

## GAA Oral History Project

## Interview Report Form

<b>Name of Interviewer</b>	Regina Fitzpatrick
<b>Date of Interview</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2011
<b>Location</b>	Jimmy Hatton's home, near Newbawn, Co. Wicklow
<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	Jimmy Hatton (also present Jimmy's wife Rose)
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1934 <b>Home County:</b> Wicklow
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Kilcoole NS; CBS Greystones Co. Wicklow
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 1 brother & 7 sisters <b>Current Family if Different:</b> Wife (Rose), 2 sons & 2 daughters
<b>Club(s)</b>	St Patrick's GAA, Kilcoole [Wicklow]
<b>Occupation</b>	Company Rep for Clothing Company
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	Farmer Labourer [Father]; Housewife [Mother]
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	None
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	Pioneers Total Abstinence Association

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<b>Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)</b>	Jimmy Gammell
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1929 <b>Home County:</b> Wicklow
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Kilcoole NS, Co. Wicklow <b>Secondary:</b> Technical School, Bray, Co. Wicklow
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 2 brothers & 2 sisters <b>Current Family if Different:</b> Wife (Therese), 2 sons & 1 daughter
<b>Club(s)</b>	St Patrick's GAA, Kilcoole [Wicklow]
<b>Occupation</b>	Salesman
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	Small Builder [Father]; Housewife [Mother]
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	Labour Party
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	Bray Golf Club

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<b>Date of Report</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2012
<b>Period Covered</b>	1930s – 2011
<b>Counties/Countries Covered</b>	Wicklow, Dublin, Great Britain, England, Americas, USA, Tipperary, Offaly, Carlow, Limerick, Kilkenny, Kerry, Wexford
<b>Key Themes Covered</b>	Travel, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Refereeing, Administration, Celebrations, Fundraising, Religion, Emigration, Role of Women, GAA Abroad, Rivalries, Club History, Career, Violence, Ban on Foreign Games and Dances, Professionalism, Retirement, Purchase of Grounds, Economy/Economics
<b>Interview Summary</b>	<p>Jimmy Hatton and Jimmy Gammell discuss their backgrounds and involvement in the GAA in Kilcoole. They recall the history of the GAA in Kilcoole, and discuss the history of the club. They talk about playing facilities in their younger days, and how they have improved in modern times. They recall the economic circumstances that existed when they were growing up in Kilcoole, and discuss the social demographics of the area. They both discuss the difference between the Wicklow club and inter-county scenes. They also talk about the introduction of hurling to the Kilcoole area. Jimmy Hatton recalls his refereeing career, providing various anecdotes from his time with the whistle and explaining what makes a good referee. Jimmy Hatton also discusses his administrative career in the GAA, and talks about various issues, including The Ban. He concludes by talking about changes he has seen in the GAA and discussing his hopes for the future of Wicklow GAA.</p> <p>00:45 Jimmy Hatton discusses his background in the GAA, mentions Kilcoole. Discusses his parents and their interest in the GAA. Talks about playing Gaelic football at Greystones CBS. Mentions playing with Newtownmountkennedy and winning the Dublin Wicklow Man's Cup. Mentions Brother Buckley and his role in training Gaelic football teams at school. Discusses rivals, mentions Kilmacanogue. Mentions Tommy Hamilton from Bray who went on to play for Manchester United. Also mentions Kilcoole, Greystones and Bray, as well as The Ban.</p> <p>05:17 Jimmy Gammell discusses his background in the GAA. Mentions Kilcoole and Graigecullen in Carlow where his father played. He also mentions Éire Óg in Carlow as well as Mr Carney, a schoolteacher who was involved in the GAA.</p>

