

NAME: PADDY HEANEY, CADAMSTOWN
Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 1
Subtitle: The Oral History of Cadamstown and its Vicinity (Part 1)
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, May 2006
Time: 78:00
Description: Paddy Heaney took me on a tour of the area, and spoke about the place names, the traditions, the crafts and the folklore of the foothills of Slieve Bloom.



NAME: PADDY HEANEY, CADAMSTOWN
Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 2
Subtitle: The Oral History of Cadamstown and its Vicinity (Part 2)
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, May, 2006
Time: 54:04
Description: A continuation of our tour of Cadamstown.

NAME: JOSIE HEANEY, CADAMSTOWN
Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 3
Subtitle: The Folklore of Cadamstown and its Vicinity
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006
Time: 50:45
Description: Recollections of the customs, beliefs and stories of the local people.



NAME: PADDY LOWRY, KINNITY
Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 4
Subtitle: A Visit to Paddy Lowry's house on the Slopes of the Slieve Bloom Hills (Part 1)
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, May, 2006
Time: 79:09
Description: My first visit to Paddy Lowry's ancestral cottage, and a chat by the fireside, talking about local folklore, the famine, pisheogs, customs and beliefs.



NAME: PADDY LOWRY, KINNITY

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 5

Subtitle: A Visit to Paddy Lowry's house on the Slopes of the Slieve Bloom Hills (Part 2)

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, May, 2006

Time: 75:34

Description: A historical tour, talking about the locations, the buildings, crafts, pagan beliefs and festivals walking on the Slieve Bloom Hills, and in the Kinnity area.



NAME: PADDY LOWRY, KINNITY

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 6

Subtitle: A Visit to Paddy Lowry's house on the Slopes of the Slieve Bloom Hills (Part 3)

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, May, 2006

Time: 42:35

Description: Paddy Lowry talks about the sayings of the old people from days gone by.



Standing Stone on the Slieve Bloom Hills

NAME: SEAN LYONS AND PADDY LOWRY, KINNITY

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 7

Subtitle: A Visit to St Barron's Monastic Church and Grounds at Drumcullen

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006

Time: 76:22

Description: Historian Sean Lyons describes the legend of St Barron, and local diviner Paddy Lowry discovers an underground passageway within the grounds.



NAME: MIKE HOGAN, KILLEEN, BIRR

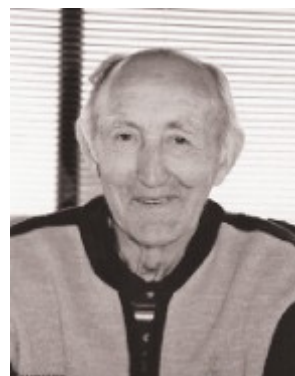
Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 8

Subtitle: A Retired Gardener from Birr Castle Grounds

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006

Time: 34:00

Description: A gardener who worked in the grounds of Birr Castle in its heyday, as did his father, describes his recollections.



NAME: ANNE DALY, MOUNTBOLUS

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 9

Subtitle: The Life Story of a Resourceful Lady

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006

Time: 48:16

Description: The amazing life story of a woman who survived the hardships of life working as a labouring girl for the farmers in Tullamore in the middle of the 20th century.



NAME: JANE BULFIN, DERINLOUGH

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 10

Subtitle: A Woman Skilled in Many Crafts

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006

Time: 57:00

Description: Jane Bulfin lives at Derinlough House, a historical place of great beauty, where small-scale farming and crafts are practised.



NAME: HELEN CLAVIN, LYNALLY, TULLAMORE

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 11

Subtitle: The Story of a Successful Basket-weaver

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, July 2006

Time: 51:00

Description: Helen Clavin speaks about her early days growing up in the area, her involvement with the Irish Countrywomen's Association, and her love of the craft of basket-weaving.



NAME: JAMES DUFFY, WELSHISLAND, GEASHILL

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 12

Subtitle: A Beekeeper Describes his Profession

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006

Time: 68:00

Description: An eclectic collection of artefacts is described relating to crafts, especially bee keeping and restoration work in Jim's lifetime is described.



NAME: CARMEL KINSELLA, KNOCKBARRON

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 13

Subtitle: A Life in Farming Management

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006

Time: 54:00

Description: Tragic circumstances led to Carmel Kinsella's farm she reared rearing a family in hard times. Occasional commentary from local man Paddy Lowry.



