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In the 1920's Aughadown Creamery was owned by the O'Brien family who went to Lisheen School. They used to make butter in the creamery and exported it to Wales. They used to bring back coal which they used to sell in the creamery. They used to sail from Beasaduna pier in Collatrum

They were supporters of the IRA and wanted to help the cause any way they could so they decided to use the boat returning from Wales to import guns. The problem was that all boats would be checked coming into Ireland so they came up with a plan to take a very influential solicitor from Slibberem who was a Unionist and supported the British. They offered him a trip to Wales where they wine and dined him and unknown to him they filled the boat with guns. On the return journey home they were stopped by British Customs Officers who saw the well known solicitor on board. They let the boat go without even checking it and that's how they got guns into Ireland to help in the fight
Story told by my uncle William Casey