



Before there were smartphones there was another way to share memories.

Ellen O Donnell enjoyed drawing and painting in the last years of her life. She came to Dingle Community Hospital for respite weeks occasionally. She took part in the art class there and she continued making beautiful pictures when she returned home to Camp.

In her pictures she would describe her memory of a great day out - such as a drive around Sleah Head. She described farming practices from the fifties - how turf was cut and how butter was made. She was very observant of nature and recalled specific events - such as seeing young crows fallen from a nest. Some of her pictures describe children working and playing on the farm where she lived. The titles themselves are poetic.

So what were we inclined to snap now while it is happening Ellen drew from the depth of her memory of a contented life.

She died in 2014 and is fondly missed.