

Kendal Oral History Group Interview R0078

Female born 1929

Recorded March 1999

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P.1 Born 1929, Westmorland County Hospital. Lived in cottage at Wattsfield Farm. Father worked at sewage works.

Eldest sister lived with grandmother as she was born before her mother and father married.

P.2 Moved to 7 Sepulchre Lane (now nos. 1 and 1A). Quaker burial ground.

Description of house. Indoor toilet.  
Offered the house to buy for £140.

P.3 Family went to live with Granny at Waterloo Place. Description of house.

Shared toilet with neighbour.  
Harriman's Place.

P.4 Mum went out scrubbing to house at the back of the castle.  
Walking babies out.

Attended Job Penningtons and Allhallows Church.  
Church activities.

P.5 Playing mischievous games. Rounders, whip 'n top.  
Shops on Fellside.

Bringing the coal in a pram.  
At 13 cleaning the house for uncle who had organ in front parlour.

P.6 Billy Woof.

Bean family. Shops: David Haighs, Daish's.  
Attended Central School - teachers.  
Attended Kirkland School at three years old.

P.7 Girls from Orphans Home walked to Senior Girls School.  
Attending school without stockings.

P.7/8 Going to Martindales for shavings to start boiler fire for washing.

Washhouse shared by two other families. Washing implements.

P.8 Life on Fellside.

House belonged to lady on Horncop Lane. Sold out to the council, who provided individual toilets.  
Doors always open on Fellside.  
Going to the Hyena for Guinness for Gran.

P.9 After marriage moved to Rinkfield.

Rosemary Hill, Rosemary Lane, The Syke, T-Well.

Jamieson Place (Hanrattys), Stoney Lane.

Unsworth family, Hitchings, Mrs Howe.

Playing with dolls from Townley & Taylor's, Stricklandgate.

P.10 Playing ball, tea parties, making houses.

Bathing routine. Head lice (treatment for).

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P.11 School nurse. Treatment against scabies.  
Evacuees from Sunderland and Newcastle.  
Mrs Major, Sunday School teacher.

P.12 Jim and Barbara Major.  
Mamie played melodeon at Roebuck, kept hens.  
Sunday School trips to Grayrigg and Sandside.  
Baking.

P.13 Sunday food.  
Taking in washing from White Stiles.  
Began work at fourteen at Whittakers Dyeworks.  
Whittaker family.

P.14 Application and interview for job at Whittakers.  
Office staff at Whittakers. Ledger work.  
Houses in Old Shambles. Places supplied with dyes.

P.15 Attended Allen Technical College for shorthand and typing.  
Hours worked. Wages. Savings. Buying a bicycle.  
At 11 worked at Dixon's cafe, Market Place.

P.16 Shopping for neighbours on Fellside.  
Buying meat; buying butter from butter market, flukes from fishman.

P.17 Dog Hill (Cliff Brow?)  
Mr Wallace lived at West View. Respondent's friend's mother was housekeeper there. West View all one house.  
Living on Fellside.

