



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

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INTERVIEW NO: H2H2016.31
 INTERVIEWEE NAME/S: Lynn McClure
 YEAR OF BIRTH: 1934
 INTERVIEWER/S: Susannah Bleakley
 DATE OF INTERVIEW: 16/12/16 and 27/12/16
 LOCATION: Flookburgh
 SUMMARISER: Michael Redman

Track 1	
0 – 0:55	Introductions, date of birth, mother Aimee, father Ted (Edward), father was coalman, employed then self-employed as coalman and wagon driving.
Track 2	
0 – 0:20	Discussion of work done by father as wagon driver, snow, gritting
0:20 – 0:55	Discussion of Brennan postman and relatives, John Brennan, Mark Brennan Witherslack, Norman's son,
0:55 – 1:50	Lynn moved from "The Slack" to Flookburgh when she was 16, moved due to family circumstances, squatted at Army camp, now Field Head, then the McClure were the first to move into Moorside council houses.No5
1:50 – 2:45	Discussion of members of family, brother who died 29 years ago and three sisters.
2:45 – 3:35	Family member's jobs, brother did National Service, then police force, car accident 19 Dec died at 55 years. He had two sons.
3:35 – 4:35	Discussing Flookburgh again, memories of Flookburgh, was more fishing village, horse and cart then tractors. Now 5 or 6 regular fishermen, earlier c20.
4:35 – 5:15	Men go on carts, wives would light the boilers, Lynn picked shrimp at home, fishermen then got picking sheds, pickers went to shed rather than home picking.
5:15 – 5:30	Fishermen tend to cockle rather than go shrimping, quad bikes in back of van.
5:30 – 6:20	Horse and cart ceased to be used in agriculture before shrimping. Some horse shoes from horses and a cart wheel can be found at a fisherman's house where interview taking place. Nathan has kept these.
6:20 – 7:27	Lynn's schooling, at 16 she went to apprentice at Laws in Grange, furniture sellers and also undertakers, apprentice upholsterer, fitting carpets and making curtains, 4 year process, after 7 years left
7:27 – 8:38	Lynn moved work place to carpet factory at Kendal (Goodacres), 25 years service, bussed to work, 3 buses to Goodacres from Cartmel and Flookburgh, also from Tebay and Sedbergh, discussion of carpet making process.

8:38 – 9:48	Discussion of social life in Flookburgh, youth club now Sticky Toffee Pudding, Cartmel 4 th year school, c60 children. Head Master Mr Castle. Lynn loved school.
9:48 – 10:15	Mother (Aimee) taught piano, professor of music, LRAM, youngest to get it at 19 years.
10:15 – 11:08	Lynn says she's not musical. Prefers classical, mother didn't pass music on to children. Aimee taught piano before she was married, cycled around the villages.
11:08 – 12:32	Discussion of music in Flookburgh, Silver Band. Manning family started band Harold Manning, now girls have joined, band does competitions, 11:30am concert Christmas morning in Flookburgh square
12:32 – 14:45	Other activities in Flookburgh, little shows, dancing, at Meathop Hospital and High Carley, TB hospital, Lynn behind the scenes. Flookburgh Opera. One member of Opera still alive at 96, lives near Cark Station.
14:45 – 15:00	Over years Aimee had over 2000 entrance into music exams and all passed.
15:00 – 16:22	Discussion of early life in Flookburgh, boys, youth club down camp road, PT for boys, art, games. record player. 30-35 Mr Taylor from Allithwaite ran it.
16:22 – 17:02	Strong Flookburgh families, Benson, Butler, Shaw, Manning's and later Wilsons
17:02 – 19:05	McClure family discussed, originally from Lindale, Ian McClure fisherman, Bill McClure from Bowness, family organisation and marriages, Green Grocers.
19:05 – 19 25	Market gardening mainly done by Wilsons, potatoes, some veg.
19:25 – 19:55	Food hawkers and food hawking around the area.
19:55 – 20:35	Goodacres provided free buses for workers to Kendal, latterly by car sharing.
20:35 – 21:40	Discussion of church on Flookburgh square, now demolished, still consecrated ground, owned by the village. Corner stones mark church boundary.
21:40 – 22:54	Discussion of shops in Flookburgh when Lynn arrived. Fish and chips, two pubs in village.
22:54 – 23:55	Dances at Holker club every few weeks, hunt balls, Sid Bank's band (ph) (dance band) from Cark, Aimee played in that. Started by Johnny Banks
23:55 – 25:09	Lynn talks about her sisters, Alex, Jane, and ??? More talk about Holker Club dances.
25:09 – 25:50	How long has Flookburgh village hall been there? Since Adam was a lad. Well used, used by band.
25:50 – 26:15	Socialising in Flookburgh apart from dances. Football teams, but not much else.
26:15 – 28:00	Group of young women (teens) about 8 in number went to Morecambe, on a Saturday. Trip train, Barrow to Morecambe 2/9 (two shillings and 9 pence), Winter Gardens, RAF Camp was open bringing in younger soldiers, years conscription, Rosie Archer married Derek (Archie) Archer from Ely, another boy from Cromer. Also married into the village.
28:00 – 29:18	Four of 8 girls still alive. More stories of trips to Morecambe
29:18 – 29:48	Shows included Tommy Steele, Guy Mitchell,
29:48 – 30:20	Trains ran 5:30pm and back just before midnight.
	Occasional Sunday concerts at Morecambe David Whitfield, car sharing for these trips.
30:20 – 30:36	Pet Clarke and Kathy Kirby,
30:36 – 32:16	Picking of shrimps in Flookburgh. Mother picked at home, then children helped. Her living was shrimp picking. She would finish picking 1:00 in the morning, then start early next morning.
32:16 – 32:20	Shrimps came from each fisherman, then shrimp factory started up. Ian McClure still sells "all over". E.g. Folkstone and London.
32:20 – 35:50	Further discussion about picking on kitchen table, no processing this was done by fishermen. "Oily" – waterproofed fabric, (oilskin?)
35:50 – 37:00	Ian McClure now has poor eyesight, but still makes Christmas wreaths. Tony McClure son drives shrimping trailer.
37:00 – 37:15	Husks given back to fishermen, Lynn thinks they went back to the sand.
37:15 – 37:42	Discussion about Lynn's dog, a poodle. Seggy. Dog ate shrimps husks and shrimps.
37:42 – 39:11	Lynn loves shrimps, prawns and scampi, but not other fish. She still enjoys them with garlic butter on brown bread toast.
39:11	End of track
Track 3	

