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NAME: DESMOND O'NEILL AGE 85, SEAMOUNT ROAD, MALAHIDE

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 1

Subject: Farming in Kinsealy

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 52:11

**Description:** Both Kinsealy Hall and Kinsealy House were owned by Desmond O'Neill's family until the properties were sold in 1998. His grandfather bought an additional farm at Artane which was bequeathed to the Catholic Church in 1939. Desmond spoke of the many changes in farming traditions and practices, of the changing of the seasons from setting to harvesting, of selling at the Dublin markets and of local placenames. He has clear memories of hard times during the Economic War in the 1930's and he recalls the experience of parting with the land at Kinsealy, which brought to an end a long line of the O'Neill family in the area.



NAME: RITA FOLEY, AGE 69, KINSEALY

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 2

Subject: Des Foley remembered

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 60:02

**Description:** Rita Foley is a native of Malahide. She married Des Foley from Kinsealy whom she had known since they were teenagers. Des was a great footballer for Dublin, he stood for the local elections in 1965 and was elected for North Co. Dublin. He followed his father Paddy Foley's example when he invested in land in Dunshaughlin. Paddy also ran a courier business in the city and county of Dublin. He had 20 drays pulled by horses, which were in use until the introduction of lorries to the business. Rita remembers her young days in Malahide as she looked through some old photographs and she recalled with pride her prowess at hockey when she played for Loreto School. She is also very proud of the two medals which Des won for football and hurling matches played on the same day! She recalled her husband's strong friendship with their neighbour, former Taoiseach, the late Charles Haughey.



NAME: MICHAEL HURLEY, AGE 58, 48 ABBEY PARK, BALDOYLE

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 3

Subject: Recollections of a local historian

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 56:29

**Description:** Michael Hurley recalls his father, who was a native of Arklow, Co. Wicklow and who worked in Weights and Measures for North Co. Dublin. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Prendergast from Mayo, settled in Baldoyle in 1939. Michael's knowledge of his local area is all embracing and it is a joy to listen as he describes in great detail the golf course, the racecourse, the fishermen and their boats, the sailmakers, netmakers and carpenters, the local characters and old family names of the area. He also listed some of the slang words native to Baldoyle.



NAME: MARGARET THORPE, AGE 89, 46 MAIN STREET, SWORDS (Part 1)

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 4

Subject: Far reaching memories

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 56:59

**Description:** Margaret Thorpe lives in one of the most interesting old cottages in Swords, situated right in the middle of the Main Street. She has lived here for 60 years. Her childhood was spent in a labourer's cottage as her father worked for the Earl Fitzwilliam Estate. She recalls in wonderful detail the polished brasses on the horses and the mannerisms of the staff and gentry. She began work as a parlour maid for Lady Lawless at Newcastle, Co. Kildare. Her long memories reach back to the Troubles in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. She married John Thorpe who was the son of the RIC Officer in Swords and she recalls Swords in earlier times, the people, shops, pubs, festivals and the children's orphanage.



NAME: MARGARET THORPE, AGE 89, 46 MAIN STREET, SWORDS, (Part 2)

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 5

Subject: Recollections of times past

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 59:13

**Description:** This recording was made in the comfort of Margaret Thorpe's lovely old cottage in Swords, in the company of Alice Dow. The two ladies have been best of friends for a long time, having worked together in the Eastern Health Board for thirty years. They spoke about the earlier divisions between people of the Catholic and Protestant faiths and recalled their own upbringing in the Protestant tradition. They spoke of the Mummers, the tinkers, the impoverished people, old street names and visitors to the village over the years.



NAME: ALICE DOW, AGE 81, 26 CHURCH ROAD, SWORDS

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 6

Subject: A life rich in memories

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 48:57

**Description:** Alice Dow lives at the gate lodge in the grounds of St. Columbanus Protestant Church, where her late husband Robert was sexton and caretaker of the Parish Hall and school grounds. Alice, nee Byrne, grew up in Clontarf, part of a family of twelve children. She began work at 14 sewing for Noel's of Grafton Street and later worked at various employments. She was very shy of revealing the fact that in 1947 she was the deserving winner of the Dawn Beauty Competition.



NAME: MARY LEONARD LOWNDES, AGE 72, SWORDS

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 7

Subject: The life of a Dressmaker

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 44:47

**Description:** Mary Leonard Lowndes had a busy childhood helping out in her family's farm in Rush at a time when there was no running water, electricity or radio. Later she served her time for three years with Melia Foley, who was a dressmaker, before she set up her own dressmaking business in Swords. She was kept busy making coats, suits and carrying out alterations to wedding dresses and she vividly recalls the changing fashions of the 1940s, '50s and '60s. Mary's husband Joseph had a vegetable round and spent much of his time loading up brussels sprouts, potatoes, cabbage and lettuce from the



farmers in Rush.

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NAME: BERNADETTE MARKS, AGE 70, SWORDS  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 8  
Subject: Local accents and mannerisms  
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 71:13

**Description:** Bernadette Marks is very much involved with the Historical Society and works on local history in the old Carnegie Library building. She describes her first employment in the Government Employment Agency in Middle Abbey Street, in the 1960s. In the 1980s, she was involved in a FAS project in Swords, which provided her with a rare opportunity to study the dialect and the various accents of the locality.



NAME: J. C. SAVAGE, AGE 65, SWORDS  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 9  
Subject: Profile of an Achiever  
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 41:47

**Description:** The Savage family has lived in the Swords area for over 200 years and J.C. Savage traces his long family history. The family was always involved in transport, including the hackney and mail business. J.C. spoke about his own life, his schooling, his marriage, his relationship with his father and taking over the business. He also recalled his sporting days with St. Colmcille's, the growth of the supermarket business and his luck with the horses.





