

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Regina Fitzpatrick
Date of Interview	19th Feb 2010
Location	Dunmanway Heritage Centre, Dunmanway, Co. Cork
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Pat McCarthy, Michael Farr, Barry Collins, Tommy Collins, Pat Spillane
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	<p>Year Born:</p> <p>Pat Mc: 1941 Michael: 1939 Barry: 1945 Tommy: 1943 Pat S.: 1942</p> <p>Home County: Cork (all)</p>
Education	<p>Pat Mc: Primary: St Patrick's BNS, Dunmanway, Co. Cork Secondary: St Ronan's Secondary School</p> <p>Michael: Primary: St Patrick's BNS, Dunmanway, Co. Cork Secondary: VEC Dunmanway</p> <p>Barry: Primary: St Patrick's BNS, Dunmanway, Co. Cork Secondary: VEC Dunmanway</p>

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	<p>Tommy: Primary: St Patrick's BNS, Dunmanway, Co. Cork Secondary: St Ronan's Secondary School</p> <p>Pat S.: Primary: St Patrick's BNS, Dunmanway, Co. Cork Secondary: St Ronan's Secondary School</p>
Family	<p>Pat Mc: Siblings: 5 siblings Current Family if Different: N/A</p> <p>Michael: Siblings: 7 siblings Current Family if Different: 11 children</p> <p>Barry: Siblings: 6 siblings Current Family if Different: N/A</p> <p>Tommy: Siblings: 2 sisters Current Family if Different: N/A</p> <p>Pat S.: Siblings: N/A Current Family if Different: Single</p>
Club(s)	Doheny GAA Club, Dunmanway [Cork]
Occupation	<p>Pat Mc: Carpenter Michael: Lorry Driver Barry: Farmer Tommy: Retired Pat S: Teacher</p>
Parents'	Pat Mc: Publicans and Shopkeepers

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Occupation	Michael: N/A Barry: Farmers Tommy: Farmers Pat S: N/A
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	Pat Mc: Dunmanway Historical Society Barry: Dunmanway Agricultural Society Tommy: Dunmanway Historical Society, Dunmanway Community Council
Date of Report	7 th June 2012
Period Covered	1886-2010
Counties/Countries Covered	Cork
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Training, Coaching, Refereeing, Officials, Administration, Celebrations, Fundraising, Education, Media, Emigration, Role of Clergy, Role of Teachers, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, GAA Abroad, Identity, Rivalries, Culture, Scór, All-Ireland, Club History, County History, Irish, History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life, Career, Challenges, Sacrifices, Politics, The Troubles, Ban on Foreign Games and Dances, Opening of Croke Park, Relationship with the Association, Professionalism, Socialising, Purchase of Grounds, Relationships, Economy / Economics
Interview Summary	Members of the Doheny's club in Cork reflect on their long association with the GAA - which stretches back to 1886. They talk about the founding of the club and how things began to develop through participation in tournaments and the dedication of particular people within the area. They also provide a sketch of what the area was like in terms of the main industries and the employment situation over the years. Sam Maguire hailed from Dunmanway and his life and times are discussed, as is his importance to the people of the area and their sense of identity. Things did not always run smoothly at the club and problems presented themselves in the form of wider societal conflicts in the early 1900s, which led to splits within the club. Emigration was a recurring problem but nevertheless the club navigated such challenges and continued to flourish. The members discuss how things

