1st October 1919 and was sent to take charge of Ballintoy. His stay however was short as he was transferred to County Cavan on 1st December 1920 and was noted as being stationed in Belturbet at the start of 1921.

Hugh was disbanded 4th April 1922 and his address on his pension record was given as Drumacanner, Keady County Armagh. Hugh died 14th May 1964 at 13 Holland Gardens, Belfast.

Son Hugh Aloysius Sweeney who worked as a draper was convicted of drink driving in Belfast in 1953 and was killed in car crash in May 1956 on the Springfield Road when the vehicle collided with a lamp post.

1919

Constable Robert John McCollum 67,113

Robert McCollum was born Findrum, Ballygawley County Tyrone 25th August 1892 son of farmer Robert McCollum and Jane Gilkison (possibly Gilkenson). He was noted as living at Findrum in both the 1901 and 1911 census returns.

He joined 17th February 1913 but was discharged as unfit on 19th February. He was however reappointed 03/11/1913. Robert had been recommended by District Inspector Horace Frederick Moncrief Munro who was based at Aughnacloy. Robert was sent to County Antrim 15th May 1914 and appears to have gone to Dervock.

On 12th November 1915 he enlisted with the Royal Army Medical Corps along with a Constable O'Brien of Ballymoney. There are no further details available on who Constable O'Brien was.

After demobilisation Robert rejoined 30th April 1919 and returned to County Antrim 10th June 1919. Robert may have been sent to Ballymoney, however the first confirmation of this is in the Nominal

Return for January 1920. Given the absence of any other reference to him being elsewhere it is probable that he came to the town. In March 1920 it was noted that he was being sent on temporary duty to Portrush but October he was dealing with drunks in Ballymoney as per court reports.

On 9th March 1921 Robert married Catherine Kennedy of Ballymacfin. Catherine was the daughter of farmer Matthew Kennedy. The wedding took place at 1st Kilraughts Presbyterian. A witness at the wedding was Joseph Gilkenson who was probably a cousin and may have a connection to Joseph Gilkinson 47,204 but this is not confirmed.

On 8th August 1921 Robert was transferred to County Armagh where he was disbanded 31st May 1922. He then joined RUC 1st June 1922 and his address was given as Cullyhanna County Armagh.

Robert died at Lurgan Hospital at the beginning of November 1929 aged 37. A report in the *Portadown Times* noted that he was survived by a widow and four young children the eldest being 8 and the youngest 3. The funeral was attended by fifty members of the RUC from Portadown, Lurgan Lisburn, Markethill, Richill, Loughall, Birches and Derrytagh. The police walked two deep behind the chief mourners. It was noted that his uncles were Robert and Joseph Gilkinson of Cavey, Ballygawley. His address in Portadown had been Queen Street.

Constable Joseph Prunty 62,242

Joseph Prunty was born at Cloonteagh County Longford 3rd August 1883 and was the son of farmer Thomas Prunty and Anne Dunne. His second oldest sister Kate was born in America. He joined the RIC 3rd December 1906. Joseph had previously been a reservist in the Irish Guards. He was recommended for the police by Colonel Richard J Cooper M.V.O. Cooper was the commander of the Irish Guards from June 1905 and had been Private Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant from 1904.

Prunty first served County Sligo from 25th May 1907 and then transferred to County Roscommon on 1st May 1908. He was noted as serving at Strokestown 1909, Ballinderry 1910 and Culliagh in 1911. On 17th March 1911 he was transferred to County Fermanagh and was recorded at the Carn barracks at the time of the census.

On 15th May 1913 Joseph was transferred to County Mayo and was stationed at Ballycastle. On 7th January 1914 he married Anne Jane McCauley of the Market Enniskillen at Enniskillen. Anne was the daughter of merchant Daniel McCauley of 10-11 Down Street Enniskillen who had died in 1895, and was described as a "lady." At the time of the 1911 census Anne was actually the step daughter of Terence Christie a owner of livery stables at Down Street in Enniskillen.

At the outbreak of the First World War Joseph was called up with the Irish Guard on 6th August 1914. His police record shows that he was a prisoner of war 13th September 1917 (and was possibly missing for a period). Joseph attained the rank of Sergeant in the Guards.

On demobilisation Joseph was sent to County Antrim 20th June 1919 and was stationed at Ballymoney. His record shows that between 12th and 21st October 1920 he was moved to the Depot, possibly to the Reserve but this is unconfirmed. He however returned then to Ballymoney where he finished his service in disbandment 30th May 1922. He pension address was given as Irvinstown County Fermanagh.

Sept 1919 -01/09/1920 Head Constable William Torrance 51,037

William Torrance was born County Londonderry 1859, he was the son of William Torrance. Prior to his career in the Royal Irish Constabulary William was in the shirt trade. He joined 17th October 1883 having been recommended by District Inspector Joshua William Vitranga Bernard 27,107 who was serving in Limavady.

His service record appears to state that he was sent to County Armagh either 18th October 1883 or 1885. Either way this seems incorrect, unless he spent either a day in the Depot or two years. If it is the latter his date of wedding in 1891 does not make sense as he had not served the requisite seven years at that stage.

As states William was sent to County Armagh may have been stationed at The Birches (near Portadown) initially, moving to Cullyhanna in June 1891. His stay in south Armagh was short as he was moved to County Antrim 16th August 1891 and stationed at Martinstown.

On 15th October 1891 William married Annie Jackson of Clonmacate, north west of Portadown near Maghery which is close to the Birches where William had been first stationed. Annie was the daughter of farmer Richard Jackson.

By 1893 William was stationed at Railway Street Lisburn. In March 1894 he passed the exam for Acting Sergeant, and was only one of two from the County out of 130 who had been picked. On 12th May 1894 daughter Elizabeth Margarette was born at Bachelor's Walk Lisburn. William had to wait until 1st December 1894 for his promotion while he was still in Lisburn. By June 1896 he was stationed in Larne. On 8th July a son Richard Jackson Torrance was born at Hope Street in the town.

On 1st June 1897 William was promoted to Sergeant but remained in Larne. Daughter Mary was born at Circular Road Larne on 2nd March 1900. At the time of the 1901 census the family were still living at Circular Road. In 1903 William was connected to Glenarm barracks however by May 1908 he had moved to Largymore barracks east of Lisburn.

Annie Torrance died at the Largymore RIC barracks 23rd January 1909 of heart disease. At the time of the 1911 census the remaining family were recorded living at Hillhall Road Lisburn.

On 11th November 1913 William remarried. His second wife was Mary Elizabeth Gill of 7 Eglinton Street Belfast. At the time of the 1911 census Mary had been living at Sloan Road, Lisburn and was a vest maker. She had been living there at the previous census with her mother.

A few weeks later on 1st December 1913 William was promoted to Head Constable and was transferred to County Wicklow 17th December 1913. He remained there for a few months and was sent to Antrim 1st April 1914 and may have been in Antrim town. Certainly he was there by January 1916 and remained until September 1919 when he was moved to Ballymoney.

In April 1920 William attended the aftermath of the burning of Loughguile Barracks. He was pensioned 1st September 1920 and his pension address was given as Laurel Vale, Antrim Road, Lisburn. William died at Laurel Vale 29th November 1932.

1920

Sergeant William George Willson 58,021

William Willson was born around 1878 in Hampshire England son of Thomas Willson, although the birth was recorded within Oxfordshire. In 1901 a Thomas Willson of Scottish birth was noted as

being a boarder at a boarding house at Dorset Street Lower Dublin, also present was a Margaret Willson from Dublin. Given the spelling of the surname this may have been a connection.

Joined 2nd November 1896 from County Mayo having been recommended by District Inspector Frederick Campbell Wallace who was stationed at Belmullet County Mayo at the time. William's first posting was to Belfast on 25th November 1897.

On 12th December 1905 married Elizabeth Fisher of 10 Buckingham Street Belfast. Elizabeth was the daughter of David Fisher. William was stationed at College Square barracks at the time. A witness appears to be John Fee 59,962.

18th October 1906 a son David Fisher Wilson was born at 10 Roosevelt Street Belfast. William was then transferred to County Antrim 6th August 1907 for a very short period before being moved back to Belfast 1st October 1907. On 25th July 1908 son Thomas Edward Willson was born at 2 Roosevelt Street Belfast.

On 5th March 1909 William was transferred to County Louth. Again his stay was short and he came to County Antrim from 1st August 1909. He appears to have been sent to the Ballymena area and was posted to Harryville barracks. By the start of 1911 he was stationed at Cullybackey.

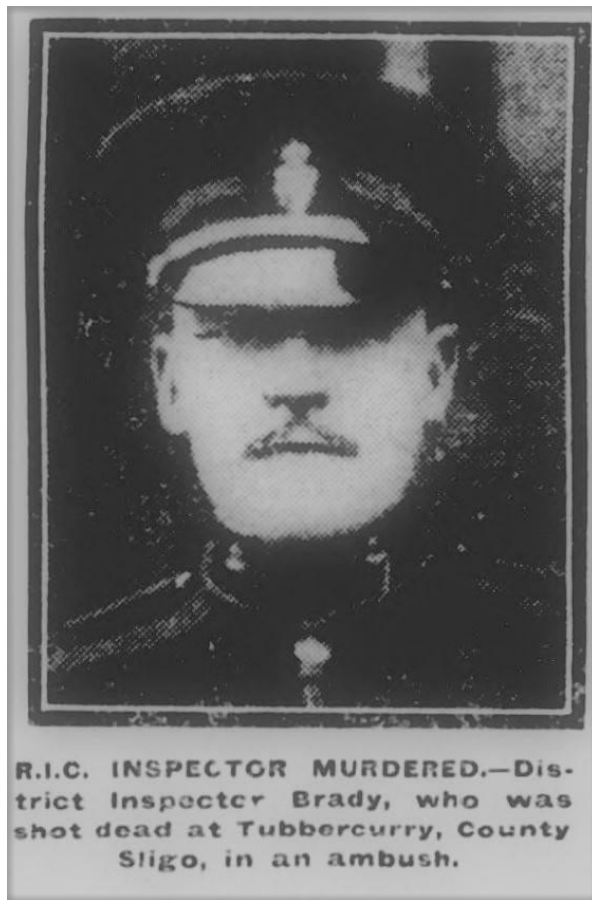
On 8th October 1912 daughter Mary Edith Willson was born at 140 Roden Street Belfast. Of note there were Fishers at Roden Street in the 1911 census which suggests that this was the home of a relation of Elizabeth.

By January 1916 William was stationed at Dunmurry outside Belfast. On 1st March 1916 daughter Doris Elizabeth Willson was born at Victoria Place Dunmurry. William however was on the move again as by January 1917 he was stationed at Dervock where he remained for nearly three years and was promoted to Sergeant on 1st April 1918.

On 13th November 1919 William was moved to County Longford and was stationed at Drumlish at the time of the 1920 Nominal Return. On 10th June 1920 he was moved back to County Antrim and was sent to Ballymoney. In February 1921 William and a number of men were sent temporarily to the recently re-opened Loughguile barracks which had been attacked the previous October.

William returned to Ballymoney and was disbanded 30th May 1922. He then joined RUC and worked on in Ballymoney until February 1924 when he retired.

15/06/1920 – 30/09/1920 - District Inspector James Joseph Brady 70,381



James Brady was born 9th October 1898 County Dublin. He was son of Captain Louis Brady assistant Harbour master at Dublin. A military record exists for James Joseph Brady from 13 Longford Terrace, Monkstown Dublin who joins the Inns of Court OTC on 19th January 1916. James is listed as a student, presumably law given the location. James' service ends after 87 days on 14th April 1916 as he then joins the OTC at Dublin University on 3rd April 1916 which is three weeks before the Easter Rising. The Dublin University OTC is believed to have defended the college during the Rising. His RIC service record noted that he was a Lieutenant with the Special Reserve Irish Guards.

He joined as a cadet 23rd February 1920 and according to his service record was posted to Ballymena 15th June 1920. James had been specially appointed as a cadet without examination, probably largely to do with his education and military service. Given that there was a District Inspector Brady dealing with a Portrush case in July 1920 it is highly probable that he was sent directly to Ballymoney.

James was noted as working in Ballymoney up to the beginning of September 1920. On 11th September he was temporarily moved to Tubercurry County Sligo to replaced District Inspector Gore Hickman who was moved to Mohill.

