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To remember The Boys of Killmichael.



Spud Murphy

Spud Murphy was from Rosscumberg he was a member of the I.R.A. He was being chased by the Black and Tans. He arrived at this woman's house begging her for some shelter because the Black and Tans had caught a trace of him. So when he knocked on the door an old lady answered and she let him in. There was an old settle bed in the corner of the room which is a couch but a bed as well. So the old woman told Spud Murphy to lie down on the settle bed and she threw a shawl over him. Next to the settle bed and there was kindling for the fire. The old lady threw the kindling over the shawl. The next thing the Black and Tans came barging through the door looking for Spud Murphy, the old lady stayed sitting down just as the Black and Tans were going to pull the place apart, one of them spotted a photograph on the mantel piece with a male relation who was parted in the British Army and so they left the old lady in peace Spud Murphy got away. The End.

From Davie Keohome Skibbereen Co. Cork Cois Cool. 15th



The Tea Ladies.

On the eve of the Kilmichael ambush, 19th of Nov 1920 two teenage sisters by the names of Hannah and Margaret O'Doughue lived in a small house over looking the ambush site. They lived there with their Parents Paddy and Kate O'Doughue. The local men involved in the fighting stayed in the O'Doughue house on that evening. More of the soldiers stayed in the neighbours house which was owned by the Kelly family. The sister gave the men in their house tea and home made brown bread that evening. The O'Doughues and the Kellys houses were burnt to the ground when the Black and Tans found out that the men had been hiding there on the eve of the ambush. The burning of the houses happened on the 21st of Nov 1920 the day after the fighting. Both the Kellys and the O'Doughue familys were high up in the hills hiding, watching the Black and Tans burning their family homes.

STORY TOLD BY MRS O' DOUGHUE, NEAREST HOUSE OVERLOOKING AMBUSH



THE KILMICHAEL AMBUSH SITE MONUMENT.

THE HORSE AND CART.

It was the day after the Killmichael ambush 21st of Nov 1920 when a young boy by the name of Timmy Murr aged 12 years old was playing near the ambush site. He found some of the bullets shell after the fighting. He put them into his pocket and ran home to show his mam. Now Mr's Murr was a widow woman who had a very young family of kids, there was Timmy and his three sister. Their home was about 100 yds from Genral Tom post from the ambush. It was exactly where the gates of mid Cork Quarry is today. By the time Timmy got home the Black and Tans were there and they were questioning his mother about the ambush. They were also going to burn down Mr's Murr's house but she pleaded with them that she was on her own with a young family. And knew nothing about the ambush. Timmy was frightened by now with the bullets in his pocket. The only way the Black and Tans left the Murr's unharmmed was Timmy had to put the cart on the family horse so the Black and Tans could carry the dead bodies from the ambush site to macroom town. P.S. Timmy Murr only past away 10 years ago and told this story to his neighbour Mr O'Donoghue, Story told by Mr O'Donoghue, nearest house overlooking the ambush.

This is Tom Barry's Post.



Skibbereen's Priest House.

Have you ever seen the black window in the priest's house? it is still there today. if you look at the house from town. Long ago there was a room for people who came help. There was a man that turned up and knocked on the door to ask the priest could he go into the room, so the priest let him in to the room with the blackened window. When the Black and Tans came to the door the priest handed him over and he was killed. The End

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The Priest house of Skibbereen.

The Blackened window.