

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Arlene Crampsie
Date of Interview	18 th Jan 2011
Location	Interviewee's home, near Burtonport, Co. Donegal
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Naul McCole
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1939 Home County: Donegal
Education	Primary: Roshine NS, Co. Donegal; Chnoc a Stolaire, Co. Donegal Secondary: Coláiste Éinde, Galway, Co. Donegal Third Level: St. Pat's College, Drumcondra, Dublin
Family	Siblings: 2 brothers Current Family if Different: Married to Claire (RIP) with 1 son
Club(s)	An Clochán Liath [Donegal]; Erin's Hope [Dublin]
Occupation	Teacher
Parents' Occupation	Tailor [Father]; Maternity Nurse [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	Fianna Fáil
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	INTO; Burtonport Development Committee; Visiting Committee, Loughlin House Cavan; Central Fisheries Board; North Western Health Board Educational Advisory Committee; Donegal County Councillor.

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Date of Report	25 th July 2012
Period Covered	1940s – 2011
Counties/Countries Covered	Donegal, Dublin, Great Britain, Scotland, Americas, USA, Antrim, Down, Meath
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Training, Managing, Coaching, Administration, Celebrations, Commiserations, Fundraising, Sponsorship, Material Culture, Education, Media, Emigration, Role of Teachers, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, GAA Abroad, Identity, Rivalries, Culture, All-Ireland, Club History, County History, Irish History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life, Career, Challenges, Sacrifices, Outsider's Perspectives, Alcohol, Violence, Northern Ireland, The Troubles, Relationship with the Association, Retirement, Food and Drink, Socialising, Purchase of Grounds, Relationships, Economy / Economics
Interview Summary	<p>Naul talks about his involvement in the GAA over the years. He recalls his earliest memories of Gaelic games and talks about growing up in Donegal during the 1940s. He talks about playing football in school and making the Donegal minor team. He discusses attending St Enda's in Galway before going to St Patrick's College in Dublin to become a teacher. He recalls his first visit to Croke Park and what Dublin was like at the time. He discusses his family's interest in the GAA and how his father lived on Rutland Island. He talks about the rivalry between Dungloe and Gaoth Dobhair (Gweedore) and recalls the 'four matches' between the clubs and the incidents after the matches. He discusses how people from the area emigrated mainly to Scotland and talks about the link between Glasgow and Dungloe. Naul talks about his first involvement in administration and becoming selector for Donegal in 1989. He discusses his involvement with the Donegal team that won the All-Ireland in 1992 and working with Brian McEniff. He describes the different administrative roles he has held, from club level to provincial level working with the Ulster Council. Naul talks about the role of the GAA in his life and highlights the important role it plays in the community.</p> <p>00:00 Introduction</p> <p>00:26 Naul talks about his earliest memories of the GAA. Describes growing up in Donegal in the 1940s and notes the rivalry between Gaoth Dobhair / Gweedore and Dungloe and</p>

