

## GAA Oral History Project

## Interview Report Form

<b>Name of Interviewer</b>	Regina Fitzpatrick
<b>Date of Interview</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2011
<b>Location</b>	Kilmurry Lodge Hotel, Limerick City
<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	John Gleeson
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1937 <b>Home County:</b> Limerick
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Fedamore NS, Co. Limerick. <b>Secondary:</b> CBS, Limerick
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 6 siblings <b>Current Family if Different:</b> 4 sons & 2 daughters
<b>Club(s)</b>	Fedamore GAA [Limerick]
<b>Occupation</b>	Shopkeeper
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	N/A
<b>Religion</b>	N/A
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	N/A
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	Limerick Golf Club

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<b>Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)</b>	Pat Gleeson
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1944 <b>Home County:</b> Limerick
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Fedamore NS, Co. Limerick. <b>Secondary:</b> Good Counsel College, New Ross, Co. Wexford
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 3 siblings
<b>Club(s)</b>	Fedamore GAA [Limerick]
<b>Occupation</b>	Salesman
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	N/A
<b>Religion</b>	N/A
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	N/A
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	N/A

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<b>Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)</b>	Peadar Clohessy
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1933 <b>Home County:</b> Limerick
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> <b>Secondary:</b> <b>Third Level:</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 6 siblings
<b>Club(s)</b>	Fedamore GAA [Limerick]
<b>Occupation</b>	Retired
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	N/A
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	Fianna Fáil
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	N/A

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<b>Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)</b>	Christy Fitzgerald
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1927 <b>Home County:</b> Limerick
<b>Education (Optional)</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Fedamore NS, Co. Limerick. <b>Secondary:</b> St Munchin's College, Limerick City <b>Third Level:</b> UCG
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 5 siblings
<b>Club(s)</b>	Fedamore GAA [Limerick]
<b>Occupation</b>	Retired
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	N/A
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	N/A
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	Salthill Active Retirement Association

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<b>Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)</b>	Thomas Toomey
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1937 <b>Home County:</b> Kildare
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Cappoquin NS, Co. Waterford <b>Secondary:</b> CBS, Limerick
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 2 sisters
<b>Club(s)</b>	South Liberties GAA [Limerick]
<b>Occupation</b>	Retired Marketing Manager
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	N/A
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	N/A
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	Thomond Archaeological Society

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<b>Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)</b>	Seamus Fitzgerald
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1957 <b>Home County:</b> Limerick
<b>Education</b>	N/A
<b>Family</b>	N/A
<b>Club(s)</b>	Fedamore GAA [Limerick]
<b>Occupation</b>	Quality Assurance Supervisor
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	N/A
<b>Religion</b>	N/A
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	N/A
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	N/A

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<b>Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)</b>	John Gleeson
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1973 <b>Home County:</b> Limerick
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> St Patrick's NS, Co. Limerick. <b>Secondary:</b> St Munchins College, Limerick <b>Third Level:</b> University of Limerick, University College Cork
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 4 siblings
<b>Club(s)</b>	Monaleen GAA [Limerick]; Fedamore GAA [Limerick]
<b>Occupation</b>	Solicitor
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	Farmers
<b>Religion</b>	N/A
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	N/A
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	N/A

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<b>Date of Report</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2012
<b>Period Covered</b>	1880s - 2011
<b>Counties/Countries Covered</b>	Limerick, Cork, Kerry, Tipperary, Waterford, Wexford, Kilkenny, Dublin, Galway, Great Britain, England, Scotland, Wales, South Africa, Australasia, Australia
<b>Key Themes Covered</b>	Travel, Supporting, Playing, Refereeing, Media, Rivalries, All-Ireland, Club History, County History, Irish History, The Troubles
<b>Interview Summary</b>	<p>The interviewees from Fedamore GAA club discuss the history of the GAA in the area. They recall the formation of the club, recounting players from the past and matches won and lost. Christy Fitzgerald recites a number of songs and poems concerning the GAA in the area. Tom Twomey recalls incidents that occurred in the Fedamore area during the War of Independence. They recall listening to matches on the radio and discuss club members who were influential in the GAA. They discuss the importance of maintaining young people's interest in the GAA, and discuss the underage structures of the club, before concluding by recalling Fedamore's rivalries.</p> <p>00:43 Pat provides introduction to interview. Reads poem from Aodhán Clancy. Discusses formation of the Fedamore club. Mentions handball players Stephen Gleeson and JJ Bowles.</p> <p>04:16 Peadar Clohessy talks about history of the club, discusses dedicating the pitch, mentions Dr Patrick O'Neill. Talks about the formation of the club, mentions Skule Bog. Mentions first captain of the team, Enright. Discusses role of the Gleeson family in the club, mentions Bill and Richard Gleeson. Mentions Commercials in Limerick. Also mentions Clohessys, Gleesons, O'Connells and Flavins. They also mention Dick and Steve Gleeson and Tom O'Sullivan as they discuss referees from Fedamore. Mention All-Ireland Finals such as Waterford v Kilkenny and Wexford v Cork. Make reference to 1957 All-Ireland Hurling Final between Waterford and Kilkenny.</p> <p>15:07 Seamus mentions David Connery and disc regarding history of the club. Talks about the history of the club and recalls successes of the club. Mentions Aodhán Clancy playing for Limerick in 1914. Also mentions Ned Treacy, S Gleeson, N Harrington, J O'Donnell, M Hayes and T Keane.</p>



