

Summary Sheet page one

(There are two respondents, husband and wife. Background for wife mainly pages 1-9 ; some mutual information. Husband's background mainly between pages 21 and 25)

P.1 Wife born Nether Street, Kendal, 1905.
Father worked as clicker at Netherfield; sacked because workers wanted to start union.
Jordan's Granary, Allhallows.

P.2 Grandparents lived down yards on Highgate Bank. Aunt and companion took in washing. Father worked for them.
National School.
Moved to Gillinggrove cottages.
Aunt and companion began laundry at Ghyll Head.

P.3 Pickles' laundry in Wildman St.
Aunt's laundry made progress; installed machinery.

P.4 House built in grounds of laundry; washing dried outside; drying room with stoves, ironing with flat irons.
Worked full time in laundry from age 14.

P.5 Attended Kirkland School; auntie was teacher there.

P.6 Miss Gornall, teacher at "big school".

P.7 Caning; pupils from Orphans Home (Milnthorpe Road).

P.8 Miss Caldecott; Kathleen Tyson looked after orphans.
Teachers at Kirkland School.

P.9 Childhood games; Christmas party.
Deliveries by horse van.
Somervell family.

P.10 Death of Anne Somervell.

P.12 Husband and wife met in choir at St. Thomas's Church.
Wife's father was musician; played cello; was in Gibraltar during First World War.
Unloading coal from boats with barrows.
Hours worked at laundry.

P.13 Father played cello at Governor's Palace, Gibraltar.
Husband and wife visited Gibraltar after the war.

P.14 Shown round palace and gardens by Deputy Governor.
Band led soldiers to church, then played to people in square for an hour.

P.15 Father played double bass at St. George's Hall.

P.16 Wife's uncle was photographer.
Husband went to Canada c. 1922.

P. 16/17 Offered a job with Barclays Bank in St. Annes.

P.17 No jobs; offered a job as buyer in big store in Canada.

P.18 Husband's schooling; search for a job.

P.19 Canada booming; wife went out.
Visiting wife's aunt in St. Louis.

P.20 Aunt's relative was bootlegger.
Baseball match.

P.21 Visit of Federal agents.
Husband born Rydal Terrace 1905. Attended St. Thomas's School at age 3.

P.22 Thunderbolts (about 1908).
Kaiser's visit to Kendal.
Coronation (George V, 1910) mug given to each child in Kendal.

P.23 Musgrove, Mayor of Kendal, 1910.
Living in Stricklandgate during First War. House had Jacobean staircase.

P.23/24 Ghost at house in Stricklandgate.

P.24 Wife saw angels taking Granny.
House in Stricklandgate sold to Savoy Cafe.

P.25 Husband's father had hairdressing business.
Shortage of potatoes during World War I.
Won scholarship to Grammar School, 1916.
Learning to skate on frozen canal. Kent frozen in 1920.

P.26 Sledging down Gillingate. Sledging down Windermere Road.

P.27 Husband's first ride in a car. State of roads in Kendal and beyond.
Husband saw a salmon caught at Netherfield Bridge.

P.28 Watering cows at Nether Bridge; Shippsons near Parish Church.
Widening of Nether Bridge.

P.29 Horse traffic at Ghyll Head from lime kilns, wood wagons.
Stabled horse where Kirkbarrow is now.
Green lady at Anchorite House; Jimmy Greenteeth.

P.30 Husband's ventures on bike whilst young; fall on Stake Pass.

P.31 Return from Canada; no work.

P31/32 Husband offered job at Gazette. Did accountancy, travelling, costings, circulation manager, stationery manager. Retired at 63.

P.33 Gazette Pension Scheme.