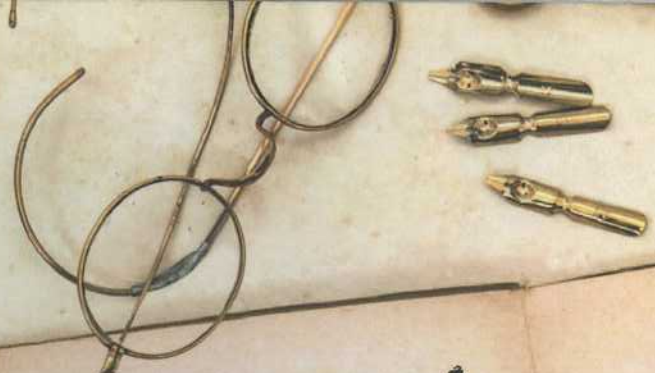


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Secrets
SINCE 1930
TALES OF THE TOWN
VISITOR BOOK



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17/11/15	Rebecca Patterson	I came to Roughans for lunch after sitting both of my 11 plus exams and thought we were very posh going out for lunch. 5 years later I started my first job here and loved it!
17/11/15	WESLEY MOORE	I FIRST VISITED ROUGHANS NEARLY 50 YEARS AGO. IT WAS THE PLACE TO GO FOR COMICS. THE FIRST FILM I EVER SAW WAS SOUND OF MUSIC IN THE CINEMA BEHIND ☺
18/11/15	Patricia Stewart	My grandparents lived on High Rd, we were all brought to Roughans for our Saturday sweets, from the late 1950's. My father & Vincent had long chats about tobacco!
24/11/15	D Roughtan	earliest memory is watching NW200 from the balcony of THE HOUSE ABOVE HERE.
24/11/15	David Kapur	We moved here in 1970, January. I came down and to Mr Williams' to buy a paper. Eileen already knew who we were and we had only been in Portstewart a day.
24/11/15	Shalmar GLASGOW	First memory of this shop was when it was McCrory's. They had an Indian figurine with an apron on. When it was bad weather the apron was blue, and when the weather was good it turned pink. I was aged 5 and we came down every morning to see what the weather was going to do!
26 Nov 2015	Ann Conroy	Happy memories of Mr. McWilliams, Eileen & Vincent! Wonderful Sweets from yesteryear - tobacco - Confectionery. The Christmas Editions of "Warren" & "Women's Own" - always exciting - an Aladdin's Cave of little gemstone rings & necklaces. Cold, frosty winter nights - for last - memory Christmas tags & paper - and in 1962/3 a pack of 5 Senior Service !!

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27/11/2015	Linda Kapur	<p>1969. We first come to Portstewart, Rayhans/McW. was beside Revells the Chemist + the TSB The shop was in 2 halves. Vincent + Gileen one side + Mrs McWilliams had toys + fancy goods Clare + I were bought toys to amuse us when the house was being built. At Foster there was a large array of beautiful (pink) Lindt Easter Eggs + my Grandparents would buy us eggs from here. Vincent would deliver the papers in his Volvo every Sunday backstop + talk with Dad as ours was the last to be delivered. Dad (David Kapur) was delighted to open the New Coffee Shop.</p>
27/Nov 2015	DES CLAWSON	<p>Just after the end of WWII : dad brought us to PORTSTEWART on a Sunday drive 1947. The "Paper Shop" was first stop Half loqs and half ^{tourist} briç a brac. ^{one man &} one lady to serve. The sea! sea! My brother + I remember a cinema at the back of the building.</p>

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	H Welch	Does anybody remember Collops ice cream? Miss Ussher's shop? Oh yes! My father used to paint Mr. Collops's shop. He was very kind to us, as children. Remember Claire & Cherie
		lovely daughters and very elegant! Also remember Miss Ussher. What about Miss Samson, Mrs. Conkey & Miss McKeoghie - the latter were two lovely clothes shops. Am. Guey.
	D Kerr	I remember coming to Roughan's from when I was a child - getting our daily + Sunday newspapers after mass!!
	Eileen Beyer	Been Been coming to this shop for 70 yrs was born just a few doors away. Still love this place. coffee great.
	Susan Doney	1978 bought a toy mouse & chess from the lovely Mr Vincent Roughan - First visit to a shop in Portstewart
	Eline Harley	Remember buying gifts from Gary McWilliam
	Diane Heathy	I remember my happy days here on holiday with my parents & then to return permanently to reside, between Portrush/Portstewart.
	Meadhbh McTrusty	~2 my Diddy bought newspapers and chatted to everyone who came in. I bought lots of sweets over my time including a sweet



