

*Yvonne Jerrold, granddaughter of Bob and Una Brennan, said a few words of thanks on behalf of the family:*

"I would like to say a few words on behalf of Robert and Una's relatives and especially on behalf of all his descendants who can't be here today. Many of them live overseas, largely as a result of Robert Brennan's diplomatic role in Washington DC.

Robert and Una moved to Washington with their four children in 1934. Their eldest daughter Emer (who was 6 when her parents took part in the Easter Rising) was then 24. Their daughters Maeve and Dierdre were 17 and 15, and their son Robert Patrick was 7.

During the 13 years that the Brennans lived in Washington, Emer and Derry got married and Maeve embarked on her writing career in New York. So it was not surprising that, when Bob and Una returned to Dublin with their son, in 1947, their daughters stayed in the USA. Derry subsequently moved back to Ireland after her husband died, and Robert Patrick returned to the USA after he married in the 1950s.

There are now at least 17 direct descendants of Robert and Una Brennan living in the USA - in Atlanta, Maryland, Michigan, New York, South Carolina and Washington, and another 12 living in the UK. Their grandson, Alan Jerrold, who is here today, is their only direct descendant currently living in Ireland. They also have many other relatives living in Wexford, including Robert's niece, Nancy Walshe and her family.

I would like to say, on behalf of all Bob and Una's relatives, that the family is delighted that Robert Brennan is being honoured in his home town of Wexford, a place for which he had a deep and abiding affection all his life, and we would like to thank Wexford County Council especially the Mayor and Members of the Wexford Borough District and all the Irish Historians and the many other people who worked so hard over the years to bring this project to fruition.

Thank you."