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NAME: PAT (PATRICIA) O'NEILL, AGE 87, TALLAGHT
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 1
Subject: Memories of Old Tallaght Village
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 68:39

Description: Pat (Patricia) O'Neill grew up in Tallaght Village and spent all her life there. She recalls her father's trade as a carpenter. Her family was deeply involved in political affairs, her father strongly supported Fianna Fail and her mother Fine Gael. Her memories stretch back to the 1932 Eucharistic Congress, the Hungry Thirties, caused by De Valera's economic policies and the Emergency Period. She also speaks about her working life in Mackintosh's sweet factory and her memories of changes in the village of Tallaght are all revealed in this recording.

NAME: BENNY MYERS, AGE 81 AND EDITH MYERS, AGE 73, TALLAGHT
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 2
Subject: Recollections of a former caretaker of St Maelruan's Church
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 45:39

Description: Edith Roberts Myers is a native of Bunclody, Co Wexford and Benny Myers is a lifelong resident of Tallaght who traces his family's origins to Co Limerick on his father's side and to Co Wexford on his mother's side. He lived in England at a young age for a short time. On his return he worked as a gardener at Lord Fitzwilliam's estate in south Co. Dublin which is now a golf course. He also delivered milk to Terenure village and then became caretaker at St Maelruan's Church, and took care of the war graves. He retired at 65.

NAME: VERA CROFTON, AGE 62, SAGGART
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 3
Subject: Recollections of an only child
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 69:25

Description: Vera Crofton grew up in Mill Road with her grandparents. Her father died while she was a young child. She speaks about the financial difficulties her mother endured in those early days. Her mother's closest friend was killed by the wartime bombing of the North Strand and immediately afterwards she

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went to England to help in the war effort. Finally, Vera speaks about village life in Saggart in the fifties and sixties.

NAME: KIT BRADY, AGE 81, SAGGART (Part 1)
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 4
Subject: Memories of a worker at Swiftbrook Paper Mills
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 53:51
Description: Kit Brady grew up at No. 2 Mill Road Cottages, where he still lives today. He speaks about his father who began his working days breaking stones for the County Council, and later worked in forestry and then in Swiftbrook Paper Mills. Kit was one of ten children, all of whom worked for the paper mills. Kit recalls the management, the workers and the machinery.

NAME: KIT BRADY, AGE 81, AND BETTY BRADY, SAGGART (Part 2)
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 5
Subject: Memories of the paper mills continued
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 29:49
Description: The Bradys speak about the village of Saggart, its people and places and Betty (nee Kavanagh) speaks about her own people.

NAME: EDDIE POWER, AGE 56, TALLAGHT
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 6
Subject: A taxi driver's memories
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 58:21
Description: Eddie Power went to school at St James's, Dimnagh, and became a member of the Boy Scouts. He speaks of his experience with the organisation. He worked for Premier Dairies for eight years and in his seventies he worked as a taxi driver. He gives a great account of the ups and downs experienced by taxi drivers at that time. He also recalls the entertainment to be enjoyed and the great ballad pubs of the seventies and eighties.

NAME: MARY PYLE, AGE 70, RATHMINES

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Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 7
Subject: Recollections of the wife of a foreign correspondent with the *Irish Times*
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 41:43
Description: Mary Burrell is a native of Limerick where her father was headmaster of Villiers School, Henry Street. She attended Trinity College and one of her lecturers was Dr Pyle, her future father-in-law. Her husband, Fergus Pyle, became a renowned correspondent for the Irish Times. She recalls accompanying her husband as he worked as a foreign correspondent in Northern Ireland and in France.

NAME: MICHAEL COLEMAN, AGE 61, KNOCKLYON (Part 1)
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 8
Subject: A life in local government
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 33:43
Description: Michael Coleman is a native of Moylough, Co Sligo, and has lived in Dublin since 1964. He began a career in retailing before beginning work in local government in the late 1970s. He worked for Dun Laoghaire Borough Council and for Dublin County Council, and is now Senior Executive Officer in the Environmental Service Department of South Dublin County Council.

NAME: MICHAEL COLEMAN, AGE 61, KNOCKLYON (Part 2)
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 9
Subject: A life in local government, continued
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 42:08
Description: In this recording Michael Coleman recalls that on 1st January 1994 Dublin County Council was divided into three separate County Councils. He speaks about these changes and his own time spent in Tallaght, working for the development of parks and housing estates, and in the rezoning of land.

