

Jeremiah Hegarty

My Great Grandad Jeremiah Hegarty was born in Schull, Co. Cork in 1902. He was from a large family and had 7 brothers and 6 sisters. His Dad was a Sheep Farmer and their farm was at the bottom of Mount Gabriel in Schull. Times were hard and with so many to feed, food was scarce at times. As soon as he was old enough to work, he was put out to work and asked to bring the money back they had earned to buy food. Many of his brothers and sisters left Schull aged 18 years for Australia and were never heard from again. He married a girl from Schull and they also had a large family - 15 children altogether. Although long ago children would get sick and die and nobody would really know what happened to them.

His Farm is at the foot of Mount Gabriel.

Picture 1 - view from Mount Gabriel.

Picture 2 and 3 - White radar tops at top of Mount Gabriel

Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3

Facts of Mount Gabriel

- Mount Gabriel is 407m high.
- There is two white balls on the top of Mount Gabriel called white radar domes or some call them golf balls.
- They were built in the late 1970s.
- The radar domes were blown up in 1982.

The white radar domes were built in the late 1970s by Eurocontrol (the European air traffic control system). In 1982 the INLA an Irish Republican Paramilitary group blew up the domes saying they were being used by NATO but this was untrue. The domes have since been rebuilt and has a road built up to the famous white golf balls. Although I have never been up there!! My Great Grandad died in 1978 aged 76 years.

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