

In the late 1800's my great great grandmother Catherine Driscoll left her home in Dromore, Bantry in Ireland and emigrated to Massachusetts in America. There she met a fireman named Dennis O'Connor who had emigrated around the same time. They were soon married and on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 1889 their son Edward was born. But sadly when Edward was only 3 years old he lost his father to Typhoid Fever. Shortly after the loss of her husband Catherine decided to move back to her native land to live with her sister Mary in Dromore. It is in this house a few years later that this event takes place (Picture, back of page)

One day after returning from an outing Catherine discovered the Black and Tans at her door. They were demanding her son Edward. The Black and Tans wanted Edward because he was educated and would be very useful to them. She told them to wait a minute and she went inside and told Edward to get into bed quickly. She then returned to the door and started to shake the rain off her cloak from her day out. She shook her cloak in front of the Black and Tans so they could not see Edward running into bed. She then told the Black and Tans that Edward was very ill with Scarlet fever and could not go with them. Knowing that Scarlet fever was a deadly disease the Black and Tans left a short time later.

As told to Ellen and Christine Culloty by their grandmother Margaret O'Sullivan (daughter of Edward)



House in which the event took place in  
as it stands today

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