

Denis O'Connor Lisarisky (My great-grandpa) 23/10/17

On the day, my great-granddad was having his breakfast and a volunteer soldier came in and said we need you to fight at the railway and he said can I finish my breakfast first and he finished his breakfast and went down to the Upton railway. When the firing broke out, the volunteers were outnumbered and then they said take cover.

My great-granddad ran back home on the railway track and hid his gun. The next day he went to get his gun but it wasn't there so then he knew he had been followed. He was from Lisarisky Upton.

-Ciara Brady

The British had hidden in with innocent people and the volunteers had no choice but to retreat, three volunteers died.

The railway house still stands and a cross was put up to mark the struggle.

Ciara Brady interviewed Phil O'Connor

Jimmy Seán Crowley

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Ciarrán Brady asked Micheál Brady

During the War of Independence, the British were rounding up all the men. When they got to Jimmy's house, they handcuffed him up, but before they took him away, he asked if he could wash himself first. They let him go back inside but while he was in there he covered himself in soap and then ran out the back door. The British tried to grab him but he was too slippery and got away. He moved to different safe-houses during the night and he got a blacksmith to take off the handcuffs.

He lived Ballinbassig