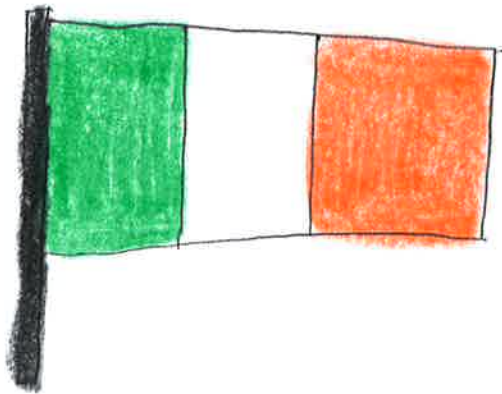


Family Life

in

1916



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My name is Eva and I live in a house in Lassanaroe
Caheragh and it is over 150 years old. My Granddad's
mother was born in my house in 1912. Her name
was Mary Sheahan. Her dad was Daniel and her
Mom was Eileen.

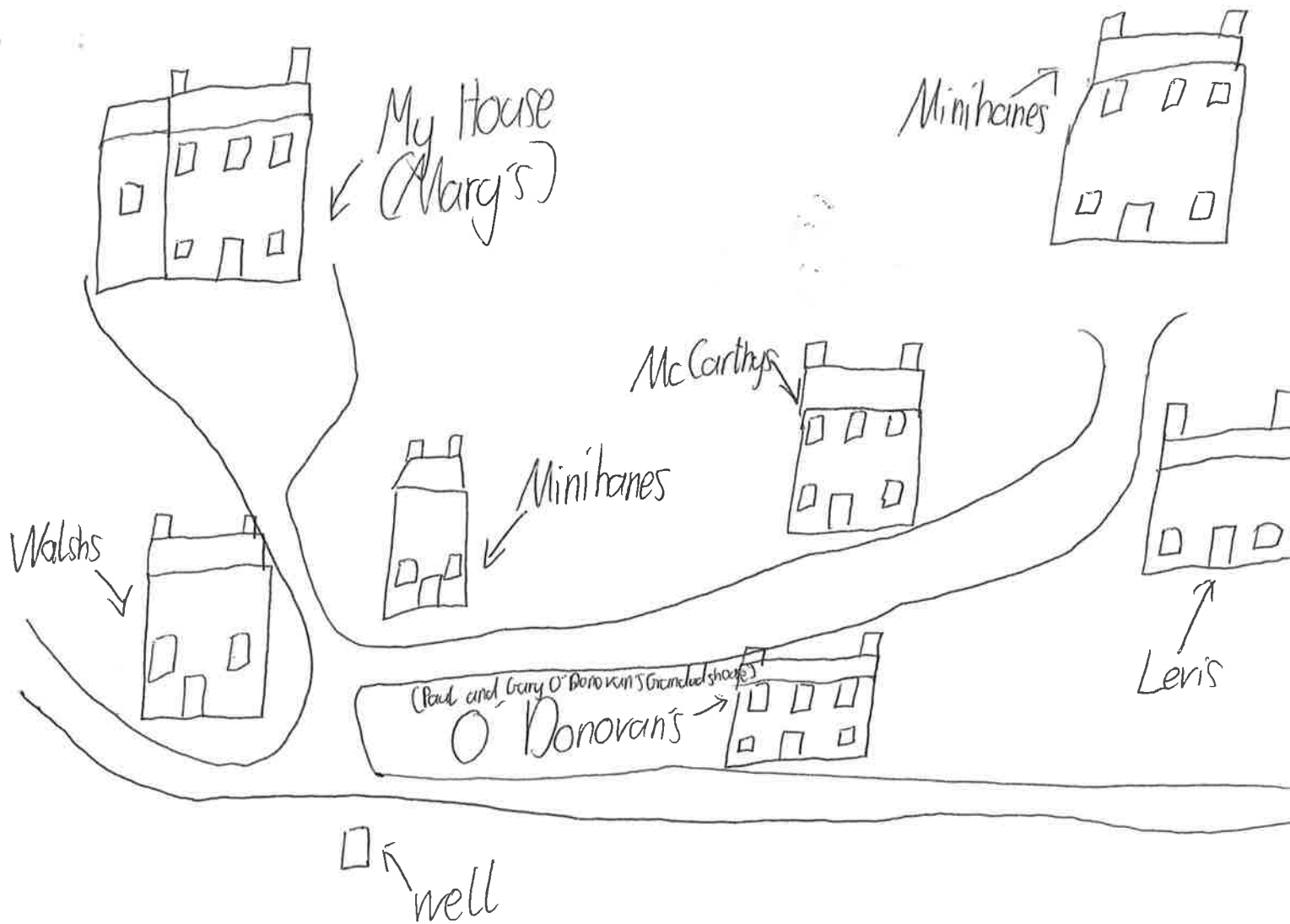


My house where Mary was born in 1912.

Mary started school in 1916 and she walked $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles
every morning from Lassanaroe to Gurrane's school.

Mary's parents were farmers. They had sows, pigs and a donkey. In the fields they grew mangels, turnips, potatoes and oats. There was no water or electricity and Mary had to walk down the road to the well once a day to get water. This well supplied 7 houses in Lassanaroe with fresh water.

Mary's Dad owned a bog and in the Summer she cut turf and dried it to use in the fire for winter. All the cooking and baking was done on there open fire. Skibbereen was Mary's nearest town. She went there with her parents on a horse and trap, there they bought tea, sugar, oil for the lamps and tobacco for Daniels pipe. Sometimes they went to the fair in the fair field where animals were bought and sold.



This is a map of the 7 houses that were in upper Lassanaroe in 1916 where Mary and her neighbours lived. Only 4 more houses have been built in upper Lassanaroe since 1916. Dublin had the Easter Rising in 1916 but not a lot of activity was seen in West Cork at that time. The rising didn't have a big affect on Mary's life in Lassanaroe.

Mary married Denis O'Sullivan in 1936. They continued to live in my house in Lassanaroe where they brought up 5 children (One was my Grandad).
Mary died after a good life in 1993, aged 81 years.

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My Family Tree

