

## APPENDIX.

RE: NAMES FOR GRANDPARENTS WALSH & MATTHEWS. JUNE 2002.

IN THE FOREGOING PAGES, I REFERRED TO "LITTLE GRANDPA" AND "BIG NIN".

THESE NAMES CAME ABOUT, ACCORDING TO OUR MOTHER, NANA WALSH, WHEN NANCY WAS A SMALL GIRL.

THE BEST NANCY COULD MANAGE FOR "GRANDMA" OR "NANA" WAS "NIN-NIN", SO THE GRANDMOTHERS BECAME "NIN" TO ALL OF US.

PERHAPS ODD TO OUTSIDERS, BUT VERY PRACTICAL AT THE TIME, WAS THE DISTINCTION WE MADE BETWEEN THE GRANDPARENTS.

PA WALSH'S FATHER, DANIEL, WAS A SMALL MAN, ABOUT 5ft.-6in (168cm) TALL. PA'S MOTHER, ANNIE, WAS NO TALLER, BUT WAS ALWAYS A BUXOM WOMAN AND RATHER STOUTLY BUILT.

ON THE MATTHEWS SIDE, NANA'S FATHER, GEORGE, WAS A TALL MAN, ABOUT 6ft. (183cm), WHILE HER MOTHER, BERTHA, WAS ONE OF A SMALL CORNISH FAMILY, (ONLY ABOUT 5ft.-2in - 157cm TALL).

SO, WITH ALL THE IRISH, SCOTS & CORNISH LOGIC THE FAMILY COULD MUSTER, DANIEL WALSH BECAME "LITTLE GRANDPA" AND HIS WIFE "BIG NIN", WHILE GEORGE MATTHEWS BECAME "BIG GRANDPA" AND HIS WIFE "LITTLENIN"!)

THESE ARE THE NAMES BY WHICH WE KNEW THEM DURING THE 1930'S TO THE 1960'S WHILE THEY WERE ALIVE, AND BY WHICH NANCY, ALLEN, GEOFF AND I STILL REFER TO THEM.

AND IF YOU THINK THAT'S FUNNY, SPARE A THOUGHT FOR JEAN & ME WHEN OUR LOT WERE YOUNG!

THE BEST THAT ELEANOR COULD MAKE OF "JANATHA" WAS "CHA-CHA". JANATHA AND CAROLINE WENT ONE BETTER ON "ELEANOR" WITH "LOY-LOY". I DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE GOT HER TONGUE AROUND "CAROLINE" TO MAKE "CAR-CAR". THEN JEAN GOT INTO THE ACT BY CALLING CATHERINE "CATTY-CAT". I THINK THEY ALL GOT "MARTIN" MORE OR LESS RIGHT. GREGORY HAD A BIT OF TROUBLE WITH "ROSEMARY", BUT MANAGED SOMETHING LIKE "RO-RO", AND GOT "GEGGY" OR SIMILAR IN RETURN!

ON OCCASIONS, PA WALSH, IN FUN, CALLED GREG. "FREDDIE FERNACKERPAN" - NO IDEA WHERE THAT CAME FROM. THE OLDER GIRLS THOUGHT THAT HUMOROUS AND ADOPTED THE NAME - SO THAT'S WHERE "FREDDIE" CAME FROM.

WHEN MARTY STARTED GOLF, THE GIRLS THOUGHT HE LOOKED LIKE TOM WATSON, SO THAT'S WHERE HIS NICKNAME 'TOM' CAME FROM.

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