

My Granny – Aine Cooke.

My Granny was Flemming from Tuam. She lived on a farm, she loved helping out in the farm, she said she won't get a minute's peace. She went to school and school started at 9am-3pm and 9am - 4pm secondary school not that different to our school but she went to school on Saturday, she used to get an essay for each class and it had to be completed at the weekend. In her days all holy days school were closed. When she was younger she had to walk three miles to school. There was no sports for females in my granny time.

When she was 16 she got a bike and a year later she got a job in the department of Revenue, she was very lucky and worked very hard and also moved departments to the Social Welfare department.

She married my granddad and moved to his farm in Monivea, they had lots of animals including pigs, sheep, cattle, ducks, hen's and horses, they used to use the horses to farm the land. They grew their own vegetables and killed animals for meat but it was easier for them as my dad was a butcher. They only had to buy tea, sugar and soap.

Cars became plentiful in 1960 and in the 1970 woman started going out to work. We are really lucky to live beside our granny.