

An interview with my neighbour  
My neighbour Sam Kingston is 94. He grew up in Culleragh his father's name was George Kingston. One night when Sam was young during the war of Independence four men came to his house and told the children to get out of their beds because the men were going to stay the night at their house. Sam followed them outside and saw the men hide their guns in the old shed. The next morning when Sam woke up the men and the guns were gone.

Around that time my house Coolkellure House was burnt down. Coolkellure house was burnt down on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 1923. Lady Bandon owned this house and used it as her Summer house. They were given a bit of notice before it was burnt so that they could take most of the furniture out. Staying in the house at the time was John Hopkins the Steward and Jane Newman the housekeeper. At a later stage Lady Bandon went to the government for a grant to rebuild the house but she didn't get enough money to rebuild it all.



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