



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

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INTERVIEW NO: H2H2016.19  
 INTERVIEWEE NAME/S: Elsie Patton and Joan Rowlandson  
 YEAR OF BIRTH: 1923 and 1930  
 INTERVIEWER/S: Barbara Copeland  
 DATE OF INTERVIEW: 25/04/16  
 LOCATION: Flookburgh  
 SUMMARISER: Jan Bloomer

<b>Track 1</b>	Elsie Patton
00.00-02.09	Name, date and place of birth. Details of parents, grandparents and siblings.
02.10-03.15	Going 'hawking' – selling produce.
03.16-04.27	Description of men knitting nets out of season.
04.28-04.50	Shrimping with horse and cart. Description of net used.
04.51-05.44	Men boiling the shrimps and cooling them on sacks.
05.45-06.15	Women and children picking the shrimps in the house.
06.16-07.38	Early morning shrimping. Dolly the family horse.
07.39-08.04	Growing tomatoes to supplement the income.
08.05-08.55	Cockling and musselling with horse and cart. Use of 'the jumbo'.
08.56-09.35	Setting the nets for flukes.
09.36-10.40	Selling the flukes at market.
10.41-11.40	All going out together to fish.
11.41-12.22	Knowledge handed down through the generations.
12.23-14.16	An idyllic childhood.
14.17-16.42	The role of women: hard work; no gas, electric or hot water.
16.43-17.25	The warmth and the smell of baking from the fireside oven.
17.26-18.43	Pushing the charra-bang up the hill. 'People didn't go very far'.
18.44-20.16	Hand-me-down clothes and knitted socks.
20.17-20.39	The wearing of clogs.
20.40-24.50	Childhood illnesses. Five weeks in hospital with scarlet fever.
24.51-25.48	Storing food without refrigeration.
25.49-27.55	Eating shrimps and flukes. A roast every Sunday and fresh fruit and veg.
27.56-30.58	Local shops.
30.59-31.44	Going to church, 'everybody went'.
31.45-32.18	The excitement of the first radio.

32.19-33.28	Nobody was left on their own. People looked after each other.
33.29-34.13	No need to lock the doors, 'we had nothing to pinch!'
34.14-35.54	Brewing wine for Christmas. 'Doing turns'.
35.55-37.00	The local pubs. 'Dad went every night'.
37.01-38.00	Fishermen's nicknames: origins unknown!

**Track 2 – Elsie Patton and Joan Rowlandson**

00.00-01.45	Primary school stories.
01.46-02.45	School at three years old because mother's all worked.
02.46-04.15	Dolly tubs and mangles.
04.16-05.26	Looking after each other before there were care homes.
05.27-07.25	Childhood games.
07.26-09.30	Pet dogs and the three-legged cat. Dogs going out fishing.
09.31-10.59	Televisions. All the neighbours crowding in to watch King George's funeral.
11.00-11.40	Playing outdoors.
11.41-13.46	Walking to Chapel Island. Getting caught by the tide.
13.47-15.10	An outbreak of meningitis.
15.11-18.35	Life in war time; rationing.
18.36-22.32	Killing the pig. Making black pudding and brawn.
22.33-23.45	The German's flying over. Bombings.
23.46-24.30	Description of the houses with outside toilets.
24.31-25.12	Collecting wood for the fire, 'Going sticking'.
25.13-26.48	Going to dances during the war. The Yanks.
26.49-29.00	People coming over from Poland and The Ukraine after the war.
29.01-31.27	What makes Flookburgh special? Knowing everyone, and everyone growing up together. Being welcome in anyone's house. Freedom!