

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Arlene Crampsie
Date of Interview	13 th April 2011
Location	John's home, Dingle, Co. Kerry
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	John Bambury
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1924 Home County: Kerry
Education	Primary: Presentation Monastery, Killarney, Co. Kerry
Family	Siblings: 1 sister and 5 brothers Current Family if Different: Married to Evelyn with 2 daughters and 5 sons (1 deceased)
Club(s)	Dr Crokes [Kerry]; Fermoy [Cork]; Castlemagner [Cork]; Kerins O'Rahillys [Kerry]; Dingle [Kerry]
Occupation	Apprentice Carpenter, Building Foreman, Vocational Teacher
Parents' Occupation	Psychiatric Nurse [Father]; Psychiatric Nurse [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	Golf

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Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Paddy Browne
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1938 Home County: Kerry
Education	Primary: St. Finian's NS, Burnham, Dingle, Co. Kerry Secondary: Dingle CBS, Co. Kerry
Family	N/A
Club(s)	Pearses; Dingle; Na hÁsaigh
Occupation	Farmer
Parents' Occupation	Farmers
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	Fine Gael
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	Agricultural Show Secretary; Choir

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Date of Report	17 th August 2012
Period Covered	1920s – 2011
Counties/Countries Covered	Kerry, Dublin, Americas, USA, Offaly
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Training, Administration, Celebrations, Fundraising, Volunteers, GAA Abroad, Rivalries, All-Ireland, Club History, Irish History, Earliest Memories, Childhood, Politics, Northern Ireland, The Troubles, Economy/Economics, Family Involvement, Role of Women, Role of Clergy, Role of Club in the Community
Interview Summary	<p>John and Paddy recall their earliest memories of the GAA. They discuss Gaelic football in Dingle and Killarney, and recall some of the characters involved in the GAA. They both recall trips to Dublin for matches, detailing modes of transport and places they visited. They discuss the history of the GAA in Dingle, detailing the street leagues that took place and recalling how the Dingle club was formed. They discuss administration in Kerry GAA, recounting some of the meetings that were held over the years. They also talk about the biggest changes they have seen in the GAA, and detail their best memories from their involvement in the Association. They discuss why Kerry football has been so successful and explain what their involvement in the GAA has meant to them, and conclude by discussing hurling in the Dingle area.</p> <p>00:00 Introduction</p> <p>00:37 John recalls his earliest memories of the GAA. Mentions Killarney. Recalls moving to Dingle. Discusses making footballs.</p> <p>02:24 John discusses playing with Dr Crokes. Mentions Billy Myers, Keohane, Tadgh Healy and Nellie Myers. Recalls playing illegally around the country. Mentions Ruby Walsh and a match in Fermoy in 1947. Also mentions Kanturk, Castlemagner. Recalls Dick Carmody. Mentions Paddy McCarthy from Limerick and match against Clonakilty.</p> <p>04:54 John discusses Tralee in 1950. Mentions John Dowling and Kerins O'Rahillys. Recalls story of getting lost on way to Mayo. Mentions Sonny Courtney playing for Ballintubber. Marked by Paddy Prendergast, Mayo full-back.</p> <p>08:23 Paddy recalls his earliest memories of the GAA. Recalls using a pig's bladders as a football. Recalls match against the Gaeltacht in Ballyferriter and the facilities that</p>

