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Children of Dominick Cullen & Mary Lyons



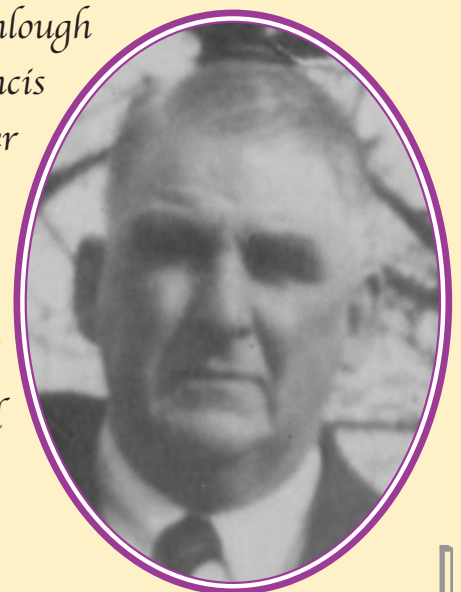
Mary Agnes Cullen was born on the 28th June 1893 at Carrick, Ballinlough and was affectionately known to the family as "Baby" - being the first born child.

Like her mother, she was also a school teacher and began her career in Achill, County Mayo in 1917, before moving to Granlahan National School a year later. On the death of her colleague, Mrs. Greene, she became Principal and was a great teacher of the Irish language.

She was a kind and caring person who dedicated her life to the community, continually working with the sick and under-privileged. To her, teaching was a hobby rather than an occupation and she served at Granlahan school for five decades up to her retirement in 1955.

She married John Kelly on the 12th October 1919 in Ballinlough Catholic Church. The marriage was performed by Fr. Francis MacDermott P.P. and her sister, Tessie Cullen, was listed as her bridesmaid, while Frank Campbell was groomsman for John Kelly.

John and Mary Agnes lived at Granlahan where her husband owned the local shop and Post Office, directly opposite the old graveyard and church.





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They had nine children:

Mary Francis (Mai) - born 27th August 1920 at Granlahan - died 17th August 1996.

Veronica (Vera) - 2nd July 1921 at Granlahan - died 15th December 1938, aged 17 years.

James (Jim) - born 18th June 1922 at Granlahan - died 5th May 1996.

Ann Dymphna - born 9th July 1923 at Granlahan - died aged 3 years.

Josephine (Jo) - born 25th May 1924 at Granlahan.

Helen - born 11th May 1925 at Granlahan, died 8th June 1999.

Agnes (Una) - born 8th November 1927 at Granlahan - died 19th February 1944, aged 16 years.

Kevin - born 29th June 1930 at Granlahan

Carmel - born 25th June 1934 at Granlahan

John Kelly died on the 15th February 1959, aged 69 years and was buried at Granlahan Cemetery.

Baby Cullen died on the 5th April 1967, aged 73 years and was buried with her husband and family.



*Mary Agnes (right) pictured with two of her friends
at Training College, some time before 1917*