	<p>Also mention Willie Gleeson bringing first All-Ireland medal to the club in 1918. Also mention Paddy and Dave Clohessy, Tom Canty and Dave Murnane.</p> <p>19:00 Peadar recalls competition introduced after the War of Independence, Cardinal Cup. Mentions Bill Gleeson. Pat discusses 1921 and 1922 All-Ireland Hurling finals. They discuss Dave Murnane.</p> <p>20:35 Peadar recalls GAA correspondent Paddy Mehigan who wrote under the pseudonym 'Carbery'.</p> <p>21:33 Pat Gleeson discusses former referee Tom O'Sullivan. Mentions 1956 All-Ireland Hurling Final between Wexford and Cork. They also mention Stephen Gleeson as well as South Liberties GAA club.</p> <p>22:39 Pat reads from announcement that Stephen Gleeson was to referee 1957 All-Ireland Hurling Final between Waterford and Kilkenny. Includes reference to 1957 Munster Hurling Final between Cork and Waterford and also includes comments from Mícheál Ó hÉithir. Piece refers to actor John Rooney appearing in Kilkenny parade before All-Ireland Hurling Final.</p> <p>30:28 Tom discusses the War of Independence in the area. Mentions Fr Carroll. Also mentions Luke Clohessy. Mentions dance in Cahirguillamore and arrest of John Feely. Also mentions Dr Michael O'Brien's treatment from Black and Tans. Mentions the Grange Ambush and another ambush in Fedamore. Mentions Sean Clifford, Tom O'Brien, Tom Dillon, Tom Harrington, John Feely and Andrew Kennedy and Dinny Lacey's flying column. Refers to Garda Denis Keogh, as well as his brothers Maurice and James.</p> <p>35:36 Tom talks about the GAA during the period of the War of Independence. Mentions Dave Murnane. Mentions 1921 and 1922 All-Ireland championships refers to 1923 All-Ireland Hurling Final between Limerick and Galway. They mention the death of Dave Murnane.</p> <p>37:24 Peadar discusses the Grange Ambush. Mentions Ned Treacy and Aogan Clancy's brother who was murdered when Mayor of Limerick.</p> <p>37:57 Peadar recalls Fedamore teams of old. Mentions Jamesie Powers, Mick Mac and Con Scanlon.</p> <p>38:53 They discuss All-Ireland Hurling Final, Limerick v Kilkenny, that was never played. Pat explains what</p>
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	<p>happened.</p> <p>40:05 John McNamara discusses the tradition of Fedamore. Mentions roles of Seamus Fitzgerald and Maurice Barry.</p> <p>42:28 Peadar Clohessy discusses the geography of the parish.</p> <p>42:48 Pat Gleeson recalls story concerning 1957 All-Ireland Hurling Final which his brother Stephen refereed.</p> <p>44:01 Peadar recalls listening to matches on the radio. Mentions Cliffords and Brendan Murphy.</p> <p>44:41 Christy discusses the history of the club. Recalls the club's highlights. Mentions WP Clifford, former President of the GAA. Also mentions Stephen Gleeson and JJ Bowles playing handball. Discusses Willie Gleeson and the Tailteann Games of 1924. Mentions that he played in England, Scotland, Wales and Argentina. Also mentions Paddy Clohessy.</p> <p>47:58 Christy describes travelling to matches. Recalls cycling to matches in Cork, Killarney and Thurles. Mentions the Louth team of the 1950s. Also recalls cycling to Clonmel for match between Limerick and Waterford, mentions Mick Herbert.</p> <p>51:27 Christy recalls listening to matches in John Boohans.</p> <p>52:19 Christy mentions Tommy, Paddy and Billy Burton playing hurling with Bruff. They also mention Brendan Murphy and Michael Brosnan. Christy recalls 1941 county final between Bruff and St Patricks. Mentions Brendan Murphy. Also mentions The Emergency.</p> <p>53:33 Christy talks about history of hurling in Fedamore and Cahernane. Recalls Fedamore going to London to play Sean Treacys. Mentions the Dillanes in London.</p> <p>54:50 Christy discusses Brendan Murphy and his car. Recalls attending All-Ireland Football Final between Meath and Cavan. Mentions Peter McDermott.</p> <p>55:43 Christy discusses junior hurling in Limerick in his younger days. Recalls Western Gaels, Emmets and Geraldines.</p> <p>57:07 Pat talks about Dave Gillane and his time with Warwickshire. They also mention Paddy Grimes.</p> <p>57:31 Christy reads from a story that won a short story competition - "A Slap from the Master". Mentions Mick</p>
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	<p>Mackey, Caherconlish, and match between Geraldines and Ahane.</p> <p>1:01:36 They discuss match between Geraldines and Ahane that Christy played in.</p> <p>1:02:25 Christy recalls the role of hurling in Irish life when he was growing up.</p> <p>1:03:15 Christy reads verses from song regarding Fedamore hurling teams.</p> <p>1:04:42 Christy describes making “semi-solid” tyres.</p> <p>1:05:51 Christy recites poem about Paddy Clohessy.</p> <p>1:08:24 Christy discusses his hurling career. Recalls playing with Caltra in Galway. Recalls cycling to match in Longford. Recalls carnival in Castleblakeney. Talks about having cycled to every county in Ireland.</p> <p>1:10:48 Christy discusses Dinny Malone and Jackie Power. Recites poem about Jackie Power.</p> <p>1:12:56 Christy recalls book he wrote about Fedamore. Mentions Mickey Brosnan.</p> <p>1:14:05 They discuss the Fedamore junior hurling team. Mention South Liberties. Seamus discusses the state of the team. They also mention old school in Kishikirk.</p> <p>1:18:05 Peadar discusses the parish of Fedamore. Describes where people work. They discuss emigration and immigration in the area. Peadar recalls story regarding Fr O’Gorman in Australia and one of the Delaneys.</p> <p>1:20:21 They discuss maintaining interest in hurling in the local school. Seamus discusses the underage teams.</p> <p>1:21:50 Seamus recalls junior team's most recent season.</p> <p>1:23:02 John Gleeson discusses colleges hurling in Limerick. Mentions Ardscoil Rís, Doon and Kilmallock. They discuss schools hurling structure in Limerick.</p> <p>1:23:58 Pat and John Gleeson recall John O'Donnell's contribution to the club. John Gleeson talks about his roles with the club, mentions league held in Liam McNamara's field in Ballyregan. Recalls Junior A county final against Bruff. Also recalls East minor final against Ahane, in Murroe. Recalls taking charge of under 21s, also mentions involvement in football and county final against Claughan.</p>
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	<p>1:27:06 Tom recalls amalgamation with South Liberties at underage level.</p> <p>1:28:15 They refer to Athea and Doon selecting players from Kerry and Tipperary respectively. Mention player called Treacy playing for Tipperary and Doon.</p> <p>1:29:27 They discuss Fedamore's rivals. Mention South Liberties, Pallasgreen and Ahane. Christy mentions Ballybricken and Nicholas Dwyer. Also mentions Cahernane. Recalls matches against Liberties on Russell's Lawn.</p> <p>1:31:41 John McNamara thanks interviewees for taking part.</p>
<p><b>Involvement in GAA</b></p>	<p><b>John Gleeson</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p><b>Pat Gleeson</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p><b>Peadar Clohessy</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p><b>Christy Fitzgerald:</b></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>

