

GAA Oral History Project

**Interview Report Form**

<b>Name of Interviewer</b>	Arlene Crampsie
<b>Date of Interview</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2011
<b>Location</b>	Carndonagh GAA Club
<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	Elizabeth Doherty
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Female
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1959 <b>Home County:</b> Donegal
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Isle of Doagh NS and Rashenny NS, Co. Donegal <b>Secondary:</b> Carndonagh Community School, Co. Donegal
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 2 brothers & 1 sister <b>Current Family if Different:</b> Married with 3 sons
<b>Club(s)</b>	Carndonagh
<b>Occupation</b>	School Secretary
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	Farmers
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	Fianna Fáil
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	N/A

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<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	Henry Doherty
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1933 <b>Home County:</b> Donegal
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Boys NS, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 2 brothers & 1 sister <b>Current Family if Different:</b> Widower with 3 sons and 2 daughters
<b>Club(s)</b>	Carndonagh
<b>Occupation</b>	Plasterer and Builder
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	Farmers
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	Fine Gael
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	St Vincent de Paul

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<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	Paddy McClure
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1942 <b>Home County:</b> Donegal
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> St. Patrick's Boys NS, Co. Donegal <b>Secondary:</b> Carndonagh Technical School, Co. Donegal
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 5 brothers & 4 sisters <b>Current Family if Different:</b> 2 sons and 1 daughter
<b>Club(s)</b>	Carndonagh [Donegal]; St. Chad's [Birmingham]; Tir Chonail Gaels [London]; Kalamunda [Western Australia]
<b>Occupation</b>	Engineering
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	Factory Worker [Father]; Housewife [Mother]
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	Fine Gael
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	Donegal Historical Society

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<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	Tom McBrearty
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1933 <b>Home County:</b> Donegal
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Carrick NS, Co. Donegal <b>Secondary:</b> St. Enda's, Co. Galway <b>Third Level:</b> St. Pat's, Drumcondra, Dublin
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 2 brothers & 3 sisters
<b>Club(s)</b>	Carndonagh
<b>Occupation</b>	Teacher
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	Small Farmers
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	Fianna Fáil
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	Ballyliffin Golf Club

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<b>Date of Report</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> July 2012
<b>Period Covered</b>	1900s – 2011
<b>Counties/Countries Covered</b>	Donegal, Derry, Antrim, Dublin, Great Britain, England, Australasia, Australia
<b>Key Themes Covered</b>	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Training, Managing, Coaching, Refereeing, Officials, Administration, Celebrations, Commiserations, Fundraising, Sponsorship, Material Culture, Education, Religion, Media, Emigration, Involvement in GAA Abroad, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, GAA Abroad, Identity, Rivalries, Irish Language, Scór, All-Ireland, Club History, County History, Irish History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life, Career, Challenges, Northern Ireland, The Troubles, Relationship with the Association, Professionalism, Food and Drink, Socialising, Purchase of Grounds, Relationships, Economy / Economics
<b>Interview Summary</b>	<p>Members of Carndonagh GAA talk about their involvement in the Association over the years. They talk about the club's facilities in the past and what the club was like during the 1950s and 1960s. They talk about the history of hurling in the area and how the club was a hurling club until the 1930s. They discuss the impact of emigration on the club and how it disappeared in the 1970s. Paddy talks about emigrating in the early 1960s and playing with GAA clubs in Birmingham and London before moving to Australia and helping to set up a club there. They talk about their various roles in the club and Tom discusses training youth teams in the local school. Elizabeth discusses the club's new facilities and the work that was done to improve their grounds. They talk about the importance of the GAA in the community and highlight their best memories from their time involved in the Association.</p> <p>00:00 Introduction</p> <p>00:54 (Elizabeth) Talks about her earliest memories of the GAA. Listening to matches on the radio.</p> <p>01:20 (Paddy) Discusses his early memories of the GAA, playing in the Gaelic field beside his house in the 1940s and 1950s. Describes the facilities at the time. Mentions Tom Farren.</p> <p>03:30 (All) They talk about improving facilities in the 1980s and using sawdust from Kelly's Sawmills to mark the pitch. Toggling out in Kelly's Oil Company. Cutting the grass with a</p>

