

Kendal Oral History Group Interview R0042  
Female born 1905  
Interviewed August 1994

SUMMARY SHEET (24 pages)

P.1 Born 1905, Seaton, Cumberland. Nine children in family.  
Father entered mine aged 11.  
Mother washed clothes for farmer's wife.

P.2 Coping with pit clothes; cleaning clogs; collecting coal from sea shore.  
Growing vegetables; fishing.

P.3 Moving coals and washing steps for neighbour. Borrowing books.  
Getting a lift to the fair with the carpenter.

P.4 Fair in Workington.  
Doctor came to house on a horse.  
Making broth; spotted dick.

P.5 Making a mat for Christmas; roast rabbit for Christmas dinner.  
Going to the panto in Workington.

P.6 The pictures. Dancing bear.

P.7 Punishment in school.  
Storing vegetables for winter.

P.8 Sally Lunn; gingerbread; German cake. Gaffing salmon.

P.9 Sisters learned tap, ballet and Scotch dancing.  
Going to market by wagonette.  
Became nursemaid.

P.10 Decorated prams to raise money for War Effort in 1914.  
Playing truant from school.

P.11 Pot Matty brought pots and held competitions; auction of pots.

P.12 Went into service at school in Seascale.  
Paid 3/6d per week. Getting a rise.

P.13 Moved to Grasmere to work as pantrymaid, Prince of Wales Hotel.  
Visit of Queen Wilhelmina and daughter.  
Getting ready for summer season.

P.14 Staff quarters; strike for better food.

P.15 Husband was porter at hotel; married in Bedford when husband  
in army.  
Worked in asylum in Bedford.

P.16 Married in 1928. Lived in Yorkshire; moved to Kendal 1932.  
Pascoe's Yard, Stricklandgate; Kirkland; Kirkbarrow.  
Flats at Pascoe's Yard; shared washhouse.

P.17 Having lantern show in pig sty.  
Janie Lowther's shop on Kirkbarrow.  
Gun in Serpentine Woods.  
Roads on to Kirkbarrow.

P.18 Worked at Abbey Home, Staveley and at Kendal Green Hospital.  
Maudes Meadow Hospital being built.

P.19 Granny Tat in Captain French Lane.

P.20 Maggie Mat brought things on a handcart to Kendal Green.

P.21 Maggie Mat's collecting tin.

P.22 Life in the workhouse.

P.23 Sleeping arrangements in the workhouse. Subsistence allowance.

P.23/24 Orphanage at the Abbey took in homeless families.