

KENDAL ORAL HISTORY GROUP

Interview R0004
Female born 1905. Interviewed 1984

SUMMARY - 0004

P.1 Born at Windermere. Father died and respondent fostered to Kirkstanton. Mother in service - re-married. Came to live in Kendal.

P.2 Lived in Captain French Lane. Had typhoid about 1915. Spent time in sanatorium, Parkside Road.

P.3 Knocked down by carriage and pair. Mother stoked up at Ghyll Head Laundry in WW1. Attended National School.

P.4 Teachers at Central School. Maggie Matt.

P.5 Scrumping apples from hospital gardens. Stepfather and cousin fined half a crown for selling pies on Waterside.

P.6 Moved to Mealbank. Father and mother both worked in mill. Schoolmaster called Mr Reid.

P.7 Back to live in Kendal - Pump Yard. Worked at pawn shop, bottom of Collin Croft Yard.

P.8 Worked for Northern Syndicate folding paper patterns. To laundry on Wildman Street to work as "collar girl".

P.9 Went to work at laundry at Windermere.

P.10 Learning weaving at Mealbank mill.

P.11 Mother cleaned for surveyor living in Lowther St. Married at age 22; living with husband's family.

P.12 House on Cliff Terrace.

P.13 Went into rooms on Park Avenue.

P.14 Worked two hours a day cleaning. Applied for house on Rinkfield.

P.15 1927 moved into house on Rinkfield when newly built.

P.16 Husband wounded in 1917. Spent two years in Newcastle. Six sacked from Netherfield for joining up before their age group. Husband worked shifts at Gas Works. Parents-in-law had house at the bottom of Poor House Lane.

P.17 Mother worked at Levens Hall as scullery maid.

P.18 Servants and their duties. Collecting peat at Levens.

P.19 Fruit picking in Levens. Mother lived at Castle Dairy.