James was shot dead 30th September 1920. An early news report stated that he had requested to come to Sligo, however the same article stated that he had served in Monaghan which is inaccurate. The same article stated that he was the nephew of a former Nationalist MP for St Stephen's Green. This was Mr Patrick Joseph Brady 1910-1918 (later an Irish Senator 1927-28). A Head Constable O'Hara and Constable Brown were injured in the shooting which occurred between Bunnaden and Tubbercurry at a place called Chaffpool. Following his death RIC members and Black and Tans destroyed a number of properties including creameries.

James' funeral was attended by representatives of the Lord Lieutenant, the Irish Guards, senior RIC members and DMP members. The bands of the RIC and DMP played and he was taken to Glasnevin Cemetery. Detachments of the RIC, DMP, Dublin Harbour Police and men from the Wiltshire Regiment walked in procession.

Constable Thomas William Burns 64,377

Thomas Burns was born Castledawson County Londonderry 22nd June 1890. He was the son of Sergeant William Burns and Elizabeth Prestage. William and Elizabeth had married 26th January 1885 at Kilbride County Wicklow. William's occupation was listed as farmer of Castlemanham. Elizabeth was from Ballinakill.

William Burns 34,768 has been born County Wicklow 1850. He joined aged 18 and may be son of William Burns 5278. He joined 22nd August 1868 and served Westmeath, and Londonderry. He had reached the rank of Sergeant by 1884 but was reduced to Constable in 1892. He retired the following year to Avoca Co Wicklow.

Thomas Burns joined 15th October 1908 having been recommended by District Inspector Charles Cecil Yeldham at Wicklow and had been a clerk prior to joining. He was first sent to County Tipperary 21st April 1909 and was recorded in the Nominal Return January 1910 and the 1911 census at Main Street Borrisoleigh.

On 16th February 1913 Thomas was transferred to County Dublin and was stationed at Balbriggan until he was transferred to County Antrim 16th October 1920 and was stationed at Ballymoney. He was disbanded 25th May 1922 and his pension address was recorded as Fagnahbrick, Waterloo Road, Lisburn.

01/11/1920 – 16/11/1921 – District Inspector Patrick Clarke 54,946

Patrick Clarke was born 14th March 1871 at Roanstown County Meath and was the son of farmer Michael Clarke and Mary Sherry. He joined 15th October 1891 having been recommended by District Inspector Arthur Geoffrey Grove Annesley who was stationed at Dunshaughlin at the time.

Initially Patrick was posted to County Wexford 25th March 1892. Patrick was stationed at Enniscorthy during his time in Wexford. On 15th March 1898 he was moved to County Wicklow which was probably due to this impending marriage on 5th July to Margaret Anne Carley. Margaret was the daughter of sailor Richard Carley and was living at Michael Street Wexford. Patrick was stationed at Laragh at the time of the wedding. A witness appears to have been Constable James Talbot 54,453.

Patrick was then stationed at Aughrim. Patrick and Margaret had two daughter in Wicklow, Mary, born 27th August 1899, and Jane born 20th November 1900 at Killacoran. They were living at Killacoran, Aughrim at the time of the 1901 census. On 1st April 1902 Patrick was promoted to Acting Sergeant and then moved to County Mayo 29th April 1902. On 28th May 1903 daughter Anne was born at Kiltimagh. On 1st November 1904 he was promoted to Sergeant. A son Richard Michael Clarke was then born at Kilkelly on 19th December 1905 where Patrick was stationed. A further son Patrick was born at Churchtown 18th March 1907.

Patrick was transferred to Cork ER 10th October 1906 and by March 1908 was stationed at Buttevant. At the time of the 1911 census Patrick and his family were living at the barracks in Buttevant between the court house and a pub. At that address on 23rd August 1912 son George Thomas Clarke was born.

After the beginning of January 1917 Patrick, Margaret and family moved into Cork city and on 15th February son Vincent Thomas was born at Friars Walk. Patrick was then stationed at Union Quay barracks. He remained there until after he was promoted to Head Constable on 1st July 1919. By January 1920 he was stationed at Shandon barracks in the city. There was mention of a Head Constable Clarke being shot and injured in an incident at Leitrim Street in Cork in November 1918 however there is no mention of this injury on his service record.

On 20th March 1920 Patrick was a witness to the killing of Constable Joseph Murtagh at Pope's Quay which occurred a couple of hours before the killing of Sinn Fein Lord Mayor Tomas MacCurtain by members of the RIC. He was operating in a very tense and volatile city at that time.

On 7th June 1920 Patrick was given a favourable record and gratuity, the reason for this was not recorded and there is no mention in the press. On 19th August he was then transferred to Belfast prior to his promotion to District Inspector on 16th October 1920.

Patrick was posted to Ballymoney 1st November 1920. His time there appears to have been unremarkable with only a handful of court appearances mentioned. He left 16th November 1921 for Castlebar County Mayo. He was then disbanded 15th April 1922. His pension address was 19 Barnfield Road Ealing, having previously been at Distillery House, Wexford. Distillery House had been the home of District Inspector Peter McGovern in May 1921 when he had been ambushed, shot and injured.

11/09/1920 – 12/04/1921 - Head Constable Thomas Frazer 53,292

Thomas Frazer was born Doochery County Down 26th June 1866 the son of weaver John Frazer and Rose Anne McCoubrey. He joined the RIC 15th August 1888 having been recommended by District Inspector William Henry McArdle, his previous occupation was shop assistant. McArdle was stationed at Banbridge County Down until 1st June 1888, Doochery was in the Banbridge District.

He was first sent to County Clare 24th May 1889, and moved to the Reserve in Clare 1st October 1890. He resumed normal duties in the same county 25th March 1891 and is noted in petty sessions records at Ennis barracks in April 1891. In July of that year he was recognised for an unrecorded act which he received 29th July.

On 22nd October 1891 Thomas was transferred to Belfast. He remained there until 2nd January 1893 when he was transferred to County Antrim and by September was noted as serving in Carrickfergus. While there he received another award 15th December 1893. In August 1896 Thomas was made Inspector of Explosives at the harbour by the Harbour Commissioners.

A few weeks later on 7th September he married Eleanor Moore of 28 Cooke Street Belfast, daughter of Robert Moore (deceased). Thomas' father John's employment was recorded as Porter in the Union. On 22nd July 1897 a son William James was born at Thomas Street Carrickfergus.

On 15th August 1899 Thomas again was recognised for some unrecorded action which was followed on 4th October by the birth of son Edmund at Thomas Street. 22nd June 1900 saw a further award and on 1st September Thomas was promoted to Acting Sergeant, and unsurprisingly he received a further award on 19th October 1900.

The family remained at Thomas Street and were recorded there at the time of the 1901 census. However on 9th October an unnamed son was born at Market Place in Carrickfergus. The boy died three hours after being born.

On 1st December 1902 Thomas was promoted to Sergeant and was sent to Ballymena and then was moved to Whitehead where he was noted in court reports in June 1904. While in Ballymena Thomas had been Inspector of Food and Drugs. On 25th September 1904 a daughter Gertrude was born at Whitehead.

In March 1906 it was announced in the *Larne Times* that Thomas was to be removed to Portrush. On 14th October 1907 a son Thomas was born at the barracks at 17 Eglinton Street Portrush. The family were recorded in the 1911 census at the Eglinton Street barracks.

On 28th February 1912 Thomas' wife Eleanor died aged 41 at the barracks of rheumatic fever. On 15th October 1913 Thomas married a person who appears to be his deceased wife's sister Agnes Moore of 32 Gresham Street Belfast. Agnes had been working at a confectionery shop, the owner of which, Helen Miller Blair, was a witness at their wedding.

Thomas remained in Portrush until he was promoted to Head Constable which occurred 22nd March 1918. He was posted to County Cavan the following day and was stationed at Bailieboro.

On 11th September 1920 Thomas returned to County Antrim and was stationed in Ballymoney. He was pensioned 12th April 1921. His pension was claimed at Bangor. Thomas died 24th July 1943 at Killaney, Boardmills, Lisburn. Probate was paid to his son Edmund who was a Sergeant in the RUC.

Constable George Tilston 73,981

George Tilston was born in Staffordshire 14th November 1896. He was a former soldier and had joined the Lincolnshire Regt at Newcastle 11th November 1915. He had previously been a collier. On 20th January 1918 he married Emily Cliff and was living at 7 Emberton Street, Chesterton, Staffordshire.

On 21st September 1918 he joined 15th (service) Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers and was wounded none days later. He was transferred to the Army Reserve on demobilisation 20th January 1919. His service record stated that he had less than 20% "disablement" from his injury. A note states that he had a weakness in his right hand, however he was lefthanded. The weakness was due to a gunshot wound He received a pension from November 1920.

In 1919 his address was 5 Stanley Street, Middleport, Staffordshire. He then joined the RIC 8th October 1920 and was sent serve in County Antrim on 30th October. His service however was very short and he resigned 12th February 1921 and the reason given was his wife refuses to live in Ireland!

By 1939 George was living at 15 Price Street, Smethick, Staffordshire. His occupation was police constable in the Staffordshire County Constabulary.

1921

The following are men who were recorded in the last Nominal Return for Ballymoney in January 1921. Where they have been mentioned previously this has been referred to. The list would include many of the men working in Ballymoney at the time of the changeover from RIC to RUC.

Sergeant Robert Osborough 55,952 (as above)

Sergeant William George Willson 58,021 (as above)

Constable Thomas William Burns 64,377 (as above)

Constable John Dermott 55,333 (as above)

Constable Samuel Davidson Gilmore 51,823 (as above)

Constable Michael Green 64,050 (as above)

Constable Thomas P Lyle 60,496 (as above)

Constable Robert John McCollum 67,113 (as above)

Constable Joseph Prunty 62,242 (as above)

Constable George Tilston 73,981 (as above)

Constable Patrick Fleming 69,138

Patrick Fleming was born County Galway 16th April 1896. He joined the RIC 5th June 1917 having been recommended by District Inspector Charles Henry McGowan however he resigned 15th July 1917 due to ill health. Patrick was reappointed 2nd October 1917 with loss of service.

Following the completion of his training he was posted to County Longford 10th April 1918 and was recorded in the Nominal Returns at Drumlish in January 1919.

In the Court Martial of Longford man William McNally at Ship Street Barracks Dublin in August 1919 it was alleged that McNally had assaulted and endangered the safety of Constable John Clarke at Rathmore on 27th April and abetted others to endanger the safety of Constable Patrick Fleming. McNally was also charged with having on him at Derrynavegey on 2nd June a printed paper containing statements, the publication of which was likely to prejudice the discipline of the RIC and DMP. The paper was reported as follows

Sinn Fein, 6 Harcourt St, Dublin

A Chara – With a view to carrying into effect the Dail decree of April 10th, 1919, whereby it was decreed that the police forces maintained by the English Government in Ireland be ostracised socially by the people of Ireland, you are requested to bring to the notice of all the members of your cumainn: - (1) Avoid all intercourse with such persons unless purely business matters make it absolutely necessary; (2) DO NOT SALUTE THE OR REPLY TO THEIR SALUTATIONS; (3) Do not take part in any social entertainments where they are expected to be present as guests; (4) Should they be allowed to attend any social entertainments, such as dances, etc, our members are advised to leave immediately; (5) Carefully avoid all places they are known to visit, and more particularly publichouses which they frequent. In the term police forces we include all members of the organisations known as RIC and DMP, both officers and men ("peelers"), and detectives and spies ("G" men), whether these devote

their whole time to detective work and spying or disguise themselves by engaging in some ordinary civil occupation. Members are requested to report to their club officers on any persons who are seen in social intercourse with them, and a list of such persons should be kept.

On 3rd October 1919 Patrick was transferred to County Antrim and was noted in the Nominal Returns for January 1920 at Martinstown barracks. By January 1921 he was stationed in Ballymoney. Patrick was disbanded 30th May 1922.