0 – 0:47	Lynn McClure reintroduces self. General discussion about Christmas and sprouts.
0:47 – 1;45	Lynn used to grow sprouts at The Slack. Big garden at The Slack, growing, potatoes, onions, all veg. Greens, cabbages, red cabbage, that cabbage was pickled, pickle onions, shallots, leeks. Problems growing carrots.
1:45 – 2;18	There was a market garden over the bridge (Wilson's), Wilsons went to market with produce, as well as fishing, fishing through week and market at the weekends. June used to go to market.
2:18 – 2:32	June Wilson still sells fish from the door.
2:32 – 3:22	When did market garden stop, Michael still goes to market.
3:22 – 3:40	Collette Appleby sister that lived in Grange was a carer, she was on home care.
3:40 – 4:15	Vegetables very useful during the second world war (WW2), WW2 memories, Lynn lived at the Slack, heard the war declaration, Chamberlain.
4:15 – 4:35	WW2 memories continued, German bombers going to Barrow, one crashed in the wood behind, terrified as kids.
4:35 – 4:55	Mother made an air-raid shelter under the kitchen table. Remembers sirens.
4:55 - 6:09	Merlewood Hotel, the RAF took it over, rest for pilots. Pilot families visited, also Hazel Bank used in the same way. Three families lived there. One pilot Dougie and his wife Dorothy.
6:09	End of track due to phone ringing.
	Track 4
0 – 0:08	Bad start due to recorder not starting
0:08 – 1:35	Lynn's mother (Aimee) took over the ARP warden responsibility, tin helmet, checked on residents. Miss Crawshaw (ph), Miss Denton's, Miss Bateman. Lynn lived in Pear Tree Cottage, her aunt and uncle were evacuees from being bombed out in Liverpool.
1:35 – 2:02	The big house taken over by the RAF, Miss Miller, ex owners of Merlewood
2:02 – 2:35	Pam Baines (ph) was District Nurse up Tom Miller's drive (Discussion of ARP duties continuing)
2:35 – 3:08	ARP story, she "put her foot in it", and swore at Miss Bateman, Miss Bateman was happy to hear a friendly voice.
3:08 – 3:45	Incendiary bombs found on roof of Yewbarrow House, Colonel Porritt's house. He wanted his house to become a hospital, but that never came off.
3:45 – 5:25	Lynn tells what she knows of Colonel Porritt, owned Yewbarrow and he wanted it to be used as a hospital. No local hospital. Discussion of local hospital provision, including Kendal hospital, and nurse training at Tenterfell.
5:25 – 6:20	Asked about her uncle who had been bombed out, father's brother, worked on Grange Swimming Pool, he wanted a "lid on it", (a roof)
6:20 – 7:28	Discussion about times at Grange swimming pool
7:28 – 7:40	Lynn asked about other evacuees, she remembers no others.
7:40 – 8:32	Father was in a protected job, coal merchant and didn't serve in WW2, discussion about use of coal for domestic heating.
8:32 – 10:10	Gas works at Grange recalled, near Grange Golf course, six cottages had gas holder. Three of the fathers of Children at Lindale School worked at gas works. Gordon Hudson was always late for school. Sale, Hudson and Wilsons were the three families.
10:10 – 11:25	Children had to walk to Lindale school, no buses, Gas mask and dinner bag carried to school. Lynn carried gas masks (sister was with her, 80 yesterday)
11:25 – 12:52	Houses heated with coal and wood. Remembers blackberry-ing in the wood. Ash, dust and dirty, but warm. Two fires and a big range in kitchen, water tank heated from range, other side to the oven.
12:52 – 13:45	Water drawn off range tank for laundry, and dolly tub used. Drying, on lines outside. house on Windermere Road, auntie Mary also had three bedrooms. Lynn had a tin bath, high back, hip bath
13:45 – 15:10	Children bathed in deep kitchen sink, they enjoyed it. Once a week for a bath. Usually Saturday.
15:10 – 16:00	Large flagged floors. Lynn's brother Tony used to use slots between flags as a money box.
16:00 – 17:20	Tony went to live with grandparents at Lindale, as uncle had been killed in a motorcycle crash (Jim). (brother who died in car crash)

