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- P.1 Born 1917, Bowness.
Traffic in Bowness in 1920s - brewer's drays, Storrs Hotel bus.
Storrs Park built by Pattinsons. Abel Pattinson began APs (timber merchants) in Kendal.
Father joiner and boatbuilder at Borwicks, Bowness.
- P.2 Father from Staveley-in-Cartmel, mother from Newby Bridge.
Respondent bought house at Storrs Park after father's day.
Five children in family. .
- P.3 Mr Hare headmaster at Bowness School (replaced Mr Fisher). Two more teachers.
Boys' and girls' schools separate.
Left school at 14; worked as messenger boy at Post Office.
- P.4 Transferred from postal side of Post Office to engineering. Interview for job.
Mr Inglis, postmaster at Windermere. About 28 postmen employed.
Telephone exchange, Thomburrow Road.
- P.5 Area covered by telegram deliveries (up to 7.30pm).
Bloods, fish shop, Windermere.
Seven shillings and sixpence weekly wage.
In 1934 into digs on New Road, Kendal, to train as engineer.
- P.6 Cycled backwards and forwards to work in Kendal, then in digs in Kirkland (Miss Whitlow). Train travel.
Travelling by bus to jobs with Joe Hodgson, foreman joiner.
Learning underground and overhead procedures.
- P.7 Duties - erecting poles, putting arms on poles, etc. Area covered. Travelled by Albion lorry. Based at Head Post Office, Kendal.
- P.8 Training school at Dollis Hill, London.
Went on dual maintenance in Kendal area Travelled by 650 BSA motor cycle and sidecar.
Test clerk at exchange directed engineers to jobs.
Manual exchange at Crosthwaite smithy.
30-34 operators in Kendal.
- P.9 Caretaker exchanges in the country. Magneto exchange at Sedbergh.
George Smith, test clerk at Kendal, checked up on engineers.
Nitraci cells, porous pots, zinc rods, salamonniac.

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- P.10 Charley Paired, inspector at Kendal.
Resident engineers at Windermere and Ambleside. Kendal engineer looked after Kendal and surrounding district.
Engineers: Windermere - Percy Brooks; Ambleside - Raymond Cox, Sid Waterworth; Grange - Teddy Graham.
- P.11 Bought new Imperial motor bike 1938.
Worked six months in Lancaster, six months in Barrow.
Back to Kendal on maintenance.
Small vans called "yoyo's".
- P.12 Conscripted into army. Older engineers deferred.
Army service 1940-46.
- P.12/13 Going back to work at Post Office.
- P.13 Joined Sid Waterworth at Ambleside.
- P.14 Increase in number of telephones.
Promoted to technical officer (1946) in charge of maintenance for Kendal area.
Married and moved into Kendal.
- P.15 Garaged van at Longpool.
Worked Milnthorpe installing automatic exchange equipment (UX40).
Clerk of Works at Windermere installing automatic exchange mid-60s.
- P.16 Assistant arrived too late to instal auto exchange at Windermere.
Strowger exchange replaced 11 or 12 people.
- P.17 Retiring 'do' in Kendal, 1981.
Number of telephones in Windermere increased from 1,500 to 4,000
In 1930s Martinson's, (grocer in Windermere) was W.1. 300-400 in all.
- P.18 Owners of mansions in Windermere.
Introduction of STD and CFC.
Orton, Newbiggin, Glenridding, Coniston went to Strowger systems before 1940.
Caretaker operators had manual exchanges.
- P.19 Going to people's houses to test telephones.
Incident on lake at Windermere.
- P.20 Brother worked for Normal Pattinson, solicitor.
Leaving Pattinsons for job with Ordnance Survey in Southampton.
Pattinson family.