

## GAA Oral History Project

## Interview Report Form

<b>Name of Interviewer</b>	Jimmy Smyth
<b>Date of Interview</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2011
<b>Location</b>	Clan na Gael Club
<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	Noel O'Hagan Nickname-"Bumpy" Father of Barry John- All-Ireland winner 2002
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1952 <b>Home County:</b> Armagh
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> St. Peter's <b>Secondary:</b> St. Paul's
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> Family of 11. 6 Boys and 5 girls. 3 played at Clan na Gael at Senior level
<b>Club(s)</b>	Clan na Gael
<b>Occupation</b>	Area Manager-Northern Ireland Waterboard
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	Foreman [Father]
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	N/A
<b>Date of Report</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> August 2012
<b>Period Covered</b>	1962-1984
<b>Counties/Countries Covered</b>	Armagh
<b>Key Themes</b>	Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Managing,

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<p><b>Covered</b></p>	<p>Administration, Celebrations, Sponsorship, Role of the Club in the Community, Culture, All-Ireland, Earliest Memories, Childhood, Relationship with the Association, Economy/Economics</p>
<p><b>Interview Summary</b></p>	<p>Noel discusses playing at all levels of club football and for the Armagh county team. He discusses his involvement in the Clan na Gael club and GAA for almost fifty years and the pride he felt at watching his son play for winning Armagh team in the 2002 All-Ireland Senior Football Final. He goes on to talk about the developments at Clan na Gael and how the club and the wider GAA help to develop a positive future for the youth of today.</p> <p>00:31 Talks of starting to play at eleven years of age in Saint Paul's school and went on to their senior team at thirteen.</p> <p>01:17 Compares the facilities at his old school, Saint Peter's, and Saint Paul's and discusses Harry Haughey, the coach.</p> <p>02:37 Talks about Harry McGarry, "Mr Clan na Gael", and his coaching skills.</p> <p>03:30 Talks of Harry McGarry's death in 1993 and of managing the winning team in the McCaleb Cup and the pride felt by Barry McCabe when he brought the cup to Harry's widow Josie.</p> <p>04:08 Discusses his debut game with the Senior team in 1970 Championship Semi-final against Wolfstones, following in the footsteps of his brothers Jim and Sean. The game was played in Clann Eireann Park.</p> <p>04:26 Talks of scoring in this game and how the strict managers, Joe McAuley, Brian Seeley, Eddie Mathews and Jim B would not allow him to play in the final.</p> <p>05:02 Discusses Clan na Gael's successes in the Ulster Club Championships in the 1970's with wins in 1972, 1973 and 1974, and being beaten in the final in 1971 and 1976.</p> <p>05:14 Talks of their three losses in the Championship during the 70's. Crossmaglen mentioned.</p> <p>05:56 Talks of the enjoyment of playing but also looks back with sadness at never winning an All-Ireland.</p> <p>06:33 Discusses Eugene McGee, Manager of UCD, and their tactics against Clan na Gael.</p> <p>07: 33 Talks of being part of the Armagh team in 1977 and the injuries he sustained which left a vacancy for Peter</p>

	<p>Traynor to come into the team and assigned Noel to the bench.</p> <p>08:50 Talks of his return to club football and the success of Clan na Gael in the Championship in 1980 and 1981</p> <p>09:30 Speaks of the player during the 70's and earlier such as Jimmy Smyth, Colm McKinstrie, Broad Jim, Brian Seeley, John Green, Oliver Crew, Seamus Lavelle, Leonard McCarre.</p> <p>10:15 Discusses the recent Championships and the players, Kevin O'Hagan, Diarmuid Morrison, John Campbell, and Barry O'Hagan.</p> <p>10:41 Discusses the link between the Armagh Minor teams and the Clan na Gael teams over the years. The players such as Barry O'Hagan and Diarmuid Morrison and their successes in the Championships</p> <p>11:10 Talks of the Ulster Semi-final in the Marches, and being beaten by Scotstown.</p> <p>11:46 Talks of his time in managing the Clan na Gael team from 1991 to 1998 and again in 2000.</p> <p>12:20 Discusses his management style and the influence of Harry McGarry and Harry Haughey.</p> <p>13:00 Talks of the previous manager, Donald Traynor and compares their style and views.</p> <p>13:55 Talks of Diarmuid Morrison, Kevin O'Hagan and Barry O'Hagan playing in the minor team in 1992 All-Ireland Minor Final.</p> <p>14:11 Speaks of the pride in seeing his son, Barry O'Hagan, lifting the Sam Maguire Cup after Armagh won the 2002 All-Ireland Football Final in Croke Park, along with his teammate Diarmuid Morrison.</p> <p>15:51 Tells how this event led to him continuing his involvement in Club Football, moving from playing and then managing into Chairmanship of the Clan na Gael club.</p> <p>17:00 Discusses his views on the administrative side of football and how the county board meetings are left to Teddy Martin and Kevin Brady.</p> <p>17:20 Talks of focussing his efforts on developments within the club and Davitt Park and funding issues for these developments and the role played by Mr. McCausland.</p>
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	<p>19:20 Discusses what the GAA means to him and specifically what Clan na Gael means.</p> <p>20:00 Talks about giving the youth health and fitness and improve their lifestyle.</p> <p>20:23 Tells of the community benefits and how he has enjoyed his fifty year involvement in GAA.</p> <p>20:45 Speaks of the self esteem and purpose that the GAA give to the young.</p>
<b>Involvement in GAA</b>	<p><input 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 checked="" 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>
<b>Record as a Player</b> (Titles won; Length of time played)	8 Senior Championships, Ulster Senior Championship, 3 Ulster Club Championships.
<b>Record as an Administrator</b> (Positions held; how long for)	Chairman-7 years
<b>Format</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
<b>Duration</b>	Length of Interview: 00:21:06
<b>Language</b>	English

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_Jimmy Smyth\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_28/11/2011\_\_\_\_\_

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