

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Dónal Fitzgibbon
Date of Interview	7 th Dec 2011
Location	South Court Hotel, Limerick
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Gerard McNamara
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1952 Home County: Clare
Education	N/A
Family	Siblings: 2 brothers
Club(s)	St Joseph's Doora Barefiled [Clare] Mungret St Paul's [Limerick]
Occupation	N/A
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	1960s- 2011
Counties/Countries Covered	Clare, Limerick
Key Themes Covered	Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Training, Managing, Coaching, Officials, Administration, Fundraising, Education, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, Rivalries, Club History, County History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life, Relationship with the Association, Purchase of Grounds, Relationships
Interview Summary	<p>Gerry McNamara discusses his underage and adult sporting career with St. Joseph's Doora-barefield in Clare, as well as his involvement, at an early age, in club administration. McNamara also charts his move to Limerick and the role of Mungret GAA in integrating him into his new surrounds. The interview also includes commentary on hurling styles and organisation – on divisional lines - of Gaelic games in Limerick city and county.</p> <p>00:00:25 McNamara introduces himself as a member of Mungret/St. Paul's.</p> <p>00:00:00 Discusses his early of his involvement in the GAA - mentions absence of underage hurling and beginning at under 16 grade. Tells of players voting on whether to try and win or lose because of grading system.</p> <p>00:01:30 Mentions being secretary of St. Joseph's Doora-barefield at the age of 18 and playing Harty Cup with Ennis CBS.</p> <p>00:02:05 Recalls when St. Joseph's Doora-barefield had 3 of the main officers under the age of 21 at the same time.</p> <p>00:02:22 Mentions joining Guards in 1972 and moving away, before returning and taking up Treasurer position. Talks about developments in St. Joseph's club, in particular the development of grounds, including the sale and acquisition of land.</p> <p>00:02:50 Discusses his playing record with St. Joseph's at junior and senior levels up to 1996.</p> <p>00:03:20 Receiving a phone call to become involved with Mungret GAA.</p> <p>00:03:40 Mentions playing hurling in Doora-barefield when living away from the area. Difficulty in getting used to wearing</p>

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	<p>different coloured jersey in Mungret,</p> <p>00:04:16 Discusses the social network that the GAA in Mungret opened up to him.</p> <p>00:04:50 Comments on ways that hurling might be improved. Mentions disapproval of short hand-passing and the importance of quick release to forward line.</p> <p>00:06:00 Discusses the organisation of the adult game in Limerick. Comments on the damaging effects of divisional boards and the difficulty of co-ordinating fixtures.</p> <p>00:07:00 Interviewee is congratulated on being appointed first Children's Officer at County Board level.</p>
Involvement in GAA	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input 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>
Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)	Junior and Intermediate Hurling Championship medals in Clare
Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)	<p>Secretary and Treasurer, Doora-Barefield</p> <p>Secretary Mungret Bord Na nÓg</p> <p>Secretary Mungret Senior Club</p>
Format	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
Duration	Length of Interview: 00:07:11
Language	English

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