	<p>have changed over the years and assess the long-term impact of the lifting of the Ban, which gave young players the freedom to engage in other sporting activities. They also address the issue of Cork inter-county players going on strike. Each member has their own unique perspective on the evolution of the club - and of the GAA - in the area, and they are acutely aware of their own history. Dedicated and proud, their continued commitment to Doheny's bodes well for the club's future, demonstrating to the younger generation the importance of having a sense of place and the highlighting the direct link between the GAA and local identity.</p> <p>00:35 Doheny's is their club.</p> <p>00:55 (Pat Mc) Club founded in 1886. Grandfather and granduncle, Patrick and James McCarthy, founding members. Denis Hayes involved.</p> <p>01:30 (Pat Mc) McCarthys cycling to the second ever GAA meeting in Thurles.</p> <p>02:00 Club named after Michael Doheny.</p> <p>02:10 (Pat Mc) Life of Michael Doheny. How he ended up in Cork. Fr James Doheny an uncle.</p> <p>03:35 (Pat) Kilkenny people named Doheny visiting.</p> <p>03:50 (Michael) First club game against Togher in 1887. Club colours.</p> <p>04:35 (Michael) Doheny's organising a tournament and going on to achieve success.</p> <p>05:25 (Michael) Affiliation in 1886,</p> <p>05:45 (Barry) Kilmacabea in existence at the time as well. Rivalry between the Fortunes and the Crowley-Mearas.</p> <p>06:15 (Pat Mc) Team going to 1897 All-Ireland final to Dublin by train. Not getting much sleep.</p> <p>07:20 (Barry) Big GAA tradition at the club.</p> <p>07:35 (Barry) Team playing in Limerick and being gone for two days. George Fuller travelling to the games on horseback. Pigeon bringing results of games.</p>
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	<p>08:20 (Michael) Travelling by horses and trying to keep themselves dry.</p> <p>08:45 (Michael) Man on 1897 team showing people photos of the team.</p> <p>10:10 (Pat Mc) Murray man arriving home after a loss to Bantry. Lady asking him how he fared.</p> <p>11:10 (Michael) Hurling team once playing Kilbrittain, whose goalkeeper played with two sticks. Sticks disappearing.</p> <p>12:10 (Pat Mc) Hockey also played in the early 1900s. Hockey song adapted by the club to make it their own.</p> <p>13:10 (Michael) Why hockey was popular.</p> <p>13:30 (Pat) PE teacher playing hockey in the local convent. Initiative not received well.</p> <p>14:35 (Michael) Where hockey was played.</p> <p>15:10 (Michael) Other sports played when he was in national school in the 1950s.</p> <p>15:50 (Pat Mc) Athletic club in the area. O'Kelly-Lynch from the 1897 team an All-Ireland sprint champion.</p> <p>16:30 (Michael) Main industries in Dunmanway.</p> <p>17:20 (Michael) Coopers in the area.</p> <p>17:55 (Pat Mc) Richard Cox bringing the linen industry.</p> <p>18:10 (Barry) Shoe factory that never opened.</p> <p>18:35 (Michael) Fairs held once a month.</p> <p>18:55 (Michael) Emigration down through the years.</p> <p>19:55 (Pat) Doheny Association in Dublin, New York and London.</p> <p>20:30 (Michael) Doing a survey in the 1980s on people emigrating from the area.</p> <p>21:20 (Pat) What the Doheny Associations did.</p>
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	<p>22:35 (Barry) Townland of Baile Buí Horse fair there in the 1800s.</p> <p>23:25 (Pat) People who had left the area returning for the fair and festivities in August.</p> <p>24:20 (Barry) Doheny Association keeping people together.</p> <p>25:15 (Michael) Cycling to games when he was young.</p> <p>25:40 (Michael) First game he went to.</p> <p>26:25 (Michael) People fighting using the pumps for their bicycles.</p> <p>26:50 (Michael) What it was like on the day of the match. How they found out where games were to be played.</p> <p>28:35 (Michael) Club's role in the community.</p> <p>29:20 (Michael) Street leagues. Town divided up into teams.</p> <p>30:25 (Barry) Parish league team refusing to wear jerseys they were given.</p> <p>31:05 (Pat) Rivalry within the parish.</p> <p>32:00 (Barry) Clubs in Dunmanway. Randal Óg's the other club in the area.</p> <p>32:30 (Michael) Reason for more than one club in the area.</p> <p>33:35 (Pat Mc) Diarmuid Ó Mathúnas taking players.</p> <p>33:55 (Barry) School on border of Dunmanway and Inniskeen. Players being poached.</p> <p>34:45 (Barry) Young people emigrating to Australia and playing GAA there.</p> <p>36:10 (Barry) Some of their players in San Francisco.</p> <p>36:35 (Michael) Where people emigrated to.</p> <p>37:55 (Barry) His son going to Australia. Neighbour advising him to go to Melbourne. Playing GAA there.</p> <p>39:50 (Michael) What it means when a club player makes the</p>
