

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Regina Fitzpatrick
Date of Interview	20 th Jan 2011
Location	Michael's home, near Grangemockler, Co. Tipperary
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Michael Hogan
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1938 Home County: Tipperary
Education	Primary: Grangemockler NS, Co. Tipperary Secondary: Callan, Co. Kilkenny
Family	Siblings: 1 brother
Club(s)	Grangemockler-Ballyneale GAA [Tipperary]
Occupation	Farmer
Parents' Occupation	Farmers
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	Macra na Feirme; Parish committees

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Period Covered	1920s - 2011
Counties/Countries Covered	Tipperary, Kilkenny, Cork, Limerick, Kerry, Dublin
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Media, Emigration, Role of the Club in the Community, Rivalries, All-Ireland, County History, Irish History, Family Involvement, Childhood, The Troubles, Opening of Croke Park, Socialising
Interview Summary	<p>Michael reveals that he is the nephew of the late Michael Hogan, Tipperary footballer shot dead in Croke Park on Bloody Sunday, 1920. He speaks about growing up in Grangemockler and the role that Gaelic football played in the area. He describes following the Tipperary football team, as well as the hurling team, and discusses travelling to matches. He also mentions listening to matches on the radio. Michael speaks about the death of his uncle, revealing what he has heard from relations about the day itself and the funeral afterwards. He discusses the naming of the Hogan Stand in Croke Park after his uncle, and local monuments that are also dedicated to him. He recalls great Tipperary teams of the past, and recollects matches he has attended. He compares the game of hurling in his younger days to the modern version of the game. He recalls the social life in the Grangemockler area in his younger days, and mentions the role that Macra na Feirme played. Michael recalls stories he has heard from relations regarding the War of Independence and Civil War in the area, and also speaks about the decision to open up Croke Park to other sports.</p> <p>00:17 Michael introduces himself and mentions that he is a nephew of Michael Hogan, Tipperary footballer shot dead in Croke Park. Discusses his late uncle. Mentions his uncle playing for Grangemockler, and names other players from the area who played for the Tipperary team at the time - Mickey Tobin, Jerry Shelly, Dick Lanigan.</p> <p>02:14 Recalls the history of Gaelic football in Grangemockler. Mentions Mullinahone and Fethard as being other areas where football was popular, even though they are close to the border with Kilkenny.</p> <p>02:53 Discusses his family background. Mentions being born at home. Discusses his father. Discusses his aunts and the stories they passed on to him, such as the day his uncle was</p>

