

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Arlene Crampsie
Date of Interview	19 th Aug 2010
Location	Inniskeen Grattans Clubhouse, Inniskeen, Co. Monaghan
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Joey Byrne
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1933 Home County: Monaghan
Education	Primary: Drumlusdy NS, Co. Monaghan
Family	Siblings: 2 brothers & 2 sisters Current Family if Different: Married with 2 sons and 1 daughter
Club(s)	Inniskeen Grattans
Occupation	Builder
Parents' Occupation	Farmers
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	Fianna Fáil
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

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Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Oliver O'Rourke
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1926 Home County: Monaghan
Education	Primary: Inniskeen NS, Co. Monaghan Secondary: Dundalk CBS, Co. Louth
Family	Siblings: 5 sisters & 2 brothers Current Family if Different: 2 sons & 2 daughters
Club(s)	Inniskeen Grattans
Occupation	Retired Publican
Parents' Occupation	Miller [Father]; Housewife [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	Bridge

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Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Peter Dooley
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1984 Home County: Monaghan
Education	Primary: St. Daigh's NS, Inniskeen, Co. Monaghan Secondary: St. Finian's College, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath Third Level: Griffith College Dublin; UCD
Family	Siblings: 1 brother & 1 sister
Club(s)	Inniskeen Grattans
Occupation	Accountancy
Parents' Occupation	Farmers & Factory Worker
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	Fine Gael
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

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Date of Report	2 nd July 2012
Period Covered	1944 – 2010
Counties/Countries Covered	Monaghan
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Training, Refereeing, Officials, Administration, Celebrations, Commiserations, Role of the Club in the Community, Identity, Rivalries, All-Ireland, Club History, County History, Earliest Memories, Impact on Life
Interview Summary	<p>Peter, Ollie and Joey discuss their GAA memories. Ollie and Joey both played for Inniskeen in the 1940s and 1950s and with Monaghan and have tasted some success down the years, which they remember fondly. They recall what the games and facilities were like in their time, and the celebrations after major victories. Peter is from a younger generation but is also an Inniskeen club man, and he discusses his GAA experiences, and reflects on the day he won an All-Ireland in Croke Park with his club.</p> <p>00:00 Introduction</p> <p>00:20 (Joey) Earliest GAA memory. Playing in the 1952 county final.</p> <p>00:45 (Ollie) Starting to play football in 1944. Success in following years.</p> <p>01:35 (Ollie) Being sent off in Carrickmacross. Playing Clontibret the following week in Inniskeen. Committee meeting to decide on his eligibility. Suspension.</p> <p>03:05 (Peter) Earliest memory. 1990 county final.</p> <p>03:25 (Joey) Facilities when he was growing up. Where the club played.</p> <p>04:45 (Ollie) Where games were played before 1960.</p> <p>05:10 (Ollie) Committee deciding to buy a field.</p> <p>05:25 (Peter) New pitch opening in 2007.</p> <p>06:05 (Ollie) Going to games on a pony and trap or a bicycle.</p> <p>06:55 (Peter) Cycling to games. Travelling by bus. Paddy</p>

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	<p>O'Rourke, club secretary, driving people to games.</p> <p>07:40 (Ollie) Playing for the Monaghan county team and success he had.</p> <p>08:30 (Ollie) Inniskeen winning a hurling championship in Monaghan. His brother's contribution to that.</p> <p>09:05 (Ollie) Retiring in 1962.</p> <p>09:20 (Peter) Ollie's hurling medals.</p> <p>09:35 (Ollie) History of hurling in the area.</p> <p>09:55 (Peter) Hurling success in the Féiles in 1990s.</p> <p>11:15 (Joey) Celebrations when Inniskeen won the All-Ireland in 2006.</p> <p>12:50 (Ollie) Asking Leo Burns about the junior final in 1956 and where it would be played. Beating Cavan and Kerry. Playing Kildare and London.</p> <p>14:25 (Ollie) First trip to Croke Park. Losing heavily.</p> <p>14:40 (Joey) First trip to Croke Park.</p> <p>15:00 (Ollie) Playing in Croke Park in 1947.</p> <p>15:30 (Peter) First trip to Croke Park in the 1990s.</p> <p>16:00 (Ollie) Experience of Croke Park.</p> <p>16:40 (Joey) Impressions of Croke Park. Travelling with Tom Dooley by car.</p> <p>18:15 (Ollie) Role of club in the community.</p> <p>20:30 (Ollie) People playing illegally.</p> <p>22:15 (Ollie) Young players wanting to be famous and have money.</p> <p>22:50 (Ollie) Being offered a job in 1948 if he played with Cavan.</p> <p>23:35 (Joey) Looking up to Mick O'Connell of Kerry and Jim McKeever of Derry.</p>
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	<p>24:30 (Peter) Mickey Lyndon, Peter Canavan players he admires.</p> <p>24:45 (Ollie) Differences between players from the past and modern-day players.</p> <p>27:00 (Joey) Changes in how the game is played.</p> <p>27:45 (Ollie) Best GAA memory.</p> <p>28:00 (Ollie) Worst memory. Why it hurt so much.</p> <p>29:30 (Joey) What it was like when the junior All-Ireland final came about.</p> <p>30:05 (Joey) Celebrations after the final in Carrickmacross.</p> <p>31:00 (Joey) Disappointments. Losing a county final.</p> <p>31:55 (Peter) Administrative positions in the club.</p> <p>32:10 (Peter) All-Ireland success in 2006. Playing Doohamlet, Cuchulainns of Cavan in Breffni Park, Glenswilly in Brewster Park, Carbery Rangers from Cork in O'Moore Park, Portlaoise.</p> <p>33:10 (Peter) Bringing juveniles to visit Croke Park months before the final.</p> <p>33:45 (Peter) Preparation for the final and going to Croke Park. Memories of the game and celebrations afterwards.</p> <p>36:30 (Peter) Losing a minor final in 2002.</p> <p>37:25 (Joey) What the GAA has meant to him.</p> <p>37:45 (Peter) What the GAA has meant to him.</p>
<p>Involvement in GAA</p>	<p>Joey:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input checked="" 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>

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	<p>Oliver: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward <input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person <input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): __Honorary President_____</p> <p>Peter: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steward <input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person <input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p>
<p>Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p>Joey: Played from 1950 – 1979. Won a County League and an All-Ireland County Junior Title, 1956</p> <p>Oliver: Played for 25 years at club, county and provincial level. Won several cup medals; 2 championships medals; a hurling championship with Carrickmacross; Ulster Minor; McKenna Cup medals; Lagan Cup and an All-Ireland County Junior Championship, 1956.</p> <p>Peter: Won an All-Ireland intermediate championship; 2 intermediate county championships, senior hurling championship, 2010; a number of juvenile medals.</p>
<p>Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p>Joey: On the club committee from 1952 and spent one year as chairman.</p> <p>Oliver: Honorary President from 1997</p> <p>Peter: Club: Juvenile vice-chairperson, chairperson; Club treasurer and currently secretary.</p>

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Duration	Length of Interview: 00:38:59
Language	English

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Signed: Arlene Crampsie

Date: 02/07/12