

## Daniel O' Leary.

Daniel O' Leary was born around 11-05-1879 (Date of Baptism). His parents were Patrick O' Leary + Mary McCarthy. They lived Glasheenaulin near Sandy Cove, Castle Haven. He married Jane Warrington in 1911.

He worked in the Drishane farmyard for the Somerilles as a boy. He got a job as a postman and as he worked for the British government he was conscripted into the British army and sent to France. In WWI, he ended up in the trenches in Flanders. He burst one eardrum while there. Daniel then returned home to his job as a postman, walking from Castletownshend to the cottage beyond Stags view, near Tragumra, all around Toehead + the sea side of the Newlane on the way back. That was a distance 35 miles everyday, including Christmas Day.

Daniel O' Leary was my great-great-grandfather! My gran-aunt remembered this story that her mother would have told her. My great-grandmother was one of Daniels 6 children (4 boys + 2 girls). She died when I was 3 years old so I don't remember her that well. I was her first great-grandchild.

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