NAME: BRIDIE DUNNE (NEE O'BRIEN),
MONEYQUID

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 14

Subtitle: A Rural School Teacher's Recollections

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, August 2006

Time: 42:10

Description: Bridie Dunne started teaching in the 1960s and spent all her teaching days in rural schools. She is also passionately interested in local history.



NAME: PHILIP LUMLEY, TULLAMORE

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 15

Subtitle: A Successful Protestant Family in a Catholic Community

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, August 2006

Time: 57:05

Description: A narrative description of the divisions between Catholics and Protestants in the town of Tullamore in former days.



NAME: SEAMUS MOLLOY, DERRYKILL

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 16

Subtitle: Residents of Kinnity in Days Gone By

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, July 2006

Time: 49:42

Description: Seamus Molloy's clear recollections of the families and businesses in the town of Kinnity, and a vanished way of life.



NAME: PAT SMITH, KILLEEN, BIRR
Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 17
Subtitle: A Discussion of Old Farming Traditions
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006
Time: 53:36

Description: Pat Smith is from a long line of farmers, and has fond memories of his mother's butter-making, and his father's ploughing and their self-sufficiency.



NAME: DAN EDWARDS, CLONFANLOUGH
Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 18
Subtitle: A Blacksmith Remembers
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, July 2006
Time: 71:00

Description: Dan Edwards was interviewed in his workplace. He spoke about the many skills of a blacksmith and his father's achievement in being the first thresher with a steam engine in the area.



NAME: TADGH PEY, BALLINDOWN
Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 19
Subtitle: An Author Displays his Great Interest in Myths and Legends (part 1)
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006
Time: 73:41

Description: Tadgh Pey's farmhouse cottage was an ideal setting for a night of story-telling. Included was a description of his mother's ability to hand-craft clothes for her family.



NAME: TADGH PEY, BALLINDOWN
Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 20
Subtitle: A Continuation of Tadgh Pey's Storytelling (part 2)
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, August 2006
Time: 69:35

Description: In this recording, Tadgh Pey rekindles the memory of great warriors whose memory is deeply rooted in our mythical past.



NAME: SISTER OLIVER RAFTER, KILLINA, RAHAN
Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 21
Subtitle: A Lifetime in a Religious Order
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, August 2006
Time: 43:00
Description: Sister Oliver's love for history and for her own place is clearly demonstrated in this wonderful recording.



NAME: MARY MC LOUGHLIN, BIRR
Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 22
Subtitle: An Old Family Business, Bowes of Birr
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, May 2006
Time: 37:28
Description: A visit to Bowes's shop in Birr, to recapture the atmosphere and stories of how the business was run down through the years of the 20th century.



NAME: A COLLECTION OF CLIPS TAKEN FROM THE BARGE BOATMEN'S STORIES IN BANAGHER
Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 23
Subtitle: A Brief Synopsis of Barge Boatmen's stories
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, July 2006
Time: 20:15
Description: Examples of the stories and memories by all those involved in the running of the canal trade routes in former days.



NAME: BRIAN GOGGIN, BANAGHER
Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 24
Subtitle: A Barge Owner
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, July 2006
Time: 63:51
Description: The restoration of a barge by Brian Goggin has revived many happy memories of his days sailing up and down canal routes over the years.



NAME: ROBERT BAILY, CHARLIE MACKEY, TOM CONNOLLY, ESSIE CONROY, MURT CONNOLLY, PEADAR BOLAND, BANAGHER

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 25

Subtitle: Celebration Day for Retired Barge Boatmen

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, July 2006

Time: 79:00

Description: Robert Baily and Charlie Mackey (barge owners); Tom Connolly and Murt Connolly and Peadar Boland (retired barge boatmen); and Essie Conroy (lock keeper) all discuss their experiences of a life spent on canal routes.



Robert Baily Sam McDonnell



Todd Conroy, Essie Conroy, Peadar Boland, Murt Connolly

NAME: PEADAR BOLAND, MURT CONNELLY, ESSIE CONROY, TODD CONROY, SAM McDONNELL, WILLIE BOLGER AND CHRISTIE BULGER, BANAGHER

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 26

Subtitle: Reunion of Survivors of the Barge Boatmen

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, July 2006

Time: 68:00

Description: A reunion to rekindle the memories of those who worked on the barges. Peadar Boland, Murt Connolly, Todd Conroy, Willie and Christie Bolger (barge boatmen), Sam McDonnell (barrowman) and Essie Conroy (lock keeper) recall their memories relating to a forgotten occupation.



