

## GAA Oral History Project

## Interview Report Form

<b>Name of Interviewer</b>	Arlene Crampsie
<b>Date of Interview</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2010
<b>Location</b>	Interviewee's home, near Annaduff, Co. Leitrim
<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	Paddy Fox
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1927 <b>Home County:</b> Leitrim
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Annaduff NS, Co. Leitrim <b>Secondary:</b> St. Mel's College, Longford Town, Co. Longford <b>Third Level:</b> UCD; St. Pat's, Drumcondra, Dublin
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 2 brothers & 3 sisters <b>Current Family if Different:</b> Married to Ina with 3 daughters and 2 sons
<b>Club(s)</b>	Annaduff [Leitrim]; Claremorris [Mayo]
<b>Occupation</b>	Teacher
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	Farmers
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	N/A
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	Annaduff Credit Union

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<b>Date of Report</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> August 2012
<b>Period Covered</b>	1928 – 2010
<b>Counties/Countries Covered</b>	Leitrim, Mayo, Cavan, Dublin, Great Britain, England
<b>Key Themes Covered</b>	Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Playing, Training, Coaching, Refereeing, Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Administration, Fundraising, Sponsorship, Education, Role of Clergy, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, Identity, Culture, Volunteers, Rivalries, Media, Religion, Club History, County History, Irish History, Emigration, Celebrations, All-Ireland, Ban on Foreign Games and Dances
<b>Interview Summary</b>	<p>Paddy talks about his early days playing football at National School and watching matches in Annaduff. He recalls travelling to matches on bicycle. He discusses the formation of Annaduff club in 1938, the impact of World War II on football in the area and the revival of the club under the influence of Fr Manning in 1958. He discusses family involvement in the GAA. He discusses the changes in style of football from his early playing days to now. He recalls Annaduff's senior championship win in 2004 and the celebrations that ensued. Paddy talks about the importance of the GAA in communities and what his involvement has meant to him in his lifetime.</p> <p>00:00 Introduction</p> <p>00:21 Earliest GAA memory – All-Ireland semi final between Mayo and Kildare in 1935.</p> <p>02:04 Recalls collecting money for a football in the Annaduff community. Mentions Georgie O'Toole, his neighbour and former Leitrim County Board chairman.</p> <p>03:15 Recalls playing football at National School. Mentions T.P. Mulligan.</p> <p>06:05 Talks about playing football at school. Mentions Ray Byrne, who played centre field for Antrim in 1951.</p> <p>08:26 Notes that 3 fellow school mates won Hogan Cup medals.</p> <p>09:15 Discusses the formation of the club in 1938. Recalls travelling to matches on the bars of bicycles. Mentions that the first match was played in Mohill against Mohill. Annaduff</p>

