

# 1916-1923

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## Chapter 1: Starting of the Rising

In 1916, 100 years ago, the people of Ireland wanted to be free of Britain and their law. So Páidrig Pearse, James Connolly, Thomas Clarke, Thomas MacDonadh, Joseph Plunkett, Eamonn Ceannt and Séan MacDiarmada decided to lead Ireland in a war against Britain that lasted 6 years. Páidrig Pearse read the Proclamation outside the GPO (General Post Office)

## Chapter 2: Relatives' Stories

I found this story on [Duchas.ie](http://Duchas.ie). It was written by Babs Collins.

A few miles north of Bantry, the next town to Drimoleague, the place in which I live, is a place locally known as Priest's leap. It was given this name as a priest riding on a horse, fleeing from some English soldiers who were in his pursuit, made a miraculous leap from a hill right across a fairly wide road, to another. It is said that the marks of the horse's hoofs where they touched the ground could be seen for years afterwards. This episode happened in the penal times in which every Catholic's lives were in danger.