

**GAA Oral History Project**  
**Interview Report Form**

<b>Name of Interviewer</b>	Mark Farrelly
<b>Date of Interview</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2010
<b>Location</b>	Interviewee's home, near Bailieborough, Co Cavan
<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	Vincent Farrelly
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1958 <b>Home County:</b> Monaghan
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Raferagh NS Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan <b>Secondary:</b> Patrician Brothers High School Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 6 sisters, 2 brothers <b>Current Family if Different:</b> married; 1 son; 1 daughter
<b>Club(s)</b>	Carrickmacross Emmets GAA Club [Monaghan]; Corduff GAA Club [Monaghan]; Killinkere GAA Club [Cavan]
<b>Occupation</b>	Farmer
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	Farmer
<b>Religion</b>	Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	N/A
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	N/A

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<b>Date of Report</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> July 2012
<b>Period Covered</b>	1930s – 2010
<b>Counties/Countries Covered</b>	Monaghan, Cavan
<b>Key Themes Covered</b>	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Training, Managing, Administration, Fundraising, Material Culture, Education, Emigration, Role of Clergy, Role of teachers, Role of Club in Community, Volunteers, GAA Abroad, Rivalries, All-Ireland, Club History, County History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life, Career, Purchase of Grounds
<b>Interview Summary</b>	<p>Vincent talks about his involvement in GAA throughout his life. He remembers his first matches playing for Referagh National School in Carrickmacross, growing up playing underage for Carrickmacross, junior for Corduff, and later playing for Killinkere in his new home of Cavan. He talks about the people who influenced him most during his playing days. He talks about his families involvement in the GAA, and his own involvement as a supporter after he finished playing. He talks about following his favourite players around Ireland to see them play He discusses many topics such as emigration, his GAA heroes and the history of both Corduff Gaels and Killinkere.</p> <p>00:23 Vincent discusses his earliest memories of the GAA, which are playing football in primary school in Raferagh. They ran a mini league within the parish of Carrickmacross, between its four schools Corduff, Shrinty, Carrickmacross, and Rafergh.</p> <p>01:35 He talks about playing underage football with Carrickmacross club as they had no club of their own in Corduff.</p> <p>01.52 Discusses the influence his teacher in 6<sup>th</sup> class had on him with regard to football.</p> <p>02:42 He talks about starting to play with club Corduff and playing uinderage football with Carrickmacross.</p> <p>02:56 Vincent talks about how they travelled to play with Carrickmacross, and how they getting selected to play for the club.</p>

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	<p>03:40 He talks about Brother Gregory, who was a teacher in Carrickmacross Primary School, Vincent tells us about how Br. Gregory would train them in football and hurling, and how he managed the u12's in the Coyle Cup</p> <p>04:07 He describes going on the bus to matches and Croke Park, and the songs the sang such as 'We're on the One Road', and songs about soccer teams in England</p> <p>04:45 Vincent discusses the success they had whilst playing, the u12's won the Coyle Cup, and the u14s won the league one year.</p> <p>05:03 He talks about going to The Patrician Brothers High School in Carrickmacross. He played basketball with the school as they hadn't a football team. He says that the school has since started a team and have won the College's All Ireland.</p> <p>05:41 Vincent talks about going to watch Corduff matches when he was young and the Monaghan team. He also says how he would follow teams for other counties, such as Kingscourt in Cavan.</p> <p>06:23 He discusses how successful the Corduff team were when he was in school. He tells about their success when he played with them and that they won a tournament in the late 1970's.</p> <p>07:08 He tells who his GAA heroes were. He talks about Mick O'Connell, Mick O'Dwyer and Pat Spillane from Kerry. He talks about more local players who emigrated such as Lorcan Callen who played for Corduff for five years, and his brother Tommy Callen. He mentions Felix Brennan, who played for Corduff also.</p> <p>08:30 He talks about the McEnanys, mentioning Pat the referee, and Seamus who is Monaghan Senior Football manager at present in particular. He talks about playing with the five McEnany brothers.</p> <p>09:09 He talks about the rivalry between Carrickmacross and Corduff. He talks about Corduff team and how the club has fared in competitions over the years have developed over the years.</p> <p>10:02 Vincent talks about the personalities within the club of</p>
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	<p>Corduff. He mentions Gene Marron and his brother Jim who managed teams in the club. Vincent also talks about his own father Patsey Farrelly who managed Corduff. He also mentions Gene McKenna, John Jones, Peter Byrnes, and Tom McDermott a teacher in Shrinty. He mentions James Monaghan who carried jerseys, togs, boots etc.</p> <p>11:30 He talks about having no dressing room and the pitch the played on. He goes on to describe Corduff's current grounds and how they got it.</p> <p>12:20 Vincent discusses leaving Corduff when he was 21. He describes what it was like trying to get back home to play with Croduff, and how he transferred to the Killinkere club in Cavan.</p> <p>12:58 He describes how he became involved in Killinkere GAC. He tells what teams within the club he played with and compares his feelings toward playing with Killinkere to playing with Corduff.</p> <p>14:20 He talks about the time constraints of farming.</p> <p>14:29 He talks some more about Killinkere and the differences he noticed when he came to play with them, such as competition for places. He discussed the amount of teams Killinkere have today.</p> <p>15:42 He talks about playing with Corduff and the competition for places with them.</p> <p>16:11 He talks Edward Sheridan, Aidan Quilan, and Tommy Duff who approached him to play with Killinkere.</p> <p>16:58 He talks about people in general who are interested in GAA, and the people in Killinkere who were interested in GAA.</p> <p>17:53 He mentions that Killinkere won a Junior Football Championship in 1982. He discusses Killinkere's success since then.</p> <p>18:45 Vincent discusses fundraising etc. in Corduff and in Killinkere.</p> <p>19:10 He talks about how Killinkere acquired their grounds and how they have developed it since.</p>
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19:32 He mentions the Jamboree which Killinkere have been running for over 30 years. He talks about working at, and its success. He also mentions bingo which is run by the club every week.