Constable Joseph Boyle 65,755

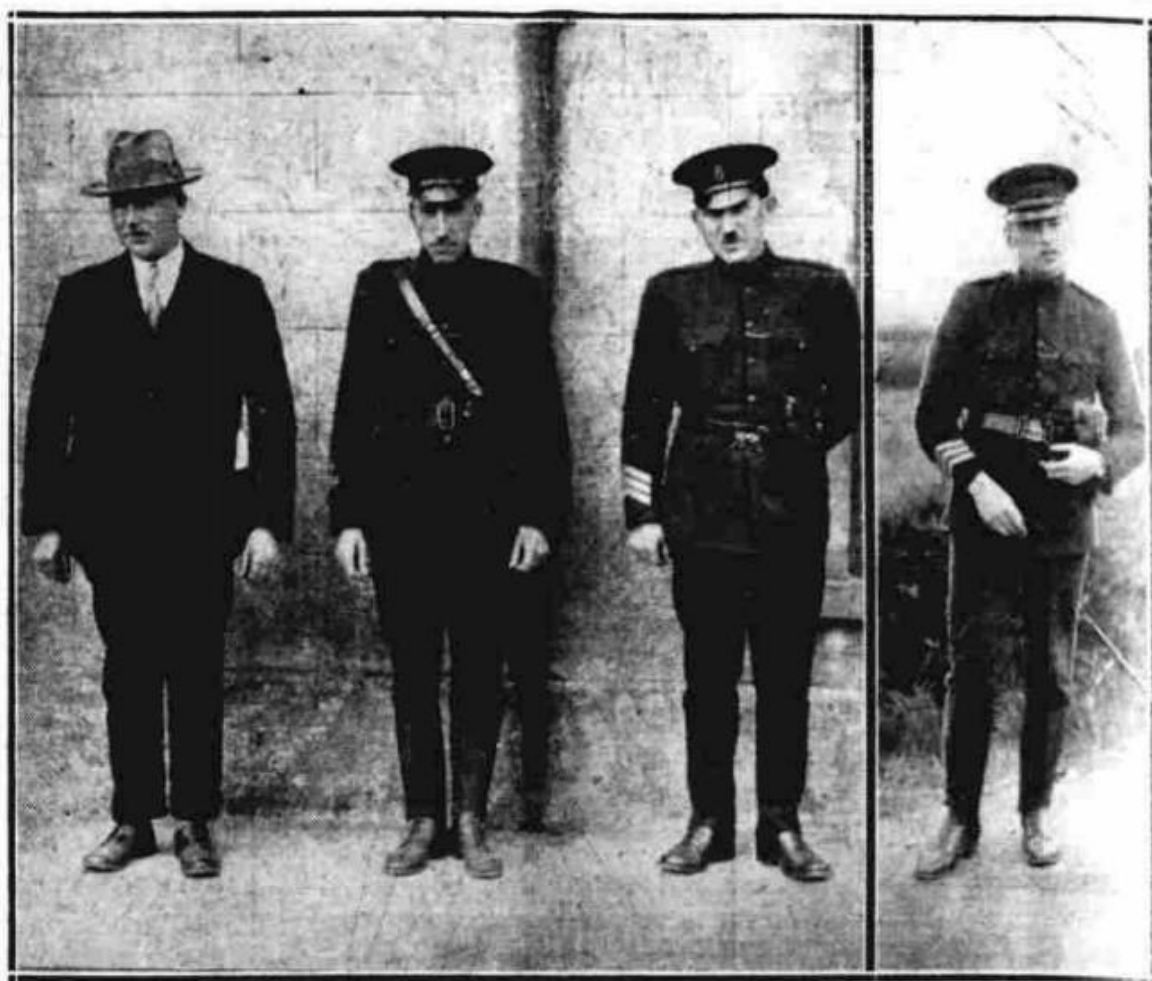
Joseph Boyle was born County Donegal 9th December 1890. He joined 15th February 1911 and was recommended by District Inspector August LeClerc MacDonald who was stationed at Ardara at the time.

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.

17/04/1921 – Disbandment Head Constable William Thomas Cromey – 59,475



Left to right—District-Inspector M'Neill (Ballymoney), who was making investigations yesterday, assisted by Head-Constable Cromey (Ballymoney), Sergt. Connolly (Armoy), and Sergt. Hannon (Bushmills).
(*"Northern Whig"* Photo.)

William Cromey (sometimes Cromie) was born Dernabane Clogher County Tyrone 6th November 1880 and was the son of farmer Joseph Cromie and Sarah Robinson. He joined RIC 3rd May 1900 having been recommended by District Inspector William John McCauley who was stationed at Aughnacloy at the time.

Cromey was sent to serve in County Donegal 14th August 1900 and was noted in the 1901 census at Carrick Village Donegal. In August 1904 William was involved in a follow up operation following the theft of clothing and cash from the house of a railway inspector Patrick Callaghan. Information had been received that Margaret Nolan of Dumark who had been a servant of Callaghan had been in the property. William went three hours prior to the search under warrant was carried out at the Nolan house and concealed himself nearby. When the search began a woman was seen running out of the house and hid clothes near where William was hiding. Margaret Nolan was arrested for the burglary and her mother Grace was arrested for receiving stolen goods. William was stated at Donegal town at the time.

On 1st April 1905 William was transferred to County Antrim. Two years later on 5th June 1907 he married Annabella Scott from Donegal Town. Annabella was the daughter of farmer George Scott of Gorterard. In 1901 Annabella was living with sister Fanny Jane in their aunt Isabella Millar's house in

the Diamond, Donegal Town. Isabella was a draper and Annabella was working as an assistant. William was stationed at Whiteabbey at the time of their marriage and it is likely they made their acquaintances while William was stationed in Donegal Town.

By March 1908 William was stationed in Larne. Their first child William Joseph was born 13th October 1909 at Adelaide Terrace Larne. The next child was daughter Gertrude Frances who was born 30th October 1910 also at Adelaide Terrace. By the time of the next census in 1911 the family were living at Portland Road in Larne.

In January 1911 William passed the "P" examination for rank of Acting Sergeant which was announced in the *Larne Times*. In August 1911 he passed the Board of Trade exam and qualified with a certificate as Inspector of Weights and Measures. On 1st October 1911 William was promoted to Acting Sergeant.

One further child Sarah Isabel was born 25th January 1912 at Adelaide Terrace. By October 1912 William was stationed in Ahoghill. The following year on 8th May son George Ernest was born at Lismurnaghan Ahoghill. On 1st July 1913 William was promoted to Sergeant, however he remained in Ahoghill. Two further children were born at Ahoghill, Frederick Henry on 6th August 1914 and Annie Elizabeth 25th December 1915.

Ahoghill barracks were closed from December 1919 and William was placed on plain clothes duty. The barracks opened again a few months later, however in March 1920 William was transferred to Bushmills. On 1st January 1921 he was then promoted to Head Constable and his record states that he was moved to County Cavan from 11th January.

William was then transferred to County Antrim 17th April 1921 and may have went straight to Ballymoney. William was disbanded 1st June 1922 and joined the RUC remaining in Ballymoney. The family lived on Charlotte Street 1922-1926 according to the Valuation records possibly 67/69. In August 1924 it was announced in the *Irish Times*

In pursuance of an Act passed recently in the Northern Parliament, considerable improvements have been and will be made to the police barracks throughout the six counties. Ballymoney old bridewell, which some years ago had been utilised as a dwelling house, an extra storey having been added and extensions made. Head Constable Cromey is now in occupation of the house, and it is understood that extensive alterations will be made shortly in the police barracks.

In 1925 son William J was at the Model School Ballymoney and won a competitive place as RAF Apprentice. He was only 1 of 6 in Northern Ireland to do so. In September 1928 daughter Sadie was appointed as a teacher at the Model School.

In March 1929 William was transferred to Court Street barracks Belfast. By June 1933 he was moved to Glenravel Street. He was transferred in April 1935 to either Coleraine or County Fermanagh depending on which newspaper report is believed.

In 1938 son George Ernest was on a British Lions rugby tour of South Africa. He shared a room with the infamous Blair Mayne who would go on to find legendary (possibly notorious) fame in the fledgling SAS in World War 2. George played for Ireland on 9 occasions, scored 2 tries, won 4 and lost 5 in the period 1937-1939. He played once for Lions and they won game. George was a Presbyterian minister and in 1939 at Townsend Street Presbyterian in Belfast, and had come from Ballyweaney. In 1942 he George joined RAF and became a padre and Squadron Leader of TAF

reconnaissance wing. He went to Belgium in 1944 and his brother Fred took his place at Ballyweaney.

In 1942 William and Annabella were living at Portballintrae. In August 1942 son William J was a petty officer on a ship which was torpedoed and sunk in Mediterranean. In 1943 Chief Petty Officer William J Cromey was awarded a DSM at Buckingham Palace. It was noted that the family lived at 9 Thorndale Avenue Belfast.



In 1945 another son Tom Cromey stood in for Fred as hooker for Ulster in an inter provincial rugby match against Leinster. Tom usually played for Collegians.

William Cromey died 26th August 1951 at Gortnabane Portballintrae. At that time George Cromey was minister at Ballyweaney, son Rev Fred Cromey was a missionary in India. William was buried at Bushmills Presbyterian churchyard. The property at Gortnabane was sold at public auction in September 1955. Wife Annabella died 7th March 1954 at her son's residence 51 Strathmore Park South Belfast. She was buried at Bushmills Presbyterian.

16/11/1921 – RUC - 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 was 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.

Samuel had two brothers in the RIC:

John McNeill 59,258 – born 22nd April 1878 at Dunmullan, farmer prior to joining, joined 2nd January 1900 recommended by Head Constable Eakins. Posted to County Antrim 11th May 1900 and was noted in Ballycastle in 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. 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 Isantasserty. Lived on Portstewart Road.

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.

Pensioners

A list of men who either claimed their pension in the Ballymoney area or who appear to have come from the Ballymoney area. They are listed in ascending service number order.

Charles Ramsay 287

Charles Ramsay was born County Antrim 1799 and joined the constabulary 1st January 1825. He was recommended by S Moore JP which may have been the Moore's from Ballydivity at Dervock. Charles had married prior to joining, and his wife was from County Antrim.

Ramsay was promoted to Constable, 2nd Head Constable 1st September 1839, reduced to Constable 13th December 1848, promoted again to Head Constable 13th March 1849, and finally reduced to Constable 1st November 1853. He served County Antrim 10 months, Londonderry 9 months, Monaghan 6 years 6 months, Tyrone 1 year 4 months, Donegal 4 years 1 month, and Galway.

He was pensioned 16th June 1860. Charles initially claimed his pension at Ballycastle but moved to the Ballymoney area between 1876 and 1879. He died at Craig, Dunseverick 28th October 1883 aged 84.

George Gray 1110

George Gray was born County Londonderry 1810 and was the son of farmer John Gray. He joined the constabulary 1st November 1832 and was a widower at the time of joining. He was recommended by Dr Boyd who may have been John Boyd from the Coleraine area where he was later MP on 3 occasions.

Gray served only in County Antrim and was never promoted. He was pensioned 27th November 1870. He was married the day after retiring to Margaret Campbell. Margaret was the daughter of mechanic Samuel Campbell of Ballymoney. They were married at Ballymoney 1st Presbyterian.

George took over as occupier of Samuel Campbell's property at Charles Street around 1872. Samuel had been there according to the valuation records from at least 1863. There is a record of a Samuel Campbell dying in 1870 in Ballymoney. George died at the same address on Charles Street in Ballymoney 21st October 1889.

John McKendry 1474

John McKendry was born County Antrim 1813. He joined the constabulary 15th March 1833 and was recommended by George McCartney JP of Lissanoure Loughguile. John served only in County Antrim.

He was promoted to Constable 1st December 1840, and reduced to Sub Constable 1st December 1842. Somehow he was reduced to Sub Constable again on 22nd October 1847, and was promoted to Acting Constable 1st February 1851. In 1852 he was covering the Crumlin area and in 1854 Waterfoot. On 1st August 1855 John was promoted to Constable but was reduced again on 1st September 1856. He was then pensioned 16th September 1857.

John died at the Cottage hospital Ballymena 21st October 1887 his son George McKendry was present.

Patrick Scally 2652

Patrick Scally was born County Antrim in 1815 and was likely to have been from Loughguile. He joined 26th April 1837 having been recommended by Captain Dyas JP. This was stipendiary magistrate Joseph Dyas. Dyas had been a Chief Constable and a Sub Inspector and had previously been a member of the 51st King's Own Light Infantry and had fought at Waterloo with Wellington. In November 1836 he married and his posting at the time was Loughguile (a "remote and inconvenient portion of his district"). He married Helen Bayley daughter of Rev Cornwall Bayley of Farm Lodge Ballymena. Following his marriage he gained permission to move to Ballymena. He died in Ballymena 28th April 1850 where he was a Resident Magistrate.



