

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Arlene Crampsie
Date of Interview	15 th Dec 2010
Location	Interviewee's home, Kilrush, Co. Clare
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Jack Dunleavy
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1910 Home County: Clare
Education	Primary: CBS Kilrush, Co. Clare Secondary: CBS Kilsrush, Co. Clare
Family	Current Family: 6 daughters & 3 sons
Club(s)	Kilrush Shamrocks
Occupation	Shopkeeper
Parents' Occupation	ESB, Haypress Operator [Father]; Shopkeeper [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	Fianna Fáil
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

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Date of Report	13 th July 2012
Period Covered	Early 1920s – 2010
Counties/Countries Covered	Clare, Kerry, Cork
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Facilities, Playing, Training, Media, Emigration, Rivalries, Irish Language, County History, Irish History, Career, Alcohol, Violence, Ban on Foreign Games and Dances, Professionalism
Interview Summary	<p>Jack talks about his memories of the Kilrush Shamrocks club. He remembers the local football games in the 1920s, highlighting the excitement when the parish teams would win. He explains that this was often counter-balanced by disappointment at inter-county level with the Clare footballers. He talks through his own playing career for club and county. He also refers to his involvement in administration for the club and gives some insight into the characters on the County Board at the time. He recounts some of his favourite memories of the GAA and gives his ideas as to how the association has changed and how it should change.</p> <p>00:00 Introduction</p> <p>01:28 Jack remembers playing in the parish when he was young. Mentions Miltown and Kilkee. Talks about his own team, Kilrush Shamrocks GAA.</p> <p>03:15 Tells of playing in the Cricket Field, which was owned by the local landlord, Vandeleur. Explains why it had that name.</p> <p>05:21 Describes the club colours. Mentions Kilkee GAA. Remembers the jerseys and the footballs. Recalls being club secretary and buying the ball from the local hardware shop. Mentions Tom Chambers.</p> <p>09:25 Talks about Ennis and the benefit of having a big population. Refers to the history of hurling in the area.</p> <p>11:05 Tells of his parents' attitude to the GAA and explains how he got interested in football. Mentions horse racing and cricket. Mentions Reeves and Moneypoint.</p> <p>13:51 Remembers travelling to matches in a lorry. Mentions Kilkee, Miltown Malbay, Kilmihil, Cooraclare.</p> <p>16:10 Talks about what playing was like in his day. Refers to fights at games. Describes the interest in football at the time.</p>

	<p>Mentions Ryan's Corner.</p> <p>19:41 Describes the training for the club and county teams. Mentions Kerry.</p> <p>20:49 Talks about his playing career. Remembers winning a county championship and playing inter-county Minor football. Tells of people lining the field.</p> <p>22:46 Remembers the excitement when the parish would win. Refers to the difficulties of the county team. Mentions Cork and Kerry.</p> <p>25:17 Describes how he heard that he was going to play for the county. Remembers travelling by car to the inter-county games. Recalls some of the counties he played against.</p> <p>28:00 Criticises the selection process for the county team.</p> <p>30:12 Talks about a local band who met the local team when they beat Tuam GAA. Describes the crowd that were at that match.</p> <p>31:32 Talks about girls' interest in football then. Remembers the supporters and the intensity of the games.</p> <p>33:18 Discusses the club's links with the Clare county football team. Mentions the Munster Finals. Highlights the importance of training.</p> <p>36:29 Describes the difficulties running a club in the 1920s. Mentions the Black & Tans. Mentions World War Two.</p> <p>40:06 Explains why he never went to the All-Ireland and has never been to Croke Park. Talks about listening to games on the radio in Glynn's, the local merchant.</p> <p>43:27 Describes how he became involved in the club. Tells of staying involved after he stopped playing. Talks about the nature of the club committee. Mentions dances.</p> <p>47:23 Talks about his interest in the GAA when he stopped playing. Recalls the family shop. Mentions Tesco.</p> <p>49:16 Talks about his own sons' involvement. Explains why he never brought them to matches. Discusses the price of tickets. Describes the current state of the club pitch. Explains why he doesn't go to games anymore.</p> <p>54:05 Describes the administrative structures of clubs. Tells of his involvement in administration. Remembers the meetings. Talks about his responsibilities as chairman,</p>
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	<p>secretary. Mentions Ennis.</p> <p>58:00 Talks about players getting injured.</p> <p>59:29 Discusses the County Board at the time. Talks about the influence of Canon Hamilton. Refers to Tull Considine. Mentions Ennis.</p> <p>01:03:43 Remembers the County Board meetings. Recalls arguments between the clubs.</p> <p>01:07:30 Talks about the popularity of rugby and soccer in the area. Refers to the Ban. Mentions Croke Park.</p> <p>01:12:19 Recalls the games in Cooraclare. Refers to the drinking culture and the links between alcohol and the GAA. Remembers the music at the games.</p> <p>01:15:12 Briefly discusses his time as secretary and describes the nature of administrative roles in the club. Stresses the importance of change.</p> <p>01:17:30 Discusses the developments through which the club grounds have gone. Refers to the decline in standards in the club.</p> <p>01:19:34 Refers to the population in the area. Talks about emigration from the area.</p> <p>01:20:49 Gives his opinion on the idea of 'Pay for Play'.</p> <p>01:22:04 Recalls some of the games he has seen. Talks about this GAA hero, Johnny Carey.</p> <p>01:23:16 Remembers Kilrush beating Tuam in 1928. Remembers travelling to Ennis. Tells of his hopes for the future of the GAA at parish level.</p> <p>01:25:24 Stresses the importance of taking care of players when they get injured. Tells of changes he has seen in the GAA in his life.</p> <p>01:28:41 Talks about the role of the Irish language (Gaeilge) in the GAA.</p> <p>01:30:29 Laments not being able to travel far for a match. Mentions Kerry.</p> <p>01:32:10 Tells of the importance of the GAA in his life. Talks about football at parish level.</p>
<p>Involvement in GAA</p>	<p>✓ Supporter ✓ Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward</p>

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input checked="" 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)	Played from 1928 – 1939. Played on a lot of Kilrush teams that won the County Senior Championship. Also played with the Clare Minors.
Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)	Was involved in administration in the 1930s. He was club chairman, secretary and delegate to the county board.
Format	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
Duration	Length of Interview: 01:34:59
Language	English

To be filled in by Interviewer:

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Signed: _____ Arlene Crampsie _____

Date: _____ 13/07/12 _____