

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Páraic O'Connor
Date of Interview	20 th Oct 2010
Location	Cooley Kickham's Clubhouse, Co. Louth
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	John Maguire
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: N/A Home County: Louth
Education	N/A
Family	N/A
Club(s)	Cooley Kickham's GAA [Louth]
Occupation	N/A
Parents' Occupation	N/A
Religion	N/A
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

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Date of Report	24 th July 2012
Period Covered	c.1950 – 2010
Counties/Countries Covered	Louth
Key Themes Covered	Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Travel, Supporting, Playing, Managing, Religion, Media, Role of Clergy, Rivalries, Club History, Opening of Croke Park
Interview Summary	<p>00:00:18 Earliest memory of the GAA: riding a bike with a friend from Cooley to Dundalk to partake in a Louth minor trial.</p> <p>00:00:45 Mentions lack of family background or interest in the GAA.</p> <p>00:00:55 Notes the absence of a school team, but hints that football was played informally.</p> <p>00:01:14 Difficulty in getting transport to inter-county games when young. Listening to them on radio.</p> <p>00:01:34 Mentions again lack of family interest, but mentioned that mother was 'keen' on football.</p> <p>00:01:45 Started off playing football in the Cooley league from 1946 onwards.</p> <p>00:02:15 Mentions that one of two players would have played their football 'in the town' where they had jobs.</p> <p>00:02:30 Mentions some of the friends he played football with, included a man called 'Woods' who was sitting across from him during the interview. (Laughter at reference to 'the lanky fella over there')</p> <p>00:02:50 Refers to his footballing heroes when he was young and playing in the Cooley league (he is assisted in recalling names by a third person sitting in on interview)</p> <p>00:03:40 Says he was unaware of the money required to keep a club going at that stage but mentions that football boots were supplied.</p> <p>00:04:09 Refers to the difficulty of kicking the old, heavy, brown leather football. (Laughter)</p> <p>00:04:15 Refers to seldom attending county matches and tells a story of a long journey to attend a Cooley club match.</p>

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	<p>00:04:45 Refers to attendances at club games and the use of bicycles by supporters.</p> <p>00:04:50 Mentions some of the priests who played an influential role in the Cooley Kickhams club.</p> <p>00:05:20 Discusses some of the big names and local heroes in the Cooley club during this youth. Jamie Thornton, Eddie Boyle, Tommy Clarke and Mick Callaghan.</p> <p>00:05:55 Touches on the influence of radio and the arrival of Television.</p> <p>00:06:15 Mentions as a highlight of his GAA involvement the winning of the Cooley League and the beating of Greenore in 1950.</p> <p>00:06:40 Reference to the playing of National Anthem at games.</p> <p>00:06:50 Discusses changes in Gaelic football and is critical of the overemphasis on the hand-pass.</p> <p>00:07:00 Comments on the opening of Croke Park.</p> <p>00:07:17 His biggest disappointment was the day that the club was defeated by St. Mary's c. 1960 (or 1972). He had to go off injured after getting 'a kick'.</p> <p>00:08:00 Mentions his involvement as a selector with minor and senior teams in Cooley.</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>N/A</p>
<p>Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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Format	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
Duration	Length of Interview: 00:08:36
Language	English

To be filled in by Interviewer:

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Date: _____