Captain Joseph Dyas

He served Monaghan, Londonderry, and Fermanagh from 1st May 1863. Patrick was promoted to Acting Constable (Mounted) 1st February 1851, Constable (Mounted) 1st May 1851, Head Constable (Mounted) 1st March 1855.

On 3rd July 1852 Patrick married Ellen Laverty at Loughguile. A newspaper report described Patrick as the Head Constable of the Londonderry Constabulary and Ellen the daughter of John Laverty of Loughguile.

Patrick was pensioned 1st October 1868 and lived at Pharis from at least 1868. He had two sons John and Alexander and a daughter Mary. Patrick took over as occupier of a property at Pharis in 1872, the property had been occupied by James Laverty. James had taken over previously from a John Laverty who is likely to have been Ellen's father.

Ellen Scally died 26th June 1895 their son John was present at her death at Pharis. The certificate stated that she was a farmer's wife. At the time of the 1901 census Patrick was living at Pharis. He was living in son John's property along with Patrick's brother William Scally b 1832 and John's sister Mary.

Patrick died 8th May 1901.

There may be a connection to Patrick Scally 35,487 born County Antrim who joined 19th April 1869. He was recommended by Head Constable Lalor who was in Coleraine. This Patrick deserted 5th April 1872 while stationed in County Tyrone. Patrick was from Ballintoy where he was living in 1901 with his brother James and sister Anne.

There also may be a connection to James Scally 58,339 born County Antrim 1875. James joined 2nd August 1898 and resigned 7th August 1898 "to go home." James was recommended by District Inspector Ireland who was in Ballymoney at the relevant time. James however was from Portballintrae (as per 1901 census) and was son of John Scally. James was a fisherman.

Robert Lamont 3385

Robert Lamont was born County Tipperary in 1819. He joined 13th February 1839 having been recommended by R Hazzard JP. He served in County Antrim only. Robert married in April 1845.

He was reduced to 2nd Sub Constable 13th June 1852, promoted Sub Constable 1st February 1853, Acting Constable 1st January 1855, and Constable 1st June 1856. He was discharged 1st March 1870.

On 21st June 1870 a spirit licence was transferred into name of Robert Lamont at Stranocum. Robert's will stated that he was a farmer and grocer and is likely to have run a public house. The licence was transferred to Archibald J Mathews in 1878.

On 13th June 1883 daughter Francis Annie (Fanny) married Lyle Henry, son of William Henry of Ballycragh at 2nd Kilraughts Presbyterian Church. The bride's brother, the Rev James D Lamont assisted in ceremony. On the wedding certificate Robert is listed as being a merchant

Robert is recorded in the property Valuation records as being resident of The Street Stranocum from 1896 with house, shop, office and yard. The property was beside Stranocum Orange Hall. He died 8th February 1897 at Stranocum.

Samuel Henry 6512

Samuel Henry was born County Antrim 1822. He joined 10th May 1845 having been recommended by Charles Douglas JP of Dervock. He served only in King's County and was never promoted. He was married 19th December 1855 and was pensioned 1st January 1864.

He died in Ballycastle 24th July 1890 as a widower. Samuel died immediately of natural causes however there had been an inquest 25th July. Samuel had been found dead in his bed at his accommodation at the Quay in Ballycastle by a neighbour Mrs O'Mullin. He had been seen by a doctor a few weeks prior but had no recent complaints. Mrs O'Mullin though he had been late in rising and ended up forcing his door.

George Somerville 11842

George Somerville was born County Monaghan 1828 and was the son of farmer William Somerville. He joined 13th December 1848 having been recommended by Rev P White. He initially served in Reserve then County Antrim.

On 1st September 1863 he was promoted to Acting Constable. That year he was noted at Falls Road Belfast. He was promoted to Constable 1st August 1865 and was noted at Parkgate near Antrim in 1868.

George was pensioned 1st June 1876 and on 8th July married Maria McNeill at Derrykeighan Presbyterian Church. Mary was daughter of carpenter John McNeill. Both Maria and George were living in Dervock at the time.

George sold a house he owned in Dervock to the Covenanters which they used as a manse. Valuation records show a Rev E Tease being occupier from 1889. Tease was of the Reformed Presbyterian

Church. Property likely to be on or near the Castlecat Road. He then rented a cottage where he "lived in leisure."

At the time of the 1901 census George was living in Dervock Village with Maria. He died 14th February 1905 at Dervock.

John Walsh 14,303

John Walsh was born County Galway 1827 (although his marriage cert reflects 1829), he was the son of farmer James Walsh. He joined 15th October 1850 having been recommended by Henry Comerford JP of Merchant's Road Galway.

He served in County Monaghan 1st March 1851. He was promoted to 1st class Sub Constable 1st October 1851. On 1st July 1854 he was reduced again but was promoted 1st July 1855. At some stage he was transferred to County Antrim and was stationed at Loughguile.

On 20th December 1866 he married Sarah Walsh from Ballyveely, Loughguile. Sarah was the daughter of farmer John Walsh. On 10th May 1867 John was transferred to the Reserve and then to County Tyrone 1st December 1874.

John was pensioned 1st August 1876 and died 10th December 1892. In 1901 Sarah was living at Ballyveely Upper and was listed as being a grocer. By 1911 their daughter Kate was recorded as being a shop keeper at Ballyveeley. Sarah had died in 1909 and her death certificate stated that she was a farmer's widow.

John Healy 15,386

John Healy was born County Galway in 1830. He joined 13th October 1851 having been recommended by Sub Inspector Daniel Corley Jennings originally from Newry. Jennings was based in Tuam at the time of John's recommendation. John had been a carpenter prior to joining.

He served with the Reserve 1st April 1852, and then County Antrim 1st October 1853. On 23rd October 1863 he married Catherine Redington from Galway. John was promoted to Acting Constable 1st October 1869, and then Constable 1st April 1871. He had received an award 31st January 1871 for saving a life.

Around that time daughter Bridget was born. On 4th June 1872 son John was born at Ballyveely near Loughguile. This was followed by Kate 1872/1873 and Margaret 1874/1875. On 14th June 1876 son Eugene Joseph was born at Ballyveely

John was pensioned 15th May 1882 and by 1901 was living at Ballybrakes Ballymoney. He died there 3d February 1903. His son Joseph Healy was present at his death. Joseph was a photographer at this time. Catherine, Joseph and daughters Delia, Catherine and Margaret are recorded as still being at Ballybrakes in 1911.

On 22nd November 1914 daughter Catherine died at Ballybrakes. On 2nd April 1919 daughter Bridget died of a brain haemorrhage at Ballybrakes aged 48.

John entered the Catholic Church and was recorded as being at Ballymacarrett at the time of his father's death.

There is a will record for a Joseph Healy of Ballybrakes who died 19th September 1942. He is recorded as being a poulterer.

William Montgomery 16,294

William Montgomery was born County Antrim 1830. He joined 15th September 1852 recommended by James Courtney JP of Glenburne Portglenone. He served in Roscommon from 12th February 1853 and was married to Anne 2nd December 1865. He was then transferred to County Longford 1st May 1866

During his service he was fined a number of times – 10 shillings 6th February 1860, 10 shillings 15h May 1868, 30 shillings 10th December 1873, and significantly 50 shillings 20th January 1875. He was then pensioned 16th August 1883.

William then found employment as Inspector of Fisheries and was recorded as being the Deputy Inspector in December 1883. He appears to have carried this out at Stranocum. He died 17th November 1890 aged 59 at Stranocum. His son William Montgomery of Cloughmills was present at the death.

James Boyle Thompson 19,865

James Thompson was born County Antrim 1837. He joined the police 18th June 1855 having been recommended by Charles O'Hara JP of Ballymoney.

Initially he was sent to County Cavan 10th October 1855, then Londonderry, and County Sligo 1st January 1862. On 15th July 1862 James' service record states that he got married to a woman from County Londonderry. This appears to have been Mary Clarke. In March 1863 according to petty sessions records James was stationed at Clogher County Sligo.

On 1st April 1864 James was reduced in rank for 6 months to 2nd Sub Constable. On 1st February 1866 he was transferred to Tipperary South Riding. He was mentioned in petty sessions records at Fethard in December 1867 and 1869. On 25th July 1868 a son William was born at Main Street Fethard. By 1877 James was stationed at Cahir. On 6th June 1882 a further son James was born at Mullinahone where James senior was stationed. On 17th June 1884 daughter Eveline was also born at Mullinhaone.

James was pensioned 16th July 1885 and claimed his pension at Ballymoney. At the time of the 1901 census James was living at Cabragh, Enagh outside Ballymoney. The census records him as being married and head of the family, however there are no other persons listed with him. There is also no clear trace of either Mary or son William.

He died at Glenstall 25th May 1908. The newspapers noted James as being a North Antrim Unionist. His neighbour Annie Mitchell was witness to his death. Again the record stated that he was married rather than widowed. His pension was paid to Mary Anne Thompson, his widow, according to his record.

Their son William appears to have joined the RIC with the service number 53,449. This record states that he was born 1868 in County Tipperary, connected to Antrim as a native county also and was recommended by Head Constable Dowler who was in Ballymoney at the relevant time. Given these factors it is highly probable that this was the same man. It is noted that his name is given as William A Thompson. His previous occupation is listed as a beltmaker. He joined 14th November 1888 and was sent to County Kilkenny 26th June 1889. William did not last long in the RIC as he was dismissed 16th September 1891. No reason is recorded on his service record.

Son James also joined the RIC. He started 1st September 1900 having been recommended by District Inspector McHugh who was stationed in Londonderry. James was 18 and had been a railway clerk

and had joined from County Londonderry. He was posted to County Limerick from 9th March 1901. On 16th May 1903 he was fined 10 shillings and was dismissed on 6th June.

Thomas McEntyre 20,033

Thomas McEntyre was born County Cavan 1837 and was the son of farmer Thomas McEntyre. On 13th August 1855 he joined the police having been recommended by Sub Inspector James Roe. Roe was posted in Swanlinbar around this time.

McEntyre was sent to County Antrim from 9th February 1856. On 17th April 1865 while stationed at Armoy he married seamstress Elizabeth Boyd of Moyaver at Armoy. Elizabeth was the daughter of stone mason Robert Boyd. On 1st July 1865 he was transferred to County Donegal. In Donegal two sons were born, Robert in 1873/1874 and James 1880/1881.

Thomas was fined a number of times, 10 shillings on 10th January 1862; 15 shillings 13th January 1862; 10 shillings 3rd October 1863 and 40 shillings 1st April 1868.

Thomas was pensioned 1st November 1885 and claimed at Ballymoney. On 22nd August 1896 Thomas collected his pension in Belfast. The 1901 census records Thomas as being a retired grocer living at Canning Street Belfast. He died 20th September 1910 at 17 Upper Meadow Street Belfast. His son James, a woodturner, was present at his death.

In 1911 sons James and Robert were living together at a house in Burlington Street Belfast.

James McLean 20,531

James McLean was born County Antrim 1838 and was the son of labourer James McLean. He joined the constabulary 14th January 1856 having been recommended by Charles O'Hara JP of Ballymoney area. He had been a weaver prior to joining.

He was sent to serve in King's County 9th May 1856 and was a mounted police officer. He then was sent to the Reserve, and from 26th October 1861 County Kerry. James was punished a number of times including once possibly by magistrates. His last fine was 6th April 1876 and six months later on 13th October he was dismounted.

James was pensioned 10th April 1881. On 20th May 1882 while living at Dervock he married Mary Connolly also of Dervock. The wedding took place at Ramoan Presbyterian Church. Both lived in Dervock at the time. A witness to the marriage was Dr James Walshe Davidson of Ballycastle. Davidson was originally from Dervock and had left in 1878 to go to Queen's College (now Queen's University), he had been a teacher at Dervock for six years at that stage.

On 12th March 1886 daughter Anne Jane McLean was born at Dervock. In 1891 James put himself forward for the post of poor rate collector but was unsuccessful. In 1900 he was appointed the school attendance officer for Castlequarter area.

In 1901 James, Mary and Annie were living in Dervock village according to the census. At the time of the 1911 census all three were still in Dervock and James was still employed as the school attendance officer. The census record stated that Annie had been their only child.

James died 30th June 1913 at Dervock aged 74. Mary died in 1921.

James Neill 21,082

James Neill was born County Antrim 1836 and was the son of William Neill a weaver. On 14th January 1856 he joined the police. He had been recommended by County Inspector William Williams. Williams was the County Inspector at Ballymena. Williams was responsible for the re-organisation of the Belfast police after 1865 following rioting and the removal of the local police in favour of the Irish Constabulary.

