

Kendal Oral History Group Interview R0034
Female born 1918
Interview April 1993

SUMMARY SHEET

P.1 Born 1918, Mealbank. Worked as weaver, Mealbank Mill.
Father worked at Hayfell Quarry.

P.2 Starting work. House at Mealbank.

P.3 Washday. Oil lamps and candles.

P.4 Musical evenings.
Began school at 3, Mealbank.

P.5 Schoolteachers; lessons.
Walking to Kendal for shopping.

P.6 Mitchells buses, Ribble buses.
Co-op: Wildman Street, travelling van.
Keeping hens.

P.7 Rabbits for food; cooking at home.

P.8 Blackberry jelly.
Cycling; dances; Ike Kilshaw's rooms.

P.9 Visits to St. George's by repertory company.
Mention of Stratford Johns. Cinemas.
Trips to Morecambe. Train to Sandside for swimming.

P.10 Train trips to Barrow.
Dr. Riddell, Captain French Lane. Leg injury.

P.11 Beginning work in mill; strike, piece work.

P.12 Buying material cheap. Mill ran bus for workers from Kendal.
Ninepence a week pocket money.

P.13 Sister married at Job Pennington's Chapel.
Father worked at council yard, Milnthorpe Road.
Living on Library Road.

P.14 Musical evenings at Mealbank.
Schoolhouse at Mealbank used for Methodist services.
Sunday school trips from Kendal.

P.15 Orchard warbling; helping at haytime.
Moved to Kirkbarrow about 1938 when estate new.

P.16 Rents on Kirkbarrow.

P.17 Married October 1938. Husband joined army.
Very heavy snow 1939/40.
Working in Woolworths, Netherfield.
Mother's basic State pension.

P.18 Nursery in Abbot Hall.
Husband returned to Hoggarths, agricultural engineers;
worked for SDP,
then Netherfeld.
Visiting relatives in Liverpool.

P.19 Holidays in Blackpool; holiday clubs.
Children attended Ghyllside School.

P.20 Hours of work at Mealbank.
Rationing.

P.21 Co-op, Melias's, Booths, Ions, Penny *Bazaar*, Murgatroyds,
Maypole.

P.22 Co-op shops in Kendal; shops on Kirkbarrow.

P.23 Waiting for post during war.
Hygenic fish & chip shop.

P.24 Chip shops in Kendal.
Swimming baths, Allhallows Lane. Bathing at home.

P.25 Swimming baths. Swimming in mill race. Sledging and
skating on reservoir.

P. 26 Entertainments.
Handing over of wage packets.