

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Megan Dolan
Date of Interview	18 th Aug 2010
Location	Anne's home, near Sutton
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Anne Hickey
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Female
Born	Year Born: 1960 Home County: Dublin
Education	Primary: Mother of Divine Grace, Glasnevin, Dublin 11. Secondary: Dominican College, Eccles St., Dublin 2 Third Level: Trinity College Dublin
Family	Siblings: 2 sisters & 3 brothers Current Family if Different: 3 daughters
Club(s)	Na Fianna [Dublin]
Occupation	Senior Lecturer RCSI
Parents' Occupation	Company Secretary [Father]; Housewife [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	None
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	Sutton Dinghy Club

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Date of Report	24 th July 2012
Period Covered	1970s – 2010
Counties/Countries Covered	Dublin, Cavan, Kerry, Down
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Playing, Celebrations, Commiserations, Fundraising, Material Culture, Education, Religion, Media, Emigration, Role of Clergy, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, GAA Abroad, Identity, Rivalries, Irish Language, Culture, All-Ireland, County History, Irish History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Violence, Politics, Northern Ireland, The Troubles, Ban on Security Forces, Socialising
Interview Summary	<p>Anne gives an account of earliest memories of the GAA. She discusses her involvement in the GAA at club and school level and describes her family's involvement. She discusses her perception of how the GAA was affected by emigration and talks about her husband's experience of emigration in West Cavan. She gives an account of her involvement as a supporter of Dublin county football and highlights some of the high and low moments of this. She gives her opinions on the relationship between politics and the GAA and how she feels about the rule changes that have occurred in the GAA. She describes her best and worst moments of her involvement in the GAA.</p> <p>00:32 (Anne) Discusses her earliest memories of the GAA. She mentions Camogie.</p> <p>01:02 (Anne) Discusses her family's involvement in the GAA. Tells how her uncle, Fr. Jim Hickey, was a lines-man in the 1947 All-Ireland final in Croke Park.</p> <p>01:47 (Anne) Talks about where her father grew up and his involvement in the GAA. She mentions Ringsend and Sandymount.</p> <p>02:04 (Anne) Discusses her involvement in the local GAA club, Na Fianna in Glasnevin. Talks about Camogie and Ceilís.</p> <p>02:57 (Anne) Describes the role Na Fianna played in the community when she was growing up. Talks about Ceilís.</p> <p>03:53 (Anne) Talks about her perception of the role the clergy has played in the GAA. Talks about her uncle, Fr Jim Hickey, who was a linesman at the 1947 All-Ireland football final in</p>

	<p>New York.</p> <p>04:51 (Anne) Discusses the influence the GAA had in her primary and secondary school. Mentions Camogie, football, Basketball and Volleyball.</p> <p>05:35 (Anne) Talks about the effect of emigration on the GAA. She describes her husband's experience of emigration in West Cavan and emigration in the 1980s.</p> <p>06:58 (Anne) Discusses the role of women in the GAA and how this has changed over the years. She talks about Dublin county football in the 1970s and Ladies Gaelic Football and Camogie.</p> <p>08:22 (Anne) Talks about supporting the Dublin football team in the 1970s and tells stories of her experiences. She mentions Hill 16, the railway league.</p> <p>09:00 (Anne) Recalls how she felt when Dublin played Down and Kerry in the late 1970s. She describes how she feels when watching Dublin matches now.</p> <p>10:21 (Anne) Tells how she used to hitch lifts to matches. She mentions, Newlands Cross, Tullamore and Portlaoise and describes the atmosphere at these matches.</p> <p>11:02-11:19 Phone interference.</p> <p>11:45 (Anne) Discusses rivalry in the GAA and mentions Dublin and Kerry, and Cork and Kerry.</p> <p>12:14 (Anne) Talks about her views on the changes in the GAA and her father's opinions on it. She talks about violence in the GAA and Australian Rules.</p> <p>13:29 (Anne) Discusses how her father describes the GAA when he was growing up in inner-city Dublin and his involvement.</p> <p>14:05 (Anne) Talks about Rule 42 and the Ireland V England Rugby match. She gives her opinion on Croke Park and the allowance of foreign games played within the stadium.</p> <p>14:55 (Anne) Discusses her impression of the relationship between politics and the GAA and how this link originated. She talks about the international perception of the GAA and her experience of the GAA in the Middle East and Asia.</p> <p>16:31 (Anne) Talks about the GAA during the Troubles in Northern Ireland and discusses segregation within the GAA in Northern Ireland. Talks about the Irish language and its</p>
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	<p>prevalence among the Unionist population. She tells a story about Unionist politician in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>18:26 (Anne) Describes her best memories of the GAA and talks about watching Dublin play Kerry from Hill 16. She mentions the Dublin song, 'Go on you boys in blue'.</p> <p>19:15 (Anne) Talks about her most disappointing memories of the GAA and describes how she felt when Kerry beat Dublin in the 1970s.</p> <p>19:45 (Anne) Talks about her children's involvement in the GAA. She mentions Calorie and Ladies Gaelic Football.</p> <p>20:06 (Anne) Discusses the changes in people wearing their county colours. She talks about the merchandise that can be bought outside matches. She mentions Soccer.</p> <p>21:31 (Anne) Talks about the popularity of the GAA and her opinion of the GAA as a national sport.</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 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: 0:22:16</p>
<p>Language</p>	<p>English</p>

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Signed: Megan Dolan

Date: __24th July 2012_____