	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p><b>Thomas Toomey:</b></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> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p><b>Seamus Fitzgerald:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p><b>John McNamara</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p>
<p><b>Record as a Player</b> (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p><b>John Gleeson:</b> Not specified</p> <p><b>Pat Gleeson:</b> Not specified</p> <p><b>Peadar Clohessy:</b> Not specified</p> <p><b>Christy Fitzgerald:</b> Won East Limerick Championship playing with Fedamore in 1949 &amp; 1950.</p> <p><b>Thomas Toomey:</b> Won 2 Limerick Senior Hurling</p>

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	<p>Championships playing with Fedamore, 1976, 78. 81</p> <p><b>Seamus Fitzgerald:</b> Won East Limerick Hurling medals</p> <p><b>John McNamara:</b> Not specified</p>
<p><b>Record as an Administrator</b> (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p><b>John Gleeson:</b> Not specified</p> <p><b>Pat Gleeson:</b> Chairman of Fedamore GAA</p> <p><b>Peadar Clohessy:</b> Not specified</p> <p><b>Christy Fitzgerald:</b> Secretary and founding member of Galway Inter-Firm GAA, 1968 – ongoing</p> <p><b>Thomas Toomey:</b> Not specified</p> <p><b>Seamus Fitzgerald:</b> Managed various Fedamore teams</p> <p><b>John McNamara:</b> Secretary of Fedamore GAA</p>
<p><b>Material Promised</b></p>	
<p><b>Format</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio      <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual</p>
<p><b>Duration</b></p>	<p>Length of Interview: 01:32:25</p> <p>No. of Tapes / No. of Files: 1 File</p>
<p><b>Restricted Information</b></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>Language</b></p>	<p>English</p>

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Signed: Regina Fitzpatrick

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2012