NAME: MICHAEL BRENNAN, AGE 70, BALLYROAN, KNOCKLYON (Part 1)
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 10
Subject: Recalling days long ago in Ballyroan
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008

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Time: 65:14
Description: This recording took place at Michael Brennan's ancestral home, a landmark in the area, in which he still lives today. The religious orders, the people, the businesses and the place-names of the area are all discussed and included a lot of anecdotal information surrounding memorable events down through the years.

NAME: MICHAEL BRENNAN, AGE 70, BALLYROAN, KNOCKLYON (Part 2)
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 11
Subject: Growing up in Ballyroan
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 52:33
Description: In this recording, Michael Brennan relates fascinating stories about swimming in the Dodder River, motor car racing up to 1948, the blasting at the old quarry, the Emergency period, and the local businesses in Terenure Village. This was indeed a very informative recording of events of the twentieth century in the area.

NAME: MARY McNALLY, AGE 86, RATHCOOLE (Part 1)
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 12
Subject: Family connections
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 35:59
Description: Mary McNally is a lifelong resident of Rathcoole, where her people, the Sheils, have lived for many generations. They originally came from Co Wicklow. In this first recording, Mary describes her schooldays, and the village of Rathcoole and relates many anecdotes about her family.

NAME: MARY McNALLY, AGE 86, RATHCOOLE (Part 2)
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 13
Subject: Reminiscences of a working life in Dublin Castle
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 73:16
Description: Mary McNally begins this second recording with a description of her work at Dublin Castle as a court registrar, which she began at a very young age. Her work became more interesting when she transferred to the Passports Office, dealing firsthand with the emigrants of the forties, fifties and sixties who

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went to England and the Continent. In 1978 she took up a position in the Four Courts, and recounts many interesting stories of her time there.

NAME: BERTIE CAREY, AGE 74, TALLAGHT (Part 1)
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 14
Subject: Memories of Kerry long ago
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 47:40

Description: A native of Kerry and a long-time resident of Tallaght, Bertie Carey is a former Garda who was stationed in Kevin Street for three years. He later went to England, where he joined the Irish Guards. In this first interview he speaks mainly about his young days growing up in Kerry.

NAME: BERTIE CAREY, AGE 74, TALLAGHT (Part 2)
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 15
Subject: Experiences guarding the public
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 38:59

Description: Bertie Carey, in this second recording, relates many anecdotes concerning his time in the Garda Siochána, and in the Irish Guards. He also recalls his time in Tallaght, and the immigrants to the area. He also describes helping with the local Neighbourhood Watch.

NAME: STANLEY LAING, AGE 78, TERENURE
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 16
Subject: A paint salesman's story
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 49:59

Description: Stanley Laing is a former councillor for South Dublin County Council, who retired in January 2008. He is originally from Ballyconnell, in Northern Ireland, and spent most of his youth in Mullingar, where he was brought up by his aunt and uncle. He began his working life as a paint representative for Berger's Paints during the 1950s, and travelled to all 26 counties. Later he became involved in the retail side of the business. He talks about the changes in the paint industry, and goes on to describe the eight years of his life in politics.

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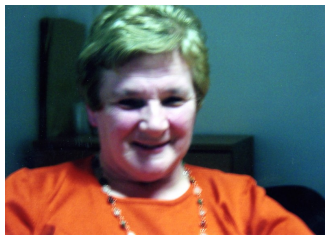
NAME: AIDAN CRUISE, AGE 69, KILBRIDE, CO WICKLOW
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 17
Subject: A local historian's memories
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 46:22
Description: Aidan Cruise's fascination with the Wicklow Hills led him to pen many articles on local archaeology and topography. He discusses the place-names, and the effect the reservoir had on local people and businesses in Blessington. Also discussed in this recording were the Punchestown Races and the old crafts of Blessington.

NAME: ANDY FARRINGTON, AGE 69, BALLYLOUGHLIN, BALLYMOUNT
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 18
Subject: A stone-cutter's recollections
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 53:52
Description: Ballyloughlin is renowned for its stone quarries, and many generations of stone-cutters have worked there. The Farringtons were one of those families who spent their lives quarrying, and passing on the craft. Andy Farrington demonstrates his work. This recording captures the artistry and the creativity of the art of stone-cuttings.

