KPC  So one of the things I wanted you to tell me a bit about was what it was like growing up here in Irvinestown when you were a wee girl?

CMcG  Oh, wh... when I was young...

KPC  Mm.

CMcG  ... like going to school?

KPC  Aye.

CMcG  Aye, oh, it was great, you know, with friends, and at a... and in, in the summer time, we used to go in our bare feet.

KPC  No!

CMcG  We did.

KPC  Did you really?

CMcG  Honestly, we did when I was young. Nearly all the children went in their bare feet. It was the 1\textsuperscript{st} May.

KPC  Uh-huh.

CMcG  On the 1\textsuperscript{st} of May, they all went out in their bare feet every day to school, and... but then, although on Sundays you’ll go to the ch... chapel there, you wore a pair of slippers or something. But definitely when the fir... once the 1\textsuperscript{st} May came, you would get,
you get a, you’d... a stone, your stone, you’d put, put, your foot got caught on a stone, you’d call it a ‘stone bruise’.

KPC Yeah.

CMcG Uh-huh. And, and, eh, and what else would you get? Stones, and something else now. I forget what the name of the other thing was – stone bruises and, em, oh, you’d crig your toe.

KPC crig your toe?

CMcG That’s right. [/laughs]

KPC Right, okay.

CMcG Crig your toe. That’s right.

KPC Because you’d knock it against something?

CMcG Aye, aye.

KPC Mm.

CMcG That’s right, mm-mm.

KPC And did you enjoy school?

CMcG Oh, I did surely. I loved school.

KPC Mm.

CMcG I did, aye.

KPC So what did you love about it?

CMcG Well, I liked the, I liked the teachers.

KPC Mm-mm.

CMcG The teachers were…

KPC Who was your favourite teacher?
CMcG  Mi... Miss Parker was a teacher, and Mrs Kearney was a teacher. Mm.

KPC  Mm-mm.

CMcG  And they raffled a doll. Oh, and the lovely doll won... and you... and I... I think I was 14 at the time.

KPC  Mm-mm.

CMcG  And they raffled a doll, and it was three, three penny... three pennies for a ticket. That's right.

KPC  Mm-mm.

CMcG  And, anyway, I remember... or two, maybe it was two, two actually, about two pennies or three pennies for a ticket.

KPC  Mm.

CMcG  But I remember I was in a shop one day, and, an... and, em, there was a man in the shop, and he said, 'I don't want…’ you were to guess the name of the doll...

KPC  Mm.

CMcG  That’s right...

KPC  Mm-mm.

CMcG  ... guess the name of the doll, and, eh, this man he gave this girl was, she had the doll with her, and she was selling the tickets, and she said, he, he give her sixpence...

KPC  Mm.

CMcG  ... and he told her, he told her to buy me a ticket, and her a ticket, and another girl there, three of us. So it was sixpence; it was only two, two, tuppence for a ticket.
KPC  Mm-mm.

CMcG  And I, I asked the girl that was selling the tickets, I said, ‘I don’t want to guess. Give me the tuppence.’ She said, ‘No, you have to gue...

KPC  [laughs]

CMcG  .... [laughs] you have to gue... you have to guess the right name there. You have to guess,’ she said. And th., the day, that morning, I think, or maybe that day before, the teacher had said the name of the doll. I forget what she said. She said, ‘Would none of you think of calling the doll two names?’ And then we got... that day, I, I... but she said, ‘Call the doll two names,’ and I thought, ‘Well, I’ll have to call it...’ and she, th... this girl was selling, had the doll with her, and she said, ‘You’ll have to guess,’ and I says, ‘Well, put down Mary... Mary Theresa for me.’

KPC  Right.

CMcG  And, anyway, that was all. It lasted a long time, say, a good month maybe after that, eh, the doll’s name was revealed, do you know what it was? The doll’s name was Marie Therese.

KPC  Very close.

CMcG  And that... and that I, I, I got the doll.

KPC  Oh, excellent.

CMcG  Oh, it was lovely doll, it was lovely. But my... I had a cousin home from America at that time.

KPC  Uh-huh.

CMcG  And my father... there were nine of us in this house.

KPC  Aye.
And my father seen the doll, and he said, ‘This doll wouldn’t last a month or... in this house.’ Anyway, a cousin of ours was going back, she was with her mother and her were over for a holiday...

... when we met her, and she bet the... she got the doll.

Aye, she did. Oh, she’d go out and get her, you know what I mean? My father gave it to her.

And how did you feel about that?

Oh, I, I didn’t care.

Did you not mind?

No, I didn’t care, because I thought to myself, ‘There’s...’ there were six... fi... five girls in the house...

Aye.

... and thought the doll wouldn’t last a crack. [laughs]

[laughs]. So, in a way, it was for...

And I remember this.

... for the preservation of the doll.

I remember going to school when there was a lovely doll.

Yeah.

The teachers had dressed it and all and put lovely... made the clothes and all for it.

Mm.
CMcG I remember that at school now.