



Diaspora Stories

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Hanoria Sheehy, my great grandmother who went by "Nora" her whole life, was born in Bawnishal, Castlehaven. I don't know much about her childhood, but I know that she worked in a building across from the "Two trees" in Castle townshend, when she was a teenager. Because of a disagreement with her mother, Nora departed Ireland from Cobh on the Cunard line ship ~~Caronia~~ "Caronia". She sailed from May 9-17 of 1920, eventually arriving at Ellis Island. 4 years later, she was naturalized and gained her U.S. citizenship. 4 years after that, she married my great grandfather, another Irish immigrant from Baltimore. When Nora arrived in America, she lived in her sister's house in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1955, after Nora had 3 kids and her husband had passed away, she returned to Ireland for the first time. She caught up with her in-laws and her own family. She went back to Ireland again in 1972 with her daughter, my grandmother.

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