NAME: MAUREEN PHIBBS, AGE 67, BLACKROCK, BLESSINGTON, CO WICKLOW
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 19
Subject: Community spirit explored
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 46:43
Description: This interview begins with Maureen Phibbs recalling her schooldays in Cullen, north Cork and her own family, the Hickeys. She speaks about her time spent in Birmingham, where she worked with many immigrants. Her story reveals the importance of her work was during the sixties and seventies, when there was mass emigration from Ireland to England. She is now editor of 'Irish Roots' magazine, which provides an important service in distributing information on all aspects of Irish culture.



NAME: PETER CLARKE, AGE 69, RATHFARNHAM

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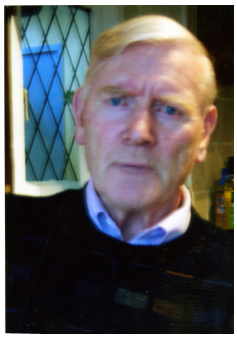
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 20
Subject: A family history
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 40:14
Description: Peter Clarke is from Coleraine, Co Derry. His father was from Howth, in North Dublin and he married Eithne Marsh, whose father owned Woodtown Park. He later recalls the history of the house, and is deeply engrossed in its preservation and conservation. Happily it has retained its former splendour. He describes the difficulties of trying to preserve one of our national treasures, and also speaks about some of the extraordinary secrets the house holds within its four walls.

NAME: JOE DEVINE, AGE 79, CLONDALKIN (Part 1)
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 21
Subject: Memories of a local historian
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 68:35
Description: Joe Devine is a native of Ballinakill, Co Galway. When he was 10 years old the family moved to Ballycumber, Co Offaly, where he attended primary school, and later he was educated by the Christian Brothers at Ballyfin, Co Laois. He studied at University College Galway, attaining degrees in several disciplines. He was appointed Principal of a primary school in Cavan, and later moved to work with the Obalates in Inchicore as Vice Principal in 1956. In this recording Joe talks at length about polytopes, and he describes his visits to schools, organised by the Department of Education, teaching the subject.

NAME: JOE DEVINE, AGE 79, CLONDALKIN (Part 2)
Title: Irish Life and Lore Dublin County Dublin Collection, CD 22
Subject: Recalling the history of Clondalkin
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 39:34
Description: This recording provides a general historical look back at Clondalkin. Joe Devine talks about the people, the local place-names and recalls some of the events which took place in the area over the course of his time there.



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NAME: TOMÁS MAHER, AGE 58, KILLINARDEN, TALLAGHT
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 23
Subject: A ghrá for the Irish language
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 44:51
Description: A native of Cabra, Tomás Maher lived for many years in Connemara. He always had a great interest in the Irish language, and speaks about his many rich experiences in the Gaelteacht area. He has been a long-time resident of Tallaght, is a part-time employee of South Dublin County Council Libraries and is chairperson of Tallaght Historical Society.

NAME: FRANK TRACY, AGE 65, STILLORGAN
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 24
Subject: The Massy Estate
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 65:18
Description: Travelling to the parish of Killakee, in the Dublin Mountains, historian Frank Tracy toured the grounds of the Massy Estate for this recording, beginning at the beehive cottage. Lord Massy and his wife spent 35 years living here. Frank outlined the genealogy of the family and walked through the now wooded area to where the original grand house stood. He continued on to the walled garden area where he compared some 19th century photographs with its mostly wooded landscape today.

NAME: JOAN O'KELLY, AGE 77, RATHFARNHAM
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 25
Subject: Memories of growing up in Rathfarnam
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 50:10
Description: Joan O'Reilly's people, the Caseys, lived for many generations in the Rathfarnham area. In this interview Joan speaks about her childhood memories of the Eighth Baron, Lord Massy, who was evicted from his house and she remembers all

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the splendour and beauty of Killakee House before it was demolished. She then speaks about her own enterprises, first doing milk rounds during the Emergency Period, and running a small shop on the roadside leading to the bog. She also speaks about her own marriage, and the setting up of a sawmill, which has been an outstanding success over the years.

NAME: JOHN CHADWICK, AGE 87, TEMPLEOGUE
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 26
Subject: Memories of the Irish Army
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 53:21
Description: John Chadwick is a native of Templemore, Co Tipperary, and was reared by his bachelor uncle after his parents died. He joined the Irish Army at the age of 19, in 1939, when the Army was recruiting heavily. John recalls many of the exercises carried out by the Army during the Emergency Period. He later left the Army to take up a position as a salesperson in the crane business, at a time in Ireland when the building industry was expanding at a great rate. His recollections provide a valuable insight into both Army life and industrial life in Ireland during the middle decades of the 20th century.

