

## GAA Oral History Project

## Interview Report Form

<b>Name of Interviewer</b>	Arlene Crampsie
<b>Date of Interview</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2010
<b>Location</b>	Tommie and Teresa's Home, near Kilmore, Co. Roscommon
<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	Tommie Kenoy
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1952 <b>Home County:</b> Roscommon
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Scrabbagh NS, Co. Roscommon <b>Secondary:</b> Vocational School and CBS Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim <b>Third Level:</b> Garda College, Templemore
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 1 sister <b>Current Family if Different:</b> Married to Teresa
<b>Club(s)</b>	Kilmore
<b>Occupation</b>	Garda; Private Forester
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	Farm Contractor with Horses, Hospital Porter, Farmer, Worked in Macy's in the US [Father]; Wall Street Cleaner in the US, Housewife [Mother]
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	N/A
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	Golf Club; Director of Forest Co-op

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<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	Teresa Kenoy
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Female
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1953 <b>Home County:</b> Roscommon
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Scrabbagh NS, Co. Roscommon <b>Secondary:</b> Vocational School, Carrick-on-Shannon
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 3 sisters & 1 brother <b>Current Family if Different:</b> Married to Tommie
<b>Club(s)</b>	Kilmore
<b>Occupation</b>	Insurance in Dublin; Leitrim Branch of Connacht Gold
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	Farmer [Father]; Housewife [Mother]
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	N/A
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	Golf Club

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<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	Sheila Carney
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Female
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1952 <b>Home County:</b> Roscommon
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Manuta NS, Elphin, Co. Roscommon <b>Secondary:</b> Ursuline Convent, Sligo <b>Third Level:</b> St. Vincent's Dublin
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 1 sister & 3 brothers <b>Current Family if Different:</b> Married to Christy with 3 sons and 1 daughter
<b>Club(s)</b>	Kilmore; Elphin
<b>Occupation</b>	Nurse
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	Teacher [Father]; Cook and Housewife [Mother]
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	N/A
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	Golf Club; Historical Society; INMO Official

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<b>Date of Report</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> July 2012
<b>Period Covered</b>	1880s – 2010
<b>Counties/Countries Covered</b>	Roscommon, Mayo, Dublin, Galway
<b>Key Themes Covered</b>	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Training, Administration, Fundraising, Media, Emigration, Role of the Clergy, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, Identity, Irish Language, Scór, All-Ireland, Club History, County History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life, Career, Challenges, Politics, Opening of Croke Park, Relationship with the Association, Professionalism, Purchase of Grounds, Relationships
<b>Interview Summary</b>	<p>The group talk about their earliest memories of their local clubs; Kilmore in Tommie and Teresa's case and Elphin in Sheila's. They talk of their family's involvement and remember what facilities were like. Tommie gives an account of the history of GAA in the area, including the initial foundation of the club, its subsequent demise and eventually reformation. They talk about their involvement in playing and administration over the years and Tommie describes the nature of his involvement in certain controversies, including the changes to Rule 42 which led to the opening of Croke Park to soccer and rugby. The group highlight the social aspect of the GAA, its amateur status, the role of the club in their community and the loyalties they all hold to their club and to their county.</p> <p>00:00 Introduction</p> <p>00:40 Teresa recalls watching Tommie play for Kilmore GAA in the 1970s. Mentions the Junior Championship 1975 and the County Senior Championship 1983. Describes how she supported the teams.</p> <p>01:59 Tommie tells of an incident involving the club colours of Kilmore GAA and St. Brigid's GAA. Refers to travelling to Birmingham and London.</p> <p>02:48 Tommie remembers listening to the All-Ireland Final of 1959 on the radio. Mentions New York, Kerry and Galway. Refers to electrification.</p> <p>03:48 Tommie discusses the All-Ireland Final 1962 between Kerry and Roscommon. Remembers watching it on television.</p>

