

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Arlene Crampsie
Date of Interview	18 th Feb 2010
Location	Interviewee's home, near Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Mary Glancy (née Murtagh)
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Female
Born	Year Born: 1956 Home County: Leitrim
Education (Optional)	Primary: Marist Convent, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim Secondary: Marist Convent, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim Third Level: Athlone Institute of Technology, IPA
Family	Siblings: 3 sisters & 2 brothers Current Family if Different: Married with 1 daughter and 2 sons
Club(s)	St. Mary's [Leitrim]; Phoenix Club [Dublin]
Occupation	Administrator
Parents' Occupation	Postman [Father]; Housewife [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

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Date of Report	16 th August 2012
Period Covered	1970s – 2010
Counties/Countries Covered	Leitrim, Kerry, Laois, Galway, Mayo, Roscommon
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Managing, Refereeing, Administration, Celebrations, Fundraising, Sponsorship, Role of Clergy, Role of Teachers, Role of Women, All-Ireland, Club History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Challenges, Sacrifices, Ban on Foreign Games and Dances, Relationship with the Association, Food and Drink, Socialising, Relationships
Interview Summary	<p>Mary recalls her earliest GAA memories. She discusses the formation of the ladies football team in Carrick-on-Shannon, and also recalls the camogie team that existed. She details her involvement in ladies football, both at club and inter-county level. She talks about the relationship of the women's organisation with their male counterparts. Mary recalls some of the successes in ladies football in Leitrim. She also recalls her own administrative career, and talks about changes in the role of women in the GAA, before discussing her father's involvement in the GAA. She discusses the social aspect to the GAA, recalls her best memories from her time in the Association, and explains what the GAA means to her.</p> <p>00:00 Introduction</p> <p>00:17 Mary recalls her earliest GAA memories. Mentions her father's involvement with the local club, St Marys.</p> <p>02:05 Describes travelling to matches.</p> <p>02:57 Recalls playing Gaelic football with her brothers.</p> <p>03:15 Recalls the beginnings of the ladies football team. Mentions Deirdre Quinn.</p> <p>03:54 Recalls camogie team in Carrick-on-Shannon. Mentions the playing gear that was used. Recalls a match in Drumkeerin.</p> <p>06:52 Recalls playing camogie in Dublin with Phoenix. Describes facilities that were available.</p> <p>10:12 Talks about revitalising camogie in Leitrim, mentions Tommy Moran. Also mentions St. Mary's, Ballinamore, Gortletteragh, Drumshanbo and Manorhamilton.</p>

	<p>11:24 Discusses her involvement in ladies football. Mentions Deirdre Quinn and Vincent O'Rourke. Discusses the establishment of the ladies football county board in Leitrim. Mentions her father Pat Murphy. Recalls meetings held in Meehans.</p> <p>13:34 Recalls first ladies' inter-county match for Leitrim, Under 16s v Roscommon.</p> <p>14:02 Recalls her roles in ladies football, from playing to administration.</p> <p>15:05 Discusses attending Connacht Council and Central Council meetings. Mentions James McCaffrey from Aghnasheelin. Also mentions Ita Flatley.</p> <p>17:30 Recalls fundraising. Discusses relationship between the ladies' organisation and the club. Discusses running of ladies teams.</p> <p>21:07 Recalls sponsorship of Leitrim women's teams. Mentions Bob McHugh.</p> <p>22:05 Discusses relationship between women's organisation and Leitrim County Board. Mentions Stanley Cox, George O'Toole and Tommy Moran. Recalls her father's support for ladies football. Mentions The Ban and soccer.</p> <p>25:51 Discusses the support that ladies football receives in the area.</p> <p>27:11 Recalls the record of the St. Mary's ladies football team. Discusses underage structure at the club.</p> <p>30:49 Recalls Leitrim ladies' successes. Recalls missing a wedding to attend a Junior League Final against Laois in Timahoe. Also recalls attending 1988 Ladies Junior All-Ireland Final at Croke Park.</p> <p>35:12 Recalls her role as Leitrim Ladies County Board Secretary.</p> <p>39:29 Recalls challenges faced by Ladies GAA in Leitrim.</p> <p>41:46 Talks about the players in the club being based in the area.</p> <p>42:31 Discusses changes in the role of women in the GAA.</p> <p>43:56 Recalls her father's involvement in the GAA. Mentions that he came to Carrick-on-Shannon from Longford. Recalls his role in underage football. Remembers his Anglia car and</p>
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	<p>taking cushions from the house. Mentions the Leitrim village, Jamestown and Gowel areas of Carrick-on-Shannon. Discusses her father's role at Páirc Seán MacDiarmada and his trouble with people unravelling the wire.</p> <p>49:27 Discusses her father's attitude to The Ban.</p> <p>50:10 Recalls her brothers being brought to Croke Park while she was left at home. Also recalls both she and her mother sowing and washing the jerseys. Mentions George O'Toole.</p> <p>52:31 Recalls the social aspect to the GAA in Carrick-on-Shannon.</p> <p>54:05 Recalls preparing the pitch for matches and other pre-match duties.</p> <p>56:50 Discusses refereeing. Recalls refereeing an Under 12 match in Aughnasheelin.</p> <p>57:53 Recalls celebrations when Leitrim won the Ladies Intermediate All-Ireland Championship in 2007.</p> <p>59:31 Discusses the role of the clergy and teachers in the GAA. Mentions Bernie Glancy.</p> <p>01:02:31 Mentions her GAA hero, Jack O'Shea. Also mentions Mary Jo Curran from Kerry and Maeve Quinn from Leitrim.</p> <p>01:03:29 Reveals her best GAA memories.</p> <p>01:04:35 Discusses her modern day involvement in the GAA.</p> <p>01:06:06 Explains what the GAA has meant to her.</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 type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input checked="" 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 for 3/4 years. Won one camogie county championship medal.</p>
<p>Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p>Has been involved in administration since 1978.</p> <p>Club: Co-ordinator in the club, PRO of GAA Club, Supporters Club Secretary</p>

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	Ladies County: Secretary, Registrar, PRO, Delegate to Connacht Council, Delegate to Central Council
Format	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
Duration	Length of Interview: 01:07:17
Language	English

To be filled in by Interviewer:

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Signed: _____ Arlene Crampsie _____

Date: _____ 16/08/12 _____