He first served with the Reserve 1st November 1856, and was temporarily sent to County Armagh 19th April 1857. He was transferred to County Louth 1st May 1863. James was promoted Acting Constable 1st November 1873, and then Constable 1st December 1874.

On 20th January 1880 James married Sarah Martin at St James' Presbyterian Church Ballymoney. Sarah was the daughter of Archibald Martin a shopkeeper and publican of Church Street Ballymoney. James was stationed at Drogheda at the time of the marriage.

The following year on 1st February James received his pensioned and moved to Ballymoney. On 13th March 1882 daughter Anne Lawson Neill was born at Church Street Ballymoney. A daughter Margaret was born around 1885 and a son Archibald Martin Neill was born at Church Street 25th August 1886. On 28th August 1889 a daughter Sarah was born at Church Street and on this occasion James' occupation was listed as publican.

In June 1889 Archibald's spirit licence was transferred to James Neill. James sold the business by public auction in March 1894. At that time it was advertised that the premises had been licensed for nearly a century. In October of the same year James received a six day licence by transfer from James Mullan. Two years later the licence was transferred to Daniel McLaughlin.

Sarah died 26th February 1896 at their residence on Church Street Ballymoney. The death notice stated that she was the daughter of the late Archibald Martin of Kilbride (Carrickfergus). Archibald had died 28th April 1889 at Church Street. A notice in March 1896 stated that James was selling the premises on Church Street as he had purchased a farm called Springfield.

At the time of the 1901 and 1911 census returns James was living at Springfield Culramoney, Stranocum and employed as a farmer. Of note in 1911 there was a John Neill aged 6 who was listed as James' nephew, he was in fact his grandson and had been born John Brown Neill 10th February 1905 at Springfield to Annie Lawson Neill. No father was listed on the certificate.



The remains of Springfield on the Boylan Road

James died 8th August 1911 his son Archie was present at his death.

Andrew George Breakey 26,585

Andrew Breakey was born County Monaghan 1842 and was the son of farmer William Breakey. He joined the police 4th March 1861 having been recommended by the Rev Mr JC Wolfe. Andrew had been a school master prior to joining.

He initially served in County Donegal from 26th July 1861. At some stage he was transferred to Belfast contrary to what is recorded in service record. Newspaper reports place him there as early as July 1866. On 1st July 1868 he was transferred to County Cavan.

On 13th August 1868 he married Sarah Graham of Killymard County Donegal. Andrew was serving at Cootehill at the time of the marriage. Sarah was the daughter of builder and miller James Graham. On 16th August 1869 son William H George was born at Milltown, Donegal Town (probably around Killymard).

1st April 1870 Andrew was promoted to Acting Constable and the following year on 1st March he was promoted to Constable. On 8th May 1871 son James Graham was born at Milltown. Andrew was then moved to County Galway 1st December 1871.

On 14th January 1873 daughter Edith Adeline Florence was born at Dominick Street, Galway City where Andrew was stationed. He was pensioned 1st May 1876 and initially claimed his pension at Ballyshannon. 23rd August 1877 a male son was born at Milltown where Andrew was employed as a farmer. On 10th May 1882 daughter Clara Gwendoline was born at Milltown where Andrew was employed as a miller.

On 1st September 1882 he collected his pension in Belfast. 11th March 1884 daughter Maud Geraldine was born at 16 Ponsonby Street Belfast where Andrew was employed as a commission agent.

A further daughter Irene Ernestine was born 25th December 1889 at Derrykeighan and Andrew had found employment as Petty Sessions Clerk at Dervock. This was a position he was to hold until his death.

At the time of the 1901 census Andrew was living at Shellfields Benvarden where he lived until around 1904. He died 20th April 1907 at Ballybogey, his daughter Clara G Breakey was present. The post of Clerk of Petty Session was advertised following his death and two of the applicants were Sergeant William Love (of Moville) and Sergeant Thomas Tresillian (of Ballymoney) both of who have been previously mentioned. Neither were successful.

In 1908 Clara married journalist William Browne Reynolds. Clara was living at Rosendale, Fortwilliam Park, Belfast.

Daniel Doherty 26,820

Daniel Doherty was born County Down in 1842 and was the son of farmer James Doherty. He joined 28th May 1861 having been recommended by J Harvey JP. He first served in County Armagh from 6th October 1861. He was noted as being stationed at Tandragee from at least 1870

On 1st October 1875 while stationed at Tandragee he was promoted to Acting Constable and then 1st March 1876 while stationed in Lurgan to Constable. On 17th August 1876 he married Mary Kinney from Tandragee. Daniel was still stationed at Lurgan at the time of marriage. Mary was daughter of baker Patrick Kinney.

On 1st February 1877 Daniel was transferred to County Antrim and posted to Ballymena. He was then noted at Whitehouse by the early 1880's but may have been in Belfast prior to this.

6th December 1884 a son Daniel Patrick was born at Ballyveely where it was recorded that Daniel senior was sergeant. This would be Loughguile. 27th March 1888 another son John Thomas was born at the same location. Daniel remained at Loughguile until he retired.

Daniel was pensioned 10th June 1891 and claimed at Ballymoney. He then became Inspector of Fisheries covering Stranocum where he lived. He died 9th April 1907 at Stranocum and was buried at Loughguile.

Hugh Mooney 28,513

Hugh Mooney was born County Antrim in 1842 and may have been from the Rasharkin area. He joined the police 23rd March 1863 on the recommendation of JW Armstrong JP possibly of Ballymaconnelly. He was first sent to County Down 15th July 1863.

In November 1868 Hugh was noted as serving in Banbridge and as a witness at a Constabulary Inquiry into charges laid against Mounted Constable George Beatty for falsely claiming to have been assaulted and then secondly for absenting himself on that basis despite being passed as fit. The charges were brought by Sub Inspector Thomas Robertson who would later serve in Ballymoney.

On 1st November 1869 Hugh himself became a mounted policeman and was moved to the Reserve where he served until 14th October 1870 when he was transferred to County Donegal. While in Donegal Hugh was stationed at Killybeggs.

He was transferred to County Londonderry 5th July 1871 and given that he was still a mounted man he was likely to have gone to Londonderry City at this point. He was however dismounted 10th January 1874 and was noted in Dungiven in May 1877. There he was caught up in a riot where several police were injured. Hugh received a blow to the top of his head which broke his hat and one on the shoulder which knocked him down.

By July 1879 he was noted in Limavady (although he may have been in Limavady rather than Dungiven in 1877 and brought there for the rioting). He appears to have been an Acting Constable by August 1879 in Limavady however his service record does not reflect this. By September he was a Sub-Constable once again and it is possible that this may have been an incorrect court report. While in County Derry he was also stationed at Maghera at some point.

Hugh was posted to County Tyrone 1st October 1879, and then County Leitrim 14th December 1880. While there he may have been brought into County Mayo to do protection duty with "Captain Boycott and his emergency men" referring to Captain Charles Boycott in County Mayo who was a land agent for Lord Erne at Lough Mask in 1880. He was transferred to County Armagh 16th October 1886. While there he is reported to have been brought to County Galway and was involved in the clearances on the Clanricarde Estate in 1888.

He was pensioned 1st June 1893 and took up farming on his father's farm. He was noted in the 1901 and 1911 census returns at Ballymaconnelly Rasharkin

In November 1908 Hugh took a man John McAuley to court for using threatening and abusive language where he feared corporal injury. Hugh had no previous issue with McAuley who had called him a rogue and a robber and threatened to shoot before he went on to threaten to murder him. McAuley was alleged to have went on to say that any man who would assist, or but a boycotted farm that he would do Berryman on them and lay them on their back. McAuley was accusing Hugh of

assisting his brother Patrick to but a boycotted farm. The Berryman referred to was a local man John Berryman who had been hanged for the murder of his brother and sister-in-law at Garvagh in August 1908. The killing was reportedly over the purchase of land. In Hugh's case McAuley was found guilty

Hugh died at Ballymacconnelly 13th October 1927. His probate was paid to his nephew John McCaughern with whom he was living in 1911.

Thomas Kelly 29,737

Thomas Kelly was born County Monaghan in 1842 and was the son of farmer Bernard Kelly. He joined 26th August 1864 having been recommended by County Inspector Williams of Ballymena and had joined from County Antrim. He had been a labourer prior to joining.

He was sent to serve in County Down from 8th March 1865. On 21st October he was fined 5 shillings followed by a fine for 15 shillings for insubordination 2nd May 1872. Despite these he was promoted to Acting Constable 1st September 1879. The following year on 1st December he was promoted to Constable.

On 29th July 1885 Thomas married Mary Jane Kinney at Magherahoney between Loughguile and Armoy. Thomas was stationed at Lawrencetown. Mary was the daughter of farmer John Kinney and appears to have been from the townland of Shanes which was between Armoy and Loughguile. It is not apparent how their paths would have crossed. On 26th July 1886 a daughter Rose Kathleen was born at the barracks at Lawrencetown. A son Thomas John was born at the barracks on 28th December 1887 as well as son Bernard James 29th July 1890 and Patrick Eugene 6th January 1893.

On 20th September 1893 Thomas' record states that he was severely reprimanded, the reason for this is not stated. He was pensioned 1st December 1894. He moved to Ballymoney 23rd October 1895 and ran a pub which is now the Diamond Bar at the junction of High Street and Charlotte Street. The building had recently been rebuilt. On 28th December 1895 son Michael Joseph was born at their Ballymoney home.

Mary died 7th February 1899 at their home at High Street/Charlotte Street of TB. Thomas died 26th March 1909 at Charlotte Street Ballymoney with Bridget McClements as the executor of the will. In June 1909 there was a transfer of licence from Kelly to Bridget McClements. Premises described as being on the left hand side of the street leading from Diamond to Townhall. Bridget took over the bar and had three of the children, Bernard, Michael and Patrick as "boarders" in 1911. In the census return Bridget was listed as being a "barmaid" rather than licensee. Valuation records show that reps of Thomas Kelly held occupation until around 1916 when it was taken over by Daniel Laverty.

Thomas Magee 33,137

Thomas Magee was born County Antrim 1847 and was the son of farmer Thomas Magee of Drumnagee east of Bushmills near Lisnagunogue. He joined 21st July 1867 recommended by Charles G Stuart JP (Town Commissioner and magistrate in Ballymoney). He was sent to serve in County Tyrone from 29th November 1867. In Tyrone he received a number of fines, £1 7th April 1872, 20 shillings 9th October 1878, 60 shillings 27th March 1879 and 40 shillings 21st April 1882.

In May 1882 Thomas who had been in Omagh was moved to Castlederg. On 1st February 1887 he was promoted to Acting Sergeant and appears to have sent to the smaller station of nearby Killeter. On 1st April 1889 he was promoted to Sergeant and was subsequently moved back to Omagh.

He was pensioned 19th September 1893 and moved back to his home area. On 26th September 1894 he married Annie Jane McNeill, daughter of farmer William McNeill. Annie was living at Bushmills.

On 5th September 1895 daughter Effie was born at Bushmills where Thomas had established himself as a draper. A further daughter Marion Isabella was born 11th December 1897. Daughter Martha was born 10th December 1899 and at that time Thomas was described as a merchant. Son Thomas was born 2nd January 1901 and again Thomas was a merchant.

A few months later at the time of the census Thomas was listed as being a grocer and draper in Bushmills Town. His wife Annie was recorded as being a milliner and mantle maker. By 1911 Thomas was only listed as being a superannuated sergeant however Annie was a milliner and dressmaker.

In 1921 Thomas was appointed as a magistrate in Bushmills. He died 3rd November 1933.

Daniel McCurdy 34,629

Daniel McCurdy was born County Antrim 1842 son of Archibald McCurdy. He joined the constabulary 27th July 1868 on the recommendation of Head Constable Lalor of Coleraine. He served only in Westmeath from 12th December 1868.

Daniel was pensioned 16th September 1894. On 13th February 1900 he married Margaret McCurdy of Clackaharan Rathlin Island daughter of Francis McCurdy farmer. Daniel was living at Brockley in the Ballygill Middle townland. On 2nd February 1901 son Daniel Francis was born. At the time of the census the family are living with Margaret's mother Esther at Ballycarry.