	<p>were available. Mentions the town teams Pearses and John Street. Also mentions Connors on Main Street and Poggen Griffins.</p> <p>10:11 Paddy recalls the story of when Pearses and John Street amalgamated and John Griffin declared for Lispole.</p> <p>11:10 John recalls Fr Driscoll and his role in the GAA.</p> <p>11:40 Paddy discusses the role of emigration in the GAA and also discusses the amalgamation of the two teams in Dingle.</p> <p>12:28 Paddy discusses playing facilities in his younger days.</p> <p>13:10 John discusses the Legion and Dr Crokes rivalry, mentions players such as Jackie and Dinny Lyne for Legion and Dan Kavanagh for Dr Crokes.</p> <p>13:34 Paddy mentions Canon Lyne and Canon Looney and their interest in Gaelic football. He also mentions a book re Dick Fitzgerald.</p> <p>14:32 They discuss the role of the Lyne family in Gaelic games. They mention Jackie, Dinny, Teddy and Fr Michael Lyne. Also mention Fr Paddy "Gega" Connors.</p> <p>15:50 Paddy discusses characters in the GAA, mentions Paddy Joe Donnelly; Tommy Ashe, Annascaul; Mikey O'Donnell, Castlegregory and Tommy Griffin from An Ghaeltacht.</p> <p>16:35 They recall characters in Dingle. Paddy mentions Anton Flannery, Sonny Brosnan ("The Kerryman"), Tipp Murphy and Patrick Crohns. Paddy recalls the fun in Gaelic football in his younger days. John mentions match between Dingle and Ardfert.</p> <p>19:47 John recalls the ghost train from Killarney to Dublin for All-Ireland finals. Mentions Fox Collins and Sean Donoghue. Recalls getting sideline seats for All-Ireland finals.</p> <p>22:53 John recalls Joe Smith, butcher in Killarney. Recalls walks to county finals from Killarney to Tralee. Mentions Judy Good in betting office in Killarney.</p> <p>24:53 Paddy recalls cycling to county finals from Dingle to Tralee.</p> <p>25:20 Paddy recalls first All-Ireland Final he attended 1955. Talks about 1960 Kerry v Down. Mentions Dr Jim Brosnan of Moyvane. Also mentions Mick Murphy from Ventry, Johnny Cullotty from Legion and Weeshie Fogarty. They recall Down</p>
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	<p>players such as Jim McCartan, Dan McCartan, Brian Morgan and Sean O'Neill.</p> <p>27:47 Paddy recalls travelling from Dingle to All-Ireland finals. Describes Dublin in the fifties and sixties, mentions Nelson's Pillar.</p> <p>29:27 Paddy recalls Munster Football Final in Athletic Grounds in Cork.</p> <p>30:05 John discusses the end of the ghost train. Mentions cars being used to go to Dublin. Recollects what Dublin was like. John recalls staying with cousins in Crumlin and cycling to Croke Park. They mention Barry's Hotel as a meeting point.</p> <p>32:35 John mentions Dr Eamon O'Sullivan and Denso Hurley. Discuss getting the patients in St. Finian's to help with the ground work at Fitzgerald Stadium. He discusses pitches and facilities in Killarney, and also mentions Lissivigeen.</p> <p>35:23 Paddy recalls local competitions that were organised. Discusses the playing gear that was used. John recalls playing gear in Killarney and how players were selected.</p> <p>38:03 Paddy compares medical facilities between his playing days and modern times. John recalls an injury he received while playing, mentions Dr Savage.</p> <p>40:40 Paddy compares training in his playing days with modern times. Mentions Paddy Bawn Brosnan and Barry's Hotel. John mentions Dr Eamon O'Sullivan. Also mentions Timmy Deas Brosnan. Paddy recalls Dr Eamon O'Sullivan's collective training methods, and mentions O'Donoghues Hotel.</p> <p>42:57 They discuss Dr Crokes' facilities.</p> <p>43:14 They recall the history of the Pearses GAA club in Dingle. Mention The Quay, John Street and Greys Lane. Mention Tipp Murphy and Jack Walsh, Borna, Ballymore and Ventry. Recall the formation of the Gaeltacht team – Dunquin to Brandon Creek. Mention the Grove and Conor Pass.</p> <p>44:55 Paddy recalls country people travelling into Dingle for matches.</p> <p>45:39 Paddy talks about the politics involved in selecting teams in Dingle.</p> <p>46:19 John recounts story concerning Joe Keohane and meeting of Kerry County Board. Mentions Frank King, then</p>
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	<p>chairman of county board, and Eamonn Young.</p> <p>49:27 They recalls John's sons Jimmy and Colm playing for Kerry. They recall their own playing careers.</p> <p>50:25 John talks about moving to Dingle from Killarney. They discuss his involvement with the West Kerry Board. John mentions Mick Galwey, Sean White, Thomas Connor and Pat Galvin.</p> <p>51:47 John talks about becoming a Kerry minor football selector. Paddy discusses the conventions that took place. He talks about the politics that involved. Mentions the Troubles in the North. John mentions the Flemings in the Legion, Killarney. Recalls David Fleming who was a hunger striker in Crumlin Road Jail – his brother Jimmy played for Legion. John also mentions Spa outside Killarney, a Casey girl from Ardfert and Liam Cotter.