NAME: MICHAEL WHELAN, AGE 38, TALLAGHT
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 27
Subject: Recollections of a member of the Irish Defence Forces overseas
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 44:39
Description: Michael Whelan has been a serving member of the Irish Defence Forces for 16 years, and served with the UN Peacekeeping Forces in South Lebanon and Kosovo. He now works at Casement Aerodrome in Baldonnel, where he looks after the Air Corps Museum and Heritage Project. He has taken a great interest in Irish military history, and has published articles on the subject. In this interview, he talks about his experiences overseas, while serving with the Irish Army.

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NAME: CHRISTOPHER MORIARTY, AGE 72, WOODTOWN PARK, RATHFARNHAM
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 28
Subject: Living in Woodtown Park House
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 63:33
Description: Christopher Moriarty is a naturalist and fisheries expert, and author of many Irish nature books. In this recording he speaks about his own farming background, in West Kerry and discusses his profession as a fisheries scientist and his work on the rivers and lakes of Ireland. He also discusses the inspiration for his writing, and puts on record the support and help of his wife.

NAME: JOHN GORMAN, AGE 66, HORSELEAP, WESTMEATH
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 29
Subject: Memories of service in The Congo
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 55:48
Description: John Gorman joined the Irish Army in Athlone at the age of 16 years. The following year he was sent to the Congo on an Irish Peacekeeping Mission with the 35th Infantry Battalion, under the command of Pat Quinlan from Waterville, Co. Kerry. He describes his experiences during the Battle of Jadotville, which he strongly feels was an unjustified embarrassment to the United Nations and to the Irish government. He has been tirelessly campaigning for many years to have the excellent leadership of his Commanding Officer, Pat Quinlan, recognised.

NAME: WALTER HEGARTY, AGE 76, RENMORE, GALWAY
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 30
Subject: Memories of service in The Congo
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 64:17
Description: Walter Hegarty joined the Irish Army in Athlone in 1959. The following year he became part of the first Irish Peacekeeping Mission oversees with the U.N. forces as a member of the 32nd Battalion. He describes in great detail the terrible turmoil and upheaval in the political situation in the Congo during the early 1960s. He returned to the Congo in 1961 as a sergeant with the 35th Infantry Battalion, and in this recording he provides a vivid account of the engagement at Jadotville and of the hostage situation which transpired.

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NAME: LEO QUINLAN, AGE 63, BARNA, GALWAY
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 31
Subject: Recalling an heroic man
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 56:51
Description: Leo Quinlan, son of the late Commandant Pat Quinlan, joined the Irish Army Cadets at the age of 17, and served for 20 years. Leo kept his father's records and his General Orders Book. The recording relates to Leo's memories of his father, information relating to the Battle of Jadotville which he compiled, and the history of the Quinlan family of Waterville, where this recording was made.

NAME: WALTER HEGARTY, GALWAY; JOHN GORMAN, MOATE; LEO QUINLAN, GALWAY AND MICHAEL WHELAN, SOUTH DUBLIN
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 32
Subject: The Battle of Jadotville – the Real Story
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 44:36
Description: This documentary is based on the events surrounding the controversial battle at Jadotville in the Congo in 1961. The interviewees are; Sergeant Walter Hegarty (retired), Corporal John Gorman (retired), Leo Quinlan (U.N.) and Corporal Michael Whelan, military historian and serving member of the Irish Defence Forces. All four men participate in relating this important chapter in the history of the Irish army in the Congo.

NAME: LIAM ROCHE, AGE 62, SAGGART
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 33
Subject: The restoration of Drimnagh Castle recalled
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 43:25
Description: The restoration of Drimnagh Castle was indeed a marvellous undertaking, which was organised by the local residents, including Liam Roche. Liam spoke about his own family origins, his memories of the community of the village of Saggart in earlier days, and their occupations and pastimes.

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NAME: TOM HOXEY, AGE 88, RATHCOOLE
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 34
Subject: Memories of a long-time resident of Rathcoole
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 46:07
Description: Tom Hoxey came from a sheep-farming background. He lived in one of the thatched houses in the village. He spent some time working in forestry and he describes his involvement in the sheep-farming trade. He had an incredible story to tell about his sheepdog.

