

## GAA Oral History Project

## Interview Report Form

<b>Name of Interviewer</b>	Arlene Crampsie
<b>Date of Interview</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2010
<b>Location</b>	Interviewee's home, near Loughduff, Co. Cavan
<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	Danny Brady
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1939 <b>Home County:</b> Cavan
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Loughduff NS, Co. Cavan <b>Secondary:</b> Granard Vocational School, Co. Longford
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 8 sisters & 4 brothers <b>Current Family if Different:</b> Married to Lillie with 7 sons and 1 daughter
<b>Club(s)</b>	Mullahoran Dreadnoughts
<b>Occupation</b>	County Councillor
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	Cavan County Council Foreman [Father]; Housewife [Mother]
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	Fianna Fáil
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	N/A

<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	Yvonne Brady
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Female
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1973 <b>Home County:</b> Cavan
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Mullahoran NS, Co. Cavan <b>Secondary:</b> Loretto, Cavan <b>Third Level:</b> Cavan College of Further Studies
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 7 brothers
<b>Club(s)</b>	Mullahoran Dreadnoughts
<b>Occupation</b>	Legal Secretary
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	County Councillor [Father]; Secretary [Mother]
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	N/A
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	St Vincent de Paul

<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	Philip Brady
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1982 <b>Home County:</b> Cavan
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Mullahoran NS, Co. Cavan <b>Secondary:</b> St. Pat's, Cavan
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 1 sister and 6 brothers
<b>Club(s)</b>	Mullahoran Dreadnoughts
<b>Occupation</b>	Sales Representative
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	County Councillor [Father]; Secretary [Mother]
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	N/A
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	N/A

<b>Date of Report</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> July 2012
<b>Period Covered</b>	1930s – 2010
<b>Counties/Countries Covered</b>	Cavan, Kerry, Americas, USA, Monaghan, Dublin
<b>Key Themes Covered</b>	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Training, Managing, Coaching, Officials, Administration, Celebrations, Commiserations, Fundraising, Education, Religion, Media, Emigration, Involvement in GAA Abroad, Role of Clergy, Role of Teachers, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, GAA Abroad, Identity, Rivalries, Culture
<b>Interview Summary</b>	<p>Danny, Philip and Yvonne Brady discuss their involvement with Mullahoran Dreadnoughts GAA Club. Danny gives an account of his experience with the GAA at club and county level throughout his life, from the 1930s to 2010, mentioning his brother Phil 'The Gunner' Brady. His two children, Yvonne and Philip, discuss how they became involved. Yvonne describes how she became club secretary and Philip discusses playing football with his five brothers. They describe their earliest, best and worst memories of their experiences in the GAA and how being involved in the GAA has impacted on their lives.</p> <p>00:00 Introduction</p> <p>00:35 (Danny) Discusses his earliest memories of the GAA. And talks about his family involvement with Gaelic football. He recalls listening to Micheál O'Hehir commentate with his brother Philip, a member of the Garda Síochána, who he refers to as Philip "the Gunner" Brady.</p> <p>01:04 (Danny) Recalls listening to the All-Ireland final in the Polo Grounds in New York, which his brother was playing in.</p> <p>01:46 (Danny) Speculates on his brother's nickname "the Gunner".</p> <p>02:22 (Yvonne) Describes her earliest memory as going up the old lane to the old football field. She tells a story about the pitch.</p> <p>02:55 (Philip) Describes his earliest memory as going to watch his brothers play football, and playing behind the goals. He also recalls accompanying his father as a child, who was club chairman, to various GAA events.</p> <p>03:31 (Danny) Tells how his father won a junior championship cup medal in 1970. He talks about when the club was formed</p>