	<p>scythe. They highlight the work of Tom Farren for the club.</p> <p>05:40 (Tom) Discusses moving to the area from Kilcar in 1959. Tom Farren getting him involved in the club. Going to a meeting in the local courthouse. Talks about his involvement in the club. Training boys' teams. Mentions Martin McHugh.</p> <p>07:00 Describes the club meetings in the past. Mention Master Reid who founded the club.</p> <p>07:50 (Henry) Talks about his earliest memories of the GAA. Playing matches in Celtic Park in Derry during the Troubles.</p> <p>08:50 (Paddy) Discusses playing games in places like Dungiven during the Troubles. Recall the Cardinal Dalton games.</p> <p>10:33 They talk about the history of the club. Master Reid from Drumkeen forming the Cuchullain's Hurling Club. No football until 1938 when the army came to Dunree. Impact of the army on the club.</p> <p>11:39 (Henry) Recalls listening to the All-Ireland final on the one radio in the area. Mentions Michael O'Hehir and Johnny Nellis.</p> <p>12:50 (All) They talk about the introduction of the television. Paddy recalls seeing his first television in 1953.</p> <p>14:38 (Tom) Going with Paddy Kennedy from Doonin, Kilcar to listen to the radio in a Mrs Gallagher's house in Carrick. Paddy following the commentary with a newspaper.</p> <p>16:00 (All) They talk about the history of hurling in the area in the past. Mention the Barley Field, down the Back Lane. Townlands playing each other. Mentions Ballyloskey. The success of hurling in the 1940s. Mentions the Newman's, the Paul's and the Taylor's. Players from the club playing for the county and the Ulster Railway Cup team. The impact of emigration on the area. Paddy talks about playing in Birmingham. Mentions Kevin Armstrong.</p> <p>19:15 They describe how they got their hurls when they were younger. Elizabeth recalls a story about how Tom Farren got the hurls. They talk about his wife.</p> <p>21:18 They discuss the role of Tom Farren in the club. Mention Carrowmore and how it had its own team. Mentions Mick O'Doherty and why the ground is named after him.</p> <p>23:44 (All) They talk about the introduction of football in the 1940s. The role of the army in the introduction. The rivalry</p>
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	<p>with Gweedore (Gaoth Dobhair). Talk about Protestants playing Gaelic games</p> <p>26:02 (Paddy) Discusses travelling to games. Winning an Under 16 final in 1956. Mentions Stevie Harvey. Recalls a county hurling final against Burt and how it was played in Celtic Park in Derry in the early 1960s. Mention Hughie Whoriskey.</p> <p>28:40 (All) They talk about the impact of emigration on the club in the past and the present. Mentions St. Chad's. Describe people leaving for England for the 'beet harvest'. Mention cutting turf to send to Dublin during the Second World War. Playing hurling after work.</p> <p>31:50 They talk about the difference in playing Gaelic games from the past to today.</p> <p>32:30 Discuss handball being played in the area. The social side of the GAA.</p> <p>33:19 They talk about Paddy emigrating to Birmingham and having to get players from surrounding areas to keep the club going.</p> <p>34:40 (Elizabeth) Recalls Tom Farren taking a team to Tipperary to play in a Féile. The issue of illegal players and people playing soccer.</p> <p>37:13 Discusses the club during the 1970s and the amalgamation of clubs in the area. Players playing with Urris and the reformation of the club in 1983. Mention Vincent Lynn, Brendan McDermott and Paddy Glacken. Recalls the club playing shinty in Perth in Scotland. Mention Willie Dowds donating a cup.</p> <p>39:15 (Paddy) Talks about a playing in a juvenile Féile competition in Clare.</p> <p>39:49 (Tom) Discusses training youth teams. Beating a Killybegs team. Talks about travelling around Donegal playing teams.</p> <p>42:10 (Paddy) Talks about the Vocational Schools' competition. Mention Tom Conaghan.</p> <p>43:40 (Henry) Discusses Donegal playing in the All-Ireland junior final in the 1950s. Talks about John Smith and Luke Nangle.</p> <p>45:29 (All) They talk about Henry being called up to the</p>
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	<p>Donegal team and how players were called up.</p> <p>46:22 (Paddy) Recalls what it was like playing Gaelic games in Birmingham with St Chad's. Mentions Sean Kearney's wife Carmel and Big Joe Dwyer. Mentions Oliver Callely from Fermanagh.</p> <p>47:35 Talks about playing with Tir Chonaill Gaels in London before moving to Australia. Mentions the bank strike. Mentions Tommy McMEnamin, Jackie Reilly, Jackie Rush, the Laffertys.</p> <p>48:38 Discusses setting up a GAA club in Western Australia in 1970. Mentions St. Finbarr's and Kalamunda.</p> <p>49:00 (Henry) Talks about the type of jerseys that they played with.</p> <p>50:15 *** Henry leaves the interview ***</p> <p>50:19 (All) They talk about Carndonagh's colours. Describes how the hurlers played in different colours to the footballers.</p> <p>52:32 (Elizabeth) Discusses camogie being played in the club in the 1970s. Mentions Mary Rose Newman. Mention Muff, Burt, Fahan and Bunrana always having camogie even if there was no GAA club. Mentions the mountain / hill team.</p> <p>54:00 Talks about her involvement in the GAA – after meeting a 'Carn man'. Becoming assistant secretary and later secretary in the 1980s.</p> <p>55:52 (Paddy and Tom) Note how neither of their families had an interest in the GAA. Tom recalls rivalries between local townlands and the Slieve League Cup around Kilcar. Paddy mentions how Carndonagh and Burt were rivals.</p> <p>57:18 (Elizabeth) Talks about the purchase of a new field and the development of the club's grounds. Having an EGM.</p> <p>01:01:10 Describes the club's current facilities. The difference between having a ground in the town to outside the town.</p> <p>01:03:45 Talks about the role of ladies' football in the club.</p> <p>01:04:36 Chooses Malin as the club's biggest rival. Talks about the rivalry.</p> <p>01:06:42 (Paddy) Talks about his best memories from his time in the GAA, the revival of the club in the 1980s.</p> <p>01:08:15 (Tom) Discusses his best memories from the GAA, taking two school's teams to finals and Carndonagh winning</p>
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	<p>the intermediate cup in 1997.</p> <p>01:09:29 (Elizabeth) Talks about the win in 1997. Recalls the opening of the club's new grounds and the celebrations after the final in 1997.</p> <p>01:12:00 (All) They talk about the other sports in the town. Paddy recalls the Under 16 team winning a final. Talks about the trip to the America in 1988. Recalls seeing Mick O'Connell play in Wembley stadium.</p> <p>01:16:55 (Tom) Discusses going to Railway Cup matches. Seeing Christy Ring and the Rackard brothers play.</p> <p>01:18:30 (Paddy) Talks about the GAA in Australia, playing in Perth and in the Australia championship. Playing on the West Australian team. Mentions Leonard Harkin from Carndonagh who is now in Melbourne in the Patrick Pearse Club.</p> <p>01:20:10 (Tom) Describes travelling to Croke Park for the 1960 All-Ireland final between Down and Kerry.</p> <p>01:21:06 (Paddy) Talks about going to the 1968 All-Ireland semi-final. Mention Paul 'the mason', Tom Farren, Tommy McElhinney and Sergeant Monaghan. Staying with Paddy Farren.</p> <p>01:22:38 (Elizabeth) Discusses going to London to see Donegal play in 2005.</p> <p>01:22:59 (Paddy) Talks about his biggest disappointments in the GAA, Donegal not winning more All-Irelands and losing the 1993 Ulster final.</p> <p>01:24:20 (Tom) Discusses his disappointments in the GAA. Mentions Anthony Molloy.</p> <p>01:25:14 (Elizabeth) Talks about being disappointed at Donegal not winning more All-Irelands and the GAA losing some of its values at a national level.</p> <p>01:26:20 (All) They highlight the importance of the GAA in their lives.</p>
<p><b>Involvement in GAA</b></p>	<p><b>Elizabeth:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p>

