





Sullivan of Curraghduff east) lived there after Eddie Sullivan died before building a concrete house in the field to the north. This is where John and Michael and Martin Joe lived in the sixties. None of the family live there now. John and Michael were very clever at school and were talented singers and musicians. They were masters of whistling tunes with the mouth. Neighbours can recall many entertaining moments standing to listen as they came along the road whistling as they went. Even the birds stopped to listen also. One of Michael's favourites was this tune;



Michael Kelly

*In old Ivleary by the hill, my youthful days passed by  
The famine came and filled the graves, I saw my father die  
The sheriff with the notice came, the piece of ground was gone,  
I saw the roof-tree in a blaze, the crowbar work being done.  
With neither house nor bed nor bread the Workhouse was my doom,  
And on my jacket soon I read, the Union of Macroom  
I thought to be a pauper was the greatest human curse  
For fighting in a robbers cause I found it ten times worse.  
I helped to capture Andes slaves, those tribes of India's sons  
And many a weary day we spent blowing sea pies from our guns.  
I told those sins to Father Ned, the murder and the crime*

*They were no sins for me he said I only did my duty  
And when my duty there was done a journey home I made  
To find my friends all dead and gone, I joined the Popes Brigade  
I got but medals on my chest for service in the campaign  
and soon I'm back in the far, far west soldering again  
With famous Captain Billo, I joined the Fenian Band  
And swore one day I'd strike a blow to free my native land  
My curse upon you English spies, who did our cause betray.  
I'd throw a rope around your necks and drown you in the bay  
They were Nagle and Moss, Nicorey Dunn and Talbot he made four  
Like Demons in their greed for gold, they're cursed for evermore.*



John Kelly

There is a new house in construction on the site of Kelly's cottage.

Mark and Carol Waller and their two children Aaron and Katie plan to live there. Katie was baptised in Gann Church summer 2011.



