

SUMMARY SHEET (57 pages)

- P.1 Born 1908 at Kentmere. Eight in family. Family belonged to Kentmere since 15th century.
The Apostle of the North.
- P.2 Grandfather and father quarrymen at Kentmere Quarry. Mother's family had farm at Troubeck.
Grandmother post woman from Kentmere to Staveley for 21 years.
Quarry closed after rock fall; Father became shepherd at Kentmere Hall.
- P.3 Row Cottage, Kentmere.
Quarrymen lodged with family.
- P.4 Start of First World War.
Playing cards and dominoes, but not on Sundays.
Mealtimes.
- P.5 Slates taken to Staveley Station by horse drawn lorries.
Housework; cooking, washing, cleaning. Kept poultry and a pig.
- P.6 Sister did washing and baked bread for Kentmere Hall.
Curing bacon and making sausages, black pudding and brawn. Plain meals.
Mother housed hounds from Kentmere Hall at end of hunting season.
- P.7 Attended Kentmere School. Packed lunch. Stove in middle of the room. One classroom; one teacher and a pupil teacher. Some pupils walked 3 miles to school.
- P.8 Slates and slate pencils. Spelling. Discipline. Dunces' caps.
Sewing, knitting, needlework. Boys did macrame, played cricket.
- P.9 Christmas play.
Kentmere Church. People walked over from Longsleddale, oil lamps for lighting.
Shopping in Staveley. Grocers' carts delivered orders.
- P.10 Travelling man sold hardware. Butcher came.
Some went to Kendal on Saturdays to market. Mother had to walk to Staveley and then take train to Kendal.
Father put irons on clogs. Handed down clothes. Washing and bathing.
- P.11 Men returning from First War.
Mother died when respondent was 15.
Respondent went to be kitchen maid to hotel in Windermere.
- P.12 Hotel in Windermere on main road, run by one lady and respondent.
Uniform worn; wages; time off. General duties.

- P.13 Feeding the poultry.
Rewarded with stockings for cleaning guests' shoes.
Local leisure activities.
- P.14 Picture house in Windermere.
Cycled home to Kentmere occasionally.
Attending church; making friends.
- P. 15 Spring cleaning. Fastidious employer.
Hotels in Windermere.
- P. 16 Staff in the large houses.
Sixpenny opera in Bowness.
Won prize for madeira cake at agricultural show in Bowness.
- P.17 Bowness carnival.
Local buses.
- P.18 Shops in Windennere.
Mother had sweet shop, took in bed and breakfast guests.
Playing pranks.
- P.19 Went home when sister died.
Brother getting married; respondent and boy friend decided to
get married and have double wedding, Registry Office, Kendal.
- P.20 The wedding.
How respondent met her husband.
- P.21 Husband was bobbin turner at Satterthwaite. After a fire he
came to work at mill at Staveley, rowing across the lake
each morning.
Had cottage at Crook after marriage.
Husband worked for Pattinsons, builders, then for Ribble.
Had smallholding in Crook.
- P.22 Neighbours at Crook.
Looked after five children; registered as foster mother.
- P.23 Fostering children.
St. Monica's at Highfield.
- P.24 Life at St. Monica's.
- P.25 Girls from St. Monica's took places as maids.
St. Monica's.
- P.26 Paid five shillings a week to look after foster child.
Delivering a baby.
- P.27 Dealing with a new born baby.
- P.28 Patient lost two day old baby.
- P.29 Helping the doctor to deliver. Doctors travelled by cycle or
horseback.
In bed a fortnight after a birth.

- P.30 No family planning. "Expecting pinnies".
Sitting with ill people at night.
- P.31 Laying out a corpse.
- P.32 Funerals.
- P.33 Christenings.
Burial of suicides.
Deciding to get married.
- P.34 Brother did farm work, building, odd jobs, worked for NFT.
Herbal remedies.
- P.35 Treating a wound with herbs.
Easter ledge puddings.
Making black pudding.
- P.36 Making sausages. Salting flitches and hams.
- P.37 Killing a pig. Keeping chickens. Eggs went to Egg Packing
Station during the war.
- P.38 Kendal market. Penny Bazaar in the Shambles.
Things sold in the market.
- P.39 Goose grease for bad chests; mustard baths; olive oil,
Stott's emulsion; quinine.
- P.40 Blackcurrent tea. Making a pie in a pan on a crook. Making
ham and bottling fruit.
- P.41 Making wine.
- P.42 Helping the nurse. Helping the Red Cross during the war.
- P.43 St. John's Ambulance Brigade.
Evacuees. Going round houses to see if evacuees were OK.
- P.44 Reporting people for mistreating evacuees.
Class distinction.
- P.45 Helping with school dinners at Crook.
Tramps.
- P.46 Moved from Crook to Garnett Bridge 1946. Husband worked for
Manchester Corporation Waterworks.
- P.47 Moved to Troutbeck.
- P47/48 Bed and breakfast guests.
- P.49 Holehird as a private house.
Helping at Holehird after it became Cheshire Home.
St. John's.

- P.50 Competitions for St. John's. Attending functions.
Teaching cadets.
- P.51 Training St. John's cadets. Attending an emergency at
Bowness. Attended Carlisle Infirmary for lectures.
- P.52 Eagle and Child, Staveley.
- P.53 Ladies not allowed into pubs. Ladies' clothing.
- P.54 Family life. Father began work at 11.
Mother-in-law a milliner.
- P.55 Meeting husband's family.
- P.56 Living-in and work in the big houses.
- P.57 Laying in supplies in the country; making-do.