

SHANNAWAGH

Seanadh Mbacha A gathering of cattle fields.

Area 105 acres

This townland on the lake shore lies west of Curraghduff West running along the lakeshore to the Curraun Beg. It is arable in the eastern part with fine stone walls on sloping meadows which is likely what gives its name.

In 1641 this area was granted to the Earl of Clonrichard according to the Patent Rolls of James I.

In the 1850s according to the field notes recorded by John O Donovan for the Griffith Land Valuation, the Proprietor was Robert Martin of Ross. The land was described as very bad wet and stony, containing 100½ acres with about one third under tillage and pasture. The land was leased by Wm. D. Griffith and farmed or herded by Patrick Joyce, Hugh Mullen, and Patrick Mullen. Each had a valuation of £3.0s.0d on their land and 10 shillings on their homes. Patrick Joyce was father to Tommy mentioned above.

According to the 1911 census there were 13 persons living in Shannawagh. Two families lived there—Mullens and Joyces.

The Mullens household had 10 persons. Matt and Margaret were the parents and lived there until they died in the thirties.

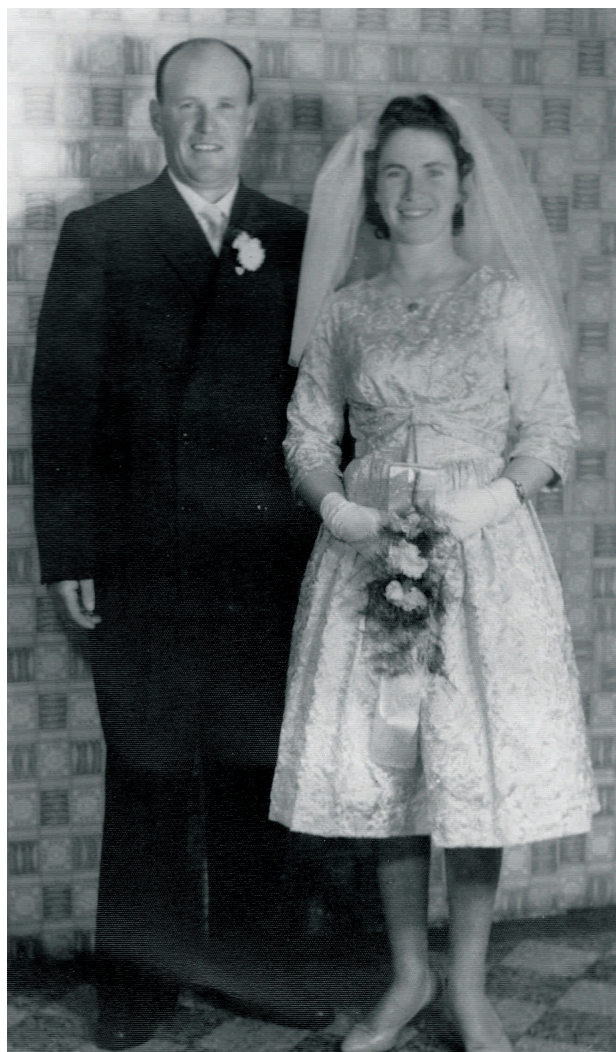
The farm and house was bought in 1948 by Tommy Joyce from Matt's son Pat who was a Sergeant in Cork. Tommy Joyce was Paul's father.

Jack and Miriam Vard from Dublin bought the old Mullins house and built a holiday home there in 1968. It is still owned by their family.

The Joyce household had 3 occupants at the time of the 1911 census. Tommy Joyce, son of Michael and Honor, returned from England in 1916 to work the farm. He Married Florence Lyons in 1919 and together had nine in family Mary, Honor, Stephen, Michael, Paul, Theresa, Paddy, Tom, and Joe.

Currently Paul and Peg live there. They have six in family—Tom, Margaret, Florence, Gerard, Pauline and Josephine with four members of the family have built homes there—Gerard and Sandra (Deacy Galway) and their lads Paul and Shane; Margaret and Michael Mullaly and their girls Aisling and Roisín and next along the road are Florence and Pauline.

Donal and Connie Connolly run an angling guest house called Nonaim fishing lodge. Anglers from



Paul and Peg Joyce

far and near come to fish and relax with Donal and Connie and enjoy their fine hospitality and cuisine.

The other house which is a thatched cottage is used as a summer residence by Nora Ann Mullderrig.



Mullderrig cottage