	<p>in 1888 and tells about a political split in 1914 within the parish that broke up the club. He tells how the club was reformed and won the junior championship. He mentions that Philip (The Gunner) played senior football with his father for a number of years.</p> <p>04:35 (Danny) Talks about his two brothers Jim and John, who was placed in Zambia, South Africa. He tells how they all played football with Cavan county team and Mullahoran.</p> <p>05:15 (Danny) Describes the role his children have in the GAA. He tells how Yvonne is club secretary and Philip is involved with hurling and rounders and plays for Cavan and the Mullahoran senior team. He mentions his other sons Gerard and Danny, who have played football with Cavan, and Paul who plays handball.</p> <p>06:35 (Danny) Tells how his five sons play for Mullahoran and all played together in the 1998 county championship Mullahoran won.</p> <p>06:54 (Yvonne) Tells how four of her brothers are on the club senior team.</p> <p>07:15 (Yvonne) Talks about being the only girl in a house full of men involved in the GAA. She talks about her involvement as a child and what it is like to be club secretary.</p> <p>08:35 (Yvonne) Mentions that every Gaelic game is played within the club.</p> <p>09:06 (Philip) Talks about rounders in the club and his involvement in it. He discusses the clubs success in rounders, mentions the club winning the rounders All-Ireland. He talks about how rounders is being played more at cúl camps and in P.E.</p> <p>10:44 (Philip) Talks about the level of Hurling within the club. He discusses its success in the last fifteen years. He talks about why the levels of hurling are diminishing within the club in recent years and mentions that there is no underage team.</p> <p>12:03 (Philip) Talks about how he manages to play hurling, football and rounders. He mentions how you do not train for club football if you play for Cavan county team, which he does.</p> <p>13:19 (Yvonne) Talks about playing camogie as a child for Mullahoran. She discusses the ladies football in the club.</p> <p>14:02 (Yvonne) Talks about the relationship between the people in the club that are involved in all the different sports and the interactions between them.</p> <p>14:30 (Yvonne) States that there are 230 members of the club. She describes how they also have a 200 club which is a fundraiser. She explains how this works.</p>
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	<p>15:14 (Yvonne) Discusses the different fundraiser held for the club such as jigs and reels day, a fun day, a golf tournament, an auction and a bullshit competition.</p> <p>16:37 (Danny) Talks about what the club was like when he was growing up. He talks about a 'rushy' field they used to play on. He discusses how there were no meetings, social activities or showers. He compares this to the club grounds now that cost 1.3 million and the difference in facilities.</p> <p>17:53 (Danny) Tells how they are one of the leading clubs in the country in terms of facilities.</p> <p>18:38 (Danny) Discusses the fields he used to play in when he was growing up and where they used to tog out as there were no dressing rooms.</p> <p>19:20 (Danny) Talks about how Mullahoran bought their own club grounds.</p> <p>20:06 (Danny) Discusses how there are a shortage of boys in local schools and the effect this has had on the club.</p> <p>20:29 (Danny) Talks about stories his parents told him. He recalls a story his neighbour told him about a row that took place at a local match.</p> <p>21:25 (Danny) Tells a story about his father, who used to be a lines-man.</p> <p>22:10 (Danny) Discusses how there was no football between 1910 and 1914 as a result of the split in the club. He discusses the politics involved in the split and mentions the Irish Volunteers. He talks about when the club was reassembled in 1914.</p> <p>23:19 (Danny) Discusses the level of involvement politics play within the club.</p> <p>23:43 (Danny) Discusses the origins of the club name 'Mullahoran Dreadnoughts' and dates it back to 1888.</p> <p>24:47 (Danny) Talks about Mullahoran winning senior football in 1935 and 1942, and having won 11/12 championships.</p> <p>25:12 (Philip) Discusses the levels of success of the hurling team and mentions other hurling teams in the area, such as Ballyconnell, Woodford Gaels and Ballymachugh.</p> <p>26:12 (Philip) Describes Gowna as the club's biggest rivals. Tells how other rivals have previously been Cornafean and Crosserlough.</p> <p>27:01 (Danny) Tells how the club has won 11 senior championships, an intermediate championship in 1978, 3 Under-21 championships and two minor championships.</p> <p>27:31 (Danny) Discusses when the Mullahoran Ladies</p>
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	<p>football team was formed in the 1970s and talks about how they won an All-Ireland.</p> <p>28:00 (Danny) Talks about winning Ulster medals with Cavan county football team. He mentions playing in Wembley and talks about playing in New York between 1969 and 1971.</p> <p>28:32 (Danny) Talks about his uncle, Jimmy Dalton, who was the longest serving county board delegate.</p> <p>29:07 (Yvonne) Discusses the women involved in the club committees and mentions Kathy Donohoe, Maureen Fagan and Angela O'Reilly. She talks about the reaction of the men at her position in the club.</p> <p>30:09 (Philip) Discusses his involvement with the club.</p> <p>30:51 The group discuss some of the characters in the club, such as Oliver Reilly, Gerard Clerkin, and Terry Brennan, and their impact on the club morale.</p> <p>32:02 (Philip) Discusses what it is like to play with all his brothers on his football team.</p> <p>32:52 (Yvonne) Talks about her brother Paul's handball career.</p> <p>33:04 (Danny) Tells a story about Paul trying to retrieve a handball and breaking his arm.</p> <p>33:30 (Danny) Tells how Paul was encouraged by a priest in St Patricks College in Cavan to play handball. He discusses his level of success in handball and talks about how he played for DIT. He tells how he has won the world championship three times and US Nationals.</p> <p>35:32 (Philip) Talks about the training Paul does and Paul's outlook on winning.</p> <p>37:10 (Yvonne) Tells how Paul is part of the Kingscourt club and how Michael Finnegan is his doubles partner.</p> <p>38:37 (Danny) Talks about the local celebrations held when Paul has won various championships.</p> <p>39:33 (Danny) Discusses his brother Phil 'The Gunner' winning three football All-Irelands. He talks about the first All-Ireland he won in New York when Cavan beat Kerry in 1947. He also discusses him winning All-Irelands in 1948 and 1952 and how he played for Ulster.</p> <p>41:08 (Danny) Discusses the celebrations held in Dublin and Cavan when the team returned from New York in 1947. Talks about the teams travelling by boat and plane.</p> <p>42:28 (Danny) He tells how Mullahoran had five members on that team such as his brother Phil "The Gunner" Brady, Val Gannon, Brian Reilly John Wilson, Fr Dan Deneher.</p>