NAME: JACK QUINN, AGE 66, RATHCOOLE
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 35
Subject: Recollections of long ago in Rathcoole
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 40:26
Description: This recording took place in the Square in Tallaght. Jack Quinn recalls his young days, going to school, the pastimes in the village, the place-names and the old buildings. The recording captures the enthusiasm and the passion which Jack has for Rathcoole and its vicinity.

NAME: EDDIE CONROY, AGE 52, TALLAGHT
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 36
Subject: An architect's vision
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 46:39
Description: Eddie Conroy is a native of Portlaoise, Co Laois. He qualified from UCD in 1980. Having worked in Germany for a year and then in Kildare he was employed by Dun Laoghaire Corporation. In this recording he describes his involvement in the Temple Bar development, and talks about the Dublin City Council buildings. After moving to Tallaght and South Dublin County Council, the first project he worked on was the theatre in Tallaght, for which he organised his own team of workers. He gives a great account of the planning and designing of Tallaght, which diversified from the traditional in what is a most interesting and enlightening recording.

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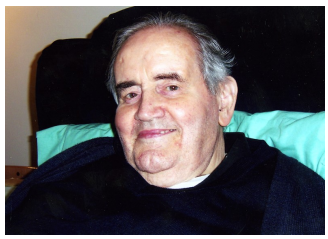

NAME: FATHER JOSEPH RYAN, AGE 80, TERENURE COLLEGE
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 37
Subject: A Carmelite's recollections
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 67:41
Description: Fr. Joseph Ryan has spent most of his life in Terenure College, where he taught junior students. He arrived at the College in 1954, and in 1964, he went to the Carmelite Priory in Whitefriars Street. In 1985, he was appointed Irish Provincial and he moved to the Priory in Kildare in 1991. Six years later he returned to Terenure. Fr. Ryan is a native of Kildare, and in this recording he recalls his teaching days, the changes which have occurred in the College, and his great devotion to the Carmelite Order.

NAME: FR. BEN HEGARTY, AGE 71 ST MARY'S PRIORY, TALLAGHT
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 38
Subject: Life in the Dominican Order
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 43:21
Description: A native of Cork city, Fr Ben Hegarty joined the Dominican Order at a very young age. He studied in Tallaght for six years and then in Rome, where he worked for a degree in Biblical Studies. He did post graduate studies in archaeology in the Middle East for two years and he then returned to Dublin and achieved a Master's Degree in Community Work at Trinity College. He then lectured in Dublin for a number of years. In this recording he speaks of the radical changes in the celebration of the Mass, and other religious practices. He also talks at length about his involvement in the life of Tallaght, the changes taking place there and migration into the area.

NAME: JOE WILLIAMS, AGE 69, CLONDALKIN (Part 1)
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 39
Subject: A passion for history
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 36:00
Description: Joe Williams is a native of Palmerstown and has lived in Clondalkin since 1971. He spent nine years in the British Army from 1953. His ancestral background is associated with

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military life. He speaks at length about his days in the Army, his love of local history and the different religious traditions in his family.

NAME: JOE WILLIAMS, AGE 69, CLONDALKIN (Part 2)
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 40
Subject: A passion for history
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 52:12
Description: In this second recording Joe Williams talks about his experiences in the Army, where he attained the rank of Corporal and worked in logistics for NATO. In the headquarters of the Northern Army Group the staff was made up of people of many nationalities. He speaks about the world crisis of 1962. Joe also speaks about his work after leaving the Army in the distribution services for the food industry. He recalls that he ran for a seat on Dublin County Council in 1979 and he has enjoyed writing very much during his very varied life.

NAME: JOE DOWLING, AGE 75, BRITTAS
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 41
Subject: A retired Bailiff
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 49:55
Description: Joe Dowling was born and has lived in his ancestral home for 75 years. He is able to trace back his ancestors, who farmed the land there, for four generations. The home originally belonged to the Davitt family, until Joe's grandfather married in there. Joe, for many years, acted as Bailiff and looked after the lakes in the area. He also served his time as a postman locally and he can recall the names of all the old people. His great interest in memorabilia was quite evident in the display of antiquities in his house.