20:09 His family's involvement in football. He has 6 sisters and 2 brothers. He talks about his brother Sean who played full back for Carrick and for the Monaghan minor football team. He talks about Sean moving to Kingscourt 1974 or 75 and how he brought Vincent to see Kingscourt in the Intermediate Football Championship Final in 1978.

21:27 He talks about the Kingscourt team that played, and mentions players such as Joe Dillon, the Faulkner brothers and Jim Reilly. He talks about Sean winning medals with them in the years that followed.

22:12 He talks about his other brother Gabriel, and the influence of soccer on him. He talks about Gabriel's sons who play with Corduff and the moment.

22:53 Vincent talks about his father's interest in the GAA, and in the Corduff club. He discusses his father's interest in Cavan football also.

23:50 He talks about following Cavan and Monaghan , and watching GAA programs on the television.

24:12 Vincent talks about going to see Monaghan play in league matches during the winter.

24:32 He talks about going to see matches, and about getting to know players. He also talks about going to see Monaghan in more recent years

25:28 He discusses keeping up his interest in football in Monaghan after he had left home.

25:49 He talks about following the Cavan under 21s in the 1990s and going to see them in the All Ireland u21 Football Final in Thurles.

25:58 Vincent talks about his interest in certain players, and going to see their matches. He mentions Damien O' Reilly who played for Killinkere and Cavan, and Sean Farrelly who emigrated in the mid 1980s.

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	<p>27:12 He talks about the problem of emigration in the 1980s. He mentions the effect of it on clubs such as Shercock and Knockbride. He mentions Micky McEntee.</p> <p>28:26 He talks about Shercock and their recovery in recent years. He mentions that they won a county Junior Championship.</p> <p>29:12 Vincent talks about keeping up interest in club football since he has quit playing.</p> <p>29:47 He talks about the history of the Killinkere club. He mentions Jim Smith, and Joe Stafford who scored a goal in the All Ireland Senior Football Final held in New York in</p> <p>19:47. He also mentions Jimmy Stafford, Benny Reilly, and Jimmy Smith.</p> <p>31:26 He talks about Killinkere's history, mentioning Laragh as a neighbouring team.</p> <p>32:15 He discusses players leaving clubs if they couldn't get playing.</p> <p>33:25 He describes Lower Killinkere's pitch when the club was on its own and describes the type of player back then.</p> <p>34:15 He talks about his uncle Frank, and John McCabe who played for Killinkere, and other uncles who were interested in GAA.</p> <p>35:10 Talks about his favourites matches. He describes playing matches at school and getting to know players.</p> <p>35:55 Mentions Corduff and making friends on the team</p> <p>36:16 He talks about watching Paul Finlay's father who played in the 70s and about Gene Finnegan.</p> <p>37:08 He talks about Jim Reilly who played for Cavan.</p> <p>37:25 He talks about the Cavan side which won the Ulster title in 1997, and their manager Martin McHugh. He mentions Peter and Larry Reilly, Dermot McCabe, Damien Reilly from Mullahoran, and also Paul O'Dowd and Adrian Lamb from Bailieborough, Vincent's local town.</p> <p>39:05 Vincent describes following Peter and Larry Reilly, and</p>
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	<p>going to watch them play in places like Croke Park, Clones and Breffni Park.</p> <p>39:38 Vincent talks about trips to Croke Park, he mentions from John Brady from Laragh who played in Croke Park with Cavan in 1989. He mentions the Monaghan vs. Kerry All-Ireland Senior Football Semi Final in 2007 and talks about the stadium.</p> <p>40:38 He talks about going to Coke Park with the Carrickmacross underage teams and playing on it. He also mentions going to Parnell Park to watch matches.</p> <p>47:20 He talks about time constraints from farming. He talks about the amount of farmers on teams today and compares it to back when he was playing. He also discusses the times matches in Cavan are scheduled for.</p> <p>48:31 Vincent gives his opinion on managers who come in from a different county managing county teams, and brings the Cavan and Meath team into the discussion. He mentions Martin McHugh, and Seamus McEnany.</p> <p>50:47 He talks about giving players a chance to play, and players giving up playing. He talks about outside interests to playing GAA. He mentions rallying.</p> <p>52:05 He gives his closing thoughts on the GAA and the interest in it.</p>
<p><b>Involvement in GAA</b></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><b>Record as a Player</b> (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Record as an Administrator</b> (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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<b>Duration</b>	Length of Interview: 00:53:48
<b>Language</b>	English

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Signed:        Mark Farrelly

Date:            27<sup>th</sup> July 2010