	<p>04:25 Sheila recalls watching her brother play an underage football match in Aughrim. Talks about her father's love for football and his involvement in Elphin GAA. Mentions Earley's Field. Mentions Mícheál Mulleady.</p> <p>06:17 Tommie and Sheila talk about the success of the Elphin All Blacks. Also mentions Clan na nGael GAA. Sheila recalls celebrations in 1956 and coming down the street with turf.</p> <p>07:06 Sheila talks about her father's involvement with the county team as a selector. Tells of Josie Kelly cycling to Dublin. Describes the way the selection panel worked. Mentions Aidan Brady.</p> <p>09:46 Teresa discusses her family and their interest in the GAA. Briefly refers to her brother's successes with the club.</p> <p>11:18 Teresa talks about her time in Dublin. Mentions football and soccer. Mentions the Insurance Corporation of Ireland and the Insurance League.</p> <p>12:08 Teresa remembers playing ladies' football underage for Kilmore.</p> <p>12:27 Tommie talks about his father's interest in Gaelic games. Recalls playing soccer. Refers to the Ban on Foreign Games and Rule 42. Mentions the Longford District League. Mentions the vigilante committees. Mentions rugby.</p> <p>14:24 Tommie recalls researching the club history. Gives an account of an early match between Kilmore Faugh a Ballagh's and Roosky Pat Molloy's in the late 1880s. Mentions the Sheep Park and the band that were there.</p> <p>16:20 Tommie gives a brief history of the GAA in the county and the formation of the Kilmore GAA. Mentions Corralara, Aughrim Mandevilles. Tells of the first official match in the parish on 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 1889.</p> <p>18:27 Sheila remembers what facilities were like in Elphin when she was young. Mentions travelling by car. Sheila and Tommie talks about O'Connor's Field. Tommie recalls a game he played there. Mentions Tony Conboy, Peter Carney and PJ Hoare.</p> <p>20:35 Tommie tells of emigration in the 1950s. Recalls the formation of a youth team by Fr Pat Brady and how that led to the affiliation of the club. Mentions Aidan Brady, Gerry Connellan, PJ Hoare, Tommy McEvoy, Sean Sharkey, Joe Gilfillan.</p>
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	<p>22:44 Tommie describes the early years of the new club. Recalls purchasing and developing grounds. Talks of the current relationship between officials and players in the club.</p> <p>25:00 Tommie runs through the titles won by Kimore in 2010.</p> <p>25:30 Teresa tells of her involvement in the club. Recalls being secretary and treasurer. Teresa and Tommie recall Teresa' playing career when she was a teenager. They talk about an incident at a match between Kilmore and Strokestown.</p> <p>28:09 Sheila talks about the camogie in Elphin. Recalls playing basketball, rounders and tennis in school. She also played football with her brothers.</p> <p>29:03 Tommie recalls travelling by tractor and trailer to Drumlion for a match with an underage team. Mentions Fr Pat Bradley, Tommy Flynn, Liam Flynn, Joe Cummins and Martin Devaney.</p> <p>30:40 Tommie talks about the first match after the club reformed, on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1973. Mentions Oran. Mentions Quigleys Field in Tulsk. Mentions travelling by car. Mentions Fr Walsh, Pearce Tuite from Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford and Jim Boland.</p> <p>32:50 Tommie tells of playing illegally for Oldcastle GAA in Co. Meath in 1970. Mentions TP Cox from Dromad in Leitrim.</p> <p>34:17 Tommie tells of Tom Sullivan from Galway playing illegally for Kilmore in the 1943. Also talks about John Glynn. Mentions Kevin Glynn. Mentions Castlefinn.</p> <p>36:45 Sheila discusses her memories of travelling by car to matches. Talks about her family's interest in Gaelic games. Mentions the Under 21 All-Ireland 1966. Mentions John Fahy and Danny O'Rourke.</p> <p>38:38 Sheila and Tommie talk of Sheila's father's involvement with the Roscommon County Board.</p> <p>39:18 Teresa talks about going to matches in Tommie's Morris Minor. Describes her relationship with Tommie's sister.</p> <p>40:35 Sheila explains why she became involved in First Aid. Refers to a match her son played in Ballinlough. Gives an account of how she came to Kilmore.</p> <p>41:40 Tommy tells of initial tension with Shannon Gaels GAA when Kilmore was reformed. Mentions the Carneys and the</p>