	<p>shot.</p> <p>04:21 Recalls how his family found out that Michael Hogan had been shot.</p> <p>05:11 Describes what he heard about Michael Hogan's funeral. Mentions coffin coming to Clonmel railway station before going to Grangemockler. Mentions the Hogan Stand in Croke Park as a lasting monument to his uncle.</p> <p>06:15 Discusses growing up with Gaelic football. Mentions where the matches were played – mentions Lonergan's field, South Lodge, Power's field.</p> <p>07:30 Discusses the size of Grangemockler and what it was like to grow up in. Mentions farming in the area.</p> <p>08:45 Discusses football in his school days.</p> <p>09:11 Recalls playing with Grangemockler. Mentions tournaments that the club played in. Mentions Windgap. Discusses illegal players, mentions that some of the Grangemockler players played with the Slatequarry Miners in Kilkenny. Mentions an All-Ireland Final against Clonmel.</p> <p>10:49 Remembers a junior county final win in the early sixties. Mentions Templemore.</p> <p>11:25 Describes supporting the Tipperary football and hurling teams. Mentions going to Thurles for Tipperary and Kerry football matches.</p> <p>12:04 Recalls listening to matches on the radio. Mentions Micheál Ó hÉithir, Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh. Describes going to houses to listen to matches.</p> <p>13:08 Discusses rivalry with Kilkenny due to proximity of the border.</p> <p>13:36 Talks about the pitch in Grangemockler and Mick Pender. Mentions opening by Christy Cooney, Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh was also there. Recalls the bad weather on the day forcing postponement of matches between Tipperary, Kerry and Kilkenny.</p> <p>15:27 Describes travelling to matches in his younger days. Mentions Munster finals between Cork and Tipperary in Limerick.</p> <p>16:02 Discusses his GAA heroes when growing up. Mentions Tipperary's John Doyle, Jimmy Doyle and Jimmy Finn. Also mentions Cork's Paddy Barry, Wille John Daly and John</p>
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	<p>Lyons. Discusses the changes in hurling from his younger days to modern times. Mentions going to All-Ireland Football Finals, but that 2010 was his first All-Ireland Hurling Final in 40 years.</p> <p>17:32 Discusses hurling in Grangemockler. Mentions the effects of emigration on the GAA in the area.</p> <p>18:17 Talks about the history of the family farm. Mentions his great-grandfather moving in in 1860.</p> <p>19:13 Discusses the War of Independence and the Civil War in the area. Mentions the Black and Tans, men on the run. Mentions Bloody Sunday. Discusses family's reaction to the events of that day - his aunt may have been in Croke Park on that day.</p> <p>22:08 Recalls the stand in Croke Park being named after Michael Hogan - mentions the role of Tipperary County Board in this.</p> <p>24:32 Recalls his first All-Ireland Football Final in 1955, between Kerry and Dublin. Mentions players Kevin Heffernan and Mick O'Dwyer. Mentions travelling to the final. Also mentions attending 1953 All-Ireland Hurling Final between Galway and Cork. Travelled to Munster Finals in Limerick by car with is father.</p> <p>26:02 Discusses "Hell's Kitchen" Tipperary team. Mentions John Doyle and Mick Maher.</p> <p>26:56 Discusses place of Gaelic football in Tipperary, a predominantly hurling county. Mentions 1935 Munster Football Championship win and 1920 All-Ireland Senior Football Championship win.</p> <p>27:41 Describes reading match reports in the newspapers. Mentions the Independent and The Nationalist.</p> <p>28:08 Discusses Macra na Feirme in the area and the role it played. Mentions social events, and bands such as The Davitt Brothers from Wexford. Also mentions Joe Dolan. Mentions céilís in Carrick, Ballypatrick and also mentions musician Jimmy Shand.</p> <p>30:11 Recalls gymkhanas in Grangemockler. Also mentions sports days.</p> <p>31:06 Mentions a badminton club that was in the area.</p> <p>31:49 Discusses how his uncle, Michael Hogan, is commemorated in Grangemockler. Recalls his father's and</p>
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	<p>aunt's experiences of those events. Mentions Grangemockler and Mullinahone players discussing the day before Bloody Sunday match whether they would travel or not. Mentions Doran's sidecar bringing them to Fethard railway station and mentions picking up Loughmore players on the way. Recalls the team staying in Barry's Hotel the night before the game. Mentions Mikey Tobin missing the game. Recalls the aftermath of the shooting. Recalls the funeral. Mentions Michael's father Seánie dying just two years previously.</p> <p>36:11 Discusses treatment of the GAA of the family after Michael Hogan's death. Mentions the secretary of South Tipperary County Board pressurising for a monument for Michael Hogan.</p> <p>36:55 Recalls renewal in interest in the shooting of Michael Hogan prior to the first rugby match in Croke Park. Provides his own views on the opening of Croke Park to other sports. Mentions Aviva Stadium. Also mentions former GAA President Peter Quinn.</p> <p>38:55 Mentions travelling from Grangemockler to Croke Park in modern times.</p> <p>39:12 Talks about watching matches on television. Mentions quality of picture in the area due to geography. Slievenamon mentioned.</p> <p>40:17 Discusses other family members in the area. Mentions brother in Tullow, County Carlow. Mother's relations in Inistioge, Tullogher and Mullinavat.</p> <p>40:52 Mentions towns nearby, such as Carrick-on-Suir, Clonmel, Callan and Kilkenny.</p>
<p>Involvement in GAA</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input 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>Played until her was 26 yrs. Won 1962 Tipperary Senior Football Championship</p>

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Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)	Grangemockler-Ballyneale GAA; Secretary in the 1960s
Format	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
Duration	Length of Interview: 00:41:57
Language	English

To be filled in by Interviewer:

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Signed: Regina Fitzpatrick

Date: 20th July 2012