

Genealogy

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What is Genealogy?

Genealogy is the study of tracing of lines of descent.

How Mary became interested in this:

I used to watch many episodes of ‘who do you think you are?’ and from there I thought I’d love to do this and find out where I come from. I started by looking at church records and the national archives and it was there that I came across the story of my gran uncle, Michael Boland.

Mary's nephew

This is a photo of my nephew who is a soldier in the Irish Army. From the time he was very young he wanted to be a soldier and we wondered where he got this interest from. As I was researching my genealogy I found to my surprise we had a gran-uncle Michael Boland - a soldier who took part in the rising of 1916.



History of Mary's gran-uncle

This is what she came across - Mr. Boland was a member of the Irish volunteers since their inception. He trained the local company amongst whom were the late Patrick & William Pearse. He was a member of the G.P.O Garrison in 1916. He was wounded under heavy fire & he was taken to Jarvis St. hospital and transferred to the military hospital in Dublin Castle.

He was deported to Wakefield Prison on May 6th and deported to Frougoch in Wales until Christmas 1916. He fought in the War of Independence. In the civil war he took the Republican side and assisted in medical duties. Michael died in 1942.

DNA RESULTS

Mary then went on after this to find out about her DNA these are her results!

She is now going to trace back her family tree to find out about the Jewish connection.

She has since connected with a second cousin she didn't know she had!

85.6 % Irish/Welsh/Scottish

8.5% Baltic

4% West Asian

1.9% Ashkenazi Jewish