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	<p>county team.</p> <p>40:35 (Pat Mc) Looking up to Johnny Carroll, Johnny Crowley, Seamus Sullivan, Colman O'Rourke all good players from the area.</p> <p>41:20 (Pat) Football bigger than hurling in west Cork.</p> <p>41:35 (Michael) Hurling in the area.</p> <p>42:10 (Pat) Challenges for hurling in the area.</p> <p>43:00 (Pat Mc) Need to promote hurling more in the area.</p> <p>43:20 (Pat Mc) Locals going to school in Farranferris in Cork City.</p> <p>44:25 (Michael) Dual players at the club.</p> <p>44:35 (Barry) Population limited and consequences of that for the GAA.</p> <p>45:25 (Michael) Successful team having a long year of training and playing matches.</p> <p>46:00 (Michael) Camogie team in the 1940s. Nelly McCarthy not allowed to play.</p> <p>47:10 (Michael) Ladies football in the club.</p> <p>47:55 (Michael) Difference between female and male players.</p> <p>48:10 (Pat Mc) Women helping out in other aspects.</p> <p>49:30 (Michael) Volunteers in the club.</p> <p>50:50 (Michael) Seeing Robert Butler and Jimmy Cronin prepare the pitch before a game.</p> <p>51:50 (Tommy) Older people volunteering when he was young.</p> <p>54:30 (Pat Mc) Former chairman Dick O'Neill opening a pitch. Cork and Kerry playing. Kerry County Board sending a bill for expenses. Discussing the bill and Dick making a declaration.</p> <p>56:05 (Michael) Party politics and the GAA. Problems in 1934.</p>
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	<p>57:00 (Michael) Split in the club in 1934.</p> <p>58:05 (Barry) His grandfather refusing to let his son play for the cub because of problems.</p> <p>59:00 (Pat) Sam Maguire playing in four All-Irelands for London Hibernians but never for Dohenys.</p> <p>01:00:30 (Pat) Sam Maguire's GAA involvement.</p> <p>01:01:50 (Pat) Sam Maguire's IRB involvement.</p> <p>01:02:30 (Pat) Sam Maguire a Church of Ireland man.</p> <p>01:03:15 (Pat) How Sam Maguire came to be involved with the GAA as a Church of Ireland man.</p> <p>01:04:35 (Pat) Sam Maguire eloping.</p> <p>01:05:30 (Pat) Sam Maguire's family background. What became of their estate.</p> <p>01:09:10 (Michael) What it means that the cup is named after Sam Maguire.</p> <p>01:10:25 (Pat Mc) Tim Pat Coogan's version of state Sam Maguire was in when he died.</p> <p>01:11:00 (Pat) Angle Tim Pat Coogan was coming from.</p> <p>01:12:10 (Pat) Sam Maguire's possible involvement in a coup.</p> <p>01:14:30 (Pat Mc) The Troubles impacting on GAA in the area. Ned Young from Kilmichael on the run.</p> <p>01:15:10 (Pat Mc) British army raiding a sports meeting.</p> <p>01:15:45 (Barry) Local man's father involved in the club in the 1930s but playing under a false name.</p> <p>01:16:50 Game against Barey Hill in Skibbereen in the 1930s. People travelling by lorries. Fight breaking out.</p> <p>01:18:45 (Michael) Impact of World War II on the club.</p> <p>01:19:10 (Michael) People emigrating during World War II.</p>
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<p>01:19:35 (Pat Mc) World War I taking players from the club. Jimmy Crowley-Meara.</p> <p>01:21:10 (Michael) Going to Daly's house to listen to the radio.</p> <p>01:22:10 (Barry) Trying to save the wireless batteries for the game.</p> <p>01:22:30 (Michael) Teacher, Denis Cotter at a golf classic. Telling him about when he lived in Dublin and going to Croke Park. Remembering who scored in every game he saw. Reason for that.</p> <p>01:24:25 (Pat) Tom Driscoll doing a good imitation of Micheál Ó hÉihir when they were young.</p> <p>01:25:55 (Pat Mc) Remembering Paddy Prendergast and Paddy O'Brien from a trip to Croke Park in the 1950s. Denis O'Neill driving up. Buying tickets in Cleary's.</p> <p>01:27:10 (Pat Mc) Impressions of Croke Park.</p> <p>01:27:30 (Pat Mc) Going on his own for the first time with EIRI?? Cronin in 1957. Getting an early train.</p> <p>01:29:00 (Michael) What the trains were like.</p> <p>01:29:30 (Michael) Getting home after the game.</p> <p>01:30:25 (Pat Mc) Cost of train journey.</p> <p>01:31:10 (Michael) Social life around the GAA club. Annual dinner.</p> <p>01:30:30 (Barry) Celebrations when they won a county junior championship in 1966.</p> <p>01:33:10 (Barry) Bonfires being lit.</p> <p>01:34:50 (Pat) Timmy O'Brien, Dick Neill and Molly Maguire in a photograph.</p> <p>01:36:25 (Michael) First game in Sam Maguire Park in the early 1960s.</p> <p>01:36:55 (Pat) Down winning the All-Ireland for the first time in 1960. Kevin Mussen Down captain. Parents visiting the</p>

