

Paddy Burns

Male

File 1 0:00:00 – 0:08:00

FAMILY –

Paddy was born in Glascláir in 1928-there were eight in his family. His sister died in her 30s from TB. A brother John Joe died at six months. His brother Gerry stayed on the farm. Paul went to England and then Chicago. His brother Tom and sister Mary had also gone there. Tom was conscripted there at the time of the Korean war but wasn't sent to Korea. He then joined the Chicago police. His sister Angie taught leaving cert in Cavan. She then went to Chicago. His mother was from Glenmore, Kilmihil. She was Katie King. There were 13 in her family. Paddy and Joe King stayed at home. His uncle Paddy was killed in a fire on the bog. He speaks of Vincent O'Shea. His aunt Bridget was a teacher in Lacken school. The rest of his mother's family went to America. His says two great jobs in America were in the police or fire department.

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DOWRY –

He says his mother had a dowry of £368. He speaks of dowries. He believes there was no love at that time only all matchmaking.

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CRICKETS/COCKROACHES –

Paddy speaks of the cricket, (insect). He describes the open hearth. The cricket would eat the woollen socks at the hearth. He says the old people thought it was bad luck for the crickets to leave. He remembers cockroaches walking across the floor.

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ANIMALS -

Paddy says the fire was kept going all the night and a pot of porridge would be simmering all night to feed the calves in the morning. He speaks of how people were careful with their animals as they depended on them. When a cow would calf the calf would be taken into the kitchen. So too was the sow when she was having bonabhs.

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ECONOMIC WAR/WWII RATIONING -

Paddy explains the Economic War. He speaks rationing during WWII.

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GRANDPARENTS -

Paddy's grandparents in Glascláir were Tom Burns and Bidsey, (née Mahoney). Patsy King and Mary Ann were his maternal grandparents. He recalls his father and mother driving to Glenmore in a side-car. He describes the location of their house. He describes his grandfather.

0:17:26 - 0:20:33

IRISH -

He says a neighbour, Mickey Conway would speak to his wife, (Mary Ann Foran), in Irish if they didn't want their children to know what they were saying. He remembers a teacher in Beltard NS called Mr O Dwyer and he gave evening classes in Irish. He speaks of Cáit Ní Bhanáin from Connemara who was a teacher in the Tech school in Portumna. She came to the school he was working in in Woodford to teach him Irish.

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TEACHERS -

Paddy says his paternal grandparents were dead before his mother married his father in 1922. He mentions Mr Twomey a teacher in Kilmihil when his aunt Bridgey and his uncle John Joe were there. His father-in-law, Pat Conway, from Glascláir, served as a monitor in Doonbeg school and he then got into the teacher training college.

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