

The Day My Great Grandad Saved The IRA From The Black & Tans



My Great Grandad's name was Jeremiah O'Donovan. He was a Publican and a Farmer and lived at Fishers Cross, Castlefreke, Clonakilty. He got married to Bridget O'Mahony in 1916.

In 1921 the Black and Tans came into the Bar, looking for the road to Rathbarry. My Great Grandad showed them the road (which was the long route). They had a drink in the Bar and went on their way on foot.

As soon as the Black and Tans were out of sight. My Great Grandad saddled his horse and rode to Rathbarry using a different road – a shorter route to the one he showed the Black and Tans. The IRA were hiding out in Rathbarry. Jeremiah alerted the IRA that the Black and Tans were coming and by the time they arrived in Rathbarry, the IRA were long gone, thanks to my Great Grandad – Jeremiah O'Donovan.

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My Great Grand parents
in the Bar.



My Great Grand
+ My Dad.



Me and Dad
Outside the
Bar.