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	<p>43:25 (Danny) Tells how he and his two brothers, John and Fr Jim, played on the county team together.</p> <p>43:55 (Danny) Discusses his county career. Tells how he started playing for Cavan in 1961 and won Ulster medals in 1964 and 1967 and Wembley medals in 1966 and 1967.</p> <p>44:28 (Danny) Describes how he got to play in Wembley. Describes the atmosphere there.</p> <p>46:11 (Danny) Talks about playing in America, in the new York championships of 1969 and 1970. He describes how his brother-in-law, Alan Clancy, was in New York with the Monaghan team and how they beat Kerry on both occasions.</p> <p>47:41 (Danny) Talks about the style of football in America, the conditions of the pitches and the refereeing.</p> <p>48:39 (Yvonne) Discusses her involvement in the GAA when she was in Sydney and the level of involvement the GAA played in Irish communities in Australia.</p> <p>49:35 (Danny) Talks about how Mullahoran has always been represented on the Cavan team. He mentions Tom O'Reilly who played on the 1935 All-Ireland final, he tells how Mullahoran had five players on the 1947 and 1948 teams, and he mentions Brian Reilly, Tom Hardy and James McCabe who played on the team in 1952.</p> <p>50:22 (Danny) Mentions Gerard, Danny and Philip who played on the Cavan team.</p> <p>51:00 (Danny) Discusses why he feels the Cavan team is not as successful as it previously had been.</p> <p>51:27 (Philip) Describes his involvement in coaching underage teams in the club. Talks about his involvement with the ladies football team and how they won the national league division three.</p> <p>52:03 (Philip) Talks about the difference between coaching women and men.</p> <p>52:32 (Philip) Discusses the different drills and training activities he does when coaching.</p> <p>52:55 (Danny) Discusses the role of the local priests in the club. He makes comparisons with the level of involvement they used to play when he was growing up. He talks about the age differences of priests now compared to in the past.</p> <p>53:53 (Danny) Talks about the role local teachers play in the club and GAA.</p> <p>54:13 (Danny) Describes where meetings were held when he first became involved in administration in the 1960s. He discusses what clubs were like when he was young and talks</p>
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	<p>about when they began to change in the 1970s.</p> <p>55:30 (Danny) Describes his best memories of the GAA and lists them as winning the county championship with Mullahoran in 1963, winning championships with Cavan county football team, seeing his sons play and collecting the county championship cup, and Yvonne becoming secretary.</p> <p>56:50 (Yvonne) Describes her best memory of the GAA as the county final 2006.</p> <p>57:09 (Philip) Describes his best memory as playing in the county final of 2006 and being a supporter in the county final of 1998.</p> <p>57:35 (Philip) Describes his biggest disappointment as losing three finals in a row before winning in 2006.</p> <p>58:03 (Yvonne) Describes her biggest disappointment as losing the semi-final against Denn in 2009.</p> <p>58:31 (Danny) Describes his biggest disappointment as two of his sons have not got proper recognition from selectors.</p> <p>59:21 (Danny) Describes his GAA hero at county level to be Gabriel Kelly of Cavan.</p> <p>59:42 (Yvonne) Names all of her brothers as her GAA heroes.</p> <p>59:57 (Philip) Describes DJ Carey as one of his GAA heroes.</p> <p>01:00:16 (Danny) Names his son Paul as one of his heroes.</p> <p>01:00:33 (Danny) Describes what the GAA has meant to him throughout his life. He discusses being involved in underage football in the late 1980s.</p> <p>01:01:35 (Yvonne) Describes what the GAA has meant to her.</p> <p>01:02:00 (Philip) Describes what the GAA has meant to him.</p>
<b>Involvement in GAA</b>	<p><b>Danny:</b></p> <p>✓ Supporter   ✓ Player   ✓ Manager   ✓ Coach   ✓ Steward</p> <p>✓ Chairperson   ✓ Committee Member   ✓ Grounds-person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caterer   <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer   ✓ Referee   <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p><b>Yvonne:</b></p> <p>✓ Supporter   <input type="checkbox"/> Player   <input type="checkbox"/> Manager   <input type="checkbox"/> Coach   <input type="checkbox"/> Steward</p>

	<input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ <b>Philip:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manager <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____
Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)	<b>Danny:</b> Played from 1961 – 1970 at club and county level. Won a senior county championship with the club and at county level won 2 Ulster titles and 2 Wembley Cups. <b>Yvonne:</b> N/A <b>Philip:</b> Has won a county football championship in 2006 and hurling and rounders titles.
Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)	<b>Danny:</b> Involved in administration from 1960 – 2000. He has been club treasurer, chairman (3 terms), secretary (in the late 1970s) and a delegate to the county board. <b>Yvonne:</b> Got involved in administration in 2009 as a club committee member and is currently secretary. <b>Philip:</b> Became a member of the club events committee in 2009.
Format	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
Duration	Length of Interview: 01:02:40
Language	English

**To be filled in by Interviewer:**

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Signed:     \_\_\_Arlene Crampsie\_\_\_\_\_

Date:       \_\_\_05/07/12\_\_\_\_\_