	<p>Describes the economic situation when attending school. Recalls getting train from Kilcoole to Wicklow for a schools match against De La Salle.</p> <p>09:53 Jimmy Gammell discusses his father's playing career.</p> <p>10:32 Jimmy Hatton discusses the history of the GAA in Kilcoole.</p> <p>11:05 Jimmy Hatton discusses other sports in the area that were played, mentions cricket. Also mentions greyhound racing.</p> <p>11:50 They discuss sports days, and gymkhanas.</p> <p>12:03 They discuss the economic circumstances of the area when they were growing up, speaking about it in the context of sports played/participated in.</p> <p>12:29 Jimmy Gammell discusses greyhound racing in his younger days.</p> <p>13:04 They discuss the economic situation in the area when growing up. Mention the proximity to Greystones. Talk about employment in the area.</p> <p>14:26 Jimmy Gammell recalls how he was the only payer on the 1958 Kilcoole championship winning side to have a car. Mentions working at Bolands.</p> <p>15:20 Jimmy Gammell recalls hearing planes overhead during World War Two on the night Dublin was bombed.</p> <p>15:54 Jimmy Hatton recalls Kilcoole's 1949 Intermediate Championship win, played at The Murrough. Recalls cycling to the match with his brother Danny and a friend.</p> <p>16:38 Jimmy Gammell recalls team travelling in Fred Maher's lorry to matches. Mentions heading to a match in Ashford. Also recalls cycling to matches, hiring bicycles in Greystones.</p> <p>17:25 Jimmy Gammell recalls the poverty of the area when growing up. Mentions Martin O'Neill of Bray.</p> <p>18:15 They recall fields they played in. Jimmy Gammell mentions The Murrough, also mentions Ashford. They describe the facilities that were available, comparing them with modern times.</p> <p>19:44 Jimmy Gammell recalls fundraising efforts. Mentions Mrs Green.</p> <p>20:30 Jimmy Gammell recalls the first time he played in</p>
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	<p>Aughrim, Wicklow v Roscommon. Jimmy Hatton compares Gaelic football in his playing days with modern times, mentions Kilcoole. They recall junior hurling final in Ashford.</p> <p>22:50 They discuss religion and the GAA. Jimmy Hatton recalls a Protestant who played on one of the local teams. Jimmy Gammell mentions Jimmy Hunt and discusses educational improvements.</p> <p>24:23 Jimmy Hatton discusses the issue of grounds for GAA clubs. Recalls Kilcoole using farmers' fields. Jimmy Gammell mentions Walford's field.</p> <p>26:01 Jimmy Hatton discusses Kilcoole opening their own pitch in 1984. Jimmy Hatton mentions plans to improve facilities there. He compares modern playing facilities with his own playing days.</p> <p>27:13 Jimmy Hatton discusses Kilcoole's record in Wicklow. Mentions Bray, Greystones, Newtownmountkennedy and Kilmacanogue. Explains why the team was so successful. Jimmy Gammell recalls the preparations that the team undertook. Mentions Bert Lang and boxing.</p> <p>29:24 They recall the reaction in the village if the team lost. Jimmy Gammell mentions a match against St Vincents of Dublin.</p> <p>30:29 Jimmy Gammell discusses hurling in Kilcoole. Mentions Michael Lee from Tipperary and recalls camogie in Kilcoole</p> <p>31:04 Jimmy Hatton discusses playing schedule in his younger days.</p> <p>31:52 Jimmy Hatton discusses the introduction of hurling to Kilcoole. He mentions Greystones, Franklins and Coughlans as well as Ned Foley.</p> <p>33:27 Jimmy Hatton recalls playing his first hurling match for Wicklow, against Carlow at the Show grounds in Tullow. Recalls playing hurling with his sisters.</p> <p>34:52 They discuss camogie in the area. Jimmy Hatton mentions his sister Teresa.</p> <p>35:35 Jimmy Hatton recalls his selection for Wicklow. Jimmy Gammell discusses the difference between playing for the village and playing for the county.</p> <p>38:33 They discuss the difference between the club and county scene in Wicklow. Jimmy Gammell mentions John Timmons. They discuss the geographical division in Wicklow.</p>
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	<p>They mention Blessington and Baltinglass, and they also talk about Bray and soccer in the town. They mention Dinny O'Leary and St Patricks of Wicklow Town.</p> <p>42:31 Jimmy Hatton recalls celebrations when Kilcoole won.</p> <p>43:19 Jimmy Hatton discusses emigration in the area and its effects on the club.</p> <p>43:57 They recall playing for clubs in Dublin. Jimmy Gammell mentions Peadar Mackens and playing against Simon Deignan. He also mentions Bolands bakeries.</p> <p>45:41 Jimmy Hatton discusses playing illegally.</p> <p>46:41 They discuss first aid at matches in their playing days. Jimmy Hatton recalls an injury sustained during matches in Portaferry and Bray. Mentions insurance policy that was in operation then.</p> <p>53:00 Jimmy Hatton recalls working in the drapery trade. Mentions the Kickham Cup.</p> <p>54:19 Jimmy Gammell recalls playing with Mackens in Dublin.</p> <p>54:36 Jimmy Hatton discusses the Kickham Cup.</p> <p>55:01 Jimmy Hatton discusses his Wickow playing career before discusses his refereeing career.</p> <p>55:42 Jimmy Gammell recalls moving to England.</p> <p>56:53 Jimmy Gammell mentions All-Ireland Football Final, Kerry v Cork.</p> <p>57:16 J Gammell discusses his time in England. Mentions Hanwell and Kilburn.</p> <p>57:35 They discuss the end of Jimmy Gammell's playing career.</p> <p>57:57 Jimmy Hatton discusses the ethos in his playing days re players going down injured. Jimmy Gammell recalls a match against Blessington, mentions Jack Point.</p> <p>59:22 They discuss the reputation of the Kilcoole team in their playing days. Jimmy Hatton mentions Kilkenny losing to Tipperary in 2010 All-Ireland Hurling Final.</p> <p>1:00:57 Jimmy Hatton recalls his refereeing career. Mentions Jim Brophy, Simon Deignan from Cavan and Sean Farrell from Kilkenny. Recalls refereeing National Hurling League match between Carlow and Limerick. Recalls attending</p>