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	<p>Hanleys. Mentions Éire Óg GAA and Michael Glaveys GAA.</p> <p>43:08 Tommie talks about the achievements of people from the parish with Roscommon and with other counties from the early 1900s. Mentions Paul Cox, Martin Barry, Hill Street, M Kelly, Jimmy McGauran, Joey Bambrick, Kevin Bambrick, Gerry Connellan, Marty Cummins, Peter Connellan and the Garvey brothers. Mentions Tipperary, Dublin, Galway.</p> <p>45:25 Sheila mentions her husband, Christy Carney, and her father, Paddy Byrne. She goes on to describe how she was welcomed into Kilmore GAA. She and Tommy discuss the difference between physio and First Aid. Mention Gary Vesey. They discuss home remedies used for treating injuries. Mention Peter Tansey and Gerry Treacy.</p> <p>48:37 Sheila explains why the GAA took a backseat in her life. Mentions being a member of the history committee.</p> <p>49:21 Teresa runs through the various offices she has held in the club. Mentions being secretary, treasurer and supporter. Talks about fundraising for the development of club facilities. Mentions Gerry Connellan, Tommy, Sheila and Christy. Mentions horse racing. Mentions Senior &amp; Minor All-Ireland Final 2006.</p> <p>52:03 Tommie talks about the administrative structures of the club. Teresa explains how she got involved. Mentions being assistant secretary and assistant treasurer. Explains why she preferred being secretary.</p> <p>53:35 Tommie and Teresa recall washing the jerseys and tell a story of them going missing. Mention the Garvey's.</p> <p>56:00 Tommie discusses his involvement. Lists the different Roscommon teams he has played for: Minor, Under-21 and Senior. At club level, he tells of successes at regional and county levels through the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. Mentions Fr Pat Brady. Mentions the O'Gara Cup.</p> <p>57:54 Tommie recalls being treasurer, secretary and PRO of Kilmore GAA, a senior selector with the county, PRO, Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the County Board and Central Council Delegate during his career as an administrator.</p> <p>58:54 Tommie talks about the reaction to his selection for the county team. Mentions Marty Cummins, Tony Whyte and John Morley. Recalls a game in Charlestown against Mayo. Mentions the Gael Linn Cup.</p> <p>01:00:16 Tommie recalls his Minor playing career.</p>
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	<p>Remembers the facilities. Mentions Mayo and Sligo. Mentions Comans Park. Mentions Harrison Hall. Refers to emigration. Mentions Niall Flanagan, Billy O'Hara, John Kerrane.</p> <p>01:02:17 Tommie outlines his passage from club administration to county administration. Recalls being elected as a selector. Describes the selection process when he arrived and changes that were made. Mentions Jimmy Mannion and Mícheál O'Callaghan.</p> <p>01:05:41 Tommie talks about the election for County Chairman in 1990. Describes his experience as chairman. Mentions Joe Brady and Pádraig Brennan.</p> <p>01:07:18 Tommie discusses Ballaghaderreen's relationship with Mayo and Roscommon. Mentions Seán Kilbride.</p> <p>01:08:58 Tommie describes the controversy surrounding the selection of a main ground in Connacht. Mentions Roscommon, Galway and Mayo. Mentions Tuam &amp; Salthill. Mentions Albert Reynolds.</p> <p>01:09:58 Tommie recalls the role he played in the Rule 42 campaign and the controversy surrounding it. Mentions Croke Park. Mentions Laois and Longford. Mentions Seán Walsh, Frank Murphy, Sean McCague, Pádraig Brennan, Noel Walsh, Tony Conboy, Seán Kelly and Mícheál Greenan.</p> <p>01:15:15 Tommie talks about the upshot of the change to Rule 42. Mentions Bertie Ahern. Refers to rugby and soccer. Mentions the Peace Process. Mentions Parnell Square.</p> <p>01:17:38 Sheila talks about the importance of the GAA for young people.</p> <p>01:19:00 The group talks about Scór.</p> <p>01:19:54 Tommie discusses the role of the club in the community. Refers to a sense of identity. Refers to the attitude of parents. Mentions Joe Gilfillan. Mentions golf.</p> <p>01:21:29 Sheila talks about the voluntary effort required to maintain the club. Mentions athletics.</p> <p>01:21:55 Tommie examines the implications of changes to Rule 42 at club level. Mentions Croke Park.</p> <p>01:22:29 The group talks about other sports played in the area. Mentions soccer. Mentions the Showgrounds. Mentions the Carrick Rugby Club. Mentions Fr Doherty's Field.</p> <p>01:23:17 The group discusses the importance of volunteers.</p>