NAME: JOHN SCAHILL, AGE 89, RATHCOOLE
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 42
Subject: Generations of working the land
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 50:21
Description: John Scahill recalls a fascinating story, involving his father, who originally came from Claremorris, Co Mayo. He came to work on the Joyce family farm in Baldonnell, now the site of an

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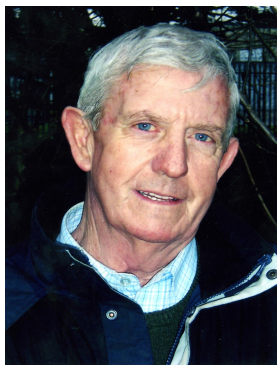
aerodrome, and he later moved to a 35 acre holding of land in Ballyvahill in Skidoo. John himself worked in Clonee for a number of years, eventually coming back to take over his father's farm, which covered 100 acres at that time. In this recording John talks about the Economic War years, and about the great fairs in Ennis and in Dublin.

NAME: SEAMUS BALFE, AGE 71, KILLYBEGS, LACKEN
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 43
Subject: A changing landscape
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 43:46
Description: Seamus Balfe is a native of Killybegs, many of whose inhabitants were small farmers who also worked in the granite quarries. He recounts stories handed down from the older people about the ESB dam which flooded the low-lying lands there, covering many acres of land which had been farmed by locals over generations. He also speaks about the forestry projects which began in the 1950s in the area. He recalls his father's keen interest in local history, and describes the local accent and different pronunciations of names, and also, mentions the hard winters which were experienced over the years.



NAME: CHRISTY SARGENT, AGE 89, BLESSINGTON
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 44
Subject: Life long ago in Blessington
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 49:24
Description: This recording reveals a different life as it was lived in Blessington in the early part of the last century. Christy Sargent recalls beginning his working life at the age of 14, like most of his contemporaries, sifting sand for a builder in Crumlin. He regularly used the steam tram from Blessington to Terenure on a journey which cost him seven pence. Adults paid one shilling and tuppence at that time. His love for athletics and his passion for racing are described. He attended the Punchestown Races for 85 years, having originally been taken there as a child by his parents.

NAME: REGGIE GOODBODY, AGE 71, NENAGH, CO TIPPERARY
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 45

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Subject: A long established business
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 59:19
Description: The Legge Brothers' business was established in 1864 in Hill Street, off Parliament Street, Dublin. The company manufactured wooden bread trays and packing cases and was one of many small businesses operating in the centre of Dublin. In the late 1960s Reggie Goodbody was employed as a supervisor, in charge of 43 employees. He talks about the clients – Guinness, Coca-Cola and the Harry Clarke Studios. The business survived until the introduction of plastic. This is a fascinating recording, describing the type of packaging in use before the introduction of cardboard and plastics.

NAME: EAMON HYNES, AGE 68, RAHEEN, BRITTAS
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 46
Subject: Long memories of Brittas
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 59:03
Description: This interview took place in Eamon Hynes's ancestral home, which was originally a thatched house, with a blacksmith's forge beside it. His father and grandfather were blacksmiths – the former was a well-known character known as 'Tuppenny Hynes'. This interview recalls many of the local characters and the use of sayings and phrases in the local dialect. Eamon contracted TB at a young age, as did many people in the area. His wife Patricia also speaks about their marriage and their way of life. Local field names and place names are also recorded.

NAME: FRANCES O'DONOGHUE, AGE 85, RED HILL, TINODE, BLESSINGTON
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 47
Subject: A woman's life in farming
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 62:36

Description: This recording was made at the O'Donoghue home, in an area farmed by the family for many generations. Frances O'Donoghue's maiden name was Clark, and she was originally from Horsepasstown, Ballymore Eustace. She was brought up there in a little cottage by the side of the road, a quarter of a mile from Poulaphuca. She speaks in this interview of her upbringing by her aunt, and her childhood days. Frances talks about her

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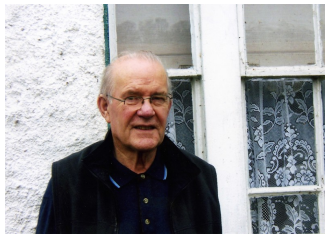
memories of the steam train, religious practices, the dances and the superstitions which were rife in earlier days.