	<p>won the match.</p> <p>10:17 Recalls watching Annaduff in a Junior Final in 1938, played against Blacklion in Manorhamilton. Notes that 2 buses left from Annaduff to take the players and supporters.</p> <p>13:15 Notes that the team disbanded in the 1940s due to emigration. Talks about Fr Manning's role in reviving football in the area in the late 1950s. Notes that he was instrumental in the club winning Under 14 championships in 1960 and 1964.</p> <p>15:05 Talks about the success of the Annaduff team in the 1980s. Recalls winning an intermediate championship in 1997 and the senior championship in 2004.</p> <p>17:44 Notes that Annaduff have been a senior team in the early 2000s. Talks about success at adult level within the club over the past 10 years.</p> <p>18:25 Discusses fundraising in the parish. Mentions American tea parties ran by the ladies in the community.</p> <p>20:05 Recalls moving to Claremorris in 1946 – Played with Stephen Mitchells until 1949. Recalls the friendships forged. Mentions Tommy Joe Neary.</p> <p>23:15 Recalls buying his first football from John Lowe's in Carrick-on-Shannon to play in the local area.</p> <p>24:52 Notes that there was no organised club in the area in his younger playing days. 1937 was the first time he saw adults starting to play – beginning of the formation of the club.</p> <p>25:30 Discusses the founding members of the club – Mentions Tommy Forknan, Willie Duignan, P McKeown, Jimmy Joe McGarry, Mark Dolan. Mentions P Masterson and Nipper Shanley from the area who played in the Tailteann Games.</p> <p>27:28 Recalls that his uncle played with Leitrim in 1927. Notes that he told stories about the match between Leitrim and Kerry in Tuam.</p> <p>29:03 Talks about his own playing days – recalls that he did not make much of an impact on the playing field. Talks of his enjoyment of playing football.</p> <p>30:15 Mentions that his brother Jim captained the Leitrim team in 1949.</p>
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	<p>30:49 Recalls his disappointment at Leitrim losing matches.</p> <p>31:14 Talks about the changes in the style of football from his early playing days to the current day. Gives his opinion that football has improved over the years. Mentions structured plans and better training.</p> <p>33:05 Discusses the lack of hurling in Annaduff. Notes that he has an interest in hurling himself and travelled to the hurling finals in Croke Park.</p> <p>33:57 Reflects upon his first trip to Croke Park – a semi final between Leitrim minors and Monaghan minors. Recalls Leitrim winning the match.</p> <p>35:47 Discusses his sense of wonder at the atmosphere in Croke Park. Recalls attending an All-Ireland final and watching Christy Ring playing.</p> <p>38:19 Discusses the playing fields in Annaduff in the early years. Notes that they rented a local field. Talks about Fr Manning's involvement in acquiring a field from the Land Commission. Discusses fundraising efforts.</p> <p>40:45 Talks about recent developments in Annaduff. Notes that there are plans to build a Centre of Excellence for the county within the community.</p> <p>42:03 Discusses the administrative roles he held within Annaduff club over the years – Secretary, Chairman, current President.</p> <p>43:00 Recalls the duties involved in his role as Secretary and Chairman in the club.</p> <p>44:08 Talks about the development of underage football in the community and throughout the country in the present day. Mentions Joe Cox.</p> <p>45:00 Discusses the impact of the Second World War on football in Annaduff. Recalls emigration to England after the War ended.</p> <p>46:07 Discusses the impact of the war on travelling to matches – petrol rationed, people had to cycle to matches.</p> <p>47:08 Discusses the effects of emigration on football in Annaduff – no club in the area from 1946 until 1958. Played with Bornacoola, a neighbouring parish. Talks about previous rivalry with Bornacoola.</p> <p>49:20 Discusses celebrations after victories in Annaduff.</p>
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	<p>Mentions Jimmy Connor’s bar. Talks about winning the senior championship and National League in 2004. Discusses the homecoming celebrations.</p> <p>52:24 Talks about the decline of Scór in Annaduff. Notes previous successes in the competition – won Tráth na gCeist in 1982. Won titles in Scór na nÓg.</p> <p>53:58 Discusses the major rule changes within the GAA – gives his opinion that the lifting of the ban on foreign games and was a positive step in uniting the country.</p> <p>57:48 Discusses the breakthrough of ladies football in both Annaduff and the country at large.</p> <p>58:23 Describes the relationship between Annaduff club and the Leitrim County Board. Recalls a few disagreements.</p> <p>59:02 Discusses the important role of the clergy and teachers in the GAA in the early days.</p> <p>01:00:16 Describes the importance of volunteers within the GAA community.</p> <p>01:01:18 Talks about his GAA heroes – Peter Canavan, Maurice Fitzgerald, Jack O’Shea, Anthony Tohill.</p> <p>01:03:44 Best memory of being involved in the GAA – winning the club championship in 2004.</p> <p>01:04:10 Biggest disappointment within the GAA.</p> <p>01:05:26 Describes what his involvement in the GAA has meant to him in his lifetime.</p> <p>01:07:13 Talks about the importance of GAA in communities – gives his opinion that it is the central base of a parish.</p> <p>01:07:52 Recalls a battalion of the Irish Army being stationed in the parish in 1939 and 1940. 2 of the army men played with Annaduff.</p> <p>***Paddy asked that the following be appended: The new grounds at the side of the N4 were named in memory of Stanley Cox our great official at the County Board and club for a number of years. He died suddenly in 1982 just before the park was to be opened. It opened in 1983. Tommy Faughnan, Annaduff club official and county secretary in the 1940s lived beside the new grounds.***</p>
<p><b>Involvement in GAA</b></p>	<p>✓ Supporter ✓ Player ✓ Manager ✓ Coach ✓ Steward</p>

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	<input checked="" 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): _____President_____
<b>Record as a Player</b> (Titles won; Length of time played)	Won a junior league in 1961 and 3 Under 14 Leitrim titles.
<b>Record as an Administrator</b> (Positions held; how long for)	Club: Secretary, Chairman, Vice-chairman and President.
<b>Format</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
<b>Duration</b>	Length of Interview: 01:08:22
<b>Language</b>	English

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Signed:      \_\_\_\_\_Arlene Crampsie\_\_\_\_\_

Date:              \_\_\_\_\_16/08/12\_\_\_\_\_