

The Founders of the Gaelic Athletics Association



When did it all begin?

- A meeting was held in Hayes Hotel, Co. Tipperary on 1st November 1884
- 7 men attended this meeting
- The GAA was founded on this night by these men



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Michael Cusack

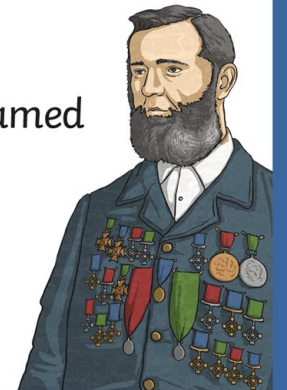
- 1847-1906
- Born in Carron, Co. Clare
- Irish teacher and professor
- First secretary of the GAA and is known as the 'Father of the GAA'.
- Founded 'The Celtic Times' newspaper, a paper that promoted the Irish language and culture
- The Cusack Stand in Croke Park is named after him



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Maurice Davin

- 1842-1927
- Born in Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary
- Farmer and talented athlete (held many world records for running, jumping, hurdling and weight throwing)
- First President of the GAA
- The Davin Stand in Croke Park is named after him



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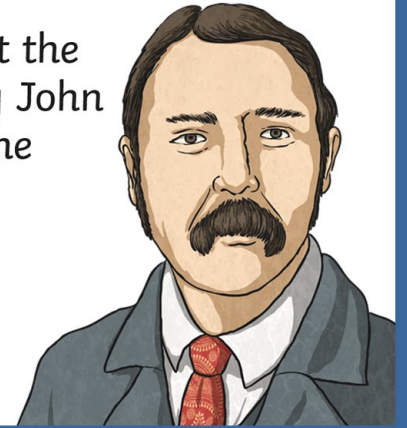
John Wyse Power

- 1859 - 1926
- Born in Co. Waterford
- Worked as an editor for newspapers like the Leinster Leader and the Freeman's Journal
- Secretary of the GAA from 1884 - 1887
- Helped set up the Dublin County Board for GAA and was chairman of the board

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John McKay

- 1852 - 1922
- Born in Co. Down
- Worked as journalist in Belfast, Cork and London
- The first article written about the meeting and the GAA was by John McKay, it was published in the Cork Examiner the day after the meeting



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J.K Bracken

- 1852 - 1904
- Born in Co. Tipperary
- Worked as a manager in the family stonemasonry and sculpting company
- There is a GAA club in Tipperary named after him



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Thomas St. George Mac Carthy

- 1862 - 1943
- Born in Bansha, Co. Tipperary
- Keen sportsman, played soccer, was an Irish international rugby player and a huge interest in hurling
- Worked as a District Inspector for the Royal Irish Constabulary
- The Garda Síochána and the PSNI hold a GAA competition annually called the Thomas St. George Mac Carthy Cup

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Joseph O’Ryan

- Born in Thurles, Co. Tipperary
- Worked as a solicitor in Callan and Thurles
- The Law Society of Ireland run a GAA tournament for their members to commemorate Joseph O’Ryan

