

GAA Oral History Project
Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Donal Fitzgibbon
Date of Interview	7 th Dec 2011
Location	South Court Hotel Limerick
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Michael O'Grady
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1942 Home County: Limerick
Education	N/A
Family	N/A
Club(s)	Mungret St Paul's GAA [Limerick]
Occupation	N/A
Parents' Occupation	N/A
Religion	N/A
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

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Period Covered	1960s – 2011
Counties/Countries Covered	Limerick
Key Themes Covered	Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Education, Role of Teachers, Role of the Club in the Community, Club History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood
Interview Summary	<p>In this very short interview, Michael O’Grady discusses hurling in Mungret through the decades. He talks about the lack of organised games for young people in the area when he was growing up and consequent flight of players to other clubs for their juvenile hurling. O’Grady provides a number of snapshots of GAA history in Mungret – he comments on a period when no club existed at all in the area; he comments also on the reformation of a club in Mungret and the success that immediately followed. The interview concludes with a damning comparison of the current generation of Mungret hurlers with those who went before.</p> <p>00:00:15 Michael O’Grady introduces himself as a member of Mungret/St. Pauls.</p> <p>00:00:20 Interviewer outlines involvement of the O’Grady family with the club.</p> <p>00:00:30 Talks about his early involvement in Gaelic games – mentions playing with Ballybrown due to the absence of underage team in Mungret; mentions parish leagues.</p> <p>00:01:05 Refers to absence of other social opportunities and to hurling as a ‘pastime’.</p> <p>00:01:15 Discusses hurling in school and the absence of organised games.</p> <p>00:01:35 Talks about involvement of Mungret players with other clubs in the absence of underage set-up.</p> <p>00:01:47 Recalls the re-formation of a club in Mungret and comments on a period in the 1950s when the area had no club, not pitches etc. Refers to a club in Kilcor.</p> <p>00:02:44 Discusses reformation of club in Mungret in 1960s and refers to influence of O’Donoghue.</p> <p>00:03:15 Mentions winning junior championship shortly after the re-formation.</p> <p>00:03:30 Talks about the Mungret team of the 1960s and</p>

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	today – refers to lack of the same ‘pride in parish’.
Involvement in GAA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input 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)	Captain Junior Hurling team winning county honours
Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)	Chairman Senior Club
Format	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
Duration	Length of Interview: 00:03:48
Language	English

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Signed: Donal Fitzgibbon

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