	<p>what matches between them were like. Mentions Paddy Prendergast, Frank White, Charlie Campbell, Mickey Rua Gallagher, Hughie Tim, Coyles.</p> <p>02:45 Recalls listening to All-Irelands on wet battery radios and having to cycle to Dungloe to get them charged. Talks about his family and his father being from Rutland Island. Mentions Manus Boyle and John Teague Boyle.</p> <p>04:50 Talks about listening to Michael O'Hehir.</p> <p>05:35 Describes the underage setup in the county when he was growing up. Going to school in Gweedore.</p> <p>06:50 Discusses going to college in 1953 and playing competitive football. Playing with the Dungloe minor team and then the Donegal minors. Notes how his younger brother Colm made the team before him.</p> <p>08:36 Talks about playing football in the road beside his home. Describes trying to make footballs with stockings.</p> <p>10:35 Discusses the impact of emigration in the area. Talks about the support for soccer. Playing football.</p> <p>12:58 Talks about his first time in Croke Park, going to see Mayo play Meath in the All-Ireland semi-final in 1953.</p> <p>13:25 Mentions shops in the area selling one paper. Maguires selling the Independent and the Cope selling the Irish Press. Mentions John D. Hickey.</p> <p>15:00 Describes travelling to the All-Ireland semi-final. Staying with his uncle in the Liberties, in Bride Street, and what Dublin was like at that time.</p> <p>19:04 Discusses his father's interest in the GAA and his upbringing on Rutland Island and the other islands.</p> <p>22:10 Describes the GAA on the surrounding islands and the role of a teacher from Kilcar, Murray. Mentions soccer on Arranmore.</p> <p>24:15 Talks about playing soccer and nearly getting suspended by the GAA. Recalls playing in a final. Playing indoor football.</p> <p>28:55 Discusses the different schools he attended, going to St. Enda's in Galway and training as a teacher. Going to St. Pat's College in Dublin. Describes what teacher training was like. Talks about playing football in St Enda's and the teams</p>
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	<p>they played against.</p> <p>32:55 Talks about playing with the St Pat's team, Erin's Hope.</p> <p>36:20 Discusses playing with Dungloe minors. Winning a minor championship. Playing with the senior team in later years. Recalls the 'four matches' against Gweedore and the violence at the matches. Describes how the incident impacted on the community and the bread boycott. Talks about the celebrations after Dungloe won. Discusses the championship finals in the next two years.</p> <p>43:55 Recalls the celebrations after beating Gweedore and the relationship between the two clubs.</p> <p>45:45 Talks about the separation of the clubs from the same division. Discusses the meeting of the teams in the 1961 final and an incident after the match.</p> <p>48:30 Discusses the relationships between players from Dungloe and Gweedore on the county team.</p> <p>49:55 Describes where Dungloe played their matches in the past and talks about the development of the club's grounds.</p> <p>52:40 Talks about playing with the Donegal minor team and the type of training that was done.</p> <p>55:02 Discusses his first involvement in administration in the GAA in 1965. Working with underage teams. Becoming secretary of the club and later manager of the Donegal minor team. Setting up a county minor board and becoming secretary. Family commitments.</p> <p>59:09 Talks about getting back involved in administration in the late 1970s and the work he did with the county. Mentions Tom Conaghan.</p> <p>01:01:10 Recalls the sinking of the Evelyn Marie and the Carrig Úna trawlers in 1975 and 1976 and the naming of a schoolboy competition after a man who died – Micheál Coyle from Dungloe. Mentions Charlie Boyle from Annagry School, Donal Bonner from Dungloe School. Mentions teams from Leitir and Keadue.</p> <p>01:07:10 Discusses the competition for county manager in 1989. Mentions Brian McEniff, Tom Cunningham, Hugh McClafferty, PJ McGowan. Becoming county selector.</p> <p>01:08:18 Talks about the setting up of the minor board in Donegal. Describes the type of issues that existed before the minor board was set up. Mentions the divisional board.</p>
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	<p>Recalls Dungloe meeting Castlefinn. Suspicions of teams fielding illegal players.</p> <p>01:14:55 Discusses the role of teachers in the GAA. Describes how most people emigrated to Scotland. Glasgow as the capital of Donegal. Mentions Packie Bonner playing gaelic football before signing for Glasgow Celtic. Trying to organise a school tour to Glasgow.</p> <p>01:20:00 Talks about teacher's interest in Gaelic games.</p> <p>01:21:38 Describes the type of trips he went on with the club. Going to a Celtic match with the minors. Talks about the club going to Navan and an incident with nightclubs in the area.</p> <p>01:26:54 Talks about the type of issues he encountered as club chairman. Discusses the development of the club's facilities. Organising a 'mayor of the Rosses' competition.