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	<p>refereeing training course. Discusses the differences between refereeing hurling and football. Explains what makes a referee. Talks about progression in his career as a referee.</p> <p>1:07:42 Jimmy Hatton recalls matches he refereed. Mentions Wexford v Waterford league match in Gorey. Mentions Seán Óg Ó Ceallacháin and John D Hickey newspaper report. Also mentions Jimmy Kavanagh.</p> <p>1:10:03 Jimmy Hatton recalls his preparations before refereeing a match.</p> <p>1:10:42 Jimmy Hatton discusses his style of officiating. Recalls being assaulted at a match in Wicklow.</p> <p>1:12:49 Jimmy Hatton compares and contrasts refereeing and playing.</p> <p>1:13:57 Jimmy Hatton discusses mistakes he made while refereeing. Recalls only occasion he backed down on a decision.</p> <p>1:16:25 Jimmy Hatton talks about managing players on a field when refereeing. Discusses using discretion.</p> <p>1:18:42 Jimmy Hatton discusses changes in player behaviour down through the years. Recalls match in Carlow.</p> <p>1:20:24 Jimmy Hatton recalls incident while refereeing match at Nowlan Park between Kilkenny and Wexford. Mentions Paul Lynch of Wexford.</p> <p>1:23:10 Jimmy Hatton recalls refereeing a match between Kilcoole and St Kevins of Bray.</p> <p>1:24:27 Jimmy Hatton recalls refereeing in San Francisco on All Stars tour in 1972. Mentions staying in San Francisco with John O'Neill and O'Neills from Dunlavin, West Wicklow. Also mentions John Hart in LA.</p> <p>1:27:20 Jimmy Hatton discusses refereeing awards he received.</p> <p>1:28:10 Jimmy Hatton recalls repairing footballs in his younger days.</p> <p>1:30:03 Jimmy Hatton recalls playing with a man who was in the IRA - Patsy Phelan.</p> <p>1:31:20 Jimmy Hatton discusses the development of camogie in Kilcoole in the 1980s. Mentions centenary year and Paul Kelly. Also mentions ladies football.</p>
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	<p>1:33:31 Jimmy Hatton recalls his administrative career with Kilcoole. Discusses the role of treasurer. Mentions organising a fundraising dance during The Ban.</p> <p>1:36:55 Jimmy Hatton discusses the Ban in the area and how it was enforced.</p> <p>1:37:38 Jimmy Hatton explains what his involvement in the GAA has meant to him. His wife Rose describes his commitment to Gaelic games. Jimmy Hatton recalls his brother-in-law bringing him to Croke Park in his younger days.</p> <p>1:39:57 Jimmy Hatton recounts story concerning his brother-in-law, Joe McCormack.</p> <p>1:39:55 Jimmy Hatton describes ending his refereeing career.</p> <p>1:40:38 Jimmy Hatton discusses the greatest players he has seen. Mentions Eddie Keher and Mick O'Connell.</p> <p>1:41:18 Jimmy Hatton recalls the first time he retired from refereeing and explains why he came back to refereeing.</p> <p>1:42:33 Jimmy Hatton discusses changes he has seen in the GAA. Mentions the GPA and professionalism.</p> <p>1:43:35 Jimmy Hatton discusses his hopes for Wicklow GAA in the future. Mentions Mick O'Dwyer.</p>
<p><b>Involvement in GAA</b></p>	<p><b>Jimmy Hatton:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manager <input checked="" 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 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><b>Jimmy Gammell:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input 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><b>Record as a Player</b> (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p><b>Jimmy Hatton:</b> Played with Kilcoole NS and Greystones CBS and won 1948 North Wicklow Juvenile League. Won Wicklow U16 Football Championship playing with Newtownmountkennedy (1950); played minor football with Newtownmountkennedy. Played senior football with Kilcoole</p>



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	<p>for 30 yrs. Won West Wicklow Senior Football Championship (1954); also played championship junior hurling.</p> <p>Played Senior Hurling and Senior Football for Wicklow (1955-65)</p> <p><b>Jimmy Gammell:</b> Played Senior Football with Kilcoole (10 year); won 1954 Wicklow Senior Football Championship; played senior football for Wicklow (3 years)</p>
<b>Record as an Administrator</b> (Positions held; how long for)	<p><b>Jimmy Hatton:</b> Coached camogie teams in the 1980s; treasurer of Kicoole GAA (20 years)</p> <p><b>Jimmy Gammell:</b> Kilcoole GAA committee member (1945 – 55/6)</p>
<b>Format</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
<b>Duration</b>	Length of Interview: 01:44:36
<b>Language</b>	English

**To be filled in by Interviewer:**

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Signed: Regina Fitzpatrick

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2012