Robert Baily Sam McDonnell



Todd Conroy, Essie Conroy, Peadar Boland, Murt Connolly

NAME: WILLIE AND CHRISTIE BOLGER, TIM CONNOLLY AND JERRY GALVIN, IN BANAGHER

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 27

Subtitle: The Life of a Barge Boatman

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, July 2006

Time: 25:00

Description: Willie and Christie Bolger and Tim Connolly recall their days delivering Guinness barrels, and tell many anecdotes. The interview ends with Jerry Galvin speaking about how he is presently undertaking the restoration of a barge which will become a national treasure for future generations to visit.



Tim Connolly Jerry Galvin



NAME: BRIDIE CONROY (NEE CLEAR), AFOLEY
Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 28
Subtitle: A Girl's Memories of Life in the Slieve Bloom Hills

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, July 2006
Time: 57:03

Description: Walking through the land of the Conroys, Bridie Conroy recalls the traditions, crafts and customs of the people who lived on the Slieve Bloom Hills. She is the last survivor of that community.



NAME: PADRAIG SCULLY, LORD EDWARD STREET, MOUNTMELICK

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 29
Subtitle: A Bicycle Shop in Times Gone By
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, July 2006
Time: 49:26

Description: Padraig Scully's passion and love for bicycles is quite evident in this recording. He has acquired a great knowledge of the history of bicycles, and the skill required to repair them.



NAME: BILL LAWLOR, CANAL HOUSE, MOUNTMELICK

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 30
Subtitle: Memories of the Canal in Mountmellick
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006
Time: 47:15

Description: Bill Lawlor's father managed the canal in its heyday. Bill also spoke about other businesses in the town of Mountmellick and finished by talking about his musical career. He sang a few local songs associated with his own place.



NAME: SEAN DELANEY, GAROON, MOUNTMELICK

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 31
Subtitle: Farming Life in the Old Days
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006
Time: 50:24

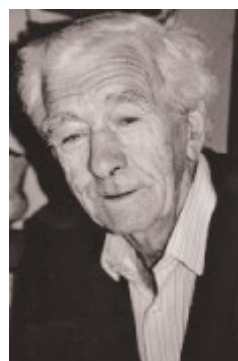
Description: Walking through the fields of his native place, Sean Delaney spoke of his memories of his father's hard life working on his farm in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s.



NAME: SEAN WISLEY AND MICK CLEAR, ROSENALIS
Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 32
Subtitle: The Oral History of Rosenalis Handed down from the old people
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006
Time: 52:10
Description: On a walk through the woods at Rosenalis, Sean Wisely's and Mick Clear's recollections complemented each other in a flowing dialogue of oral history.



NAME: BILL SINNOTT, CLONDUFF
Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 33
Subtitle: Basket Weaving
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006
Time: 47:08
Description: Bill Sinnott comes from a long line of basket weavers, and his deeply rooted skill is narrated in the course of a description of his family history.



NAME: UNA BLOOMER AND PEG MORAN, ST JOSEPH'S TERRACE, MOUNTMELICK
Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 34
Subtitle: Discussions of Tailoring, Milling and Politics in Mountmellick
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, July 2006
Time: 48:31
Description: Una and Peg, friends for a lifetime, shared memories of their workplace and their family existences in Mountmellick and its vicinity.



NAME: DOLORES DEMPSEY, MOUNTMELICK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 35
Subtitle: Mountmellick Embroidery
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006
Time: 36:47
Description: In recording at the museum in Mountmellick, Dolores speaks about the origins of the craft, the techniques used in Mountmellick embroidery and the revival of the craft.



Sr Teresa Margaret

NAME: MAURA REDDIN, EMMET STREET,
MOUNTMELICK

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 36

Subtitle: Milling in Mountmellick

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006

Time: 38:19

Description: A fascinating account of milling life, seen through the eyes of a young girl at a time when milling was such an important industry to the town of Mountmellick.



NAME: DICK FITZPATRICK, DAVITT ROAD,
MOUNTMELICK

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 37

Subtitle: Eighteenth and Nineteenth-century
Mountmellick

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006

Time: 51:10

Description: a tour around a busy Mountmellick with historian Dick Fitzpatrick, who speaks about Mountmellick and its Quaker settlement and its influence in the town down through the centuries.



NAME: JOHN JOE DUNNE, GRAIGUE,
MOUNTMELICK

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 38

Subtitle: A Look Back at Farming Traditions

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006

Time: 48:16

Description: While walking through John Joe Dunne's fields, we discussed his family history, and heard that agriculture in the area was the backbone of the local community during the 20th century.