</p> <p>01:34:38 Discusses the type of work he did as county chairman. Working as county selector from 1989 and then running for county chairman. Mentions Tony Boyle, Brian McEniff, Charlie Faulkner, Jimmy McKelvey. Discussing his decision to run with his wife Claire and son Declan.</p> <p>01:37:30 Describes how the county were faring during that period. Setting up a supporters club. Mentions Fr Brian Quinn, Mary McGrath and Danny McMenamin.</p> <p>01:40:13 Talks about Donegal winning the All-Ireland in 1992.</p> <p>01:43:20 Talks about bringing the Sam Maguire around to every school in Donegal and the functions held after the win.</p> <p>01:45:15 Recalls bringing the Sam Maguire to Mullingar for a league match against Longford. Mentions Finn Gallagher.</p> <p>01:47:35 Talks about a league match in Casement Park against Derry in 1993 and a bomb going off a number of days before. Describes the atmosphere at the match.</p> <p>01:51:00 Discusses the impact of the Troubles on the GAA. Mentions the murder of Sean Brown. Describes the role of the GAA in the community.</p> <p>01:55:38 Describes what his role as selector with the Donegal team was like and the work involved. Training in the Rugby pitch in Donegal Town.</p> <p>02:01:40 Recalls Donegal's journey to the All-Ireland final in 1992 and the matches involved against Cavan, Fermanagh, Derry. Mentions Gary Walsh, Martin McHugh, John</p>
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	<p>Cunningham, Barry McGowan, Tony Boyle, Anthony Tohill and Tommy Ryan.</p> <p>02:04:30 Issues with sponsorship, Magees coming on board. Meeting Mayo in the semi-final. Mentions Manus Boyle.</p> <p>02:05:50 Issues with tickets. Team staying in Finnstown House. Mentions Matt Gallagher. Talks about the work of the county board before the final. Having to get his son Declan to take over his teaching.</p> <p>02:09:50 Asking Packie Bonner for advice. Playing Irish songs and music. Different musical tastes. Pressure on him for tickets, not being able to leave house. Mentions Liam Mulvihill. What to do with money over the weekend.</p> <p>02:14:00 Making arrangements for the player's wives and girlfriends.</p> <p>02:18:17 Talks about the night before the final. Going to the dogs in Shelbourne Park. Holding different functions around Dublin. Travelling around Donegal in the days before the match.</p> <p>02:24:00 Discusses dealing with the media before the match.</p> <p>02:26:00 Recalls meeting a reporter at the Donegal county final in MacCumhaill Park two weeks after the All-Ireland final.</p> <p>02:27:10 Talks about Brian McEniff motivating the players before the final.</p> <p>02:28:12 Discusses the different administrative roles he has held over the years. Being on the Ulster Council until 2008 and working on different committees. Becoming chairman of the Coaching Committee. Mentions Danny Murphy, Eugene Young and Tom Daly. Working on the Activities and Management Committees and the Coiste Gaeilge and being Chairman of the Hearing Committees.</p> <p>02:34:48 Talks about hurling in the Dungloe area and in Donegal.</p> <p>02:37:22 Describes his favourite role in the GAA.</p> <p>02:40:10 Talks about working on committees in Croke Park.</p> <p>02:40:30 Mentions travelling from Armagh late at night in Winter. Mentions going through Tyrone, Finntown and Doochary.</p> <p>02:41:20 Discusses his biggest disappointments in the GAA,</p>
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	<p>how Dungloe hasn't won a championship since the 1950s. The impact of the Mary from Dungloe festival. Also disappointed that Donegal has only won one All-Ireland. Highlights the need to develop grounds like MacCumhail Park.</p> <p>02:45:28 Talks about the role of the GAA in his life. Notes how his son is the chairman of the Setanta GAA club in San Diego. Highlights the role of the GAA in the community.</p> <p>02:48:26 Describes the different games in the GAA and the need for more involvement between the codes. Highlights the need for people to participate in the GAA.</p>
<p>Involvement in GAA</p>	<p><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</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input checked="" 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>Played from 1954 – 1971 and then played with Dungloe at the age of 55. Won a Donegal Minor championship, Senior championship, senior league and some watch tournaments.</p>
<p>Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p>Has been involved in administration since 1966.</p> <p>Club: Secretary, Chairman, Vice-chairman of senior and minor club and delegate to county board.</p> <p>County: Chairman, Vice-chairman, Ulster Council Delegate, Chairman of the Hearings Committee and on the Competitions Controls Committee.</p> <p>Ulster: Management Committee, CCC, Development Committee, Hearings Committee, Coaching Committee, Hurling Committee, Coiste Gaeilge agus Culturtha, Centenary Committee (2003), Interviews Committee, Health and Safety Committee, Club Advisory Committee, PA Committee.</p> <p>Central: Coaching Committee, Comhairle Committee, Club Advisory Committee.</p>

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Duration	Length of Interview: 02:50:58
Language	English

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Signed: _____Arlene Crampsie_____

Date: _____25/07/12_____