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Reference Code:	MAGOHP/26
Oral History (Audio) of:	Ellen Murphy (née Ward)
Pseudonym?	No
Status:	Survivor
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Date of Interview:	9 <sup>th</sup> April 2013
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Interviewer:	Dr Sinéad Pembroke
Records/Papers included:	No
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## Notes on Redaction and Transcription Process

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Interviewee Initials: EM

Interviewer Initials: SP

### Notes on Redaction Process (full list of redactions and pseudonyms available from Pg 3)

- Audio segments containing named individuals have been removed
- Named individuals have been assigned pseudonyms
- Audio segments containing some locations have been removed

### Basic Data from Interview

Name/Pseudonym	Ellen Murphy (née Ward)
When Born	1941
Born outside marriage?	No
Raised by	Parents then reformatory school
Education	Industrial School
Haircutting/punishment?	Yes
Emigrated?	Yes
Physical ailments?	Yes, problems with knees which were not given attention while in laundry
Of Note	Interviewee is now deceased; interviewee witnessed a nun giving birth in the industrial school.

### Laundry No 1

Order	Good Shepherd
Laundry	Limerick
From	Approx 1956/57
To	Unclear
Duration of stay	Unclear (interviewee finally escaped the laundry system at 23 years old)
Age on entry	15/16 years
Entered Via	Sent from industrial school on same campus
House Name/No	Yes
Circumstances of Departure	Sent to Good Shepherd Magdalene Laundry in Sundays Well

### Laundry No 2

Order	Good Shepherd
Laundry	Sundays Well
From	Unclear
To	Unclear
Duration of stay	Interviewee says she was there 'for some years'
Age on entry	Unclear
Entered Via	Sent from Limerick laundry
House Name/No	Yes
Circumstances of Departure	Sent to Sisters of Charity Magdalene Laundry in Peacock Lane

<b>Laundry No 3</b>	
<b>Order</b>	Sisters of Charity
<b>Laundry</b>	Peacock Lane
<b>From</b>	Unclear
<b>To</b>	Unclear
<b>Duration of stay</b>	Unclear (interviewee finally escaped the laundry system at 23 years old)
<b>Age on entry</b>	Unclear
<b>Entered Via</b>	Sent from Sundays Well
<b>House Name/No</b>	Yes
<b>Circumstances of Departure</b>	Sent to Sisters of Charity Magdalene Laundry in Donnybrook

<b>Laundry No 4</b>	
<b>Order</b>	Sisters of Charity
<b>Laundry</b>	Peacock Lane
<b>From</b>	Unclear
<b>To</b>	Unclear
<b>Duration of stay</b>	Unclear (interviewee finally escaped the laundry system at 23 years old)
<b>Age on entry</b>	Unclear
<b>Entered Via</b>	Sent from Peacock Lane
<b>House Name/No</b>	Yes
<b>Circumstances of Departure</b>	Released by religious sisters

### List of Audio Redactions

<b>Location</b>	<b>Redaction</b>	<b>Pseudonym on transcript (if applicable)</b>	<b>Details/Relationship to Interviewee</b>
00:00:20	Name	Sr Judith	Third Party Religious
00:03:20	Name	Mother Ignatius	Third Party Religious
00:03:29	Name	Vera	Unclear. Possibly third party Magdalene or child in industrial school.
00:03:53	Name	Evelyn	Unclear. Possibly third party Magdalene or child in industrial school.
00:04:07	Name	Mother Ignatius	Third Party Religious
00:04:10	Name	Patricia	Unclear. Possibly third party Magdalene or child in industrial school.
00:04:34	Name	Vera	Third Party Magdalene (Auxiliary)
00:04:49	Name	Mother Ignatius	Third Party Religious
00:07:08	Location	n/a	Address of interviewee's godmother
00:07:12	Location	n/a	Address of interviewee's godmother
00:14:08	Name	Mrs Flaherty	Interviewee's former employer
00:16:01	Name	Mahoneys	Men who painted for the religious sisters
00:16:56	Name	Mother Benedict	Third Party Religious
00:17:05	Name	Mother Francis	Third Party Religious
00:17:13	Name	Mother Francis	Third Party Religious

00:17:46	Name	Gráinne Murphy	Magdalene woman working in industrial school
00:17:47	Name	Theresa Fitzpatrick	Magdalene woman working in industrial school
00:17:53	Name	Mother Francis	Third Party Religious
00:17:58	Name	Mother Francis	Third Party Religious
00:18:50	Name	Brenda Murphy	Magdalene woman working in industrial school (possibly same woman as Gráinne Murphy above)
00:18:50	Name	Theresa Fitzpatrick	Magdalene woman working in industrial school
00:19:39	Name	Mother Francis	Third Party Religious
00:22:10	Name	Jennifer	Interviewee's sister
00:22:57	Name	Patricia	Third Party Magdalene
00:23:01	Name	Mother Ignatius	Third Party Religious
00:23:11	Name	Sr Mary Agnes	Third Party Religious
00:23:18	Name	Mother Ignatius	Third Party Religious
00:23:44	Name	Sr Mary Agnes	Third Party Religious
00:25:38	Name	Theresa Fitzpatrick	Magdalene woman working in industrial school
00:31:52	Name	Evelyn	Unclear. Possibly third party Magdalene or child in industrial school.
00:32:06	Name	Mother Ignatius	Third Party Religious
00:32:33	Name	Patricia	Unclear. Possibly third party Magdalene or child in industrial school.
00:32:59	Name	Mother Ignatius	Third Party Religious
00:34:27	Name	Patricia	Unclear. Possibly third party Magdalene or child in industrial school.
00:36:06	Name	Sr Ronan	Third Party Religious
00:36:26	Name	Sr Ronan	Third Party Religious
00:38:44	Location	n/a	Address of interviewee's godmother
00:39:23	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
00:40:09	Name	Mother Kieran	Third Party Religious
00:40:25	Name	Mrs Flaherty	Interviewee's former employer
00:41:35	Name	Flahertys	Interviewee's former employer
00:42:54	Name	Flahertys	Interviewee's former employer
00:43:04	Name	Mr Flaherty	Interviewee's former employer
00:45:29	Name	Evelyn	Unclear. Possibly third party Magdalene or child in industrial school.
00:52:23	Name	Sr Mary Agnes	Third Party Religious
00:52:29	Name	Mother Ignatius	Third Party Religious
00:55:38	Name	Michael Joseph Turley	Farmer who worked for religious sisters
00:58:33	Name	Mother Ignatius	Third Party Religious
00:59:21	Name	Mother Ignatius	Third Party Religious
00:59:30	Name	Elma/Jacqueline	Third Party Magdalene
01:04:48	Name	Mother Ignatius	Third Party Religious
01:06:00	Name	Sr Kevin	Third Party Religious
01:06:01	Name	Sr Kevin	Third Party Religious
01:06:28	Name	Sr Kevin	Third Party Religious
01:09:05	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
01:11:34	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband

01:11:43	Name	Josephine	Third Party Magdalene
01:12:20	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
01:12:24	Name	Jennifer	Interviewee's sister
01:13:06	Name	Jennifer	Interviewee's sister
01:15:49	Name	Cormac	Interviewee's son
01:18:17	Name	Cormac	Interviewee's son
01:18:30	Location	n/a	Location where interviewee did course
01:18:48	Name	Cormac	Interviewee's son
01:20:17	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
01:20:50	Name	Mrs Flaherty	Interviewee's former employer
01:22:14	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
01:23:04	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
01:23:08	Business name	n/a	Employer of interviewee's husband
01:23:44	Location	n/a	Church in which interviewee was married
01:23:59	Name	Mrs O'Connor	Interviewee's former landlady
01:24:22	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
01:24:31	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
01:24:44	Name	Martin Murphy (Mr Murphy)	Interviewee's husband
01:25:02	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
01:25:44	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
01:28:07	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
01:29:32	Location	n/a	Location of interviewee and husband's first home
01:30:16	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
01:30:18	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
01:30:27	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
01:30:32	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
01:30:49	Name	Judith	Interviewee's adoptive aunt
01:31:02	Name	Martin Murphy (Marty)	Interviewee's husband
01:31:20	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
01:31:29	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
01:32:26	Name	Orla	Child in industrial school/orphanage
01:32:46	Name	Flahertys	Interviewee's former employer
01:32:49	Name	Deirdre Flaherty	Child of interviewee's former employer
01:33:14	Name	Jane Flaherty	Child of interviewee's former employer
01:33:26	Name	William Flaherty	Child of interviewee's former employer
01:33:30	Name	Jane Flaherty	Child of interviewee's former employer
01:33:46	Name	Deirdre Flaherty	Child of interviewee's former employer
01:34:01	Name	Mr Flaherty	Interviewee's former employer
01:34:09	Name	Mrs Flaherty	Interviewee's former employer
01:34:39	Name	Mrs Flaherty	Interviewee's former employer
01:35:37	Name	Deirdre Flaherty	Child of interviewee's former employer
01:35:47	Name	Deirdre Flaherty	Child of interviewee's former employer
01:36:34	Name	Mrs Flaherty	Interviewee's former employer
01:37:42	Name	Mr Flaherty	Interviewee's former employer

01:38:27	Name	Polly	Sister-in-law of interviewee's former employer
01:39:05	Name	Jane Flaherty	Child of interviewee's former employer
01:39:07	Name	Deirdre Flaherty	Child of interviewee's former employer
01:39:08	Name	Lily Flaherty	Child of interviewee's former employer
01:39:09	Name	Deirdre Flaherty	Child of interviewee's former employer
01:47:34	Name	Frances Doherty	Survivor group organiser
01:47:35	Name	Ita Egan	Survivor group organiser
01:47:36	Name	Angela	Third Party Magdalene
01:47:37	Name	Mairead	Third Party Magdalene
01:48:33	Name	Angela	Third Party Magdalene
01:48:34	Name	Mairead	Third Party Magdalene
01:49:37	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
01:51:37	Name	Jennifer	Interviewee's sister
01:51:41	Name	Sr Regina	Third party religious
01:51:59	Name	Jennifer	Interviewee's sister
01:52:11	Name	Sr Regina	Third party religious
01:52:27	Name	Sr Regina	Third party religious
01:52:29	Name	Jennifer	Interviewee's sister
01:52:50	Name	Noreen O'Reilly	Matron of interviewee's sister's nursing home
01:53:01	Name	Jennifer	Interviewee's sister
01:53:11	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
01:53:41	Name	Jennifer	Interviewee's sister
01:54:03	Name	Jennifer	Interviewee's sister
01:54:08	Name	Jennifer	Interviewee's sister
01:54:30	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
01:54:31	Name	Tony	Interviewee's sister's nickname for Martin
01:54:32	Name	Tony	Interviewee's sister's nickname for Martin
01:54:35	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
01:54:37	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
01:54:40	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
01:54:53	Name	Jennifer	Interviewee's sister
01:55:15	Name	Jennifer	Interviewee's sister
01:55:20	Name	Jennifer	Interviewee's sister
01:55:37	Name	Martin Murphy	Interviewee's husband
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01:57:44	Name	Jennifer	Interviewee's sister