GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of	Eileen McCallion	
Interviewer		
Date of Interview	17 th Aug 2010	
Location	Interviewee's home, near Cookstown, Co Tyrone	
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Brenda Nugent	
Biographical Summary of Interviewee		
Gender	Female	
Born	Year Born: 1968	
	Home County: Tyrone	
Education	Primary: St Joseph's Primary, Killeenan, Co. Tyrone.	
	Secondary: Our Lady's High School Cookstown, Co.	
	Tyrone.	
Family	Siblings: 1 Sister; 2 Brothers	
	Current Family if Different:	
Club(s)	Kildress Wolfe Tones GAC [Tyrone]	
Occupation	Office Administrator	
Parents' Occupation	Farmer/Forestry Work [Father]; Housewife [Mother]	
Religion	Roman Catholic	
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A	
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A	

Date of Report	11 th July 2012
Period Covered	1968 – 2011
Counties/Countries Covered	Tyrone
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Facilities, Playing, Training, Administration, Celebrations, Commiserations, Education, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, Rivalries, Culture, All-Ireland, Club History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Northern Ireland
Interview Summary	Brenda describes how her father introduced her to the GAA and how important it has been, especially in her parish, to her life. She talks about playing rounders at Croke Park, and how there are now more options for play for women within the GAA. She lists her heroes and speaks about how the big matches, whether live or on television, are such a big part of the life of herself and her family
	00:02.15 First memory of GAA is her Father bringing the family to local football matches every Sunday.
	00:02.40 She played Rounders at Killeenan Primary School and then for the Club Kildress.
	00:03.14 Recalls playing Rounders in Croke Park and won a medal
	00:03.38 Recalls Croke Park being massive and very little people there. Took photos of Croke Park from every angle. Thought they were superstars.
	00:04.14 Explains how football is her Father's life
	00:04.31 Recalls how her father and brothers would re-live the matches after every game and how the referee always got a mention.
	00:05.00 Explains that Kildress club have recently started up rounders again. Experienced their first win.
	00:05.45 Describes how the role of women in GAA has changed. Used to only play Camogie now they have the

	choice.
	00:07.00 Explains how working in Magherafelt Co Derry changed her opinion on Derry football.
	00:07.55 Describes a recent trip to Galway for a football match and how her cousin who now lives there and puts a Tyrone flag up in her garden.
	00:08.25 Describes how Peter Canavan and Frank McGuigan are her heroes.
	00:09.08 All time best memories was the actual running on to Croke Park after Tyrone won the All Ireland in 2008.
	00:09.18 Recalls stopping at a house on way home from Croke Park and asking lady if it was ok to take photo of flag which said $03 + 05 = 08$.
	00:10.10 Describes her worst GAA memory when Kildress being beat by Eskra in Omagh for the Intermediate championship in 19[] Recalls the poor performance of the referee and the disappointment of the players.
	00:11.30 Describes how the GAA plays a big part in her life – attending matches and watching matches on TV.
	00:12.08 Describes the good community spirit in Kildress club and how girls and boys of all ages gather to train on a Saturday morning.
	00:12.55 Describes how she would beg/steal or borrow in order to get a ticket for the All Ireland.
Involvement in GAA	✓ Supporter ✓ Player □ Manager □ Coach □ Steward
	Chairperson Committee Member Grounds-person
	□ Caterer □ Jersey Washer □ Referee □ None
	□ Other (please specify):
Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)	N/A
Record as an Administrator	N/A

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Format	✓ Audio □ Audio-Visual
Duration	Length of Interview: 00:13:00
Language	English

To be filled in by Interviewer:

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Signed: Eileen McCallion

Date: 3rd Dec 2011