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Statement by

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Terence McSwiney, Easter Sunday, 1916.

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STATEMENT OF PATRICK HOGAN, CARRIGADROHID, COACHFORD, CO. CORK.

Some time after nightfall, but not late, on the night of Easter Sunday, 1916, three or four men in a motor car stopped at my mother's licenced premises at Carrigadrohid. My mother spoke to them and they inquired if they could have a meal and be put up for the night. Although we did not normally have many requests for accommodation, we had a room always available for occasional guests. The night was very bad, and my mother agreed to put them up.

I opened the gate and the house for them to put the car in. I saw that at least two of them were in Irish Volunteer uniform and that they had arms. I think they had rifles, but I distinctly remember one of them saying, "We must take out the ammunition and keep it dry". I did not know any of them at the time. I cannot now be quite certain whether there were three or four in the car there could have been four. My impression is that the lights of the car were very bad.

They had a meal and retired. I did not see them again as they left early next morning. My mother had nothing but good to say of them; they behaved like gentlemen and she was glad to oblige them.

In 1920 my mother went to the City Hall, Cork, to see the Lord Mayor, Terence MacSwiney, on business. She recognised him as one of the men who had stayed on Easter Sunday night, 1916. I went to see him soon afterwards. I recognised him also, and reminded him that he had stayed at our house on Easter Sunday night. He remembered it. From photographs I recognised Tomás MacCurtain as being another of the party who stayed with us.

There were no Volunteers in this locality at the time, and MacCurtain and MacSwiney would not be likely to be recognised at the time by anyone in the locality. We never mentioned the matter to anybody.

SIGNED:

ED: Patrick

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NOTE TO BE ATTACHED TO STATEMENT OF PATRICK HOGAN.

The Hogan family were always hostile to the Volunteers. They have and had the reputation that anything that happens on their premises is never mentioned outside. It is, therefore, probable that they did not mention the visit of the Brigade Officers at Easter, 1916.

The reason for Mrs. Hogan's and her son's visits to Terence MacSwiney in 1920 was that the 7th Battalion, in whose area Hogan's public house was, had put a boycott on them because of their association with the R.I.C. after the attack on Carrigadrohid R.I.C. Barracks in June, 1920. Terence MacSwiney, who was then Brigade O.C., removed the boycott on condition that the Hogans signed an undertaking to cease association with and assistance to the R.I.C. The undertaking was signed but not kept.

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