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		SWEETS - CINEMA + FIRST KISS
29/12/15	CHARLIE FISHER	Remember Mr. McWilliams behind counter, Kileen + Vincent. Vincent sold everything out of shoe boxes. Also sold single cigarettes. Picture house was next door.
02/01/16	HUGH CHANE SEAN MCGILL	
2/1/16	D + M. MORRISON	Remember Vincent always being helpful, remembering our names and time to chat for a bit
11-1-16	howell Courtney	I remember Billy Collops chemists + the cinema in this block. My father ran the Northern Bank on an agency basis, 1961-7.
13/1/16	Tricia McLaughlin (nee French)	The big wooden counter and the sweetie jars. Sweets.

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Information about the K-Cory family

See attached sheets

The Story of
James McCrory
by
his granddaughter,
Peggie Murray (nee Alexander)

James McCrory was born in Portstewart in 1865, the son of Samuel McCrory, a policeman who is mentioned in "Ebb & Flow" by Hugh Kane.

James emigrated to Australia in 1888, married an Australian girl, Mary Lawson and together they ran a General Store, first in Melbourne Victoria, then Queenstown Tasmania.

He eventually returned to Portstewart in 1912 with his wife and two daughters, Nellie & Lottie, the latter my mother who married Moore Alexander.

He built two houses in Victoria Terrace and named them Melbourne House and Tasmania House intending them for the two daughters.

However, he eventually sold the houses and bought property in the Main Street, "Portstewart House" & some other old buildings. Portstewart House was rented by a Miss Norris for many years. The old buildings were demolished (I think they were old boarding houses) and he built the present shop and two other shops which were rented out to the Northern Bank and Wm Reville, Chemist. I think this was in the early 1920's. And he also built the "Cinema".

He built the shops with a veranda, in the early Australian style, with iron lacework on the poles. I think they are still there.

The shop had 2 entrances which were connected by an archway. One side was the grocery shop, and the other, managed by my Australian grandmother, sold fruit, vegetables and confectionery. She was very artistic, and dressed some lovely windows.

James died in 1947, and my mother Lottie Alexander inherited the shop. She eventually divided the two sections with partitions, rented out one side to Robert Lynas, grocers, and ran the other as a newsagency and fancy goods business.

She eventually sold the shops to Mrs McWilliams and returned to Australia.

When my husband & I visited Portstewart in 1975 Mrs McWilliams was very kind and showed us around the building and her lovely shop...and all the changes that had been made. I looked up my 1975 diary and I had written that our visit to Mrs McWilliams was one of the highlights of our trip!

My aunt who owned the Big House sold it to (I think) Mrs Leonard, who built The Fashion Shop. I don't know who bought the Northern Bank & Revilles.

Hope this is of some assistance!

This information came from my cousin Peggie Murray (nee Alexander).

She now lives in Australia and is 90 years old.

She was born in Australia, moved to Portstewart and lived here working in the shop with her mother (my Aunt Lottie Alexander nee McCrory) until 1952 when the family went back to Australia selling the

John McCrory
Brother of James

John McCrory emigrated to Australia some years before James, and also ran General Stores in Victoria and Tasmania.

He had a store in Queenstown, (as did James) – he also returned to Portstewart, about 1914 I think, and bought some land near Central Avenue known as Watt's Gardens. He lived in a cottage there and named the property "Queenora Gardens". He had lived in Queenstown Tasmania, a copper mining town, hence the name – "Queen," and "ora" for the ore. Queenora Ave probably named later.

After John died the property was sold to developers and houses built there, probably in the 1930's.