NAME: JOHN McALEER, AGE 66, TALLAGHT
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 48
Subject: A printer remembers
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 61:49
Description: I met John McAleer at his workplace in the South Dublin County Council buildings in Clondalkin where I recorded a fascinating account of a life involved in printing. John described, stage by stage, his progression in the printing world, as he served his apprenticeship as a compositor, and then worked on bookbinding and leather tooling. He started his trade in the Dublin Print and Paper Company, North Frederick Street. In 1972 he worked on 'Creation', a publication run by Hugh McLoughlin and Vincent Browne. He joined the Irish Press in 1979, working there for 12 years. The work practices and some of the characters like Con Houlihan, with whom he worked closely, are described. He also speaks about his present work in the County Council as a graphic designer.



NAME: HUGH O'CONNOR, AGE 74, PALMERSTOWN
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 49
Subject: A family history recalled
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 65:21
Description: This recording took place at the home of the O'Connor's, one of the original old dwellings in the area. The house was built in 1885 by the Guinnesses for the millers. Hugh O'Connor speaks about his father's days working on the farm as a general labourer, and the coach house, which was used to change horses before carriages proceeded to Dublin. Hugh also talks about his schooldays, and working as an apprentice fitter in Clondalkin, as well as his experiences of the Servite Order in Tyrone in 1952.

NAME: JOHN GRIFFIN, AGE 74, TALLAGHT
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 50
Subject: A rent collector's recollections
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 40:39

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Description: John Griffin was born in Co Cavan, and grew up in Mountmellick in Co Laois. After leaving school, he began work with a Mountmellick building contractor, with whom he moved in 1952 to Dublin, to build houses there. After further work in the electrical business, he joined the County Council in 1973, and worked for 22 years, first as a relief collector, and then as a rent collector. For much of that time he covered an area from Balbriggan to Shankill, collecting rent from County Council domestic properties. This recording includes many anecdotes of his working years and the occupational hazards of his work.

NAME: REVEREND WILLIAM DEVERELL, AGE 47, ST MAELRUAIN'S RECTORY, TALLAGHT
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 51
Subject: Local community service
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 51:01

Description: Rev. Deverell is a Church of Ireland Minister who has spent 10 years ministering in Tallaght. He is a native of Rathgar. He describes his first appointment at Six Mile Cross in Carrigmore and he then moved to Tallaght in the year 2000. His congregation there were well established, but it has changed over the years, and now includes many immigrants, whom he is trying to integrate into the community. He finally speaks about his bishop, who allows him considerable security of tenure in his post.

NAME: FATHER JOHN MADDEN, AGE 76, TERENURE COLLEGE, TERENURE
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 52
Subject: A Carmelite's recollections
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 71:34

Description: Fr John Madden is a native of Phibsboro, in Dublin where his father worked in the grocery business. Fr John speaks about his life in Terenure College from 1958 onward, where he taught mathematics. This is a very valuable insight into the life of a boarding school in these years. The strict regime endured by approximately 110 boarders, and up to 1,000 day boys, is described. He discusses his thoughts on the changes in teaching practices, the advent of lay teachers, and he also speaks about the community and its characters.

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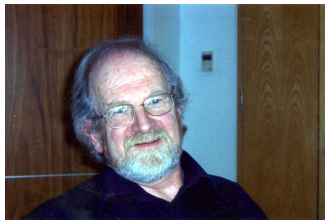
NAME: JIMMY BOLAND, AGE 77, NAAS
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 53
Subject: A vintage car expert's recollections
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 74:28
Description: Jimmy Boland began his adult life working for the farmers in Baldonnell as his father had done before him. He spent some time during the war years operating a horse-drawn vehicle for the local paper mills. His first experience of mechanical work in a garage was with Andy Clancy at Newland's Cross. After serving his time there he moved to Drimnagh Garage, run by Tommy Allan, working weekends only. He then moved to Ballsbridge where he worked for the Esmonds. His lucky break came when he bought Clancy's Garage in Newland's Cross in 1958 with Tom Cruise. In 1959 he began a vintage car collection, which is now the largest in the country.

NAME: EAMON CUNNINGHAM, AGE 62, CLONFERT
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 54
Subject: An overview of local government in Dublin 1966-2007
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 58:25
Description: Eamon is a native of Athlone, Co Westmeath, and moved to Dublin in 1966 to become an employee of Dublin County Council. He talks about his career working in local authorities. In 1994 Dublin County Council was split into three divisions – Fingal Co Council, South Dublin Co Council and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co Council. He was a member of the team set up to put into place this reorganisation. He moved to South Dublin Co. Council, and retired at the age of 61 having served for 41 years.



