

KENDAL ORAL HISTORY GROUP

Female born 1909

Interview recorded 1989

SUMMARY SHEET

- P.1 Born 26.10.1909, Holme Ground, Tilberthwaite.
Little Langdale School; dinner baskets.
Collecting cows for milking.
Grandma did Langdale linen work.
- P.2 Grandma spun flax and weaved; St. Martin's; Mr Dixon of Kendal, weaver.
Bleaching of the linen.
Home Arts and Industries in London.
- P.3 During First World War coarse linen made for soldiers' rucksacks.
Dyeing linen with lichen; moss gathered for healing.
John Ruskin.
- P.4 Relative is interested in linen business.
Auntie made bobbin lace; Grandma made pincushion for Princess Mary.
- P.5 Mission room connected with Brathay Church.
Harris's, Cockermouth, linen thread and flax people.
Dad carted slates to Coniston, brought back coal.
Spinning wool from Herdwick sheep.
- P.6 Taking butter and eggs into Ambleside by horse and trap.
Grandmother was Elizabeth Pepper.
Marion Twelves, friend of John Ruskin, worked with Grandma setting up
lace business.
- P.7 Mrs Prickett, Coniston, teaches Ruskin lace.
Making bobbin lace.
Talking to groups about Ruskin lace.
- P.8 In Abbot Hall - copy in lace of stained glass window in Westminster
Abbey.
Schooldays; walking to school.
Mother went to Scale How (now Charlotte Mason).
- P.9 Mother spent life on farm; no piped water.
Respondent left school at 14; worked locally and then went to work for
Ernest Clark at workhouse, Kendal.
- P.10 Inmates at workhouse; helping to give out medicines to nursing staff.
Inmates worked in workhouse; dormitories.
- P.11 1941 - went to County Hall which was opened so as not to be
requisitioned
as a hospital; worked on telephone exchange.
- P.12 To Appleby by car with accounting machine.
April 1974, moving furniture into County Hall.
Council chairmen - Mr Dawson, Appleby; Mr Crossfield; Philip Thompson.

P.13 W.P.Dobson, owned comb mill at Milnthorpe; Lady Lowther; Mr Scott,
Matson
Ground.
Licensing cars for garages.