	<p>descendants of Sam Maguire.</p> <p>01:38:50 (Barry) All-Ireland winning captains represented at an unveiling of a statue in Dunmanway in the 1980s. Down's Kevin Mussen, Seán O'Neill and Paddy Doherty attending.</p> <p>01:39:50 (Pat Mc) Jimmy Murray, a former Roscommon captain, attending.</p> <p>01:40:35 (Pat Mc) Pitch opened in 1974. GAA President Donal Keenan in attendance.</p> <p>01:41:05 Paddy Buggy in attendance too.</p> <p>01:42:05 (Michael) How facilities have changed over the years.</p> <p>01:44:00 (Michael) Bandon and Clonakilty improving their facilities in the 1960s.</p> <p>01:44:40 (Michael) Fundraising initiatives.</p> <p>01:45:05 (Pat Mc) Mothers of young players fundraising.</p> <p>01:47:55 (Michael) What the club means to the community.</p> <p>01:48:20 (Barry) Former players bringing their children to take part.</p> <p>01:51:00 (Barry) GAA and people's sense of Irishness.</p> <p>01:51:10 (Pat) Nationalistic aspect of the GAA.</p> <p>01:51:55 (Barry) Changes in the GAA.</p> <p>01:52:15 (Tommy) Lifting of the Ban.</p> <p>01:52:35 (Pat) Young people bringing more intensity to sports. Media influence and professionalism.</p> <p>01:53:50 (Michael) Players involved in different sports as a result of the lifting of the Ban. Problems that can cause.</p> <p>01:55:20 (Pat) Tensions between schools and club commitments.</p> <p>01:57:05 (Pat) Hurling less competitive.</p>
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	<p>01:57:25 (Barry) Standards dropping due to players involved in different sports.</p> <p>01:58:20 (Barry) How clubs are spending their money and what he thinks of that.</p> <p>01:59:45 (Barry) Lack of money available for coaching.</p> <p>02:00:55 (Michael) Important skills needed to play football.</p> <p>02:02:20 (Barry) Need for GAA to consider where it allocates funds.</p> <p>02:02:45 (Pat Mc) Importance of amateurism.</p> <p>02:03:25 (Pat) Impact of Cork hurling strikes on clubs.</p> <p>02:03:40 (Pat Mc) Being 'disgusted' by the strike.</p> <p>02:04:00 (Michael) Not approving of the strike.</p> <p>02:30:00 (Barry) County board's role in the strike.</p> <p>02:04:50 (Barry) Clubs not getting a say in county board decision-making.</p> <p>02:05:00 (Tommy) Need for GAA to come up with guidelines on disputes.</p> <p>02:05:50 (Michael) Disputes in different Munster counties.</p> <p>02:06:10 (Pat) Number of players involved in disputes in Cork and Limerick. Difference in a county like Kilkenny.</p> <p>02:08:45 (Pat Mc) Underage section of club named 'Sam Maguire' in 1965. Reason it was proposed.</p> <p>02:10:30 (Tommy) Only Under-16s playing in the 1960s.</p> <p>02:10:50 (Barry) Other underage levels being introduced.</p> <p>02:11:45 (Barry) Impact of underage club on Doheny's.</p> <p>02:13:00 What the GAA has meant to them.</p> <p>02:13:20 (Michael) Official opening of the field.</p> <p>02:14:05 (Michael) Role of GAA in his life.</p>
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	<p>02:15:15 (Pat Mc) Seánie moving to Brighton and ringing home every week to hear club results.</p> <p>02:15:55 (Michael) Hopes for the future.</p> <p>02:16:25 (Pat Mc) Club lotto and fundraising efforts of BERNNA?? Collins.</p> <p>02:17:20 Singing of 'Up the Doheny's</p>
<p>Involvement in GAA</p>	<p>Pat Mc:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input 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>Michael:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manager <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p>Barry:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p>Tommy:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input 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>

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	<p>Pat S:</p> <p>✓ Supporter ✓ Player ✓ Manager ✓ Coach ✓ Steward</p> <p>□ Chairperson ✓ Committee Member □ Grounds-person</p> <p>□ Caterer □ Jersey Washer □ Referee □ None</p> <p>□ Other (please specify):</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p>Pat Mc: Played for 20 years with Doheny GAA Club</p> <p>Michael: N/A</p> <p>Barry: Played all his life</p> <p>Tommy: Played for 10 years</p> <p>Pat S: N/A</p>
<p>Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p>Pat Mc: Secretary of Doheny GAA Club 1964-65</p> <p>Michael: N/A</p> <p>Barry: Chairman and Secretary of under-age teams</p> <p>Tommy: None</p> <p>Pat S: N/A</p>
<p>Format</p>	<p>✓ Audio □ Audio-Visual</p>
<p>Duration</p>	<p>Length of Interview: 02:17:56</p>
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Signed: Regina Fitzpatrick

Date: 7th June 2012