

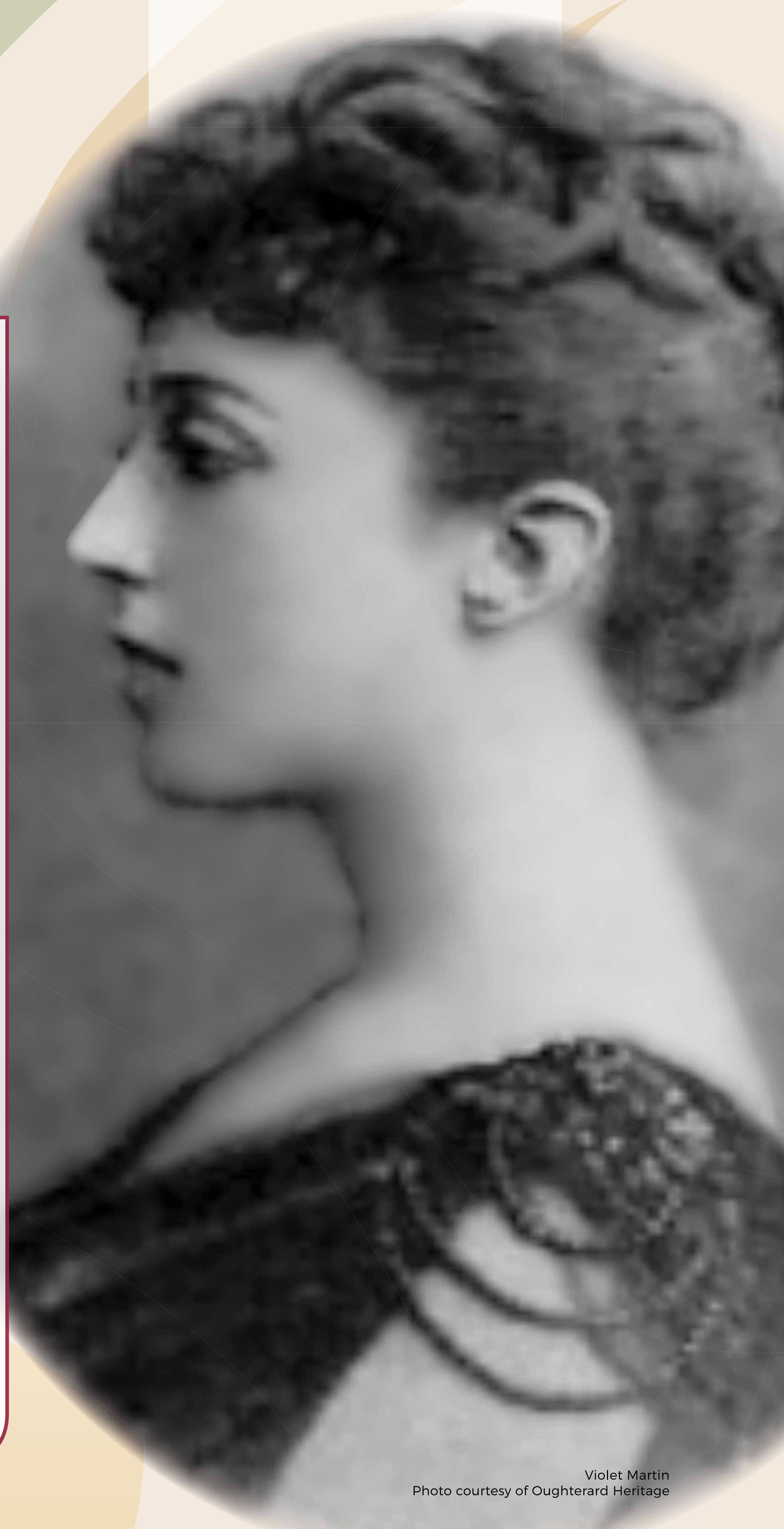
VIOLET MARTIN

OUGHTERARD
Co. GALWAY

Violet Florence Martin, was born in 1862, at Ross House, just south of Oughterard, Co. Galway, into a wealthy land-owning dynasty.

Violet Martin was a successful Irish author who co-wrote a series of novels with her cousin Edith Somerville under the pen name of Martin Ross in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Amongst their many literary achievements was 'Some reminiscences of an Irish R.M.' which became a popular television series in 1983 running to eighteen episodes.



Violet Martin
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NOVELIST AND SUFFRAGETTE



Edith Somerville (1858-1949) and Violet Martin (1862-1915)
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Largely forgotten now, Violet was a committed suffragette, becoming a vice-president of the Munster Women's Franchise League.

Edith and Violet were on the committee that organised the 1910 Pankhurst meeting in Cork.

Both were stewards that night, which was remembered as the night a flame was put to the *"unlit beacon of suffrage opinion in the South"*.



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