

Kendal Oral History Group Interview R0087
Husband (DOB 1920) and Wife (DOB NK)
Recorded August 2000

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P.1 (HUSBAND)

Born 1920, Sepulchre Lane, Fellside.
Father labourer at Dockray Hall Mill making bricks. Harry Anderson the boss.
Father's working hours and pay, Mother took in washing for "gentry" ..

P.2 Washing at washhouse in Allhallows Lane.

Layout of house on Sepulchre Lane.
Attended Central School.
Fellside and Low Fellside rivalry.

P.3 Playing "leave-oh".

Lamplighter.
Playing "guinea pig".

P.4 More games; cigarette cards; football.

P.5 Cleaning of carpets on Kendal Fell (Serpentine Road).

Borough Band played Sunday morning in Serpentine Woods.
Summerhouse in Serpentine Woods.

P.6 Indians used to come to Black Swan selling ties and scarves.

Pneumonia crisis.
Grandmother worked at Ghyll Head laundry.

P.7 Women going to The Hyena for supper ale.

Dewarty Ward docked dogs' tails.

P.8 Allhallows Church and Sunday School. Ex-naval man (Longmire) took Sunday School

(WIFE)

Born Prudential Yard, Highgate.
Layout of house in Tanners' Place. Then family moved to Castle Garden
Cottage belonging to Gilkes's. House in Tanners' Place belonged to a
solicitor.

P.9 Paying rent at office over Webb's in Highgate.

Occupants of Tanner's Yard; Ruxtons paintshop.

Father worked at Gilkes's.

"Workhouse" on Waterside for working and retired navvies, etc.

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P.10 Attended Central School, Kirkland and Senior Girls'.
Miss Gornall, headmistress at Kirkland School.

(HUSBAND)

Attended Central School and Senior Boys', Castle St.

P.11 Chocolate factory on Castle Street.
Teachers at Senior Boys' Going to collect coal from Low Fellside.
Went to Netherfield on leaving school, then into the navy.

P.12 More money paid at Netherfield than at Ibis.
Came back from navy, 1946, to Netherfield to "scrappy" job, so went to Manchester to train as fireman. Got job with Morecambe Fire Brigade.

P.13 Primitive equipment at Kendal Fire Brigade. Attended fires all over Westmorland.
Retained fire fighters.
Staff and equipment at Kendal Fire Station. Breathing equipment; shifts worked.

P.14 Fire and ambulance stations on Aynam Road.
Attended accidents and floods.
Flooding at Castle Garden Cottage. Layout of cottage.

P.15 Clearing up after a flood.
Fire at Musgroves shop (Finkle Street), 1964; Kendal Hotel fire; farm fires.
Fire officers at Kendal.

P.16 Lecturing to women's groups about civil defence.
Coach crash on Shap.

P.17 Playing "tip-tap" as a youth.
Seeing a crocodile!
Earned Queen's medal whilst in Fire Service.