

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Deirdre Mullally
Date of Interview	14 th March 2010
Location	Tommy's home, near Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Tommy Mullally
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1931 Home County: Kilkenny
Education	Primary: Glenmore NS, Co. Kilkenny
Family	Siblings: 3 brothers & 6 sisters
Club(s)	Glenmore GAA [Kilkenny]
Occupation	Farmer
Parents' Occupation	Farmer [Father]; Housewife [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

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Date of Report	25 th August 2012
Period Covered	1931 - 2010
Counties/Countries Covered	Kilkenny
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Training, Coaching, Material Culture, Education, Religion, Media, Role of Clergy, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, Identity, Rivalries, All-Ireland, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood
Interview Summary	<p>Tommy recalls his youth and playing days and what it was like then. He compares the facilities and support structures that were in place then with those that later emerged. He also talks about the value of the Association and the problems that it needs to be wary of in the future</p> <p>00:05 Earliest GAA memories. Playing hurling at school. Homemade hurleys. Friends competing for good ash.</p> <p>01:05 Facilities at the club when he was young. Rise in popularity of hurling.</p> <p>01:50 Family involvement in the GAA. Effect of GAA on family life. Social aspect of GAA.</p> <p>03:00 Supporting the GAA when he was young.</p> <p>03:30 Changes he has seen in the GAA. Travelling to Thomastown in a car.</p> <p>04:15 Best game he has ever seen - his club winning the All-Ireland club final in 1991.</p> <p>04:40 Impact of the GAA on his life. Playing townland games on Sundays.</p> <p>05:20 Role of his club in the community. Importance of families and young people attending and playing games.</p> <p>06:45 Changes he has seen in the club. Facilities changing.</p> <p>07:30 Role of women in the GAA.</p> <p>07:55 Role of the clergy.</p> <p>08:25 Disappointments. Losing games.</p>

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	<p>08:45 Rivalries with other clubs and their benefits.</p> <p>09:30 Role of volunteers.</p> <p>10:00 Experience as a player. Lack of coaches. Being given simple instructions. Changes in coaching methods.</p> <p>10:40 Media coverage of the GAA.</p> <p>11:30 Changes he would like to see. Importance of nurturing the youth. Competition from other sports.</p> <p>12:00 Challenges facing the GAA. Danger of splits within the Association.</p> <p>12:55 Importance of community spirit.</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 as a youth</p>
<p>Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p>Club Chairman for 1 year</p>
<p>Format</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual</p>
<p>Duration</p>	<p>Length of Interview: 00:13:18</p>
<p>Language</p>	<p>English</p>

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Date: _____