NAME: LAURENCE HUDSON, AGE 91, HOWTH  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 10  
Subject: A Fisherman's Story  
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 72:24  
**Description:** Laurence Hudson grew up in Church



Street, Howth. His knowledge of fishing and the industry knows no bounds, as is obvious when he speaks of his life on the fishing boats, fishing for herring, mackerel and lobster. He recalls the sale of the fish to outlets of D'Olier Street and Moore Street, Watson's in Westmoreland Street and the South City Market. He speaks fluently about the terminology associated with the fishing industry and the women who worked on the pier gutting the fish – 'the gutter girls'. He recalls the Scottish fishermen who followed the mackerel up the eastern sea shore until their arrival at Howth and he speaks about the real dangers of working at sea.

NAME: CHRISTY O'ROURKE, AGE 83, HOWTH  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 11  
Subject: The life of a Fisherman  
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 49:13

**Description:** Christy O'Rourke recalls his life's involvement with fishing in the Howth area. He fished for lobster, herring and mackerel. He also recalled the arduous work of the women in the gutting and cleaning of the fish. Christy's story also includes recollections of his years spent in the Merchant Navy, in what is a most informative and interesting recording.



NAME: BRIAN DOYLE, AGE 72, HOWTH  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 12  
Subject: Reminiscences of a Fisherman's life  
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 54:31

**Description:** Brian Doyle was born into a family steeped in the fishing tradition – the families of both of his parents were involved in fishing. He lovingly recalled the steam drifter which was his grandfather's boat. The recording includes Brian's recollections of the magnificent herring fishing of earlier days, which attracted people from Kerry, Cork and other counties, who came to live in the Howth area. The dangers of life on the sea are set out clearly in the recording.



NAME: MICHAEL DORE, AGE 72 AND EILEEN DORE, AGE 66, MALAHIDE

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 13

Subject: Discussion on hardworking lives

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 54:29

**Description:** Michael and Eileen Dore recalled the difficult circumstances surrounding their upbringing. Eileen Sheridan grew up in a large family in Sutton Cross. Her father was employed as a ploughman by the Howth Castle Estate and her mother had to rear her large family alone when he died when Eileen was aged 11. Michael grew up in Capel Street and he gained employment as an upholsterer with Louis Clanes, off Henry Street. In later years, he was employed by the OPW working as an upholsterer of antique furniture.



NAME: HENRY MAUDE, AGE 83, CLONTARF

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 14

Subject: Childhood in Swords

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 28:56

**Description:** Henry Maude grew up in Swords and he retains vivid memories of his investigations of the underground passageways which lead from the Castle to the Round Tower. He recalls the farmers of Rush coming to Swords on Market Day, the sports which included tennis and cricket and the divisions in the community between Catholics and Protestants. He speaks about his own profession as an optician and the changes in that profession over the years. Henry's father was a founder member of the Fingal Historical Society.



NAME: GEORGE BUTLER, AGE 91, MONKSTOWN  
(Part 1)

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 15

Subject: Innovation in sound and radio

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 70:43

**Description:** Since his early youth George Butler was fascinated by radio. He grew up in Howth and reminisces about the steam trawlers, the Scottish fishermen who followed the shoals of herring up the East coast and the women who worked at the gutting and barrelling of the fish. George's father was involved in the musical trade and was put out of business when the Black and Tans blew up the premises at No. 2 Abbey Street. George's first introduction to Radio Eireann was in Henry Street and his show was broadcast for several years. Prior to the war years, he developed an amplifier for public address, which was later used in the Mansion House and in Guinness's.



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NAME: GEORGE BUTLER, AGE 91, MONKSTOWN  
(Part 2)

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 16

Subject: Public address systems in Northern Ireland

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 58:39

**Description:** In this recording, George Butler recalls the war years in Ireland and shares his vivid memories of cycling with a friend to Belfast to look for work. Due to his expertise with electronics he obtained employment at an airfield in Northern Ireland. He worked in 27 Army stations in the North, at Stormont and City Hall, until at wars end his employment was terminated.



NAME: DR. ART McGANN, AGE 84, CLONTARF (Part 1)

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 17

Subject: Memories of a retired Dentist

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 69:20

**Description:** Dr. Art McGann has lived his entire life in the Clontarf area and in the recording he recalls his schooldays and his education by the Christian Brothers. His father was a Clare man who worked in the Post Office in Belfast and was a member of the United Protestant and Catholic Gaelic Workers Union. He was a personal friend of Roger Casement. Art recalls his father's activities during the Troubles. He also speaks about sporting activities and education in the Clontarf area, about St. Vincent's Club and about his dentistry practice at which he worked for half a century.



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NAME: DR. ART McGANN, AGE 84, CLONTARF (Part 2)

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 18

Subject: A retired dentist reminisces

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 29:17

**Description:** In this recording Dr. McGann talks about the troubles in Northern Ireland during the bleak days of the 1970s and 80s, and he sets the political background to events there. He also recalls with satisfaction the many local people who were patients in his practice over the years, with whom he maintains a lasting friendship.



NAME: MICHAEL GAFFNEY, AGE 92, MALAHIDE  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 19  
Subject: Life in Malahide in the early 1900's  
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 63:51

**Description:** Michael Gaffney was an only child whose father died when he was very young. From the age of six he was brought up by his mother, a very determined woman, who ran a small shop at the top of Hill Road. There she sold vegetables which she had grown. While browsing through some old photographs, Michael recalled the days when he would bring a cartload of cabbages to the Dublin Market. He remembers clearly the travelling groups who performed on the village green and he recalls the people and the various areas of his native place.



