

MY

Greatgrandpa's

Story

from

1916

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1923

By Grace o'Leary

My name is Grace O'Leary and I am a pupil from
Scoil Eoin Inishannon in Co. Cork.

My greatgrandad John Lynch joined the IRA
when he was 18. He worked on the farm at
home and one day when he was ploughing
the fields members of the British army came to
arrest him. He was sent to prison on Spike Island
with many other IRA prisoners. They did not tell his
so they didn't know where he was taken. That day
the British soldiers also called to the house where his
family lived looking for guns. His sister who was 17
at the time was in the house but luckily the soldiers
did not find the guns which were in the roof. If the
guns were found the family would have been shot. My
greatgrandad never spoke badly of his time in prison.

He made lots of friends and got on well with the prison yards. He enjoyed porridge for breakfast every morning and spent his time making crafts, such as a wooden suitcase, during the day. There was barbed wire surrounding the prison walls and if an inmate tried to escape they would be shot. When his mother found out where he was taken she sent him a parcel of tea and sugar every week. He was released after six months and returned safely home. He received a medal from the war of Independence. Everyone over 18 had to join the army at the time. I wish he was still alive to tell me stories and what it was like to fight for our independence of all 32 counties but we got 26.

I have a picture of the two medals he
received for 1916 this story has being
wrote by Grace & Seary a Scoll Eoin Innistean
pupil hope you enjoyed



D'fhéadfaidís leis seo tair bhronnadh an
 Uachtaraíocht (1917-1921) Le Uachtaraíocht an
Sheán Ó Longaigh
 a bhí ar fionnais Le Uachtaraíocht
 Chogadh na Saoirse.



D'fhéadfaidís leis seo tair bronnadh
 Dorn Cumhneachán
 an eSosa Cogadh (1921) do
Sheán Ó Longaigh
 ar óráid Chumhneachán Caosa
 Uachtaraíocht an eSosa.



Deimhnítear leis seo gur bronnadh an
Donn Seirbhíse (1917-1921) le **UARRA AR**

Sheán Ó Loingsigh

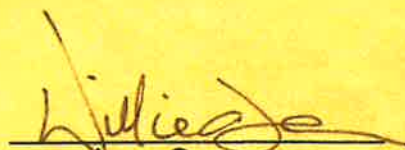
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Chogadh na Saoirse.

Willie Doyle
AIRE COSANTA



Deimhnítear leis seo gur eisíodh
Donn Cuimhneacháin
an tSosa Cosaithe (1921) do
Sheán Ó Loingsigh
ar ócáid Chuimhneacháin Caoza
bliain an tSosa.


Aire Cosaithe



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COLLINS

1890 - 1922

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THIS Story

Has Been

Collected

By my Gran

Eileen

O'Driscoll

THIS Story
IS ABOUT

John Lynch

THANK

you

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