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Our Great Grandad Joe Tuomey went to America in 1916. He was born around 1895 and lived in Scobbawn Castletownshend. In the 1900's people would have eaten bread, potatoes, corn and animal meat. They had short supply of food. He used to collect coal being delivered from foreign countries, at docks around Castletownshend. In 1916 he went to America by himself when he was roughly 32 years old and when he was going over he had to get an injection and a person doing the injections asked him if he'd got it and as he didn't want it he replied yes, he returned to Ireland around the 1920s.

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