NAME: PHIL O'SHEA, AGE 62, 4 WOODLAWN, MALAHIDE  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 20  
Subject: Malahide recalled  
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 52:55

**Description:** Phil O'Shea's maiden name was Walsh. Her late husband Tom O'Shea was Vice Principal of the local boarding school run by the Oblate Order, which was recently closed. Phil spoke eloquently about her memories of the importance of that school and she describes her involvement with the Community Council and the Tidy Towns Competition in Malahide. The sale of Malahide castle and its contents was recalled. Phil has a remarkable store of information about the Talbot family and the history of the castle.



NAME: DONNCHA O'DONNABHAIN , AGE 93, 12 ST. MARGARET'S PARK, MALAHIDE

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 21

Subject: Reminiscences of a schoolteacher

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 59:07

**Description:** Ardfield, near Clonakilty, Co. Cork was the birthplace of Donncha O'Donnabhain and is a place where his family had a long tradition of school teaching. He moved to Dublin in 1952 and taught in Swords until 1981. He has lived in Malahide since 1961. He recalls the difficulties and the food shortages during the Emergency period and the self-sufficiency of the people at that time. He speaks with passion of his love of the Irish language and his interest in local accents and mannerisms.



NAME: ROGER GREEN, AGE 71, 121 MILLVIEW LAWNS, MALAHIDE

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 22

Subject: The Royal Insurance Company recalled

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 41:43

**Description:** Roger Green is originally from Youghal, Co. Cork and he was educated by the Christian Brothers at Trim, Co. Meath. He joined the Royal Insurance Company based at 45 Dame Street, Dublin as a Junior Clerk. He clearly recalls the regime in the Company which was very much influenced by the British model. He speaks about his promotion to the position of Senior City Inspector within the Company. He has always loved the sea and is a member of the Sailing Club at Malahide.



NAME: PAULINE McCORDY, AGE 71, CHURCH ROAD, MALAHIDE

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 23

Subject: An Anglo-Irish Family

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 44:29

**Description:** Pauline McCordy's surname before marriage was Michael and her family came originally from Northern Ireland. She describes her grandfather William Michael's success as a property entrepreneur. Pauline's father worked as a General Practitioner in Malahide and was a member of the Plymouth Brethren. She creates a vivid word picture of her sheltered upbringing and her privileged position, which was very far removed from the children of the local community. She recalls that world in which she was pampered by the domestic staff, at a time so far removed from today.



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NAME: AUSTIN GORGAN, AGE 69, PORTMARNOCK

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 24

Subject: An Achiever in Profile.

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 42:00

**Description:** Austin Gorgan was born into a large family in Ringsend and he recalls his father's service in World War 1. Austin always had an ambition to succeed in life and he joined the Irish Civil Service Building Society in 1960, where he remained for 41 years. He recalls the many clubs in which he was involved, the Golf Club, the Gentlemen's Club, the Freemasons and the United Services Club. He has lived in Portmarnock since 1973.





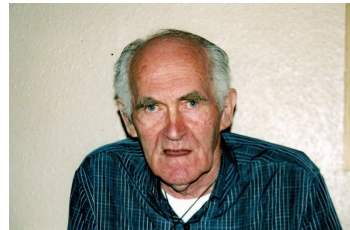
NAME: JOHN GILBRIDE, AGE 67, SKERRIES  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 25  
Subject: A teacher's involvement in political life  
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 45:41

**Description:** John Gilbride was born into a very politically strong family in Sligo and having qualified as a teacher, he moved to Balbriggan where he taught Irish and other subjects in the VEC there. He became a member of the Fianna Fail party and was involved in Local Government for many years. He speaks in some depth about the period when Charles Haughey was Taoiseach, about the gun-running, the split in the party and corruption within the party.



NAME: JOE CLINTON, AGE 65, MARGARETSTOWN, SKERRIES (Part 1)  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 26  
Subject: A passion for local tradition  
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 68:01

**Description:** Joe Clinton was born into a farming background and retains a deep interest in local history. He has collected a great quantity of local information and some most interesting stories. He provides a running commentary on practices in farming, the sporting traditions, the era of 'The Big House' and he recites a story he compiled about his own upbringing.



NAME: JOE CLINTON, AGE 65, MARGARETSTOWN, SKERRIES (Part 2)  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 27  
Subject: A passion for local tradition  
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 56:25

**Description:** While on location in several local places of interest, including Shady Lane, Ballonil, Darcystown and Strifeland, Joe Clinton provides a fascinating narrative. A most interesting visit was paid to Ardgillan Castle, the estate of the Taylors and the legacy of the game of cricket in the area was discussed.



NAME: CHRISTY NULTY, AGE 83, NAUL (Part 1)  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 28  
Subject: A real sense of place  
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 47:18

**Description:** Christy Nulty lives the good life of a bachelor in an old cottage in the village on farming land on which stands the deCoursey's Castle. Joe Clinton was also present for this recording in which Christy retraces the farming family names which are deeply rooted in this area. He speaks about his involvement in cross-country running and exhibits incredible recall of local place-names and knowledge of farming practices which relate to fruit growing.



NAME: CHRISTY NULTY, AGE 83, NAUL (Part 2)  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 29  
Subject: A real sense of place  
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 42:44

**Description:** In this recording Christy Nulty, accompanied by Joe Clinton, traversed his land and visited the castle and the steep cliff near the village. Christy recounts the folklore associated with the area, including a story about a hermit's cave and the family of deCoursey. A visit was paid to the limekiln, the graveyard, the renovated ruins of the church and the burial place of the Hon. Edward Hussey who funded the building of the church in 1710. The church was never in use.