</p> <p>55:07 Paddy recalls 1972 Kerry County Board Convention held on the day that Bloody Sunday happened.</p> <p>55:37 They discuss their GAA administrative careers. Paddy discusses the amalgamation of Pearses and John Street, he mentions Dr Jim and Ned O'Loughlin, as well as Leo Brosnan. Recalls Dingle match in Gallarus against Knocknagoshel. Paddy recalls how the name and colours of the new team were picked.</p> <p>59:19 John recalls assisting in the building of dressing rooms for the club. Mentions Dr Jim.</p> <p>01:00:25 Paddy discusses clubs in the area. Mentions amalgamation of Dingle, Gaeltacht and Lispole into The Aisigs (na hÁsaigh). Recalls trip to America, matches in New York and Boston.</p> <p>01:01:11 Paddy recalls club trips to America. Mentions Springfield, the John Boyle O'Reilly Club. Recalls New York, John Kerry O'Donnell and Gaelic Park.</p> <p>01:02:28 John recalls competitions on St Stephens Day in Castlegregory. Mentions Derrymore, Camp, Aughacasla, Maharees, Brandon and Clahane. Paddy recalls golden oldies competition in Dingle.</p> <p>01:04:01 Paddy recalls fundraising efforts of the club down through the years. Discusses cost of entry to matches. They discuss the difference in preparation of teams from their time. Mention rugby and soccer.</p>
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	<p>01:06:11 Paddy recalls where Dingle committee meetings are and were held. Mentions Benners Hotel, Griffins and O'Connors. Mentions West Kerry Board meetings held in Castlegregory, Annascaul and Ventry.</p> <p>01:07:39 They discuss the role of the West Kerry Board. John discusses his role as chairman of the board, mentions Tom McCarthy of Annascaul. Paddy mentions issues that arose during meetings.</p> <p>01:12:58 They discuss Dingle's rivals. Mention Lispole, An Ghaeltacht, Annascaul, Castlegregory. They mention the Ó Sés with the Gaeltacht and the Doyles with Annascaul. Also mention Kerins O'Rahillys and Austin Stacks, as well as Dr Crokes.</p> <p>01:15:27 They discuss celebrations in Dingle when the team is successful. They mention Camp and Blennerville, as well as Fergus Flaherty's Town Band. They also discuss Fr Jackie McKenna. They mention a team called the Gaskins and Sheehy's field.</p> <p>01:18:21 They discuss the biggest changes they have seen in the GAA. Paddy mentions trial by television. John mentions The Ban and facilities for the youth. Paddy mentions Daingean Uí Chúis, ladies GAA team.</p> <p>01:21:14 They recall their best memories from their involvement in the GAA. John recalls Mick O'Connell and Paddy Kennedy. Paddy mentions Maurice Fitzgerald and his point against Dublin in Thurles in 2001. Also mentions 1982 All-Ireland Football Final defeat against Offaly, late goal by Seamus Darby. John talks about watching his grandchildren play.</p> <p>01:24:01 They recall their biggest disappointments with the GAA. They mention getting tickets for big matches. Paddy mentions 2000 All-Ireland Football Final replay, Kerry v Galway.</p> <p>01:26:51 They discuss the success of Kerry in Gaelic football.</p> <p>01:27:57 They explain what their involvement in the GAA has meant to them.</p> <p>01:29:52 They recall poems about the team. Mention "The Kerryman" who wrote songs. John recalls story concerning him, mentions Fred Sheehy and Canon Lyne,</p> <p>01:32:02 Paddy discusses parents on the sideline at matches. John talks about the role of parents in the GAA,</p>
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	<p>particularly mothers. Discusses volunteers in the GAA also.</p> <p>01:33:49 They discuss players' insurance.</p> <p>01:34:55 Paddy discusses hurling in Dingle. Mentions Enda O'Dowd from Clare and players such as Darragh O'Sullivan and Paul Guiney. Mentions Lixnaw also. He recalls Kerry beating Waterford in the Munster Hurling Championship in 1993. They discuss Joe O'Sullivan, hurler from the area and mention Noel Power from Waterford.</p>
<p>Involvement in GAA</p>	<p>John:</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p>Paddy:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input checked="" 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>John: Played from the age of 15 to 31. Won a North Cork Championship with Castlemagner.</p> <p>Paddy: Played for 5 years. Won a local juvenile medal.</p>
<p>Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p>John: Was involved in administration from the mid 1970s to c. 2001.</p> <p>Club: Chairman, Secretary</p> <p>West Kerry: Chairman and Delegate to County Board</p> <p>Paddy: Has been involved in administration since the 1940s / 1950s.</p> <p>Club: Secretary, Treasurer (with Pearses and Dingle when it was formed), PRO, Delegate to West Kerry Board</p> <p>West Kerry: Secretary, Assistant Secretary, PRO, Delegate to</p>

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Duration	Length of Interview: 01:38:27
Language	English

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Date: _____17/08/12_____