



Diaspora Stories

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My grandfather Patrick James Hurley, was born in Glandore, County Cork, townland of Reenagreena, in 1900. Hurleys have been in Glandore as far back as we know, though we don't know back very far.

My grandfather emigrated to America in 1926, after having been imprisoned for over a year as a "republican" during the Civil War. He was arrested on 16 Sept. 1922, detained in Cork later that year and then transferred to detention camps in The Curragh in 1923 and 1924.

The lessons of Irish history have informed my own political beliefs, emphasizing the need for government to play an active role in providing for the needs of the people (as it failed to do during the Great Hunger), and the need for the government to respect the right to liberty and justice of the people (as it failed to do during the Civil War, in the case of my grandfather and many others).

Thank you for recording and teaching this history.

I agree to submit this story for publication by Skibbereen Heritage Centre.

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