NAME: CHRISTY NULTY, AGE 83, NAUL (Part 3)  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 30  
Subject: A real sense of place  
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 60:10

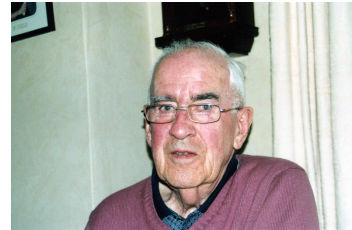
**Description:** Events in the turbulent and historic year of 1798 were recalled in this recording with Christy Nulty, who is an extremely well informed man. The Land Wars and Parnell's involvement were also recalled. Local customs and beliefs, the tradition of the Mummerys, Christy's three uncles who were involved in the Fife and Drum Band and the local hurling team were all apportioned their time and place.



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NAME: WILLIE MACKEN, AGE 82, NAUL  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 31  
Subject: The music, song and story tradition  
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 62:43

**Description:** Willie Macken was proud to trace his family's roots which showed that the wonderful musician Seamus Ennis was a relative. Seamus spent the last years of his life living near the Macken home and Willie has vivid memories of Seamus Ennis and his music. Willie worked for the ESB for 25 years, bringing electricity to many homes in the area for the first time. He described some of the local crafts and the necessity of self-sufficiency during the Economic War.



NAME: MARY ROSE CONNOR, AGE 101, THE HILLS, BALBRIGGAN (Part 1)

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 32

Subject: The early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 45:19

**Description:** Mary Rose Connor's family were involved in farming and she proudly recalls the many prizes won by the family with their fine plough horses. She is a native of Kill Valley Quarter and was educated in Naul. From her earliest years, she displayed a real talent for sewing and she went on to make her career as a seamstress working for the local big estates. One of her greatest customers was the Baker Estate in Mulahow. She has clear memories of the Black and Tans in Ireland and provided some telling anecdotes about these troubled times.



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NAME: MARY ROSE CONNOR, AGE 101, THE HILLS, BALBRIGGAN (Part 2)

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 33

Subject: The early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 53:38

**Description:** This recording provides incredible information gleaned from Mary Rose Connor's memories of the Black Flu and the toll taken by tuberculosis in the area. She also speaks about superstitions and pisheog-working, the Pattern Day and she also traces some of the local family names.



NAME: ALICE BAKER, AGE 88, MULAHOW  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 34  
Subject: The Story of Arkle  
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 51:18

**Description:** This is a remarkable recording with Alice Baker, in which she recalls the great success in the horse-breeding business associated with the Baker family. Her own passion is for riding and horse rearing. The great Arkle's mother was bought by her father, who tragically did not live long enough to witness the brilliant racehorse's successes. Alice's love of horses is clearly evident as she describes rearing, breaking and selling Arkle, who won three Gold Cups. It is fascinating to listen to Alice's account of the personality and fine intelligence of the champion.



NAME: JOE CURTIS, AGE 69, NAUL  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 35  
Subject: Describing local traditions  
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 50:12

**Description:** Joe Curtis is an avid collector of historical memorabilia associated with the local villages in North Co. Dublin. He recalls his mother's people, the Gilsenans, who have lived in the area since the 1600s, often employed as carpenters. Joe speaks about the great success of the Baker family in the business of horse-breeding. As he browses through his collection of old photographs, he recalls the world renowned tradition of the local craftsmanship at embroidery in 19<sup>th</sup> century Balbriggan and he recites a poem local to his area.



NAME: BARRY CASSIN, AGE 84, SALMON, BALRUDDERY

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 36

Subject: The recollections of an actor and director

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 58:57

**Description:** In a fascinating and entertaining recording, Barry Cassin provides an account of the life of a successful actor and director. Barry arrived into the area following his marriage in 1961. He recalls the performances of the pantomimes by the travelling companies and discusses the life of the actor and the changes which it has undergone through history as the world is affected by the prevailing social and technical conditions. He has been lucky enough to work with many great actors and actresses and has also directed the work of some wonderful playwrights.



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NAME: NOEL McDONOUGH, AGE 93, 42B HOLMPATRICK, SKERRIES (Part 1)

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 37

Subject: A rent-collector reminisces

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 63:36

**Description:** Noel McDonough's father Lawrence worked for Lord Holmpatrick as a rent collector and it was most interesting to hear Noel's recollections of fishing and farming and the involvement of the bailiffs. His earliest memory is of being present at Michael Collins's funeral at Glasnevin in August 1922. He followed in his father's footsteps and became rent collector for Lord Holmpatrick.



NAME: NOEL McDONOUGH, AGE 93, 42B  
HOLMPATRICK, SKERRIES (Part 2)

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 38

Subject: Long Memories of Skerries

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 42:13

**Description:** Over the decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century many changes have come about in the village of Skerries and these are described in some detail by Noel McDonough. Some of the topics examined are the visitors to the seaside resort, the seaweed wars, the prevalence of TB in earlier days, the arrival of electricity and radio and the changes in farming practices.



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NAME: TOM RYAN, AGE 69, TOWNPARKS,  
SKERRIES (Part 1)

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 39

Subject: Memories of a Seaside Village

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 55:08

**Description:** Tom Ryan's family migrated to Dublin from Tipperary and were involved in the pub trade. His father joined the Dublin Fusiliers and saw service in the First World War. This recording provides valuable information about the local flower industry and market gardening, boating and sailing in the area and the activities of the journeymen who came to visit. Tom is loud in his praise of the creativity of the local people in the village.



