

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Regina Fitzpatrick
Date of Interview	25 th Jan 2011
Location	Kaideen Knitware, Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Martin Doogue (his life story as recited by his son Niall)
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1933 Home County: Carlow
Education	Primary: St Joseph's National School, CBS Carlow Secondary: Carlow VEC
Family	Siblings: 5 brothers and 4 sisters Current Family if Different: Wife and 3 sons
Club(s)	O'Hanrahan's GAA Club [Carlow]; CJ Kickhams GAA Club [Dublin].
Occupation	Factory owner
Parents' Occupation	Hackney Driver [Father]; Boot Factory worker [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	Fine Gael
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	Carlow, Baltinglass and Royal Dublin Golf Clubs

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Date of Report	12 th July 2012
Period Covered	1886 – 2011
Counties/Countries Covered	Carlow, Wicklow, Dublin, Laois, Americas, Argentina, Kerry, Down
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Playing, Training, Coaching, Administration, Fundraising, Role of the Clergy, Identity, Irish Language, Culture, All-Ireland, Club History, County History, Irish History, Childhood, Family Involvement, Impact on Life, Ban on Foreign Games and Dances, Retirement
Interview Summary	<p>Martin talks about his involvement in the GAA with his home club, O’Hanrahans GAA, as well as CJ Kickhams, Kiltegan, Baltinglass, and Ballon, and with the county setups in Carlow and Wicklow. This involvement spanned from playing, to coaching to fundraising and he also organised a seminar entitled <i>How to Win</i> on behalf of the Wicklow County Board. He talks about his family’s involvement in the GAA, mentioning his uncles Tim and Martin, his brothers Seamus and Charlie, but paying particular attention to his cousin Ned Doogue and his career for O’Hanrahans, Carlow and Leinster.</p> <p>00.18 Martin introduces himself</p> <p>00.26 Martin’s son reads a prepared text on his behalf. Tells of his grandparents Johanna Haughney and Edward Neill and refers to the birth of his mother and her siblings. Mentions Queenstown.</p> <p>02.00 Talks about his uncles Tim and Martin ‘The Scorcher’ and their involvement in Graiguecullen GAA and the success of the club.</p> <p>02.45 Laments the fact that Graiguecullen left Carlow. Mentions Tommy Murphy and Mick Haughney.</p> <p>03.20 Remembers playing football on the road in his youth. Talks about the Marble Hill hurling team.</p> <p>04.00 Tells of the formation of the O’Hanrahan’s GAA club. Mentions Michael O’Hanrahan. Mentions the Irish Volunteers, the Gaelic League and the Workman’s Club.</p> <p>04.45 Talks about the club colours and describes early games. Tells of victories in 1921, 1927 and 1928. Talks about the difficulty some of the players experienced. Mentions his</p>