It is interesting to note that by the 1911 census return all the family's names are recorded in gaelic and they are still living at Ballycarry on the island. Other families who used gaelic in the same townland were the Sesil family (later Cecil) and the Creag's. Gaelic names were present in a number of townlands and a large proportion of the residents of Rathlin were Irish speakers according to the census. It appears that the Irish language had been banned from school on Rathlin from around 1906 as the school manager the Rev Mr Montgomery Kerr had objected to it being taught. Fund raising had started in April 1907 with a concert at the Ulster Hall in Belfast which appears to have been organised by the Gaelic League. A notice stated that proceeds were in aid of the Fund for Preservation of Irish Language in Rathlin Island. Due to the level of interest an Irish School, St Malachy's, was set up on the island by 1914 which ran courses throughout the summer. In 1915 the school was opened by Francis Biggar and it was noted that their books were full. Interest died out with the onset of war and other political distractions.

Daniel McCurdy died 8th April 1913 at Ballycarry Rathlin.

David Kearney 34,846

David Kearney was a native of County Waterford and was born around 1847, son of Patrick Kearney, who was a farmer. David joined the Royal Irish Constabulary on Wednesday 23rd September 1868 and was given the number 34,846. He was recommended to the constabulary by Sub Inspector Samuel Trant McCarthy who was responsible for the Portlaw district at that time. David was sent to Tipperary South Riding after his training on 30th December 1868.

He was later transferred to Belfast where he was promoted to Acting Constable on 1st April 1882 and Constable on 7th June 1883. On Thursday 3rd January 1884 he married Annie Kearney, a native of County Londonderry and daughter of farmer Bernard Kearney. At the time of their marriage David was stationed on the Falls Road and Annie was residing at 39 Canning Street Belfast, which is north of the city centre. David had been serving in this area from at least the beginning of 1882 as he was noted in the *Belfast News Letter* as charging a 13 year old lad for stealing rope at the York Road railway terminus for which he was sentenced to 21 days imprisonment and five years at the

Phillipstown Roman Catholic Reformatory.¹ This institution was St Conleth's Reformatory School then at Philipstown, Kings County which is now Daingean County Offaly.

Following their marriage David was transferred to County Donegal on 15th September 1884. In November David was stationed at Annagry in West Donegal. In the petty sessions records David was next recorded in Rathmullan in 1888. During this period of service David was twice commended in 1889, on 30th July and then 21st October.

David received his pension from 8th December 1893 and his departure was noted in the newspaper;

"After a lengthened service of twenty-five years, Sergeant Kearney, of Mountcharles station, has retired on a well earned pension. He received his full pension. During his stay in Mountcharles, a correspondent says, he was highly respected by the people, and they regret his departure very much."²

While in County Donegal David and Annie had two children, Henry John Kearney, born around 1887 and Norah Kearney born around 1891. Following retirement David immediately claimed his pension at Coleraine. The following year Catherine Kearney was born at Ballintemple, Garvagh on 27th October 1894.

The Kearney's were at Ballintemple until around 1898 when they moved to Farrantemple Glebe near fellow ex-RIC man Francis Cohoon. David was working as a farmer as recorded in the 1901 census. They remained at this address until 1909 when they moved to Castle Street Ballymoney. In 1911 David was noted as just being a pensioner however his son Henry was now a "flesher and cattle dealer." His daughter Norah was a fitter's helper.

David was a member of the Ballymoney Branch of the Catholic Reading Room. In 1909 he was listed as contributing to the Irish Parliamentary fund as a nationalist. David held land at Millquarter where he kept sheep. Also in 1909 David applied for the position of master of Ballymoney workhouse however was unsuccessful.

David died of senile decay on 6th March 1927 at Main Street Ballymoney aged 81. Henry John was present at the death. Henry had been having his own problems in the previous few years. In 1924 Henry John appeared in court and was fined for "exposing for sale in a Belfast sale yard a sheep which was suffering from sheep scab."³ In November 1926 Henry was in the High Court in Dublin for a case relating to two promissory notes for £1,500 in connection with the manager of the Belfast Bank in Ballymoney.⁴

John Knox 35,794

John Knox was born County Antrim 1850 and was the son of farmer James Knox and Nancy Coulter. John came from Killymaddy south of Bendooragh. He joined 16th July 1869 having been recommended by Sub Inspector Mason Alcock who was in charge at Ballymoney at that time.

He initially served in County Down from 4th December 1869 and was noted in Moira in 1873. On 1st December 1873 on direction of the County Inspector John was moved from Moira to Ballynahinch. By 1879 he was stationed at Gilford and 1st December 1880 he was promoted to Acting Constable. He was then moved to Holywood in January 1881.

¹ Police Intelligence, *The Belfast News Letter*, 2 February 1882

² Constabulary Intelligence, *The Derry Journal*, 8 December 1893

³ Ballymoney Sheepowners fined, *The Northern Whig*, 7 October 1924

⁴ Two Promissory Notes, *The Larne Times*, 13 November 1926

1st April 1881 John was promoted to Constable and posted to Waringstown where he was responsible for Weights and Measures. On 25th July 1881 he married Jane Eleanor Reid of Dromantine. They were married at the Presbyterian Church at Rostrevor. Jane's father was carpenter Robert Reid.

As result of his marriage he was transferred to County Armagh 16th September 1881 according to his service record. However on 12th April 1882 a daughter Martha Ann was born at 44 Israel Street in west Belfast where John also lived. This spell in Belfast was not recorded on his record.

By October 1882 he was stationed at Charlemont on the Armagh/Tyrone border. On 9th April 1883 daughter Catherine Jane was born at Charlemont (later recorded as Kathleen). At the same address on 20th April 1884 daughter Elizabeth Louise was born. 14th May 1886 daughter Mary Eleanor was born at Newtownhamilton County Armagh where John was sergeant. Another daughter Edith Helena was born 1888/1889.

On 13th November 1889 John was moved to County Louth and served at Ardee. In 1890 he was stationed at Drogheda and then Tullgallin by September 1890 before returning to Drogheda the following year.

His father James died 17th July 1891 and John, his mother and Hugh Coulter (his uncle) were executors on his will. In the terms of the will following the death of Nancy John would inherit the farm on the condition that he paid his sister Martha Ann twenty pounds and his sister Catherine thirty pounds within twelve months of Nancy's death.

While in Drogheda John was promoted to Head Constable 1st April 1893 and was then moved to County Donegal 1st May 1893. On 4th May 1894 at 9 p.m. at Ardara where John was stationed a daughter Frances Hall was born, thirty minutes later this was followed by her twin Florence.

On 1st October 1895 John was sent to Newtown Stewart County Tyrone where he spent the rest of his service. At the time of the 1901 census the family were living on Mill Street, Catherine/Kathleen was working in the post office and Mary was working as a shop assistant in a drapers shop.

John was pensioned 1st April 1904 and appears to have moved to Portrush. His wife Jane died 24th November 1905 at 65 Causeway Street Portrush. In 1907 John was appointed as an agent for White Star lines in Portrush. At this time he was also School Attendance Officer.

His mother Nancy died 13th March 1909 at Killymaddy. Attendees at her large funeral included John, her brother Hugh of Vow, and her nephew John Coulter who was master of Ballymoney workhouse and a former constable (see below).

In January 1910 John ran for the post of Sub Sanitary Office at Portrush Council but was unsuccessful. He was still the School Attendance officer a post that he held until at least August 1912.

At the time of the 1911 census John was still living at 65 Causeway Street. Four of his daughters were living there also, Martha Ann who was a nursing Sister at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Elizabeth who was a post office clerk, Mary who was not employed and Florence who was a clerk. Also present were John's sisters Catherine (Kate) and Martha Ann who had left Killymaddy, presumably after the death of Nancy and the sale of the property.

On 14th April 1914 daughter Elizabeth married William John Bell the station master at Kells County Antrim at Ballywillan Presbyterian Church. William had been a railway clerk at the time of the 1911

census and clearly became a more attractive prospect by 1914. He went on to be the station master at Kilrea.

Initially John bought property on Causeway Street but then around 1921/22 sold it and purchased two tenanted houses called Earlmount in Portstewart. In 1928 John was brought to court for fraud in respect of not declaring the income from the two properties. He pleaded guilty, offered restitution and was bound over.

John died 19th April 1932 and was linked to 69 Causeway Street Portrush and 1 Harryville Terrace Portstewart.

Patrick Johnston 39,106

Patrick Johnston was born County Sligo 1849. He joined 5th February 1873 having been recommended by Sub Inspector James Roe. Roe was posted in Swanlinbar around this time.

Johnston was sent to County Meath 20th August 1873. Just over a year after arriving he was fined 60 shillings on 29th September 1874. In petty sessions records Patrick was noted as serving at Knockrath barracks from where he transferred to County Tyrone 22nd October 1877.

On 12th October 1878 Patrick was noted as being at Plumbridge which is likely to have been his first stop in the county. According to his service record he married on 15th November 1880 and based on birth and census records it was to Annie Connell from County Sligo. There is however no satisfactory certificate for this marriage.

A court of inquiry was held at Plumbridge barracks 21st February 1882 to enquire into reported breaches of discipline which were alleged to have taken place on 2nd February. Sub Constable Patrick Graham accused Patrick Johnston of absence on duty, insubordination, disrespectful language and alleging that Graham had a bottle of whiskey on him while on duty. Johnston accused Graham of being drunk while on revenue duty, failing to enter a certain townland when on same duty and abusive language. Following consideration by the Inspector General of the report from the court the allegations against Patrick Johnston were proved and those against Graham were not. Johnston was fined £2 and transferred at his own expenses. The Inspector General felt that Patrick's charges were petty and vindictive.

Patrick was then transferred to Donaghmore. On 23rd March 1883 daughter Mary Bridget was born there. The following March Patrick was brought to court on an allegation of stealing £1 from a colleague Constable P Canning at Donaghmore on 3rd March on suit of District Inspector J McGovern. The case was dismissed after testimonials were given from local clergy. He was however transferred to County Donegal on 10th April 1884 which was probably a direct result.

On 19th July 1886 Patrick was fined 20 shillings however the reason is not recorded. On 2nd June 1888 Patrick was stationed at Manorcunningham where there was the birth of son Patrick Michael Joseph. He subsequently moved to Burnfoot and was admonished on 10th February 1893, a week later a daughter Annie Gertrude was born.

Patrick found himself in trouble again in 1896 and on receipt of an unfavourable record on 7th April was transferred to Armoy County Antrim on 22nd April. He was pensioned 2nd August 1898 and by November was noted as being a water bailiff. He subsequently remained in Armoy.

While living in Armoy Patrick led a campaign about the state of the water supply in the village. He started this in 1900 and wrote to the Local Government Board stating that there was no public well or pump in the village but there nearly 400 inhabitants, two national schools with a daily attendance

of 150-160 pupils. The council's obligation under the 1896 Public Health Act were highlighted. This led to friction between the council and Johnston which resulted in a public spat in the local press for the next 10 years. The main issue for the council was the cost of sinking wells.

In addition to his campaigning in 1906 he was noted as being an agent for the Coleraine Woollen Manufacturing Co (Waterside Coleraine). In 1911 Patrick was noted in the press as being the Inspector of Fisheries for Armoy, a role which he held until at least 1916. Patrick died 9th March 1923 at Armoy.

Robert Archbold Hunter 39,857

Robert Hunter was born County Antrim 1851 and was the son of farmer Alexander Hunter and may have been from the townland of Cross near Fair Head Ballycastle. He joined 10th November 1873 having been recommended by Head Constable Storey of Ballymoney.

He first served in County Fermanagh from 30th June 1874. In April 1876 it was noted that he was transferred from Rosslea to Brookeborough. Robert's service record is not complete in respect of dates he was transferred and at some stage he was moved to the Depot, probably as part of the Reserve. He did receive two admonishments 10th July 1880 and 21st December 1882.

He was seriously punished (somehow for something) 18th August 1885 which appears to have resulted in him being moved to Kingscourt County Cavan. On 16th August 1887 he married Anne Beckitt of Toberdoney County Antrim which is near Bushmills. Anne was daughter of farmer John Beckitt. On 6th June 1888 son Samuel Hunter was born.

On 25th May 1892 Robert died at Kingscourt of malignant disease of Pylorus. Annie was present at his death. His service record states that he had an abdominal tumour. Annie came back to the Ballymoney area where her widow and dependents pension was paid to her. In 1901 Annie was living with son Samuel in Dervock village. The pension record stated that she lived on Main Street Dervock and was still there in 1923.