NAME: TOM RYAN, AGE 69, TOWNPARKS, SKERRIES (Part 2)

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 40

Subject: A Former CEO of the VHI

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 52:32

**Description:** In this recording Tom Ryan describes the origins of the Voluntary Health Insurance Company and the changing of premises over the years. Tom worked his way up through the company over 36 years until his retirement in 1993. It is valuable to have on record the history of the growth of the Company and Tom's views of the merits and demerits of being a semi-state body. Also recorded are his opinions on the present situation in Irish hospitals.



NAME: DR. BILL MULCAHY, AGE 73, TOWNPARKS, SKERRIES

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 41

Subject: Recollections of a fine sportsman

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 46:49

**Description:** Bill Mulcahy grew up in Rathkeale in West Limerick and received his education at St. Munchin's College in Limerick. While at St. Munchin's he was strongly influenced by Fr. Jimmy Sadlier, who was to engender in his young pupil a great love of the game of rugby. Bill Mulcahy later went on to play the game with distinction for Ireland and he discusses his early years on the national team, the rules of the game, his great successes and huge disappointments. He speaks about touring with the national team and the controversy surrounding the tour of South Africa during the period of apartheid. He also discusses his work as a medical doctor at Dublin Airport and his memories of settling down in Skerries.





NAME: THOMAS JENKINSON, AGE 91,  
VELLEWSTOWN CO. MEATH

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 42

Subject: Memories of Lusk

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 61:52

**Description:** Thomas Jenkinson's parents were natives of Lusk and were involved in farming. He has clear memories of the hardships during the Economic War and its effects on land values in the area. This recording includes Thomas's recollections of the flour mills, sports and his own playing days with St. Laurence O'Toole GAA Club, his occupation as a rent collector and his involvement in the cultivation of the land. Comments from Thomas's son Philip and from local man Joe Clinton, may also be heard on the recording.



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NAME: MOLLY WHERITY, AGE 79, 58 DERHAM  
PARK, BALBRIGGAN

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 43

Subject: Memories of youth in Balruddery

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 49:25

**Description:** This recording provides clear recollections of earlier days and of the successful efforts of the local people to survive by cultivating small areas of land for fruit production. Molly Wherity also recalls the biscuit factory in Balruddery, she traces many of the local families and she recalls the shops, the pubs and the church. She also remembers the customs, beliefs and traditions of the local people.



NAME: BRENDAN GRIMES, AGE 63, 7 LITTLE STRAND STREET, SKERRIES

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 44

Subject: An Architect's recollections

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 49:03

**Description:** In the garden of his home, Brendan Grimes began this recording by speaking about the older buildings in the town and visitors to Skerries over the centuries and he describes the building of the village from the profits of the schooner trade. The livelihoods of the people in earlier times were recalled and a fascinating account was provided by Brendan of the street names and their meanings.



NAME: EAMON FARRELL, HOLMPATRICK, SKERRIES AND ROSALIE PICKERING, THE BOAT HOUSE, HARBOUR ROAD, SKERRIES

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 45

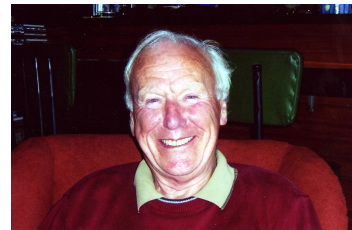
Subject: Religious traditions in Skerries

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 56:00

**Description:** Eamon Farrell and Rosalie Pickering both describe their backgrounds and their upbringing and Eamon goes on to discuss his occupation as a commercial traveller for Holroyd and Jones. It was fascinating to record the different religious beliefs and practices in the home and the workplace, as experienced by Rosalie and Eamon. Skerries is home to a very successful sailing club of which Eamon has had membership since 1962. Rosalie's father was a founder member of the sailing club and he was responsible for the formation of the Mermaid Class Competition.



NAME: PADDY WESTON, AGE 81, THE GREEN, LUSK

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 46

Subject: Recollections of a local historian

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 58:29

**Description:** Paddy Weston spent his childhood in Portrane and his parents' involvement in the War of Independence is recalled here. Paddy joined the British Navy as a radio officer and later spent some time in the Merchant Navy. On his discharge, he opened a radio and television retailing business in Swords. He has an abiding interest in local history and recalls many interesting local historical events down the years. For the past 37 years he has lived in one of Lusk's oldest houses.



NAME: LIAM KEOGH, AGE 89, WALKINSTOWN, (Part 1)

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 47

Subject: A son recalls his father's nationalism

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2006

Time: 61:32

**Description:** This recording provides a clear account of the life of Ned Keogh, as told by his son Liam. Ned Keogh joined the Inchicore branch of the Volunteers and shortly thereafter moved to the Swords Branch. Liam Keogh was proud to place on record the fact that his father was a member of the squad which fired shots over the grave of O'Donovan Rossa in 1916. Liam also provided some fascinating details of his father's participation in events relating to 1916 and its aftermath.



NAME: LIAM KEOGH, AGE 89, WALKINSTOWN, (Part 2)

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 48

Subject: Dublin in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2006

Time: 59:46

**Description:** Liam Keogh's recollections of his work on the railways in the 1930's are set down in this recording and Liam's wife Patsy Keogh recalls her time working in the laundry at White Heather. Liam also recounts a story told by his father Ned Keogh about an escape from Kilmainham Jail during the Troubles. He also speaks about the vast differences to be seen in life as it is lived now, as compared to that lived a generation ago in the city of Dublin.



NAME: SEAMUS BRUCE, AGE 70s, 9 WESTMORELAND PARK, RANELAGH.

