

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Arlene Crampsie
Date of Interview	17 th Feb 2010
Location	The Bush Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Bernadette Glancy
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Female
Born	Year Born: 1963 Home County: Roscommon
Education	Primary: Ballyfarnon NS, Boyle, Co. Roscommon Secondary: Drumshanbo VEC, Co. Leitrim Third Level: NTC Dublin
Family	Siblings: 2 sisters & 1 brother Current Family if Different: Married with one son and one daughter
Club(s)	St. Ronan's, Ballyfarnon [Roscommon]; St. Mary's, Kiltoghert [Leitrim]
Occupation	Sports Therapy
Parents' Occupation	Farmer, Councillor [Father]; Nurse [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	Heartley Residents, Leitrim Sports Partnership, Athletics, Gymnastics

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Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Mary Flynn
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Female
Born	Year Born: 1945 Home County: Mayo
Education	Primary: St. Patrick's NS, Lecanvey, Westport, Co. Mayo Secondary: Santa Maria, Louisburg Third Level: UCG
Family	Siblings: 2 brothers Current Family if Different: Married to Joe with 3 sons and 1 daughter
Club(s)	Louisburgh [Mayo]; Na Seamróga [Leitrim]; St. Mary's, Kiltoghert [Leitrim]
Occupation	Teacher
Parents' Occupation	Builder, Contractor [Father]; Housewife [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	St. Vincent de Paul, Bridge, Badminton, Basketball

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Date of Report	15 th August 2012
Period Covered	1970s – 2010
Counties/Countries Covered	Leitrim, Roscommon, Mayo
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Facilities, Playing, Coaching, Administration, Celebrations, Fundraising, Sponsorship, Role of Teachers, Role of Women, Volunteers, Scór, All-Ireland, Club History, Family Involvement, Impact on Life, Career, Sacrifices, Relationship with the Association, Socialising, Relationships, Earliest Memories
Interview Summary	<p>Bernadette and Mary talk about their involvement in ladies sports in Leitrim, although neither of them is from the area originally. Bernadette talks mostly about her involvement since 2000 when a ladies adult team was re-established. She explains how she got involved in the Féile competition and how this led to her moving on to the administrative positions at County Board level. Mary begins by telling of her time playing camogie in the 1970s. She goes on to describe her role in administration and her involvement with school teams. Both ladies talk about the relationship between ladies teams and the GAA, both at a local and national level. They talk about their families' involvement in Gaelic games and the importance of the Association in their lives.</p> <p>00:00 Introduction</p> <p>00:35 Bernadette remembers St. Marys Kiltoghert GAA ladies' team being reformed in 2000. Recalls growing up in Roscommon. Mentions St. Ronans GAA. Refers to the facilities.</p> <p>2:00 Bernadette recalls the games. Tells of difficulties in getting numbers for games. Mentions Mary Glancy.</p> <p>03:40 Bernadette refers to her family's involvement in Gaelic games. Mentions the McWeeney sisters.</p> <p>05:15 Bernadette talks about her involvement in the Féile competition.</p> <p>06:20 Bernadette tells of becoming involved in the Ladies County Board. Refers to the social aspect of the GAA.</p> <p>07:05 Mary remembers setting up a camogie club, Club na Seamróige, in Carrick-on-Shannon. Recalls the facilities and the uniforms.</p>

	<p>08:35 Mary describes the camogie club structure in Leitrim and talks about the county team. Tells of an incident at an intercounty game. Mentions basketball. Mentions Mary Glancy.</p> <p>10:15 Mary recalls growing up in Mayo.</p> <p>10:48 Mary talks about her role in setting up an underage ladies' football team in the area and in the local vocational school. Mentions her daughter Clodagh and Mary Glancy. Mentions basketball.</p> <p>13:08 Mary describes the relationship between the men's club and the ladies' club. Tells of scheduling difficulties.</p> <p>15:20 Bernadette tells of travelling by bus to Croke Park in the 1980s. Explains where her interest in Gaelic games comes from. Mentions Annette Conlon. Mentions St. Ronan's.</p> <p>17:00 Bernadette and Mary outline the attraction of ladies' football. Mentions basketball, athletics.</p> <p>18:18 Mary remembers her father going to matches in Mayo. Refers to a camogie team in the area.</p> <p>19:50 Mary explains how she became involved in the County Board. Describes the role of registrar.</p> <p>21:20 Mary talks about Scór in the area and in the county. Tells of club successes. Mentions Pat Fox, Cormac McGiolla, Joe Flynn.</p> <p>24:25 Bernadette tells of how she became secretary of the County Board. Mentions the Féile. Refers to volunteerism.</p> <p>25:45 Mary talks about her family's involvement. Mentions her sons Joseph, Cormac, her daughter Clodagh and her husband Joseph.</p> <p>26:52 Bernadette talks about her family's involvement and what it has meant to them.</p> <p>28:05 Mary remembers washing the jerseys.</p> <p>29:00 Bernadette tells of coaching a Leitrim Under 16 team.</p> <p>30:23 Mary recalls coaching school teams. Tells of one team getting to an All-Ireland final. Mentions Edenderry.</p> <p>33:08 Both ladies describe fundraising activities. Refer to sponsorship. Bernadette talks about the cost of running the county teams.</p>
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	<p>37:35 Mary tells of cultural diversity in the area and how it has affected the club.</p> <p>38:50 They talk about the tradition of camogie in the area. Mention Dolores Cunniffe and Paul Byrne.</p> <p>40:20 They both talk about the relationship between ladies games and the men's association. Mentions Donal Kinnitty, Joe Flynn Jr, Mary Glancy.</p> <p>42:45 Mary explains the benefits of the GAA for young people. Bernadette recalls meeting her husband through football. They both talk about training and diet.</p> <p>44:45 They give their opinion on the relationship with the GAA and the Ladies Gaelic Football Association at national level. Bernadette refers to administrators being paid.</p> <p>47:05 Mary tells of being in Croke Park.</p> <p>47:40 Mary talks about the stresses of being involved at County Board level.</p> <p>48:30 Bernadette remembers being the team physiotherapist in 2007 when Leitrim ladies won the All-Ireland. Refers to the training. Mentions Maeve Quinn and Ann-Marie Cox.</p> <p>50:55 They both talk about the celebrations after the final in 2007. Mention Sinéad McWeeney.</p>
<p>Involvement in GAA</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p>
<p>Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p>Bernie and Mary: Both played</p>
<p>Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p>Bernie: Has been club secretary, Féile co-ordinator, County Administrator, County Secretary</p> <p>Mary: Has been committee member, Registrar of County Board, Co-ordinator of Ladies football in the Community School.</p>

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Format	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
Duration	Length of Interview: 00:52:49
Language	English

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Date: _____15/08/12_____