	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p><b>Henry:</b>  <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 checked="" 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><b>Paddy:</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p><b>Tom:</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p>
<p><b>Record as a Player</b> (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p><b>Elizabeth:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Henry:</b> Played for 38 years. Won 2 juniors finals 1950 and 1952.</p> <p><b>Paddy:</b> Played from the age of 10 to 39. He won a primary school title and a London Junior Championship, 1970.</p> <p><b>Tom:</b> Played for 3 years.</p>
<p><b>Record as an Administrator</b> (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p><b>Elizabeth:</b> Has been involved in club administration since 1987. She has been secretary (1987 – 1988, 1996 – 2007, 2009+) and club trustee.</p> <p><b>Henry:</b></p>

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	<p>Was involved in administration from the 1960s to 1980s as a committee member.</p> <p><b>Paddy:</b> Has been involved in administration since 1970. In Kalamunda he was secretary and chief BBQ Manager, with Carndonagh he was chairperson and secretary, and he is club trustee.</p> <p><b>Tom:</b> Was involved in administration from 1959 – 1995. Has been club chairman and delegate to county board.</p>
<b>Format</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
<b>Duration</b>	Length of Interview: 01:28:34
<b>Language</b>	English

**To be filled in by Interviewer:**

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_25/07/12\_\_\_\_\_