GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Eileen McCallion	
Date of Interview	18 th Aug 2010	
Location	Interviewee's home, near Cookstown, Co Tyrone	
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Carmel Fuller (nee Nugent)	
Biographical Summary of Interviewee		
Gender	Female	
Born	Year Born: 1963	
	Home County: Tyrone	
Education	Primary: St Joseph's Primary, Killeenan, Co. Tyrone.	
	Secondary: Our Lady's High School, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone.	
	Third Level: Queen's University Belfast	
Family	Siblings: 1 sister; 2 brothers	
	Current Family if Different: Married; 2 daughters; 1 son	
Club(s)	Kildress Wolfe Tones GAC [Tyrone]	
Occupation	Accountant	
Parents'	Farmer/Forestry Worker Factory [Father]; Worker/Housewife	
Occupation	[Mother]	
Religion	Roman Catholic	
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A	
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A	

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Date of Report	11 th July 2012
Period Covered	1968 – 2011
Counties/Countries Covered	Tyrone, Donegal
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Facilities, Playing, Training, Administration, Celebrations, Commiserations, Education, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, Rivalries, Culture, All-Ireland, Club History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Northern Ireland
Interview Summary	Carmel speaks of being introduced to the GAA through her father's support for the local club. She recalls playing rounders in the GAA and winning an Ulster title. The bulk of her interview discussed the importance of following club and county as a supporter, and how this has been a central family experience with the increased success of Tyrone during the 2000s.
	00:01.50 Recalls her memories of growing up with her father taking family to watch Kildress club football matches every Sunday to wherever they were playing in Tyrone.
	00:02:31 Describes how her father and his brothers were founder members of Kildress Wolfe Tones and played for the club.
	00:02.47 Recalls playing rounders in Killeenan Primary school in mid 70's and how they won the Ulster Rounders Championship. Recalls the clothing they wore in those days.
	00:03.50 Talks about the children's (Aisling, Conor and Clare Fuller) involvement in GAA
	00:04.30 Explains that her husband is a Donegal supporter and how the family deal with the divided loyalties between Tyrone and Donegal.
	00:05.40 Explains how has a child she never attended County matches but in recent years there is much more hope of winning and regularly attends the matches.
	00:06:10 States that Peter Canavan and Sean Cavanagh are her heroes.

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	00:06.27 Describes her best GAA memory when Tyrone won their first All Ireland in 2003 and how nervous she was that day.
	00:06.50 Describes how her husband despite being from Donegal searched all over the country for tickets for the 2003 All Ireland final and finally secured enough for the complete family.
	00:07.25 Describes her worst GAA moment was watching on TV the Tyrone/Mayo All Ireland quarter final in 2004 when Brian (Beano) McDonald got his leg broke. She still remembers the expression on Ryan McMenamin's face at the time of the incident.
	00:07.50 Describes how the GAA plays a big part in her life and how she enjoys watching the introduction and post match analysis as well as the match.
	00:08.33 Explains how she always supports the teams that are considered underdogs and supports the Ulster teams.
	00:09:03 Carmel recalls a football match in mid 1970's when the local priest Fr McGuckin was playing for Kildress football club and was nervous he actually got physically sick during the match.
Involvement in GAA	✓ Supporter ✓ Player □ Manager □ Coach □ Steward
	☐ Chairperson ☐ Committee Member ☐ Grounds-person
	☐ Caterer ☐ Jersey Washer ☐ Referee ☐ None
	☐ Other (please specify):
Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)	N/A
Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)	N/A

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Format	✓ Audio ☐ Audio-Visual
Duration	Length of Interview: 00:011:00
Language	English

To be filled in by Interviewer:

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Signed: Eileen McCallion

Date: 03rd Dec 2011