

KENDAL ORAL HISTORY GROUP

Female born 1909
Interview recorded 1989

SUMMARY SHEET

P.1 Born 26.10.1909, Holme Ground, Tilberthwaite.
Little Langdale School; dinner baskets.
Collecting cows for milking.
Grandma did Langdale linen work.

P.2 Grandma spun flax and weaved; St. Martin's; Mr Dixon of Kendal, weaver.
Bleaching of the linen.
Home Arts and Industries in London.

P.3 During First World War coarse linen made for soldiers' rucksacks.
Dyeing linen with lichen; moss gathered for healing.
John Ruskin.

P.4 Relative is interested in linen business.
Auntie made bobbin lace; Grandma made pincushion for Princess Mary.

P.5 Mission room connected with Brathay Church.
Harris's, Cockermouth, linen thread and flax people.
Dad carted slates to Coniston, brought back coal.
Spinning wool from Herdwick sheep.

P.6 Taking butter and eggs into Ambleside by horse and trap.
Grandmother was Elizabeth Pepper.
Marion Twelves, friend of John Ruskin, worked with Grandma setting up lace business.

P.7 Mrs Prickett, Coniston, teaches Ruskin lace.
Making bobbin lace.
Talking to groups about Ruskin lace.

P.8 In Abbot Hall - copy in lace of stained glass window in Westminster Abbey.
Schooldays; walking to school.
Mother went to Scale How (now Charlotte Mason).

P.9 Mother spent life on farm; no piped water.
Respondent left school at 14; worked locally and then went to work for Ernest Clark at workhouse, Kendal.

P.10 Inmates at workhouse; helping to give out medicines to nursing staff.
Inmates worked in workhouse; dormitories.

P.11 1941 - went to County Hall which was opened so as not to be requisitioned
as a hospital; worked on telephone exchange.

P.12 To Appleby by car with accounting machine.
April 1974, moving furniture into County Hall.
Council chairmen - Mr Dawson, Appleby; Mr Crossfield; Philip Thompson.

P.13 W.P.Dobson, owned comb mill at Milnthorpe; Lady Lowther; Mr Scott,
Matson
Ground.
Licensing cars for garages.