NAME: SEAMUS CONROY, GRAIGUEAFULLA,
CLONASLEE

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 39

Subtitle: The Craft of Thatching

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006

Time: 34:16

Description: On a beautiful summers evening I took Seamus from his tractor and spoke with him about the local way of thatching in all its aspects. Seamus spoke about the people before him who thatched. He is attempting to preserve this dying craft.



NAME: JENNY MAHER, CAMIRA
Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 40
Subtitle: The Story of an Orphaned Child
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006
Time: 43:04

Description: Jenny was orphaned at the age of three, and was brought up by her uncle and aunt, who were strong farmers in the area. Included in this interview are stories relating to the jobs she did on the farm, harvesting the beet and accounts her social life.



NAME: THE LATE PADDY 'CRIP' CONNOLLY,
MOUNTMELICK

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 41
Subtitle: Old Songs
Recorded by: Padraig Scully, 1983
Time: 27:00

Description: A rare historical recording of old local songs, sung by the late Paddy 'Crip' Connelly.



NAME: JIM KELLY, EDENDERRY AND OLLIE
DELANEY, MOUNTMELICK

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 42
Subtitle: The Famine Wall at Ballyfin
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, July 2006
Time: 46:00

Description: The restoration presently being carried out in the traditional way on an estate wall which stretches for 4 1/2 miles, one of the longest remaining famine walls in Ireland.



NAME: RALPH AND MABEL THOMPSON,
CAMCLONE, BALLYFIN

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 43
Subtitle: An Anglo-Irish Settlement in Ballyfin
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006
Time: 50:00

Description: Ralph Thompson is a descendant of an Anglo-Irish family who farmed the land at Ballyfin for many centuries. This story is told to me by Ralph and his wife Mabel.



NAME: PAT, BERNIE AND NORA BRENNAN,
BALLINAKILL

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 44

Subtitle: An Old Established Family in Ballinakill

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006

Time: 68:51

Description: I met Pat Brennan at his own house, where the conversation began. We continued at Ballinakill where Bernie and Nora Brennan live, in a Georgian farmhouse, the perfect setting for recitations and stories. They have a great grá for the way people lived in the early part of the 20th century.



NAME: TOM GOODE, BALLYFIN

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 45

Subtitle: A Local Blacksmith

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006

Time: 50:43

Description: Tom Goode began his profession as a blacksmith at a very early age. After serving his apprenticeship, he started his own blacksmithing business at the crossroads of Ballyfin, where business was brisk in the early days.



NAME: BILL REDMOND, MOUNTMELLICK (PART
1)

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 46

Subtitle: A Sawmill Worker

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006

Time: 52:25

Description: Bill Redmond spoke about his profession of cleaning and preparing locally cut timber. His great knowledge of local history revealed many historical stories. The memories went on to cover his father and his work as a labourer for one of the local estate owners.



NAME: BILL REDMOND, MOUNTMELICK (PART 2)

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 47

Subtitle: The Amazing Strength of a Laois Man

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, August 2006

Time: 71:09

Description: This interview relates to one of Mountmellick's greatest characters, whose ability to lift enormous weights, both in the workplace and in sport, made great material for recording. It reveals how all heavy weights were manhandled in the old days and reveals the great mental and physical strength of the workers of those days.



NAME: MICHAEL DUNNE, CLONASLEE (PART 1)

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 48

Subtitle: The History of Clonaslee and its Vicinity

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, August 2006

Time: 79:50

Description: Historian Michael Dunne travelled with me to all the local places where historical events took place. The tour took in Clonaslee town, as well as the Dunne Castle and the local church, with a running commentary on all the families who lived in the area over the last centuries.



NAME: MICHAEL DUNNE, CLONASLEE (PART 2)

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 49

Subtitle: A Continuation of the Local History of Clonaslee

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, August 2006

Time: 76:19

Description: In this recording Michael talks about the craft of stonework, the Black and Tans during the Troubles; and visiting areas along Slieve Bloom, talking about the people who lived locally. We finished up at the Dunne home, nestled in the Slieve Bloom hills.



NAME: MICHAEL FLYNN, RYNN

Title: Laois - Offaly Collection, CD 50

Subtitle: A Local Blacksmith

Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe, June 2006

Time: 59:03

Description: The love and passion for blacksmithing is clearly evident in this recording, from shoeing a horse to making a gate.

