

KENDAL ORAL HISTORY GROUP

Interview R0004
Female born 1905. Interviewed 1984

SUMMARY - 0004

- P.1 Born at Windermere. Father died and respondent fostered to Kirkstanton. Mother in service - re-married. Came to live in Kendal.
- P.2 Lived in Captain French Lane. Had typhoid about 1915. Spent time in sanatorium, Parkside Road.
- P.3 Knocked down by carriage and pair. Mother stoked up at Ghyll Head Laundry in WW1. Attended National School.
- P.4 Teachers at Central School. Maggie Matt.
- P.5 Scrumping apples from hospital gardens. Stepfather and cousin fined half a crown for selling pies on Waterside.
- P.6 Moved to Mealbank. Father and mother both worked in mill. Schoolmaster called Mr Reid.
- P.7 Back to live in Kendal - Pump Yard. Worked at pawn shop, bottom of Collin Croft Yard.
- P.8 Worked for Northern Syndicate folding paper patterns. To laundry on Wildman Street to work as "collar girl".
- P.9 Went to work at laundry at Windermere.
- P.10 Learning weaving at Mealbank mill.
- P.11 Mother cleaned for surveyor living in Lowther St. Married at age 22; living with husband's family.
- P.12 House on Cliff Terrace.
- P.13 Went into rooms on Park Avenue.
- P.14 Worked two hours a day cleaning. Applied for house on Rinkfield.
- P.15 1927 moved into house on Rinkfield when newly built.
- P.16 Husband wounded in 1917. Spent two years in Newcastle. Six sacked from Netherfield for joining up before their age group. Husband worked shifts at Gas Works. Parents-in-law had house at the bottom of Poor House Lane.
- P.17 Mother worked at Levens Hall as scullery maid.
- P.18 Servants and their duties. Collecting peat at Levens.
- P.19 Fruit picking in Levens. Mother lived at Castle Dairy.
- P20/22 Mother's final illness