

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Eileen McCallion
Date of Interview	18 th Aug 2010
Location	Interviewee's house, near Cookstown, Co. Tyrone
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Norman Fuller
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1963 Home County: Donegal
Education	Primary: Cashel National School Secondary: Carrick Vocational School
Family	Siblings: 3 Sisters; 1 brother Current Family if Different: Married; 2 Daughters; 1 Son
Club(s)	Naomh Columba GAA Club, Glencolmcille [Donegal]
Occupation	Telecom Engineer
Parents' Occupation	Retired Farmers
Religion	Church of Ireland
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

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Date of Report	12 th July 2012
Period Covered	1980 – 2011
Counties/Countries Covered	Donegal, Tyrone
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Playing, Training, Officials, Administration, Sponsorship, Education, Emigration, Role of Teachers, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, Rivalries, All-Ireland, Club History, County History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Food and Drink, Socialising
Interview Summary	<p>Norman talks about his early years in Donegal, before subsequent moves to London and later Tyrone. His ties with his home club are unbreakable, and he talks about constant journeys and experiences with his club. He explains his father's long standing role in the club, and his part in making sure that the club's sand based pitch was saved from the elements years ago and is still in use today. He talks about his favourite players and inspirations, and explains why he feels that the GAA is so important to Irish society. He explains his journey home to watch the 1992 All Ireland and his love of club and county.</p> <p>00:00:00 Explains that he was born in Glencolumcille in Donegal, emigrated to London and now living in Cookstown, Co. Tyrone.</p> <p>00:01:50 Recalls the memories of going to the local football pitch with his father when he was very young.</p> <p>00:02:40 Explains that while he played underage football for his local club Naomh Columba, he had to give it up because of his father's ill health.</p> <p>00:03:09 Recalls his local hero's growing up were the Hegarty Brothers, Dessie Cunningham and Finnian Ward.</p> <p>00:03:50 Talks about the local rivalry there was between Kilcar and Glencolumcille and how the story was that one football match had to be cancelled because the kit was left behind.</p> <p>00:05:45 Explains that he is now a member of Kildress Wolfe Tones club in Tyrone as that is his wife's local club and how</p>

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	<p>his children are all involved in gaelic clubs.</p> <p>00:07:00 Feels that the club is more family orientated now than what it used to be and how pride in the club was very important.</p> <p>00:08:00 Describes how he is a Donegal County supporter and how that feels living in County Tyrone.</p> <p>00:09:00 Discuss the county rivalry with Derry and Armagh but not so much with Monaghan.</p> <p>00:09:00 Describes the pride he has when he puts on a Donegal jersery.</p> <p>00:11:08 Describes his great memories of the 1978 Gaeltacht competition held in Glencolumcille parish and how the local club won the competition.</p> <p>00:11:40 Recalls how one of the local players Paddy Beag broke his leg playing football and how he came back to play for the club but was never as good a player.</p> <p>00:13:40 Describes how Glencolumcille’s playing field is a sand based pitch and how the training involved running in sand dunes.</p> <p>00:15:15 Explains that the local rivalry with Kilcar encourages the Glencolumcille team to do better.</p> <p>00:16:00 Reflects on how playing gaelic football automatically benefits you in gaining a large social circle.</p> <p>00:16:50 Feels that the amateur status of gaelic games provides a good standing in life and how medical expenses should be covered but players should not gain financially out of playing.</p> <p>00:17:35 Reflects on how GAA is his first love and how he would watch any team playing on TV.</p> <p>00:18:00 GAA hero is Mick O’Dywer both as a player and a manager.</p>
<p>Involvement in GAA</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>

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person <input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 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
Format	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
Duration	Length of Interview: 00:19:00
Language	English

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To be filled in by Interviewer:

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Signed: Eileen McCallion

Date: 27th Dec 2011