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 49

Subject: Kilmainham Jail buildings saved

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2006

Time: 55:33

**Description:** This recording was made in Kilmainham Jail on the occasion of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the execution of the leaders of the 1916 Rising. A group of very dedicated voluntary workers had succeeded in restoring this most historical building to its former condition. Much of the credit for this great work must go to Seamus Bruce who oversaw the restoration of the East Wing and was also responsible for the recruitment of the voluntary workers when the work began in May 1960.



NAME: PETER HARBISON, AGE 69, 5, ST. DAMIANS, LOUGHSHINNY

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 50

Subject: The life of an Archaeologist

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 42:44

**Description:** Peter Harbison spoke at his home in Loughshinny and recalled his days growing up and his early involvement in the study of archaeology. Having completed his PhD on the Early Bronze Age in Ireland, he spent a year in Europe as a working student. His late wife was always a great inspiration and support to Peter in his many endeavours. He discusses his mentors and his great friendship with the late John Hunt of the Hunt Museum and Bunratty Castle. Peter also discusses his life in Loughshinny where he has lived since 1979.



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NAME: SEAN BYRNE, AGE 87, MAIN STREET, BLANCHARDSTOWN VILLAGE (Part 1)

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 51

Subject: Long memories of Blanchardstown

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 56:55

**Description:** This is a fascinating recording about the people and the various areas of Blanchardstown Village. Sean Byrne's ancestors were involved in the candle factory and the corner shop in the village, which was run by his mother's people, the Doyles. Both Sean's father and his uncle worked in Dunsink Quarry and Sean himself worked with Hilliard Brothers Hardware.



NAME: SEAN BYRNE, AGE 87, MAIN STREET,  
BLANCHARDSTOWN VILLAGE (Part 2)

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 52

Subject: Long Memories of Village life

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 59:58

**Description:** The above photograph shows three generations of the Doyle family who were Sean Byrne's mother's family – her grandfather, father and brother are pictured. In this recording Sean talks about village pastimes such as card-playing, pitch and toss and attending performances of the travelling theatres. He recalled the local big estates, their owners and the rise of nationalism in the area after World War 1.



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NAME: ROBERT EAGER, AGE 79, AND CHARLOTTE  
EAGER, AGE 77, THE RISE, BLANCHARDSTOWN  
VILLAGE

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 53

Subject: Reminiscences of bygone days

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 46:49

**Description:** This recording begins with stories about Charlotte Eager's ancestors and the challenges faced by both Charlotte and Robert Eager as Protestants in a Catholic community. Robert worked in the woollen mills in Lucan for 39 years and he discusses his time there, while Charlotte's people worked in Guinness's. She speaks of her great memories of that time in the forties and fifties.



NAME: CHARLOTTE EAGER, AGE 77, THE RISE, BLANCHARDSTOWN VILLAGE

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 54

Subject: A seamstress's memories

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 37:30

**Description:** This recording recalls the family background of Charlotte Eager's mother whose name was Stewart. She instilled in her daughter the virtue of the avoidance of waste and the importance of keeping a good table. Charlotte also spoke of her holidays in Wicklow on her father's family farm and she speaks about politics and entertainment in Ireland in the mid-twentieth century.



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NAME: NINA HALL, AGE 92, THE RISE, BLANCHARDSTOWN VILLAGE

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 55

Subject: The landlord's chauffeur remembered.

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 45:02

**Description:** Nina Hall grew up on Northumberland Road and went to school in St Stephen's, which today houses the Old Schoolhouse restaurant and pub, in Upper Mount Street. Her father worked as a chauffeur for the Earl of Pembroke, whose secretary at that time was a Mr Vernon. Nina recalls many anecdotes about her father's life as he served the Pembrokes. Nina spent all her working days with Mobil Oil on the North Wall.



NAME: MARIE MURPHY, AGE 72, CLONSILLA  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 56  
Subject: A postmistress remembers  
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 48:04

**Description:** Marie Murphy speaks about her people and her early days growing up in Roscommon, while her father worked as a postman in Pearse Street, Dublin. Marie came to Dublin in 1953 and began work in the GPO at the age of 16. In 1972 she opened a post office in Clonsilla and worked there for the following 23 years. She recounts her many rich and varied memories associated with her time as postmistress in Clonsilla.



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NAME: MAY GANNON, AGE 78, MULHUDDART  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 57  
Subject: The Irish tradition  
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 53:38

**Description:** In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century James Russell, May Gannon's father, made a huge impact on local life in the area by teaching the Irish language at night in Lucan, Finglas and Swords. He was also involved in the production of Irish plays in local halls. May Gannon speaks about her own life as she followed in the footsteps of her father in promoting Irish culture in the locality.





NAME: PEG LYNCH, AGE 86, BLANCHARDSTOWN VILLAGE

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 58

Subject: The greyhound world

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 46:05

**Description:** Steeped in the tradition of greyhound rearing, Peg Lynch recalls her father, a Tipperary man, who moved to Templeogue and acquired the lands and house known as Firhouse in 1932. He enjoyed great success in the business of greyhound rearing. Peg married Tom Lynch who worked for her father and the couple moved to Blanchardstown. There Tom also had great success in continuing in the tradition of greyhound rearing. Peg proudly showed me the many trophies her husband and father had won.



NAME: KATY BRACKEN, AGE 63, THE SANDPITS, BLANCHARDSTOWN

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 59

Subject: A cottier's life story

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 52:48

**Description:** Katy Bracken lives in one of the beautiful labourer's cottages built in earlier days by the Guinness family for their workers. Her father was head gardener for the Guinness' estate. Her people originated from the Strawberry Beds and a member of her family was in charge of the Phoenix Park racecourse at one time. The information she put on record about the local brass and reed band connections, and her family's association with poetry, were of great interest. Katy completes the recording with a fascinating story of an inheritance which she received and which she handed over to the Church.



