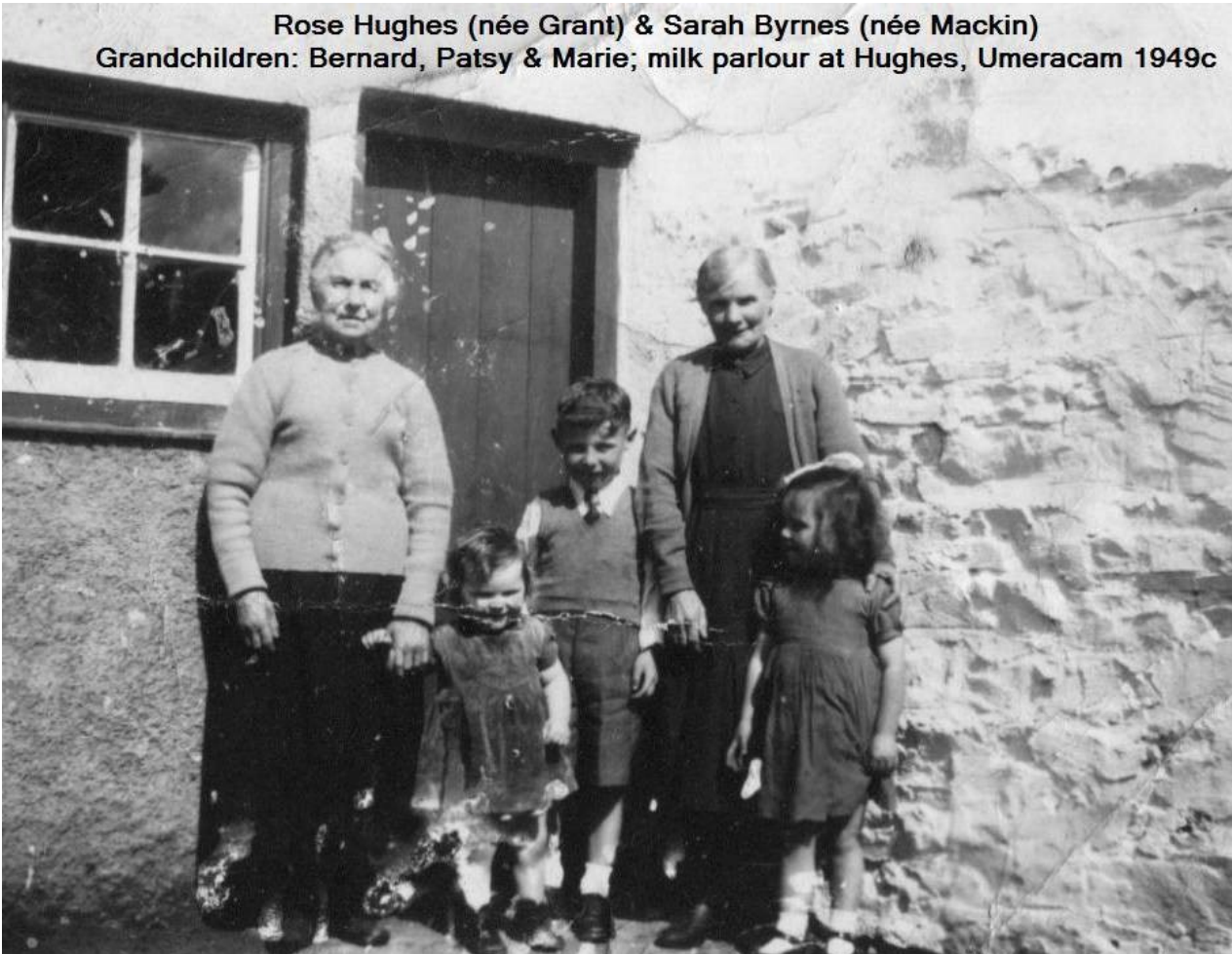


Rose Hughes (née Grant) & Sarah Byrnes (née Mackin)  
Grandchildren: Bernard, Patsy & Marie; milk parlour at Hughes, Umericam 1949c



**In this photo a young boy is wearing a dress to confuse the fairies- an unusually recent example of an old superstition in Ireland.**

**The young child is Bernard Hughes with both of his grandmothers: Rose Hughes and Sarah Byrnes. It was taken outside the milk parlour of the Hughes household in Umericam, Co Armagh in about 1949.**

**In Irish folklore it was said that the fairies would abduct young children, replacing them with "changelings" (beacán). Thus very young boys would often be wearing a dress to confuse the fairies. Old B&W photos from rural Ireland will often show a young boy in a dress.**

**(This photo is courtesy of Marie McShane, formerly Hughes)**