

Chapter Plan

Here's a plan of chapters.

A few sections have already been written and will give an idea of the mood so far (in bold below).

They can be found here

https://a2dez.github.io/casey_blog/posts/kennedy_o_brien/

Family background & early years

- Michael J & Catherine Casey, five brothers + one sister, Grown sold, Clerical history in family. Land league etc.
- Departure for Dungarvan. Family business. Death of Michael J. 1923, Catherine & Pierce run the shop.
- Austie early years in UCD and then as a Dispensary doctor in Cappoquin and Dungarvan

New York

- Richard J: revolutionary background in Maynooth seminar
- off to NYC, grows his congregations, gives speeches over several years
- rousing crowds, raising funds, and contributing to the Dail Loan (possibly involvement of Joe Casey)

Establishing Dickens Leather

- **Opening Ceremony, 1938**
 - all of the below characters introduced
- Fianna Fail, Protectionism & the power vacuum, policy of self-sufficiency & decentralization
- Brits in

- the need for capital and know-how in a state that can't support itself
- **The history of the Irish leather industry**
- **Kennedy O'Brien & Portlaw Tannery: a one man leather empire**
- **Reginald Dickens**
- Dublin Mediators
 - Arthur Cox (lawyer), Vincent Crowley (accountant) and the Knights of Columbanus
- The Dungarvan Scramble for a factory (any factory)
 - FR TB Walsh, Austie Casey, Joe Moloney
 - Fianna Fail Cumann & Dungarvan Industrial Development Council
- Raising Money
 - Austie gathering contributions
 - Richard J's background in crowdfunding and raising a congregation.
 - Jiggerpokery -> Richard J buying shares off Austie, Kennedy O'Brin & Max Davis, etc.

Richard J Casey 1924-49

- Army Chaplain
- gradually buying more Dickens shares -> making money from sweepstakes (need more evidence).

Up and running

- Dickens leather 1937-1951, day-to-day
- Glue and Gelatine factory & life in The Emergency
- Exports
 - Trips to America, Canada etc, late 1940s, Austie, early 1950s, Pierce
- Death (x 2) & family fallout. Richard J as executor.
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