**WM0808 Tommy Murray**

**SPEAKERS**

Tommy Murray, Una Walls, Nan Murray

**Una Walls** 00:00

There was a lot of smuggling went on all over, wasn't there? You know, a lot of smuggling of butter.

**Nan Murray** 00:06

Butter and stuff like that.

**Una Walls** 00:07

... tea, and you know from the South of Ireland.

**Tommy Murray** 00:10

Oh aye.

**Nan Murray** 00:10

Your daddy used to bring butter.

**Tommy Murray** 00:12

I'll tell you a good one about that one, my father you see, he was a security man at Mackies and he had lost his leg in the First World War.

**Tommy Murray** 00:24

 So he wore an artificial leg and then he got the job on the on the railways.

**Tommy Murray** 00:33

 Well the trains used to go right through the aircraft factory and everything and he packed his leg, so some boyo went and packed his leg, his wooden leg with butter.

**Tommy Murray** 00:45

 And they asked him would he stand in the front in the engine, where the engine was and as he stood there the heat of the engine, melted all the butter (laughs).

**Tommy Murray** 00:58

So we stood, he was laughing when I think of him, my mother she was there when the butter hardened and all, she was scraping it with knives out of the wooden leg.

**Una Walls** 01:12

There are some stories about smuggling aren't there.

**Nan Murray** 01:14

Oh dear I know.

**Tommy Murray** 01:16

So that's how the butter was smuggled to us. He had an artificial leg, but he made a mistake standing near up with the engine driver.

**Una Walls** 01:24

It melted.

**Tommy Murray** 01:24

You see they knew him as Dick Murray. That was his name.

**Tommy Murray** 01:30

In fact, the part that you took off the foot of the artificial leg could come off separate and they took it out.

**Tommy Murray** 01:39

 I don't know how they done it, but they used to set it up on the table- the foot and if you wanted butter you took the butter out of the foot.

**Nan Murray** 01:48

Oh jesus you'll make me sick (laughs).

**Tommy Murray** 01:49

It wasn't a butter dish, but that's what I'm saying they were using the foot as a butterdish.