NAME: BILLY LEONARD, AGE 61, FIRHOUSE
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 55
Subject: Recollections of Dublin Corporation in the 20th century
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 62:25
Description: Bill Leonard is a native of Carrig on Shannon, Co Roscommon and is former head of the Institute of Technology. He became a Civil Servant for the Dublin Corporation in 1965, at the age of 17. He worked in the Finance Office under Sean Haughey, a brother of Charlie Haughey. Later, one of his responsibilities was at the City Abattoir, and also the Wash House

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(before the days of laundrettes). Subsequently he worked in the motor tax area, also taking a position in the Roads Department. In 1980, he was one of the founder members of the Tallaght Credit Union. This recording includes many interesting anecdotes of life as a public servant in Dublin.

NAME: THERESE RIDGE, AGE 67, CLONDALKIN
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 56
Subject: A County Councillor's recollections
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 50:44

Description: Therese Ridge speaks about her childhood, remembering inner city Dublin life in the fifties. She first became involved in politics in 1985 and she was elected a councillor in Clondalkin. She speaks about her brief as a County Councillor, and her passion for the work. She recalls the changes and the development in Clondalkin from its time as a village to what is today a large town.

NAME: RODERICK KERNAN, AGE 80, TEMPLEOGUE
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 57
Subject: The life story of a scientist
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 60:27

Description: Roderick Kernan grew up in north Co Dublin, and was educated in Synge Street. In this interview he recalls his college experiences. He obtained doctorates in philosophy and science. He studied at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and worked in East Avenue with the Rockefeller Institute. He then lectured in UCD for a while, returning to the US to work at George Washington University in 1970. He describes in great detail the advances in science and technology in Ireland over the years, and he talks about a book called 'Evolution, Stem Cells and the Brain-Mind Connection'. He also speaks about his membership of the Royal Irish Academy.

NAME: JOHN CAULFIELD, AGE 79, FIRHOUSE
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 58
Subject: Recollections of a retired school teacher
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 41:03
Description: John Caulfield is a native of Co Mayo. He took up a

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position as a teacher in Firhouse School in 1955. In this recording he recalls his teaching career. He speaks about the changes in teaching practices over the years and the growth of the school from being a two-teacher school to having a staff of 23 teachers on his retirement as Principal. He also gives a brief account of the history of the place, the sporting activities and the pastimes, and describes Templeogue Village itself as it was when he arrived there over half a century ago.

NAME: BERNIE FAGAN, AGE 53, BIDDIE DORAN, AGE 38, MARY CUNNINGHAM, AGE 28, EILEEN CONNORS, AGE 49 and HELEN CONNORS, AGE 23, ALL OF TALLAGHT
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 59
Subject: Recollections of members of the Travelling Community
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 73:30

Description: Bernie Fagan runs a Training Centre in Tallaght for the Travelling Community. In this recording, Bernie talks about the travellers' traditions, customs, beliefs, roots and education. Eileen Connors talks about Tallaght Village as it was over 30 years ago and about the travellers' existence, as they moved in long convoys around the country. She discusses music and pastimes. The other members of the group, Biddie Doran, Mary Cunningham and Helen Connors, speak about their lives and experiences in the travelling community.

NAME: RICHARD TAWAMBA, AGE 44, TALLAGHT
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 60
Subject: Finding a new home in Ireland
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 39:54

Description: Richard Tawamba is a native of the Eastern Province of Zimbabwe. He speaks about his tribal traditions and the great difference the arrival of the missionaries made to his country. He goes on to discuss the reasons why he went to study in England, and why he decided to come to Ireland. He applied for a job as a civil servant and was appointed to South Dublin County Council. He explains his reasons for his wish to bring up his family in the area.

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NAME: IZABELA RAZNIAK, AGE 34, RATHMINES
Title: Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County Collection, CD 61
Subject: Settling in Ireland
Recorded by: Maurice O'Keeffe
Date: 2008
Time: 43:49

Description: Born in Poland, Isabella Razniak describes the hardships her country has endured since the German occupation in the Second World War, and the apparent decline of the Catholic Church in Poland. She discusses her reasons for wanting to come to live in Ireland. Her first job was as a cleaner in budget accommodation in Temple Bar. Then she became a home help assistant, and later got a job in the County Library in Tallaght where she still works.

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