

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Donal Fitzgibbon
Date of Interview	7 th Dec 2011
Location	South Coast Hotel Limerick
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Raymond O'Hagan
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1931 Home County: Antrim
Education	N/A
Family	N/A
Club(s)	St Theresa's GAA [Antrim] Mungret St Paul's [Limerick]
Occupation	Retired
Parents' Occupation	N/A
Religion	N/A
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

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Period Covered	1940s – 2011
Counties/Countries Covered	Antrim, Limerick
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Playing, Training, Administration, Education, Religion, Media, Role of Clergy, Role of Teachers, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, All-Ireland, Club History, County History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood
Interview Summary	<p>Raymond O’Hagan charts his GAA involvement from Belfast to Mungret. He discloses his early memories of attending and listening to major inter-county matches in the 1940s and provides details of his family’s involvement with Gaelic games, in particular that of his Uncle, Sean McKeown. O’Hagan talks about moving to Limerick in the 1970s and his appointment as a school principal in Mungret. Aspects of his GAA involvement at school, club and county level are discussed as are the changes he would still like to see introduced to improve hurling and Gaelic football. Raymond O’Hagan charts his GAA involvement from Belfast to Mungret. He discloses his early memories of attending and listening to major inter-county matches in the 1940s and provides details of his family’s involvement with Gaelic games, in particular that of his Uncle, Sean McKeown. O’Hagan talks about moving to Limerick in the 1970s and his appointment as a school principal in Mungret. Aspects of his GAA involvement at school, club and county level are discussed as are the changes he would still like to see introduced to improve hurling and Gaelic football.</p> <p>00:00:30 Interviewee introduces himself as a member of Mungret/St. Paul’s.</p> <p>00:00:50 Discusses background in Belfast and his attendance at Corrigan Park for the 1943 All-Ireland semi-final between Antrim and Kilkenny. Talks about going to an aunt’s to listen to final on radio.</p> <p>00:01:50 Talks about being brought to 1946 All-Ireland semi-final, Antrim versus Kerry.</p> <p>00:02:10 Mentions being a ‘poor player’ with a club called Eire Og, starting aged 14.</p> <p>00:02:30 Mentions qualifying as a teacher in 1955 and his involvement with schools league.</p> <p>00:02:48 Discusses founding of new club, St. Theresa’s, and</p>

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	<p>their subsequent success.</p> <p>00:03:00 Discusses his Uncle, Sean McKeown, who had set a record for championship hurling. He was also a central council delegate and GAA writer for the <i>Irish News</i>. Mentions also his father's GAA involvement.</p> <p>00:03:58 Mentions move to Limerick in 1974 and being appointed Principal of Mungret school in 1976. Talks about being asked his interest in the GAA and about effort to revive camogie in the late 1970s.</p> <p>00:05:14 Discusses his involvement with Limerick gaelic football in the 1980s.</p> <p>00:06:30 Reflects on reasons for ongoing interest and active involvement in the Mungret club.</p> <p>00:07:30 Talks about the changes that have taken place in Gaelic football and hurling and the rule changes he would like to see introduced.</p>
<p>Involvement in GAA</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input type="checkbox"/> Player <input checked="" 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>N/A</p>
<p>Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p>Secretary, Mungret St Paul's, Limerick</p> <p>Manager, Limerick Senior Football team.</p>
<p>Format</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual</p>
<p>Duration</p>	<p>Length of Interview: 00:08:38</p>
<p>Language</p>	<p>English</p>

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Signed: Donal Fitzgibbon

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