

Kendal Oral History Group Interview R0034

Female born 1918

Interview April 1993

SUMMARY SHEET

- P.1 Born 1918, Mealbank. Worked as weaver, Mealbank Mill.
Father worked at Hayfell Quarry.
- P.2 Starting work. House at Mealbank.
- P.3 Washday. Oil lamps and candles.
- P.4 Musical evenings.
Began school at 3, Mealbank.
- P.5 Schoolteachers; lessons.
Walking to Kendal for shopping.
- P.6 Mitchells buses, Ribble buses.
Co-op: Wildman Street, travelling van.
Keeping hens.
- P.7 Rabbits for food; cooking at home.
- P.8 Blackberry jelly.
Cycling; dances; Ike Kilshaw's rooms.
- P.9 Visits to St. George's by repertory company.
Mention of Stratford Johns. Cinemas.
Trips to Morecambe. Train to Sandside for swimming.
- P.10 Train trips to Barrow.
Dr. Riddell, Captain French Lane. Leg injury.
- P.11 Beginning work in mill; strike, piece work.
- P.12 Buying material cheap. Mill ran bus for workers from
Kendal.
Ninepence a week pocket money.
- P.13 Sister married at Job Pennington's Chapel.
Father worked at council yard, Milnthorpe Road.
Living on Library Road.
- P.14 Musical evenings at Mealbank.
Schoolhouse at Mealbank used for Methodist services.
Sunday school trips from Kendal.
- P.15 Orchard warbling; helping at haytime.
Moved to Kirkbarrow about 1938 when estate new.
- P. 16 Rents on Kirkbarrow.

- P.17 Married October 1938. Husband joined army.
Very heavy snow 1939/40.
Working in Woolworths, Netherfield.
Mother's basic State pension.
- P.18 Nursery in Abbot Hall.
Husband returned to Hoggarths, agricultural engineers;
worked for SDP,
then Netherfeld.
Visiting relatives in Liverpool.
- P.19 Holidays in Blackpool; holiday clubs.
Children attended Ghyllside School.
- P.20 Hours of work at Mealbank.
Rationing.
- P.21 Co-op, Melias's, Booths, Ions, Penny *Bazaar*, Murgatroyds,
Maypole.
- P.22 Co-op shops in Kendal; shops on Kirkbarrow.
- P.23 Waiting for post during war.
Hygenic fish & chip shop.
- P.24 Chip shops in Kendal.
Swimming baths, Allhallows Lane. Bathing at home.
- P.25 Swimming baths. Swimming in mill race. Sledging and
skating on reservoir.
- P. 26 Entertainments.
Handing over of wage packets.