



Name: Mary Duggan

From:

Age:

Interviewers: Martina Hughes & Mary Helebert

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**Martina** *Do you know if there was a bakery in Claregalway?*

**Mary Duggan** No, not that I know of. The Dunleavey's had it, they would sell bread when they were in the old house, you know, when they had the old bar, that the only one I know of. Do you know Roddie, he used to sell in Loughgeorge as well, bread, you know when Roddie was in Loughgeorge, where Joe Coyne is now, he used to sell bread there as well.

**Martina** *And that was it, I never heard anything else.*

**Mary Duggan** No, there was never a bakery as such.

**Martina** *Just that it was mentioned before in another interview am, or do you know of any named fields in the area?*

**Mary Duggan** Pardon.

**Martina** *Any named fields?*

**Mary Duggan** No.

**Martina** *No, there is none around here.*

**Mary Duggan** Let me think now, no I just can't think now at the moment, no.

**Mary** *Do you know anything about Nurse Keane.?*

**Mary Duggan** Oh, she delivered all my babies, well most of them anyways. She was a good many years in Claregalway. She was, where was she staying? She was staying in Hanley's in the old house.

**Martina** *Yeah*

**Mary Duggan** Then she moved to Salthill, she is a good few years dead now. She must be 14 or 15 years dead now, I'd say.

**Mary** *Was she old when she died?*

**Mary Duggan** Oh she was, she was gone well over the seventies anyways.

- Martina** *And do you know when she give up the practice?*  
**Mary** Am, she gave up the practice now because she had a sore foot, and the foot  
**Duggan** wasn't healing, it wasn't over age she gave it up, but she got sick. And she just  
wasn't able to continue on. She gave it up in the early seventies anyway.
- Martina** *Do you know of anyone involved in the Black & Tan War?*  
**Mary** My father.  
**Duggan**
- Martina** *Your father.*  
**Mary** Martin Coyne, Kiltroque.  
**Duggan**
- Martina** *Do you remember him telling you anything about it?*  
**Mary** Many and many times. He'd tell us the way the place was blown up and  
**Duggan** everything you know. That's a good many years ago now. My mother used talk  
about it as well.
- Martina** *There was something said about a church down this road?*  
**Mary** No.  
**Duggan**
- Martina** *No.*  
**Mary** Just the one down there now. Well I have never seen anyone anyway. I never.  
**Duggan** My father and mother never told me that there was either you know.
- Martina** *There was something said about a Church Gate, or something like that. It was  
around here.*  
**Mary** Unless, ah, there used to be big gate, do you know there in the, as you go up to  
**Duggan** the lake, there used to be a big gate there years and years ago. Not so many years  
ago when we came out here, about 36 years ago, it was after that they took it  
down because you know there was lots going up and going down.
- Martina** *So that's probably it now.*  
**Mary** *Do you know anything about the races in Loughgeorge?*
- Mary** No.  
**Duggan**
- Mary** *The old post office in Claregalway?*  
**Mary** No, only that piece there now. My husband used always talk about it you know  
**Duggan** when it was there. That's all I know about it really.
- Mary** *How did you spend your free-time after school?*  
**Mary** Ah, going crazy around the place, well the first thing we had to do was our lessons  
**Duggan** anyways do you, they'd make sure that we done our lessons the first thing, so we  
could eat our lunch. I used to go to Cregmore school, and Lackagh school. We  
went to Lackagh school first, and then when Cregmore school was built we went  
to Cregmore.

**Mary** *Did you go to secondary school?*

**Mary** No.

**Duggan**

**Mary** *Did many people go to secondary school?*

**Mary** Not really that time. Now there wasn't much talk about secondary school. None of my mates went anyway. Because when they left school, they had to help on the farm that time. You had to help your father and mother on the farm and in the house, you know.

**Duggan**

**Mary** *What age did you start school?*

**Mary** I started school when I was 7 years of age.

**Duggan**

**Mary** *And finished?*

**Mary** I finished at 14 years.

**Duggan**

