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At issue, in this story, is a constitutional question: Did the Doyle family have a right to stay together? If so - and that right was guaranteed by the Irish Constitution - why were the Doyle children removed from their father's care after their mother abandoned her family? Image online, courtesy National Archives of Ireland.

*Unless and until the mother returns
to the marital home,
the state has the duty to ensure that the children
are not returned
to the father and his Protestant housekeeper.*

Father Nolan
October, 1955

Desmond Doyle, an Irishman living with his family at Fatima Mansions in Dublin, faced a serious problem. His wife, Charlotte, had left him and their six children on St. Stephen's Day, 1953.

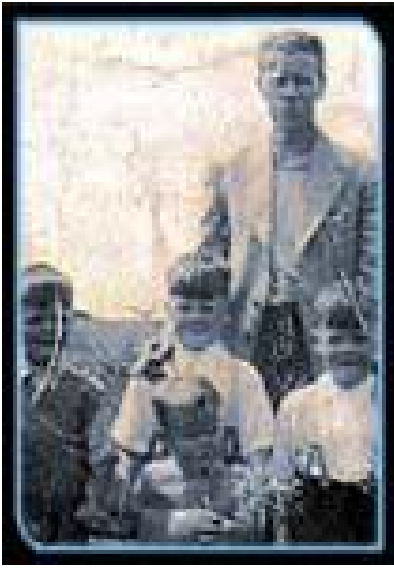
Evelyn Doyle, Desmond's oldest child, saw her mother get on a bus with another man. Clutching her new doll that day after Christmas, the young girl had no idea her familial world had just collapsed.

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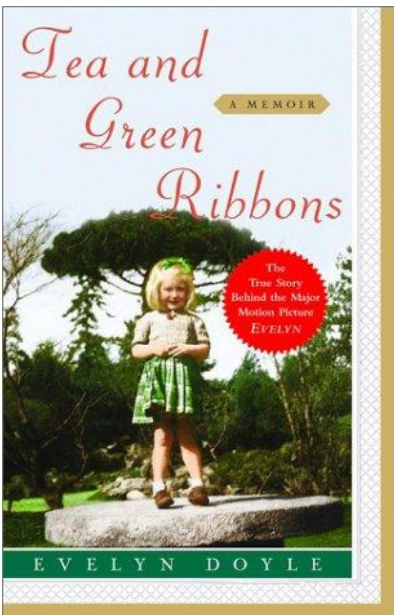
Desmond Doyle

Image of Desmond Doyle with his children. Online, courtesy Evelyn Doyle. PD
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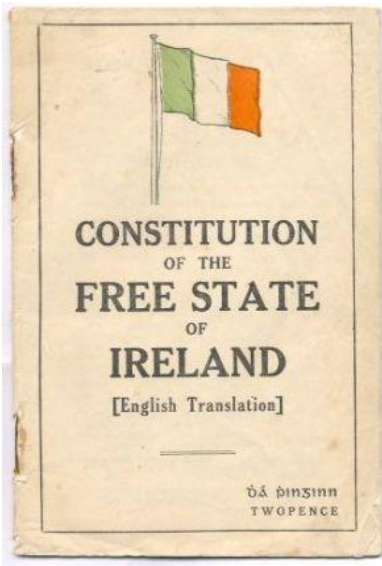
Fatima Mansions

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