



Diaspora Stories

Ancestor's Name: Charles + Helena Sophia O'Regan
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The Heritage Center did a survey of graveyards. I asked my contact in Ireland, Frank Fehy, who started a genealogy group if he knew of any graveyards in the area as I had traced my ancestors to Ballydehob. He said he feared my ancestors wouldn't be in the old Caheragh Graveyard, because there were only a dozen graves there. I read the list of names and surprise! My ancestors Charles and Helena O'Regan were there. I wrote Frank back saying he need not fear, because my ancestors were ~~there~~ in the burial ground that the Heritage Center surveyed.

That grave stone contained information about another ancestor and two more relatives... even the house they lived in near Ballydehob called Coolagh Cottage.

I never would've found this without the grave yard survey! Thank you Skibbereen Heritage Staff.

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

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