NAME: MICHAEL HARFORD, AGE 87,  
CARPENTERSTOWN

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 60

Subject: Land surveying

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 53:35

**Description:** Michael Harford worked on Ordnance Survey and his father also had worked in a similar capacity. Michael recalls the different aspects of the work of a draughtsman. He joined the Irish Army during the Emergency period and he was involved in the production of the first detailed street map of Dublin. He also speaks about his work as a caretaker of the church in Blanchardstown following his retirement.



NAME: CHRISTY HUGHES, AGE 89, FORGE  
PORTERSTOWN ROAD, CLONSILLA

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 61

Subject: Memories of an undertaker

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 44:21

**Description:** Christy Hayes worked for 60 years in the undertaking business. Much of this recording deals with the earlier part of his life, and his recollections of his uncle Thomas Murphy, an officer with the IRA during the 1916-22 period. He also talked about his time working for the McCulloughs from the time he left school until 1939. He then worked on the railway in maintenance for four years. His long memories of Porterstown were recounted and he also spoke about many aspects of the undertaking business.



NAME: CATHERINE O'LEARY, AGE 86, 4 KIRKFIELD,  
CLONSILLA

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 62

Subject: Memories of Clonsilla

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 42:17

**Description:** Catherine O'Leary relates her recollections of the twenties and thirties in Clonsilla. She recalled the devastating effects of tuberculosis on the community, the hardships of the Emergency Period, memories of Clonsilla House and the stories handed down to her about her uncles, who were all involved in the military. It was most interesting to record her stories about her time as an employee at Eason's of O'Connell Street.



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NAME: JACK CRENOR, AGE 85, 14 THE  
COURTYARD, CLONSILLA

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 63

Subject: A former Land Commission surveyor

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 45:51

**Description:** Jack Crenor is a native of Clonsilla, who went to school in Porterstown. He worked with the Ordnance Survey in Phoenix Park from 1942 as a surveyor and draughtsman. He described in great detail his time with the Land Commission from 1949 and included his memories of the farmers from the western seaboard who migrated to the better land in the Midlands. He also provides a clear description of the takeover and subdivision of many large estates. While examining an 1836 map of the North Co Dublin he discusses the major changes which have occurred over the years.



NAME: TONY PROUDFOOT, AGE 70, 6 LARCH GROVE, CLONSILLA

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 64

Subject: A postman's memories

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 49:48

**Description:** Tony Proudfoot is a native of the Clonsilla area and his grandparents came from Naul. Tony is committed to the preservation of the local community spirit and is well known for his involvement with the art and drama group. This recording focused on Tony's life as a local postman and the many people and places he was associated with over the years. He describes the great changes which have occurred in the landscape of the Clonsilla/Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart areas.



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NAME: DANNY BELL, AGE 69, 113 PORTLAWN TERRACE, CLONSILLA

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 65

Subject: An electronic engineer's recollections

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 44:23

**Description:** Danny Bell was reared in the Strawberry Beds and he describes the involvement of the local population in the cultivation of the fruit gardens. He qualified as an engineer and began work in Finglas at an experimental base run by Phillips. His work included instrument making and engineering design. The company sent him to Eindhoven in Holland, to continue his work there. His change of career is discussed as he began work as a consultant for the World Bank in developing countries. He enjoys his great involvement with the local community in his retirement.



NAME: NORA COMISKEY, AGE 70`s, WOODLANDS COTTAGE, STRAWBERRY BEDS

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 66

Subject: A domestic servant's memories

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 43:31

**Description:** There was a tradition in Nora Comiskey's family of providing domestic service for the large estates. She recalls many memories of her father, James White, who worked for the Plunkett family on their estate. Nora spoke about her own experiences while working at Rowntree's sweet factory, commuting to work from the Strawberry Beds on a bicycle every day. She worked in the factory and also on the switchboard.



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NAME: MALLA HUGHES, AGE 74 AND EITHNE JONES, AGE 70, RUSH

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 67

Subject: Memories of Rush

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 50:49

**Description:** Malla Hughes and Eithne Jones are sisters, who grew up beside the sea at Rush. They recall their schooldays, their involvement in their parents' work at vegetable growing and the great dependence on the environment. Some of the families of old Rush are traced and the sisters' involvement in the Local Historical Society is outlined.



NAME: PAUD FLYNN, AGE 77, RUSH (Part 1)  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 68  
Subject: Changes in farming practices  
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 74:30

**Description:** This recording provides a detailed account of the Rush farming community, and its survival by vegetable growing for the Dublin markets, down through the decades. Paud Flynn discusses his ancestors and the gradual accumulation of acreage by the Flynn family. Other memories are recounted about transport, the introduction of glasshouses, the difficulties in paying rates during the hungry thirties, and the selling of sand.



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NAME: PAUD FLYNN, AGE 77, RUSH (Part 2)  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 69  
Subject: Extended families  
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 25:11

**Description:** This recording begins with a discussion on family relationships and intermarriage in Rush. During challenging periods of the last century, the community was self-sufficient. Superstitions and religious practices were discussed and also recalled was the goodwill which existed, as help was provided for people who required assistance in difficult times.



