

Hiding from the Black and Tans

One day during the War of Independence, my Great Grandfather Mike O' Driscoll was tending to his potato crop in a small garden near Schull Pier.

One of the local men, who was a member of the Schull branch of the I.R.A. came running up the road. The Black and Tans were after him and he urgently needed somewhere to hide.

Without hesitating, Mike ushered him into the garden and hid him beneath the potato stalks.

A few moments later, the Black and Tans came by. They stopped and asked Mike if he had seen the man they were after. He casually replied that he hadn't seen anyone.

Satisfied with his answer, the soldiers quickly continued on, leaving the hidden I.R.A. man safe in the unsearched potato stalks.

He lived to tell the tale thanks to the bravery of one man - Mike O' Driscoll.

This story was told to me by my Granny, Alice O' Driscoll from Schull.



How the potato garden looks today!



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