

HIDDEN GEMS AND FORGOTTEN PEOPLE

MAYO NORTH HERITAGE CENTRE



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MICHAEL CAFFERKEY (THE LAST SHOE-MAKER IN ERRIS)

Michael was born in Coolaba Erris in 1902 into a family tradition of shoemakers. He was a bright pupil at school and qualified as a monitor, the first step to a teaching career in those days. Because of circumstances beyond his control he didn't achieve his ambition of becoming a teacher.

During the Civil War at the age of 18 he became a despatch rider. Because of his family business in shoe making Michael said, "There was not much notice taken of me when cycling past with a pair of shoes hanging from the handlebars of my Bicycle.

He worked for some time in England where his uncle won an award for a design and invention of a New Last Stand and Wood Last associated with his work. On returning in 1930 he continued his trade of shoe making at his home and had customers all over north Mayo. He died in 1995.

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