

Kendal Oral History Group Interview R0070
Female born 1908
Interviewed January 1999

Summary Sheet R 0070

P.1 Born Grange-over-Sands, 1908.
Father landscape gardener for Mr Gray, Graythwaite Manor.
Mother from Harrogate; father was German.

P.2 Burrows family.
Researching in archives at Kew and in Kendal.
Father prisoner of war (interned) in Isle of Man, First World War.
Trouble in Grange because mother and daughter classed as German.
Bullying at school.

P.3 Mother and child asked to leave Grange; returned to Harrogate.
Mother told child to say father was dead.
Bullied at school in Harrogate.

P.4 Father sent straight back to Germany after end of WWI; Mother wouldn't join him; parents divorced.
Father re-married and lived in New York.
Mother re-married and moved with respondent to Oldham.
Respondent's daughter, on holiday, met young man (Siegfried) from father's home village.

P.5 Siegfried researched Father's family.
Respondent re-married.
Trauma at Sunday School when a child.

P.6 Present-day (1999) Grange.
Giving interview to Grange Heritage Society.

P.7 Mother ill when respondent at school, so left school after exam at age 12.
Father's friend (German) married Mother's sister. Aunt and cousin disappeared from Germany during World War II.