

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

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| Name of Interviewer | Paul Rouse |
| Date of Interview | 25 th Sept 2008 |
| Location | Interviewee's home, near Tullaroan, Co Kilkenny |
| Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname) | Dan Hogan |
| <u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u> | |
| Gender | Male |
| Born | Year Born: 1934 Home County: Kilkenny |
| Education | Primary: Tullaroan |
| Family | Siblings: 1 brother Current Family if Different: Married, 2 sons, 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren |
| Club(s) | Tullaroan GAA Club [Kilkenny] |
| Occupation | Farmer |
| Parents' Occupation | N/A |
| Religion | Roman Catholic |
| Political Affiliation / Membership | Fine Gael |
| Other Club/Society Membership(s) | N/A |

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| Date of Report | 13 th July 2012 |
| Period Covered | 1904 - 2008 |
| Counties/Countries Covered | Kilkenny |
| Key Themes Covered | Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Education, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, Identity, Culture, All-Ireland, Club History, County History, Emigration, Irish History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Relationships |
| Interview Summary | <p>Dan Hogan talks about his own experiences learning about hurling, his rise through school and junior level and his arrival on the Kilkenny hurling team. He talks in depth about his relationship with various players, but in particular his relatives Lory and Henry Meaghar, and their reputations as great players. This discussion includes their appearances on the Kilkenny teams, but also as representatives of Leinster and the American team at the 1928 Tailteann Games.</p> <p>00:00:00 Introduction</p> <p>00:00:45 Dan tells us he was a member of Tullaroan GAA club where he played hurling. He recalls he was 17 when he started playing hurling at club level.</p> <p>00:01:10 He recalls playing minor hurling for his school, Tullaroan National School. He says they didn't have great success but remembers a school hurling championship in 1942, He was only 8 at the time, it was played in a neighbour's field half way between two places.</p> <p>00:02:40 One of the players concerned was Tom Hobin twin brother of Jim Hobin who played for Kilkenny in the 1950 all Irelands. He remembers this particular match and says Kilkenny threw it away, he tells us free takers Tom Walton and Jimmy Langton were off form on the day.</p> <p>00:03:03 he tells us that in 1948 they had a good school team but lost in the finals to the Rower-Inistioge Team.</p> <p>00:03:30 He didn't see success again until the late fifty's when his senior team won the 1958 county championship. He began to play for the senior team in 1953.</p> <p>00:03:54 He recalls losing in 1954; this was Paddy Bugey's first and only championship also Paddy played with Slieve Bloom. He talks about Tullaroan's poor goalkeepers.</p> <p>00:04.30 He marked Paddy Bugey who was a forward, Dan</p> |

was a back. The team's best scoring forward Tom Walton was to be marked by Paddy Buggy on the day but Paddy was moved to mark Dan instead.

00:05:44 It was awful to lose a county final, he says he compares the feeling to that of the winning match in 1958 were he walked away feeling he had at least done something to uphold the game that he loved.

00:06:25 His family had a great interest in hurling, it was spoken about and discussed at every occasion, he says this is what encouraged him.

00:07:00 he says that from an early age he heard stories of games maybe forty or fifty years before, he claim he learned a lot from this and thought it valuable.

00:07:24 He tells us of his fathers, his uncles and his mother's strong hurling background this gave the family plenty of opportunities to talk about hurling.

00:07:50 He says there was limited interest paid to the 2nd world war and how hurling would be of more interest.

00:08:27 winning the championship in 1958 was an incredible achievement, the team all went to school locally and knew each other well.

00:09:34 They were greatly celebrated on their return to Tullaroan. He tells us about the involvement of the whole parish and how much it meant to them.

00:10:01 He talks about the involvement of alcohol in the celebrations. He says there was more pioneers than drinkers.

00:10:40 there was a great crowd and lots of enthusiasm, he recalls a marquee being hired for the celebrations.

00:11:05 He continued hurling until about 1962 at this stage he wasn't able to get his place on the team at this time as the prospects of winning a championship fell and so considerable changes were made to the team.

00:11:40 He didn't miss the hard work even though the interest was still there. His father died and looking after his mother became a primary concern. Also he needed to concentrate on making a living. Life was a different experience from then on.