Thomas Scott 43,084

Thomas Scott was born in County Antrim 1860 and was the son of farmer William Scott. He joined 10th July 1877 and was recommended by Sub Inspector Bernard George Shaw who was stationed in Ballymena at the relevant time. Of note Thomas was aged 18 which would usually indicate that his father had been serving at some stage. It is not apparent if this is the case.

His service record stated that he only served in Londonderry City arriving there 14th April 1878. On 6th December 1880 he sprained his ankle and the following year in 25th July 1881 he was pensioned. From his pension record he claimed initially in Ballymena and given his short service was receiving £15 per annum.

On 15th November 1889 Thomas married Margaret Bolton Adams from Drumlee Parish of Finvoy. Margaret was a minor (17) when they married. She was the daughter of farmer James Adams.

At the time of their marriage Thomas was a merchant in Ballymoney having set up as a grocer on High Street. Thomas' pension record then states that he claimed his pension at Ballymoney from 28th November 1889. Given the small amount of pension it is not immediately apparent how he managed to set up as a grocer. However given his father's name being William (as per wedding certificate) and a witness at Thomas' wedding being John Scott it is possible that Thomas' father was the William Scott who ran a grocery business at Georges Street in Ballymena (as per 1901 census return). This would have given Thomas the backing and contacts to start up in Ballymoney.

The 1911 census records that Thomas and Margaret had six children, however only five are recorded as Scott's in Ballymoney, 4th August 1890 son Matthew Adams born at High Street, 25th October 1891 son William born at High Street, 2nd February 1893 son Thomas Sidney was born at High Street, 28th March 1894 James born at High Street, and 18th September 1898 daughter Margaret Ann Adams born at Main Street Ballymoney.

In January 1894 Thomas was elected as school attendance officer in Ballymoney and by 1901 this was his only occupation. Thomas and family left 17 High Street around 1894/1895 and moved to 58 Main Street where he maintained a shop. This appears to be the Route Temperance Establishment which Thomas was connected to until around 1915/1916.

At the time of the 1911 census Thomas was noted as also being the sub sanitary officer as well as the school attendance officer. Thomas continued his work with the local authorities to shortly before his death. Thomas died 14th May 1936 at Charlotte Street. His obituary noted that he was one of the best anglers in Northern Ireland and a good shot.

Bryce Gilmour 43,237

Bryce Gilmour was born County Antrim 1858 and was the son of farmer William Gilmour. The Gilmours were probably from Killymaddy near Bendooragh. He joined the police 14th August 1877 and was recommended by Sub Inspector Robertson of Ballymoney. His brother William also joined (see below).

From looking at the age that both Bryce and William Gilmour joined it is apparent that their father William was a policeman. A likely match is 3483 William Gilmore born County Londonderry 1817. William joined 20th September 1839 having been recommended by William F Holmes Esq. Holmes was from Kilrea suggesting that Gilmour's came from the Killymaddy area even then. William was posted to Donegal where he was promoted to Acting Constable 1st March 1848, reduced to Sub Constable 1st August 1849, promoted to Acting Constable 1st July 1850 and finally demoted to Sub Constable 30th September 1851. He received a gratuity 21st October 1853.

Initially Bryce Gilmour was sent to County Fermanagh 31st May 1878, Galway WR 20th November 1880, and back to County Fermanagh 11th May 1881.

Bryce married Ida Foster at Irvinestown 19th March 1886. Ida was daughter of merchant Richard Foster and was aged 18 when married and living at Lackaboy. Ida had been born in USA. Bryce was stationed at Irvinestown at the time. A witness appears to have been Sergeant William J Hall 29,019 originally from County Antrim.

On 15th May 1886 Bryce was transferred to Athlone on the Roscommon/Westmeath county border. On 14th July 1887 son William Gilmour was born at Connaught Street Athlone. The following year 1st August 1888 Bryce was promoted Acting Sergeant. He was then promoted to Sergeant 1st April 1890

By 5th May 1892 the family were living at Fry Place where son Robert Wallace was born. The next four children were born at Roscommon town barracks, 6th August 1893 son Bryce Matthew; 23rd November 1895 son Cecil Richard; 27th May 1897 son John Archibald Foster and 3rd August 1899 daughter Eileen Christella.

By 29th December 1900 the family were back at Connaught Street Athlone where daughter Vera May was born. The family were recorded at this address at the time of the 1901 census. On 1st February 1903 Bryce was promoted to Head Constable and transferred to County Donegal on 14th February and posted to Ballyshannon.

It was noted in the press in March 1911 Bryce had been sent to the Depot for the District Inspector's examination. Shortly after at the time of the census the family were recorded as living at College Street Ballyshannon. A son William was working as a clerk and Inspector of Fisheries. The other children were at school apart from young Bryce who was living with his uncle John Gilmour at Killymaddy outside Ballymoney.

Bryce was not successful at the promotion exam and was pensioned 21st February 1912. The following month he was appointed the master of Ballymoney workhouse and took up his appointment from 8th March.

30th January 1915 son Robert Wallace died at Ashlawn, Westport County Mayo. Robert had been working as a commercial traveller and died aged 22 of appendicitis.

In October 1915 a report in the press stated that information has been received by Bryce Gilmour of Charlotte Street Ballymoney that his son Corporal Bryce Gilmour 2nd Batt Irish Guards was killed in action in France on 30th September. Bryce Jr had been a constable in RIC and had joined the Guards in February of that year on his third application. Bryce had been wounded in a bayonet charge taking the third line of German trenches. Bryce had told his friends that he ought to be doing more for his country than hanging around the street corners of Cookstown. Bryce Matthew Gilmour 66,153 had joined the RIC from County Fermanagh 12th October 1911 however was discharged as unfit by the surgeon 14th October 1911. He rejoined 1st April 1912 and was appointed to County Limerick 1st October 1912. He then transferred to Cookstown County Tyrone 1st March 1913. His service record states that he signed up with the Irish Guards 11th February 1915.

The Gilmours had another son serving with the Canadian Expeditionary Force. This was Private Cecil Gilmour who in May 1916 had had his right arm seriously injured and lost his right leg. Cecil was educated at Ballymoney Intermediate School and later at Ballycastle High School. Cecil had emigrated to Canada where he was employed in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

On 29th November 1916 daughter Eileen married tutor William Blakley Meharg, son of commercial traveller William Meharg from Londonderry. They married at Drumreagh Presbyterian Church. At that time Bryce was still master of the workhouse. William was originally from Belfast and lived at South Parade on the upper Ormeau Road. In 1911 he was living on the Glendermott Road with his cousin Thomas Holland who was an Army School Teacher. William was a tutor in the Civil Service College.

A son Bryce Gilmour Meharg was born 14th June 1917 in Dublin, however the home address was 22 Clooney Terrace Londonderry. On 15th September 1918 a son William was born at 38 Clarendon Street Londonderry who went on to become a Doctor and champion golfer. The family later moved to Castlerock County Londonderry. During WW2 William senior served as a Major in the Royal Army Pay Corps. He was best known for being Principal of the North West College in Londonderry and captain of Castlerock Golf Club. Bryce Gilmour Meharg went on to become a Wing Commander in the RAF and had served in WW2 and Aden.

Bryce, according to his pension record, moved to Londonderry 27th September 1918. This may have been connected to Eileen's marriage, however there is no evidence to support this.

Thomas James Gamble 45,513

Thomas Gamble was born County Antrim in 1860 and was the son of tailor John Gamble and Anne a tailoress. In 1901 both John and Anne are living in Stranocum village. John died 15th January 1902 at Stranocum aged 82. Thomas joined the police 19th July 1880 having been recommended by Sub Inspector George Henry Shannon who was stationed in Ballymoney. Thomas was a teacher prior to joining although the location is not known.

He initially served in County Tyrone from 8th January 1881. While there he was fined 30 shillings 25th July 1883. A few days later he was transferred to County Donegal 1st August 1883. On 23rd January 1884 he was again fined, this time 40 shillings. Petty sessions records record Thomas stationed at Carrigart in September 1885 and May 1886.

Thomas was married 8th October 1888 to Annie Jane Wilson in parish church in parish of Raymunterdoney. Both were resident at Ballyconnell at the time of the marriage. Annie was the daughter of labourer Andrew Wilson. Annie was only 17 when she was married.

Thomas' presence in Ballyconnell was as a protection detail at the home of Mr Wybrants Olphert DL, Ballyconnell House. There had been a lot of friction in the area largely due to evictions and the Land League. In November 1888 the detail was reduced to two men. Sergeant Finn was removed to Fintown, Constable McMahon to Glen, Constable Gamble to Crossroads (Dunfanaghy) and the two remaining constables were Connolly and Wilson.

In January 1889 Thomas was in court in relation to the prosecution of 42 people who participated in resistance to evictions on the Olphert Ardsmore estate at the beginning of 1889. The action was known as the Siege of O'Donnell's Forge. Evidence was given that both sides of the dispute ended up throwing stones with Constable Gamble being struck on the head. In Falcarragh at the time of the start of the trial one of the National League organisers John Kelly was arrested and brought before a RM and charged with inciting tenants not to pay rent. An hour later Rev James McFadden P.P. of Gweedore received a similar summons. On Sunday 3rd February 1889 District Inspector William Limbrick Martin attempted to arrest Father McFadden outside of a service at Derrybeg he had just finished. Martin had drawn his sword and the parishioners had gone to McFadden's assistance which result in Martin being assaulted as a result of which he died.

Petty sessions records note Thomas in March and June 1889 still stationed at Crossroads. He was however transferred to County Sligo on 15th October 1889 and was posted to Ballymote. In Ballymote 26th January 1891 a daughter Annie Mary was born. On 7th November 1891 Thomas received an unfavourable record the was then the recipient of an award on 6th May 1892.

A number of further children were born at Ballymote, David in 1895; 17th November 1897 Thomas; 10th April 1900 George White; and 18th September 1902 Alvina Jane. In March 1902 Thomas was noted as being one of 23 police who were in Ballymote at a pro-Boer demonstration. It was stated that a large torch was set on fire at the pump and Thomas appeared very heated when he tackled the fire. It was also reported that he had broken the head off the pump and that he would get "one shtripe for his bravery." On 1st February 1903 Thomas was promoted to Acting Sergeant.

On 28th August 1903 he received another award. A few months later on 18th May 1904 daughter Florence was born at Ballymote. On 13th February 1906 Thomas' wife Annie died of TB aged 36. A few months later Thomas was promoted to Sergeant 1st May 1906 and was pensioned 1st December 1907.

Thomas and his children went to live in Stranocum with his widowed mother Anne. In June Thomas 1910 was recorded as being linked to Stranocum Read and Recreation and Football Clubs. April 1912 he was noted as being prominent in Stranocum PTAU at the Recreation Hall where the organisation was celebrating its second anniversary. Thomas was the secretary.

He died at Stranocum 19th February 1916 of pneumonia. His son David Gamble of Ballykinler was present at death. The following year David was noted as being 2nd Lieutenant in Royal Irish Rifles and reported as being wounded in June. An article in the *Belfast News Letter* stated that as well as being the son of Sergeant Gamble he was also the nephew of Mrs William Green Castle Street Ballymoney. William Green's son Jackson Green, also in RIR was wounded in July 1916. David was educated at Stranocum National School and went to the Presbyterian Training College in Dublin where intended to enter the profession. At the outbreak of war he entered the cadets at Ballykinlar and received his commission with RIR. It was noted that three brothers were serving in the Navy – John who was a torpedo gunner who was twice shipwrecked and took part in the battle of Jutland, Thomas a wireless operator and Seaman George Gamble.

Robert Shields 47,046

Robert Shields was born in County Down 1860 and was the son of farmer William Shields. He joined 13th May 1881 and was recommended by Sub Inspector Thomas Jaffray Norris Robertson who had been previously stationed in Ballymoney. At the time of the recommendation he was posted to Banbridge. It is therefore possible that Robert was the son of farmer William Shields who was living at Ballydown as per the 1901 census.

Shields was first sent to County Leitrim 18th November 1881 and served at Carrick-on-Shannon. He was transferred to County Antrim 10th June 1885 and was noted in the local press in Ballymena by April 1888. On 8th August he married Isabella Caroline Quaile from Ardcarne Roscommon at Ardcarne Church of Ireland. Isabella was the daughter of Joseph Quaile who was parish clerk and school master.

A witness to the wedding was Constable William Moorcroft 48,447. The following year on 7th August 1889 William married Isabella's sister Margaret Evangeline Quaile. William was stationed at or near Ardcarne. William was the son of Constable James Moorcroft 20,955. James had died in service 24th February 1877 of a "gangrenous sore throat."

