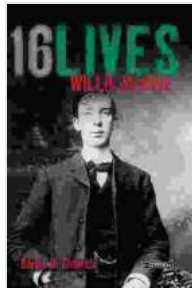


# Willie Pearse: A Life of Activism and Sacrifice



## Willie Pearse: 16Lives by Neil Hoechlin

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Willie Pearse was an Irish republican and a member of the Irish Republican Brotherhood. He was the brother of Patrick Pearse, one of the leaders of the Easter Rising. Willie Pearse was executed by firing squad by the British authorities in 1916.

## Early life and education

Willie Pearse was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1881. His father, James Pearse, was a Protestant lawyer and his mother, Margaret Brady, was a Catholic. Willie had two brothers, Patrick and William, and two sisters, Margaret and Mary. The family lived in a comfortable home in Rathfarnham, a suburb of Dublin.

Willie Pearse attended St. Enda's School, a boarding school founded by his brother Patrick. At St. Enda's, Willie learned about Irish history and culture.

He also developed a strong sense of Irish nationalism.

## **Political activism**

Willie Pearse joined the Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB) in 1905. The IRB was a secret society dedicated to the establishment of an independent Irish republic. Willie Pearse quickly rose through the ranks of the IRB and became one of its leaders.

In 1913, Willie Pearse was elected to the Dublin Corporation, the city council of Dublin. As a member of the Dublin Corporation, Willie Pearse worked to improve the lives of the working class people of Dublin. He also campaigned for Irish independence.

## **Easter Rising**

In 1916, Willie Pearse took part in the Easter Rising, an armed insurrection against British rule in Ireland. Willie Pearse was one of the leaders of the Rising and he commanded the rebels who occupied the General Post Office (GPO) in Dublin. The Rising was ultimately defeated by the British authorities and Willie Pearse was captured and taken prisoner.

## **Execution**

Willie Pearse was executed by firing squad by the British authorities on May 4, 1916. He was 34 years old. Willie Pearse was one of 16 rebels who were executed in the aftermath of the Easter Rising. The executions of the 16 rebels caused widespread outrage in Ireland and internationally. The executions also helped to galvanize support for Irish independence.

## **Legacy**

Willie Pearse is remembered as one of the heroes of the Easter Rising. He was a brave and selfless man who fought for what he believed in. Willie Pearse's sacrifice helped to bring about Irish independence. He is an inspiration to all who fight for freedom and justice.

## **Additional information**

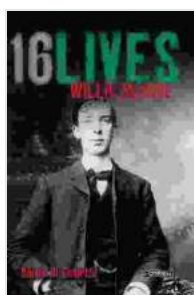
### **16 Lives**

Willie Pearse is one of the 16 rebels who were executed by the British authorities in the aftermath of the Easter Rising. The 16 rebels are known as the "16 Lives." The 16 Lives are remembered in a song called "16 Lives" by the Irish folk singer Christy Moore. The song is a powerful and moving tribute to the 16 rebels. The song has been covered by many artists, including U2 and Sinéad O'Connor.

### **Neil Hoechlin**

Neil Hoechlin is an American actor who played the role of Willie Pearse in the 2016 film "The Siege of Jadotville." The film tells the story of the Siege of Jadotville, a battle that took place during the Congo Crisis in 1961. Hoechlin's performance as Willie Pearse was praised by critics. Hoechlin also starred in the films "Fifty Shades of Grey" and "The Batman."

### **Image of Willie Pearse**



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