	<p>uncle Martin. Mentions Hacketstown Mick McQuaids GAA.</p> <p>05.48 Discusses his brother Seamus's involvement in the GAA in the 1930s. Mentions tennis. Mentions Declan Costello. Mentions the Leinster Junior Football Final in 1933. Mentions Tom Drakes Walker,</p> <p>06.54 Tells of the importance of Gaelic games during the Emergency. Refer to Foot and Mouth outbreak in 1941 and the championship of that year.</p> <p>07.55 Remembers Carlow playing in Leinster Finals in 1941 and 1944. Mentions Dublin. Mentions Jim Morris, Drakes Walker, Peeny Whelan and Jim A Rea. Mentions traveling on the crossbar of a bicycle. Mentions the Leinster Cup.</p> <p>09.30 Talks about his brothers cycling to matches. Tells of his cousin, Jimmy Doogue, walking to games.</p> <p>10.10 Tells of his friendship with Willie Hosey. Mentions golf, squash and tennis. Mentions Mickey Whelan, Jim Morris, Tim and Sr Hildegard. Mentions the Clan na nGael GAA in Dublin.</p> <p>11.10 Talks about the 1945 Leinster Railway Cup team and refers to an incident that happened in the final.</p> <p>11.39 Recalls his time playing with Carlow CBS and with O'Hanrahans. Mentions the Midland League.</p> <p>12.15 Stresses the importance of the GAA to him growing up. Mentions handball. Mentions his brother Charlie, Paddy Coyne, Jimmy Doogue and Martin Doogue.</p> <p>13.12 Remembers serving mass in the County Home and discussing GAA with the patients. Mentions Nan Conroy, Mutt Lennon.</p> <p>14.09 Talks about the Mullingar Crash. Refers to his time on the Carlow Minor team. Mentions George Smith, Hannah Hogan, Edward Moore, Joseph Egerton, Thomas Hade, Paddy Murphy.</p> <p>15.49 Recalls his suspension from Gaelic games. Refers to the Ban. Mentions Carlow Rugby Club.</p> <p>16.05 Tells of moving to Dublin and playing with CJ Kickhams GAA in the 1950s. Mentions Banba GAA, Clan na nGael GAA, College of Pharmacy GAA, An Garda GAA and St Josephs GAA. Mentions Kevin Heffernan, Mick Moylan, Dan O'Mahony and Jock Haughey.</p> <p>16.57 Talks about his success in the Inter-Firms competition.</p>
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	<p>Tells of going to see Carlow playing in Dublin. Mentions the National Football League Final 1954 against Mayo. Mentions Ned Doogue, Micheal O hEithir, Pdraig Carney, Tom Langan, Paddy Irwin, Sean Flanagan, Pax Connoly, Martin Molloy, Andy Murphy, Mick Whelan, Jim Hayes, Liam Hayes and Eamon Kehoe.</p> <p>19.05 Discusses the career of his cousin Ned Doogue. Tells of his victories in football with O'Hanrahans in 1951, 1954, 1958 and 1961 and in hurling with Carlow Town in 1961 and 1963. Mentions National League 1955, 1962, the the Players Cup 1962. Mentions Dinny Hyland, Niall Sheehy, Leo Murphy. Mentions pole vault. Mentions Kerry and Down. Mentions Shamrocks GAA.</p> <p>21.42 Recalls his retirement from playing. Remembers seeing the Dublin teams training in Parnell Park. Tells of his time in Dublin. Mentions Kevin Heffernan, Bernadette King, Fr PJ McDonnell, Fr McDyer. Refers to meeting his wife and starting a business in Baltinglass.</p> <p>22.58 Tells of becoming involved with Kiltegan GAA as a hurling trainer in 1972. Talks about the influence of Eddie Keher. Refers to subsequent success at Junior and Intermediate level. Mentions Hugh Byrne, John Timmons, Peter Kehoe.</p> <p>24.49 Talks about the <i>How to Win</i> seminar that he organised. Mentions the Burlington Hotel. Mentions Tom Loftus, Kevin Heffernan, David Hickey, Anton O'Toole, Robbie Kelleher, Fr Kevin O'Neill, Eddie Keher, Pat Henderson, Noel Skeeahan, Fr Tommy Murphy, Fran Larkin.</p> <p>26.13 Briefly refers to his time with the Wicklow senior hurling team. Mentions St Patricks College, Carlow. Tells of his time as chairman and underage trainer in Baltinglass GAA. Mentions Johnny Kenny, Kevin Moran and Paddy Gogarty. Mentions Manchester United.</p> <p>27.10 Remembers becoming involved in O'Hanrahans again. Tells how he commemorated the centenary of the GAA.</p> <p>27.48 Talks about his relationship with Baltinglass Golf Club and how he used to hold fundraisers there. Mentions Robert McHugh and Kevin O'Brien.</p> <p>28.30 Tells how he marked the occasion of Baltinglass GAA reaching an All-Ireland club final in 1990.</p> <p>28.53 Discusses the success of O'Hanrahans in the 1990s including County Intermediate success in 1997 and</p>
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	<p>subsequent Senior success at county and provincial level. Mentions Ned Doogue, Michael Dempsey.</p> <p>30.51 Recalls becoming involved with Ballon GAA. Mentions Mick O'Toole, Jim Morris, Jim KIELTY, Derval O'Rourke, Michael Doyle.</p> <p>31.28 Talks about the success of Castedermot GAA in 2004. Mentions Jack Higgins Cup. Mentions Har Wall, Dan O'Keeffe.</p> <p>31.50 Stresses the importance of Carlow county administrators. Mentions Willie O'Connor, Jim O'Brien, Jim English, Eddie Byrne, Pat Deering, Tommy O'Neill, Eddy Forde, Tommy Murphy, Sean Kelly. Refers to the Centre for Excellence in Carlow.</p> <p>32.46 Mentions notable O'Hanrahans and Carlow players Jim A Rea, Mickey Byrne, Maurice Doogue, Pim Quinlan, the English brothers, the Cavanagh brothers and Andrew Cordin. Mentions Jason Sherlock. Mentions the O'Byrne Cup.</p> <p>33.44 Talks about Ned Doogue again. Mentions Ned's mother, Agnes. Mentions Buenos Aires, Argentina.</p> <p>34.15 Talks about his respect for his parents. Tells of his father's interest in heritage, the Irish language, Gaelic games and all other aspects of Irish culture.</p> <p><i>24.15 Labhraíonn sé faoin meas atá aige ar a thuismitheoirí. Insíonn sé faoin tsuim a bhí ag a athair sa Ghaeilge, sna cluichí Gaelacha agus in oidhreacht agus i gcultúr na hÉireann.</i></p> <p>36.05 Talks about the importance of the GAA in his life.</p>
<p>Involvement in GAA</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input 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>Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p>Played football with O'Hanrahan's GAA Club, Carlow and won 2 minor championships, 1950 and 1951; Played with CJ Kickhams GAA Club in Dublin. Played with Arnotts in the Inter-Drapery League and won two Kickham Cups.</p>

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Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)	Committee member O'Hanrahan's GAA Club Carlow.
Format	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
Duration	Length of Interview: 00:36.21
Language	English

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Signed: Regina Fitzpatrick

Date: 12th July 2012