On 20th February 1892 a son William John was born at Whiteabbey where Robert was working. However by 7th July 1894 he was stationed at Moss side where daughter Isabel Josephine was born. Two years later a son Robert was born 14th May 1896 at Bushmills where Robert had been moved to. A further son Ernest Walter was born at Bushmills 3rd May 1898.

By July 1898 Robert was working in Ballycastle. On 1st February 1900 he was promoted to Acting Sergeant. At the time of the 1901 census Robert was Acting Sergeant at Loughguile. However he was moved to Broughshane shortly after and was promoted there to Sergeant 1st March 1903.

On 1st June 1907 he was pensioned, however he had already secured a job as Inspector of Fisheries at Stranocum. He held this position until around 1912.

Worked as Inspector of Fisheries at Stranocum from at least 1908 and as late as 1912. At the time of the 1911 census the family were living in Stranocum. Son William John was not living there, he was living on Ainsworth Avenue Belfast in the home of his uncle John Shields and was an apprentice fitter.

Robert died 10th June 1916 at Kirkhills outside Ballymoney.

William Gilmour 47,219

William Gilmour was born Killymaddy County Antrim in 1862, son of farmer William Gilmour and brother of Bryce Gilmour as previously mentioned. He joined 7th June 1881 having been recommended by Sub Inspector George Henry Shannon who was stationed in Ballymoney.

Gilmour was first sent to County Cavan 16th October 1881 and the following year was stationed at Virginia. By 1884 he was at Kilnaleck, and 1887 Cavan town. On 13th March 1890 he was transferred to County Monaghan and was first stationed at Ballybay. By December 1893 he was stationed at Smithboro.

On 14th May 1900 he married Lucinda Violet McClure daughter of Samuel McClure, Grange, Aughnacloy. William stationed at RIC Edenmorecross Co Monaghan. Lucinda was living at Mullynure which is just south east of Aughnacloy.

On 10th June 1900 William was transferred to County Longford and by November was stationed at Edgeworthstown. At the time of the 1901 census Lucinda was recorded as being a house keeper at Edgeworthstown. A daughter Elizabeth Violet was then born 31st March 1902, followed by Frederick William 21st September 1903.

By 22nd June 1905 and the birth of son Robert Wallace William was stationed at Longford. Robert was then pensioned 15th July 1906 and the family moved to Ballymoney. On 4th July 1907 daughter Lucinda Maud was born at Union Street Ballymoney. William working as an Agent for the Prudential Assurance Company at the time.

On 18th June 1909 the family were living at Leaney, Ballymoney where son Albert Bryce was born. This was followed by daughter Ethel McClure on 9th November 1910. By the time of the 1911 census the family were living at Townparks, Enagh outside Ballymoney. William was still employed as an Insurance Agent.

By 1932 William was living at 8 Queen Street Ballymoney. A court report from 1940 stated that a William Gilmour of Queen Street was fined for being drunk and disorderly.

John Coulter 47,425

John Coulter was born at The Vow County Antrim and was the son of farmer Hugh Coulter (see John Knox above). He joined the police 8th July 1881 on the recommendation of Head Constable Richard J Harrison. Harrison was stationed in Lisburn in 1881 indicating John must have been living in this area. After training John was sent to County Dublin 27th November 1881.

In County Dublin John was stationed at Donabate then Swords. On 7th January 1888 John was transferred to Belfast where he was posted to Donegall Pass barracks. He is included in the 1901 census return for the barracks.

John was pensioned 15th September 1908 after spending 20 years at Donegall Pass station in Belfast which was most of his service. He had been appointed to the position of Master of Ballymoney Workhouse at the end of August 1908 but it was mentioned in the press that he had been a Head Constable which was incorrect. He initially collected his pension in Ballymoney. At the start of July 1909 John applied to the Board of Guardians for four weeks leave and was granted three. On 8th July 1909 he tendered his resignation to the Guardians who accepted and lamented the fact but

immediately re-advertised the post. The position was applied for by a number of men including former sergeant David Kearney as previously mentioned.

By 4th September 1909 John was claiming his pension at East Belfast. On 15th September 1909 John married Mary McFall of Corereeney Waringstown. Mary was the daughter of farmer James McFall. At this time he was recorded as still being the Master of Ballymoney Workhouse even though this was factually incorrect.

By January 1911 John was applying for the post of relieving officer at Lurgan. He was unsuccessful. On 20th February 1911 John and Mary were living at 137 My lady's Road in Belfast. On that date a daughter Mary was born, however she died eight hours later. It is not apparent if they had any other children.

John was then noted in September 1912 as being a port inspector in Belfast under the Department of Agriculture.

John's pension record shows that he was at 137 My Lady's Road Belfast until at least 1923.

John Williamson 53,866

John Williamson was born Drumnagee Bushmills County Antrim 1st June 1868 son of labourer Edward Williamson. His mother was Esther Magee. By the time of John's marriage Edward was a farmer. He joined 11th July 1889 recommended by District Inspector Moriarty who was posted in Ballymoney at that time.

He initially served County Donegal, then Roscommon from 21st December 1897, and County Londonderry 25th August 1899. At the time of the 1901 census he was stationed at Victoria barracks on Strand Road in Londonderry. On 1st January 1903 he was promoted to Acting Sergeant and worked in the County Inspector's office.

On 1st January 1905 John was transferred to the Queen's County and worked as a clerk in the county headquarters. John was promoted to Sergeant 1st May 1906 and returned to Londonderry 24th April 1908.

On 11th November 1909 he married Harriett Florence Cole of Castletown Fortal Birr. Harriett was born 22nd February 1886. John was again stationed at Victoria Barracks at the time of the marriage. Harriett was the daughter of farmer Daniel Cole. On 12th October 1910 son Edward was born at 3 Farney Terrace Londonderry on Rosemount Avenue where they were noted in the 1911 census. At the same address on 16th June 1912 daughter Ethel Florence was born.

John was promoted to Head Constable off the County Inspector's clerk's list at the start of March 1913. He was then posted to Ballymahon County Longford from 27th March 1913. On 3rd January 1914 daughter Kathleen Esther was born at Ballymahon. Son John was born 25th July 1915 and twins Daniel and Rebecca Jane were born 30th August 1918. Of note a newspaper article of December 1917 stated that John was moved to Bailieboro County Cavan, however his service record does not reflect this nor do the nominal returns.

On 25th July 1919 John was transferred to County Dublin. In January 1920 the nominal return stated that he was stationed at Lurcan but the entry was scored out. This may have been due to the fact that he was pensioned on 1st February 1920.

John died 4th April 1941 at Drumnagee, Bushmills. In his will his occupation was recorded as being a farmer.

Patrick Frawley 56,053

Patrick Frawley was born Letteragh, Kilmaly County Clare 17th March 1865 son of farmer John Frawley and Anne Tynie. He joined 2nd October 1893 recommended by District Inspector Frank Michael Feely who was stationed at Tulla County Clare at the time.

He first served County Antrim from 1st July 1894. On 18th November 1900 Patrick married Jane Walsh of Ballyveely. Patrick was stationed at Dervock at the time of marriage. Jane was daughter of farmer Joseph Walsh. They were married at Loughguile. A witness was James Frances Marrinan 58,261 brother of Patrick Marrinan who was Head Constable in Ballymoney (as mentioned) and son of Patrick Marrinan 16,783.

As result of the marriage Patrick was transferred to County Donegal 16th December 1900. In 1901 Patrick was stationed at Newtowncunningham where he still was in 1903 according to petty sessions records. By 10th October Patrick was stationed at Doaghbeg where his son Patrick Joseph was born.

The next child Mary Jane was born at Buncrana 25th June 1909 however Patrick had been there since at least 1908. He remained there until the end of his service and was pensioned 1st September 1920. He claimed his pension at Ballymoney and lived at Castlequarter, Loughguile.

John Galbraith 59,319

John Galbraith was born Shanaghy County Antrim 12th February 1878 and was the son of farmer John Galbraith and Mary Dunlop (1901 they were living at Maddykeel Upper, The Vow). He joined 23rd January 1900 having been recommended by District Inspector FCV Ireland of Ballymoney.

He was sent to serve in County Down from 9th June 1900 and at the time of the 1901 census was stationed at Dromara. A newspaper article stated that in September 1906 John was transferred from Killyleagh (where he had been for a year and a half) to Gilford. On 24th April 1907 he married Jane Eliza Barr. John was stationed at Scarva at the time of his marriage. Jane was from Dromara and was the daughter of auctioneer and shoemaker James Barr. James Barr was still operating as late as 1922 as an auctioneer. He died in 1925.

Due to the marriage John was transferred to County Tyrone 24th July 1907. On 11th March 1908 son Frederick John was born at Clogher. By August 1909 John was stationed in Ballygawley and it was noted in the *Tyrone Courier* that he had painted and done up the station badge above the barrack door. The paper stated that "a young man that can show his abilities to the public in such a creditable manner surely deserves every praise from his authorities." He shortly after went on a months leave to Killarney. He was noted at Ballygawley at the time of the 1911 census and a son Victor was born there 5th June 1911. Indeed he appears to have remained there until he was pensioned 1st April 1920.

Chief officers/Sub or District Inspectors

1833-1836 Chief Constable Captain Corry

1836-1841 - Chief Constable Oliver Sutherland

1841-1846 Henry Persse Kirwan

1846-1859 Richard William Bagley

01/03/1859-1870 – Mason Alcock

21/01/1869 – 01/12/1875– Edward William Bailey 34,405

01/12/1875 – 01/04/1877 - Matthew Michael Stritch 37,549

01/05/1877-16/08/1879 –Thomas Jaffray Norris Robertson 29,526

24/01/1880 -Oct 1881- George Henry Shannon 44,613

14/11/1881-01/11/1882 – Owen Wynne 46,828

09/04/1883- 01/11/1887 – Ross Carthy Rainsford 50,475,

15/11/1887– 22/08/1890 – Henry Gore Moriarty

Oct 1890 – John Elliott Cairnes Lawlor -

01/10/1890-01/11/1893 – George Bedell Rutledge

1893 – 1902 - Frederick Crawford Vincent Ireland 53,460

01/04/1902-01/05/1903 – William Stanley Balfour Leatham 58,446

01/05/1903-15/10/1905 – Edward O'Connor from Ballyshannon

08/01/1906 –Feb 1908 - Gilbert Norman Potter 59,414

01/05/1908 – 16/07/1910 - Thomas Philip Barry Townsend 58,073.

16/07/1910 – Oct 1914 Charles Frederick Fellowes Davies 61,869

17/11/1914-01/08/1916 – Philip Theodore Briarly Browne 67,664.

10/08/1916 – 20/05/1918- Thomas J Oates 55,710

20/05/1918 – 01/06/1920 - James Peter Murnane 66,457

15/06/1920 – 30/09/1920 - James Joseph Brady 70,381

01/11/1920 – 16/11/1921 – Patrick Clarke 54,946

16/11/1921 – RUC - Samuel McNeill 61,715

Head Constables

1837-1851 James Donaldson 253

1852-1856 John Morrow 1112

1856- July 1872 William Wright 1173

1872- October 1874 - George Storey 7056

16/10/1874 – 11/02/1875 Robert Wilson 8548

01/03/1875- 21/10/1883 William Mack 15,123

10/11/1883 – 16/03/1892 - Robert Dowler 27,436

20/04/1892 – 16/02/1901 John Moffett 32,241

05/04/1901 – 01/10/1901 John Lockhart 40,103

01/11/1901 – 08/06/1908 -John Edward Somers 41,680

01/07/1908- 26/01/1909 James McCorry 49,673

01/05/1909 – 26/03/1910- Patrick Aloysius Marrinan 56,970

11/06/1910 – 23/05/1912 James A Leyden 51,712

Timothy Gallivan 49,676 on promotion from Limerick transfer cancelled, never came, remained in Limerick

01/11/1912 – 01/12/1915- James Foley 52,713

01/12/1915 – 24/06/1916 - James Wright 54,191

24/06/1916-23/06/1917 - John Acheson 53,379

23/06/1917 – 09/07/1919 Thomas Reilly 58,222

Sept 1919 -01/09/1920 William Torrance 51,037

11/09/1920 – 12/04/1921 - Thomas Frazer 53,292

17/04/1921 – RUC William Thomas Cromey –59,475