00:12:36 He speaks about emigration and says that people emigrated in whole families.

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| | <p>00:13:00 He never had any ambition to be a selector and didn't necessarily stay involved in the GAA, but still went to matches.</p> <p>00:14:00 He had neighbours always speaking of the rivalry between Kilkenny and Tipperary. In 1904, being so close to the border, a great relationship was developed with Tipperary clubs. He talks about the rivalry.</p> <p>00:16:30 He remembers never playing the Tipperary clubs that were so close because of their rough reputation.</p> <p>00:17:30 he claims hurling isn't approached the same way. Claiming there is not enough go in the lads. Some new styles couldn't be called hurling. He hopes it reverts back to how it used to be with more ground hurling.</p> <p>00:19:00 He hasn't any Gaelic football experience and says there is not much of it played around Tullaroan.</p> <p>00:19:40 Lory Meagher, Dan's uncle won 3 all Ireland games. He lost in the all Irelands in 1926, 1931 and he was a sub in 37 in Killarney. His career lasted from 24 until 37. He was injured in his third game in 31 he may have had 3 or 4 broken ribs. He didn't participate in the league in 1932 but was ready for the 1932 final against Clare.</p> <p>00:20:57 Lory kept hurling after 1937 with clubs in Tullaroan. His hurling was different to that played now. He was able to connect with the ball as it was in the air and played great ground hurling. He is still talked about today.</p> <p>00:21:49 he made the team of the millennium with the most votes for centre field. He was probably one of the greatest hurlers of all time. Great judges of hurling couldn't say enough about him.</p> <p>00:22:20 Dan was left his house which was a two story thatched house which he donated as a memorial to Lory.</p> <p>00:22:50 Dan speaks about Lory and says he was great company and a joker. He was a great friend along with being an uncle. He was great to his mother and looked after her for many years.</p> <p>00:23:50 he was on the Kilkenny board. Lory was Dan's favourite uncle.</p> <p>00:24:10 he developed cancer in his early seventies although other than that he always had good health.</p> <p>00:25:00 he never reminisced too much about his playing</p> |
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| | <p>days and what the family knew was gathered from people who played alongside him.</p> <p>00:25:50 Dan remembers Lory as being hugely popular with a lot of friends.</p> <p>00:26:30 Lory stayed involved in the GAA until the year he died in 1973. He would go down to the field to see how the team were getting on, and would connect with a ball until the age of seventy.</p> <p>00:27:39 Dan received a letter about Lory playing against Jimmy Welsh of Carrick, the spectator said it was magnificent to watch, and that the two of them were able to drive a ball from centre field over the bar.</p> <p>00:28:10 Henny Marr Lory's brother was the youngest of eight children. He was a great hurler, he joined the army early in life to enable him to go to America.</p> <p>00:29:00 he played in the 1926 all Ireland and in the beginning of the Railway Cup era himself Lory and Willy were selected for the Leinster team in 1927. Leinster won the first Railway cup. Willy was injured and didn't get to play.</p> <p>00:29:25 Henny was a terrific hurler some would say he was as good as Lory, but he emigrated to America and took part in Gaelic games over there.</p> <p>00:29:53 He came back to Ireland in 1928 in the Tailteann games tour, where he played for America. He returned to America and wasn't seen in Cork again until 1960.</p> <p>00:30:50 Henny died around 1982, but his daughter Betty still returns to Ireland.</p> <p>00:31:30 one year when Henny was in the army he didn't play with Tulleroan but instead with Mooncoin And won a senior hurling championship with them.</p> <p>00:32:00 Dan is asked what the GAA means to him, he says we are lucky to inherit a national game of our own, its wonderful to see people get so much enjoyment out of it. I hope we can maintain the twelve real hurling counties, its difficult for people to maintain the game now but I hope they do. I hope whatever it takes or whatever it costs people do whatever they can to preserve it. It would be a poor year without it.</p> <p>00:33:50 Dan is thanked and interview ends.</p> |
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| <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 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> |
| <p>Format</p> | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual</p> |
| <p>Duration</p> | <p>Length of Interview: 00:33:00</p> |
| <p>Language</p> | <p>English</p> |

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Signed: Paul Rouse

Date: 30th Sept 2008