

Raiding of Barnagoulanes Bantry

1920s



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In the early 1920s my great gran uncle got raided by the black and tans many times. My great gran uncle's name was Mr Michale John Kingston. After all the raiding my gran mother Mini Kingston died from the shock. The black and tans would climb up on the back of the roof because the land at the back of the house was high. They once broke the skylight at the back of the house and threatened them to throw money out the skylight. They were also forced to ride their horses around giving people messages for the black and tans. They were raided many times because they were the only protestant family in the area of Barragoulanes. When all the raids were happening a relation of my great gran uncle was taking some of my great gran uncles belonging and hiding them. Ted Sullivan a local td was related to my great gran uncles family because his mother was Kingston. One day my great gran uncle was threatened with a gun by the black and tans to build a wall with stones across the bridge to keep people from going into Bantry. Ted Sullivan the td came along and stopped the black and tans from raiding my great gran uncles house and stopped them making him build the barrier. There was no more raids after that. There was also a safe house in the next town land Dromullian.



My great gran uncles land.

my great gran uncle
Mr John Ringston



The bridge



The bridge where he was forced to build the barrier.