

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Eileen McCallion
Date of Interview	18 th March 2011
Location	Interviewee's Home, near Kildress, Co Tyrone
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	John Nugent
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1937 Home County: Tyrone
Education	Primary: Gortacladdy Primary School, Co. Tyrone.
Family	Siblings: 2 sisters; 4 brothers Current Family if Different: Married, 2 sons; 2 daughters
Club(s)	Kildress Wolfe Tones GAC [Tyrone]
Occupation	Retired Farmer
Parents' Occupation	Farmers
Religion	N/A
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

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Date of Report	3 rd Dec 2011
Period Covered	1956 – 2011
Counties/Countries Covered	Tyrone
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Training, Education, Religion, Involvement in GAA abroad, Role of Clergy, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, GAA Abroad, Rivalries, Irish Language, All-Ireland, Club History, County History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life, Challenges, Politics
Interview Summary	<p>John talks about his extensive involvement in Tyrone GAA, and in particular in his club. He talks about his early playing career and also his time spent between living in Belfast and returning home to play football. He recounts stories of travelling to games, the various teams and players that have been out over the years and the general sense of camaraderie that the GAA has given him.</p> <p>00:00:40 Nick name is Dinny because his father's first name was Dennis</p> <p>00:01:16 Explains that the first football team in Kildress was Murnells</p> <p>00:01:50 Recalls playing football in Girvans field in Mabouy</p> <p>00:03:30 Explains how he had to play minor football in Pomeroy because Kildress did not have any youth players</p> <p>00:03:50 Describes how has a child he would play all day Sunday in Callan's field</p> <p>00:04:30 Reflects on playing Edendork in a league match and how they beat Kildress by 20 points but in the Championship match Kildress held them to a draw and went on to win the replay.</p> <p>00:05:30 Explains how he was picked to mark their best player Horse Mallon and how he kept him score less in both matches</p>

	<p>00:06:40 Reflects on a match against Edendork where Eamon Mallon and Oliver Mulgrew fought for 10 mins in the middle of the match and how the referee left that pitch and returned to finish the games when the fighting had stopped.</p> <p>00:08:20 States that he played for the club for 20 years and how his brothers Frank, James, Joe and Paddy all played for the club</p> <p>00:09:30 Reflects on how Gerard Mulgrew came on as a substitute in the 1966 championship final against Edendork and scored a goal to win the game.</p> <p>00:10:00 Explains how he is the vice chairman of the Kildress Club and how he, his father and his grandchildren all attend the matches.</p> <p>00:10:27 States that he feels the game is changing and there is more running and Passing</p> <p>00:11:50 Recalls the story years ago as to how John Joe Quinn was taking greyhound tablets prior to a match and when he went up to catch the ball and came down barking and how another time he was taking tablets for [...] and when he jumped up for the ball, he came down with a crow</p> <p>00:13:40 Reflects on how when he was about 18 years old living in Belfast, he drove to Croke Park with some friends to see Tyrone play Galway but the car broke down and they arrived just in time to see Tyrone being beat</p> <p>00:13:50 Reflects on how when he was young all players stayed in their position but now they play all over the field</p> <p>00:15:50 Describes how Iggy Jones, Frank Donnelly and Paddy Corey would have been his football heros in his youth and now he thinks the Tyrone county team are very good players, especially Sean Cavanagh.</p> <p>00:17:50 Describes how expensive it is to run clubs these</p>
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	<p>days and how the club is currently running a development draw to raise funds to pay for the new field</p> <p>00:18:45 Explains that women are currently playing their part in the club, current Secretary Marie Quinn and previous chairperson Eimear Lennon all did a good job</p> <p>00:19:40 Reflects on the team who won the Kildress Junior Championship in 1966: Gerry McElhatton, Mr Gallagher, Jimmy Loughran, Joe Corey, Paddy Nugent, Paddy Heagney, Gerard Mulgrew, Oliver Corey, Matt Tracey, Charlie Monaghan, Mcikey McKenna, Arthur Keenan, Patsy McGurk, Mickey Loughran, Mickey Heagney, Sean McCullagh, John Nugent, Dessie McGurk and John Brennan</p> <p>00:23:15 Reflects on injuries he obtained from playing football: broken arm/broken nose, lost all his teeth</p> <p>00:26:50 Reflects on how he and his brother Paddy played football for Mourne's football team in the Falls Road Belfast when he was about 18 but still came home to Kildress to play at week-ends</p> <p>00:28:00 Reflects on how riding bicycles to dances sometimes up to 20 miles was sufficient training for playing matches</p> <p>00:28:00 Reflects on how many years ago a match in Galbally lasted 2 hours because it was broken up by so many fights and how when the match was over they would be all friends and laugh about it.</p> <p>00:31:00 Reflects on how Eamon Coleman training Kildress football team and was ahead of time as he had introduced the running game.</p> <p>00:32:00 Reflects on how years ago two local men Gerry McElhatton and Patsy McGurk managed teams without getting paid for it.</p> <p>00:32:05 Reflects on the great friends and great memories he still has from playing football.</p>
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	00:32:50 Tells the story as to how Tommy McGee from Kinturk has said that he is best friend because he receives DLA from the injuries he inflicted on him from playing football.
Involvement in GAA	<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 type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person <input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None Other (please specify): _____
Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)	Played for Kildress Wolfe Tones for 20 years Won Tyrone Junior Championship 1966
Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)	N/A
Format	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
Duration	Length of Interview: 00:36:00
Language	English

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Signed: Eileen McCallion

Date: 3rd Dec 2011

