



**MORECAMBE BAY PARTNERSHIP
HEADLANDS TO HEADSPACE ORAL HISTORY PROJECT
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TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY

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INTERVIEW NO: H2H2016.17
 INTERVIEWEE NAME/S: Dorothy Calverley
 YEAR OF BIRTH: 1933
 INTERVIEWER/S: Jenn Mattinson
 DATE OF INTERVIEW: 22/02/2016
 LOCATION: Heysham
 SUMMARISER: Jan Bloomer

Track 1	
00.00-00.39	Basic information, name, date and place of Birth
00.40-04.00	Description of the house Dorothy grew up in and its facilities
00.41-05.35	Missing a lot of school due to the tides
05.36-06.41	When the army came to Sunderland Point
06.42-07.43	Pastimes: Hay timing, playing cricket and 'piggy'. Weightlifting at the old house.
07.44-08.55	Being kept in a playpen all summer
08.56-11.24	Description of grandparents
11.25-12.26	How mum and dad met in Lancaster
12.27-13.30	Mum's family from Manchester
13.31-15.35	How children were born at home, helped by 'Granny Braid'
15.36-16.05	Granny Braid related to the fishing family Braid
16.06-17.31	Description of the port of Sunderland Point
17.32-18.27	Playing 'shops' on the shore and building dens
18.28-19.26	Mum opened her own shop selling tea and cakes to the soldiers
19.27-20.36	Having the army to stay for the duration of the war
20.37-21.20	The bombing of Glasson Dock and hiding in the cellar
21.21-23.29	Trips away from Sunderland Point were rare (not good for teenagers)
23.30-24.12	Long walks to school. Jumping on the horse-drawn milk float for a lift!
24.13-26.00	Sunderland Point not a good place for teenagers as trips out were difficult
26.01-27.30	Women were not allowed on the fishing boats-it was considered bad luck
27.31-30.00	Dorothy and her sister going 'kebbing' in a dinghy to catch eels and fluke
30.01-31.40	Dad sold shrimps around Middleton from a willow basket
31.41-35.57	Dad used to shoot birds and rabbits in Winter to sell on Lancaster market
35.58-38.00	Dorothy's memories of listening to the gramophone with her Grandfather
38.01-42.00	In the front room in Winter knitting nets

Track 2	
00.00-01.36	Going to church on a bike
01.37-03.38	Going to 'big school' in Morecambe: a frightening experience, 'we were outsiders'
03.39-05.50	Dorothy meeting husband Ken at school
05.51-07.20	Getting married in 1953 and moving into the cottage at Sunderland Point
07.21-08.55	Dorothy expecting her first baby but Dr's wouldn't come out to Sunderland Point
08.56-09.46	Son Kenneth unable to make a living in fishing so became a joiner
09.47-13.06	Dorothy's first job in an office-only lasted a week
13.07-15.30	Uncle Herbert and dad went fishing together for safety reasons
15.31-17.05	People who drowned trying to cross the sands
17.06-18.22	Soldiers organised a Christmas party
18.23-20.15	Boats then didn't have engines
20.16-22.49	Shrimping methods and preparing shrimps by boiling in sea water
22.50-23.45	Differences in shrimp preparation by area
23.46-26.28	Picking shrimps at home around the kitchen table
26.29-28.08	Potting shrimps in butter and pepper
28.09-29.39	Dad selling shrimps locally- no fridges so needed selling quickly
29.40-32.25	Flukes went to Lancaster market, Salmon went to Glasson Dock, mussels went to Whitby to be used as fishing bait
32.26-34.00	Dad got dermatitis from wearing oil skins but was never ill
34.01-36.08	None of the family could swim!
36.09-38.33	Other local fishing families
38.34-42.40	Names of boats
42.41-43.34	Superstitions
43.35-45.41	Dorothy didn't think her Dad liked fishing and would rather have been a joiner, 'he had to do it'
45.42-47.30	Other memories of childhood; going to the fair, shopping in Lancaster
47.31-49.05	Any local sayings?
49.06-51.02	Dad finished fishing eventually and became a gardener and decorator
51.03-52.40	The cotton tree: People used to come and see it until it blew down in the wind
52.41-56.16	Floods: 'boats floating in the back yards'
56.17-57.10	Rescuing people cut off by the tide
57.11-01.04.30	Feelings about being part of the Townley fishing family: Proud to have been part of it