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	<p>Tommie talks about the GPA. Refers to professionalism and amateur status. Mentions Dessie Farrell, Robbie Kelleher, Dermot Earley and Jarlath Burns.</p> <p>01:24:59 Tommie and Sheila highlight the disparity between the paid and unpaid people involved with the GAA. Mention Croke Park. Mention Martin Daly and Damien Donnell. Sheila highlights the dangers for players. Refers to an incident involving her father.</p> <p>01:27:48 Tommie remembers the Junior Final 1975.</p> <p>01:28:05 Teresa talks of the Senior Final 1983.</p> <p>01:29:14 Tommie recalls a County Final involving Sheila's husband, Christy Carney. Mentions Kevin Glynn.</p> <p>01:29:58 Sheila tells of the Connacht Final in 1962 in Castlebar. Mentions Aidan Brady. Mentions Galway.</p> <p>01:31:22 Tommie talks about his heroes. Mentions Gerry O'Malley. Mentions St. Brigid's.</p> <p>01:32:04 Teresa and Sheila discuss their memories of Dermot Earley. Mentions Summerhill. Mentions St. Nathy's College.</p> <p>01:33:00 Teresa laments Roscommon All-Ireland losses in Croke Park in 1980 and 1991.</p> <p>01:33:59 Tommie talks about disappointment with Kilmore in county finals in the 1990s and 2000s. Mentions Gerry Connellan.</p> <p>01:35:03 Sheila mentions the downside of doing First Aid at games.</p> <p>01:35:37 Tommie tells of frustration that county games take precedence over club games. Refers to the qualifiers. Mentions Fixtures Planning Sub Committee. Mentions Colm O'Rourke, Noel Walsh, Robbie Kelleher, Gerry Connellan.</p> <p>01:38:18 Sheila and Tommie talk about Irish language (Gaeilge) commentary on TG4. Mention Brian Cowen. Discuss the role of Irish in society.</p> <p>01:39:37 Teresa and Tommie bemoan the price of admission for matches. Mention the Connacht Under 21 Final. Mentions Pat Klien, Micky Menton, Páraic Duffy.</p> <p>01:42:29 Teresa highlights the social aspect of the GAA.</p> <p>01:42:46 Tommie describes what the GAA has meant to him</p>
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	<p>over the years.</p> <p>01:43:00 Sheila talks about the role of the GAA in her life. Also mentions the social aspect. Mentions Paddy Byrne.</p> <p>01:43:45 Tommie and Sheila talk about the atmosphere at games. Mention soccer. Sheila</p> <p>01:44:11 The group discusses club loyalties. Mention of Triona Moran, Teresa's sister Noreen has switched to Kilglass Gaels, Una Casserly switched to Elphin. Mention Scór.</p> <p>01:47:24 Tommie tells of an early County Senior Semi Finals between Kilmore and Elphin. Mentions Jasper Tully. Mentions soccer.</p>
<p><b>Involvement in GAA</b></p>	<p><b>Tommie:</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  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person  <input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p><b>Teresa:</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward  <input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p><b>Sheila:</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steward  <input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p>
<p><b>Record as a Player</b> (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p><b>Tommie:</b>          Played from 1964 up to 1993. Won a minor league (1970), north Roscommon junior championship (1974, 1975), county junior title (1975); Reserve junior league (1976), Garda All-</p>

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	<p>Ireland (1978), Reserve intermediate league (1980), Reserve intermediate championship (1981), senior championship (1983), north Roscommon senior championship (1987), north Roscommon junior B championship (1992), county junior B championship (1992).</p> <p><b>Teresa:</b> Played for 5 years.</p> <p><b>Sheila:</b> Played for 3 / 4 years.</p>
<p><b>Record as an Administrator</b> (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p><b>Tommie:</b> Has been involved in administration since 1970.</p> <p>Club: Treasurer, Secretary (1973), PRO, Trustee of Club (since 1979), Delegate to County Board</p> <p>County: PRO (1983 for 3 years), Vice Chairman (1986), Chairman (1990), Delegate to Central Council (2005)</p> <p>Central Council: Member since 2005.</p> <p><b>Teresa:</b> Got involved in administration in the 1980s. She has been Assistant Secretary, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer.</p> <p><b>Sheila:</b> Has been Secretary of Kilmore History Committee and Assistant Secretary of Club.</p>
<p><b>Format</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio      <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual</p>
<p><b>Duration</b></p>	<p>Length of Interview: 01:49:07</p>
<p><b>Language</b></p>	<p>English</p>

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_12/07/12\_\_\_\_\_