

## 1916 – By Isabelle Lehane

My name is Isabelle Lehane. I live in Dunmanway in Co. Cork. Today I will be talking about my Great Grandfather Danny Lehane. He was born in 1897 and lived in Coolderrihy, Kilmichael, Co. Cork. He was Quartermaster of the Kilmichael Column of the old IRA. His job was to maintain the guns and ammunition as well as hide the guns from the British and mainly the Black and Tans. He kept the guns in a secret place on his farm in Kilmichael and he used to hide the guns, make sure they were oiled and always in perfect condition in case they were needed. He had to be very careful because if the guns were found both he and all his family would be shot. He was quartermaster for the period 1916 to 1922 that saw the Easter Rising and the War of Independence including the very famous Kilmichael Ambush on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 1920.

He received a medal for his bravery during the War Of Independence which he gave to my grandfather Donal Lehane before he died.

## My Great Grandfathers Medal



## Coins from the 1916 to 1922 period