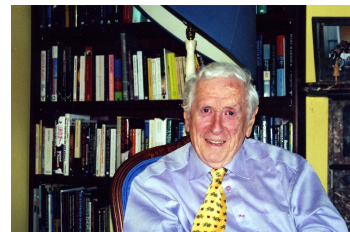
NAME: DOLLY FLYNN, AGE 94, RUSH  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 70  
Subject: Long memories of Rush  
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 49:18

**Description:** Dolly Flynn was recorded in the nursing home in Rush and her stories were articulate and focused. She recalled thatched homes in the village, drawing the seaweed from the strand, the fishing traditions in the village, and the tragedy of her father's untimely death due to an accident in a horse-drawn cart when Dolly was only one year old. She spoke of her work as a cook for the nuns in Lucan. Other subjects discussed were the Dublin market and the characters there, the travelling tailors, the threshing and the tinkers.



NAME: DR GARRETT FITZGERALD, AGE 82,  
ANNAVILLA, SANDYFORD (Part 1)  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 71  
Subject: The life of a former politician  
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 55:59

**Description:** Dr Garrett Fitzgerald was recorded at his home, where he recalled his ancestral background, his parents' involvement in the 1916-22 Troubles, his upbringing in Bray and his earliest memories of his father being provided with military protection after the shooting of Kevin O'Higgins. He has a clear recollection of his mother talking about Michael Collins. He spoke about the Blueshirt period, his schooldays, his favourite academic subjects and his first job in the sales department with Aer Lingus.



NAME: DR GARRETT FITZGERALD, AGE 82,  
ANNAVILLA, SANDYFORD (Part 2)

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 72

Subject: The life of a former politician

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 55:33

**Description:** This recording provides a discussion on some major points in Dr Fitzgerald's political career, including the signing of the Anglo-Irish Agreement while he was Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the Sunningdale Agreement. The Charles Haughey period is also discussed and he speaks openly about the disappointments in political life. He recalls the invaluable support of his late wife Joan, and the fact that he now takes great pleasure in composing his regular column for the *Irish Times*.



NAME: RICHARD FLYNN, AGE 70'S, RUSH (Part 1)

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 73

Subject: The potato crop

Recorded by: Tom Maher

Date: 2005

Time: 75:57

**Description:** In 2005 Tom Maher, who worked for the Department of Agriculture as a potato crop specialist, travelled to Rush to record the history of potato-growing in the area. In this historical recording Richard Flynn talks about his memories of potato-growing down through the years in this place. His brother Paud also shares his great knowledge and long memories of the same topics.





NAME: RICHARD FLYNN, AGE 70`s, RUSH (Part 2)  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 74  
Subject: The potato crop  
Recorded by: Tom Maher  
Date: 2005  
Time: 69:08

**Description:** In this recording, compiled by Tom Maher in 2005, Richard Flynn, ably aided by his brother Paud, the discussion focuses on the soil and sand, the use of seaweed, the different varieties of potato seed, the techniques in tilling, hand-weeding and the seasons in which the crop was set, as well as the fly control and the sprayings which were used by the older people. The bad years of crop failure and devastating blight, the origin of the potato seed, and the storing of the crop and the harvesting were discussed, as were the local characters associated with the growing of the potato crop.



NAME: NANCY DEMPSEY, AGE 82 OLEIN MORAN, AGE 81 AND CONNIE CREAM AGE 81, PORTRANE, DONABATE. (Part 1)  
Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 75  
Subject: Stories from the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century  
Recorded by: Maurice O`Keeffe  
Date: 2008  
Time: 60:03

**Description:** Olien Moran and Connie Cream (nee Cullen) are twin sisters, and their friend Nancy Dempsey (nee Dockrell) grew up in Portrane. The recording was made at Nancy`s home and began with the histories of both families, and memories of schooldays in the 1930`s and the Emergency Period. They recalled the performances of the travelling players, and dances in the marquees during the summer months. Employment in the local Psychiatric Hospital was discussed as were matters pertaining to religion and to local customs and beliefs.



NAME: NANCY DEMPSEY, AGE 82 OLEIN MORAN AGE 81 AND CONNIE CREAM AGE 81 PORTRANE, DONABATE. (Part 2)

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 76

Subject: Stories from the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century

Recorded by: Maurice O`Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 52:41

**Description:** Recitations from bygone days formed part of this great recording with Nancy Dempsey, Olein Moran and Connie Cream and recollections of the tinsmiths and the dressmakers who worked locally were described. The erosion of the cliffs which face the sea, the self sufficiency of the local people and the custom of sharing and the avoidance of waste were all recalled in their turn.



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NAME: MARY MARKEY, AGE 63, LOUGHSHINNY.

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD 77

Subject: A Fishing Community recalled

Recorded by: Maurice O`Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 40:48

**Description;** Mary Markey (Nee Ryan) is a native of Loughshinney. She has a vivid memory of the fishermen`s thatched homes where their families were reared. Each house had its own garden which provided most of the food necessary to sustain the large families. Women in the area were generally given a box of prawns to shell, and in the evenings the men would gather at the cross-roads at the top of the village. She also discusses some of the tragedies which took place at sea, and a ghost story which is related to one of these tragedies.



NAME: CONCEPTA BUTLER, AGE 71  
LOUGHSHINNY.

Title: Irish Life and Lore Fingal County Collection, CD  
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Subject: Fond Memories of a Fishing Village

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe

Date: 2008

Time: 43:27

**Description:** Concepta Butler (nee Ryan) lives in one of the cottages close to the pier, a house which has been in her family since 1775. In this recording, she speaks of her father, James McEvoy, who was in the GPO with the Irish Volunteers on Easter Monday 1916. He continued his involvement in the fight for freedom until the signing of the Truce. Cepta recalls how the local women would, in earlier days, would sit on the long wall by the pier with their knitting, while at all times being aware of their menfolk at their often hazardous work work at sea. Each family would recognise its own boat as it approached Loughshinny, and great excitement would be generated as all the villagers would congregate to help with the offloading of the precious catch.