17:20 – 18:14	Tony failed 11 plus, but was bright so he went to the Technical College at Barrow.
18:14 – 20:10	Noted that Aimee was a strong lady. She brought 4 girls up on her own. Down at Flookburgh she had the chance to pick shrimps. Economic lifeline. She worked at Cark shrimp factory. Discussion of domestic routine. No state help. Proud.
20:10 – 21:02	School board man visited the family, to ask if she wanted free school meals. She declined stating if she could afford to smoke she would pay for the children's school dinner.
21:02 – 21:29	Memories of stigma of free school meals.
21:29 – 22:12	Interviewer mentioned that Jack Manning had said that Aimee played jazz piano. Lynn says she played in the pub to make more money. The Hope, The Station Inn
22:12 – 23:22	Lynn's mother had good memory. She could go into a music shop and remember the tunes from the sheet music. This saved money. Sadly no recordings of her piano playing.
23:22 – 24:52	They had a deep larder, old stone flagged under the stairs. Used as an air-raid shelter. Feelings during raids, drone of aircraft and remembers the all clears. Garden helped feed the family.
24:52 – 26:25	During conker times they used to make pipes out of shells and smoked bits from her mother's cigarettes. "Initiative that's called"
26:25 – 27:25	Discussion of rationing, ration books, no fruit. Remembers first bananas. Margarine rationed, food office, bottom corner of Hazelmere. Run by Mr Smith and Mr Hallam.
27:25 – 29:00	Children were issued orange juice and cod liver oil, Mr Smith and Mr Hallam were WW1 veterans. Tales of these two men, one leg missing and one with a stiff leg.
29:00 – 30:04	Fabric rationing, clothing coupons. When people got married people "tipped in". Lynn's family gave people coupons as they couldn't afford to spend them.
30:04 – 30:15	Review of coupon situation in family. Adults beige, children blue. Socks would be darned. Mushroom used by darners.
30:15 – 32:54	Memories of Lynn's grandmother. She used to feed children lunchtime as grandma lived in Lindale. (Grandma and Grandpa McClure), spotted dick, trestle table and a bench.
32:54 – 32:18	Jackie Payne baker in Lindale did school meals,
32:18 – 34:55	Grandma was not very big, dumpy, apron, washing, scrubbing. Grandpa was very small. He was a waller, and rode a bike. Further memories of grandma and grandpa
34:55 – 35:10	Memories of grandparent's funerals in Lindale Church yard,
35:10 – 35:55	Discussion about the number of vicars around the area. and about various vicars.
35:55 – 36:26	Lynn used to go to church, Sunday 8.00am Communion, and now just funerals and Christmas. Then discussion about church attendance.
36:26 – 37:00	Discussion about Hibberts may have built one of the churches St Peter's Field Broughton
37:00 – 37:20	Lynn talks about going to a funeral at Field Broughton church.
37:20 – 37:48	Hibberts involved with Hamspfell
37:48 – 39:00	Discussion of a Colonel Hibbert, and his decline.
39:00 -39:30	Discussion of family circumstances of interviewer, single parent experiences
39:30 – 39:55	Lynn's sister widowed at 38 with two daughters. Then she lived with Maurice.
39:55 – 41:00	Maurice dropped dead in the field a couple of years ago. Home Farm. Rusko Field Broughton
41:00 – 43:25	Discussion of sister living as a single parent, sister's children
43:25 – 43:45	Lynn tells of how hard it was for her mother as a single parent.
43:45 – 44:02	Lynn as the elder child helped her mother with money
44:02 – 45:00	Lynn's first pay packet at Law's was 24 shillings a week. 2/4 for bus fare, 4/0 for Lynn and the rest for her mother, later she gave her siblings pocket money,
45:00 – 46:00	Mother never looked to marry again, she hadn't time. Description of time spent picking shrimps.
46:00 – 46:35	Description of family circumstances
46:35 – 46:55	Description of squatting at the army camp. Jane was 14 months,
46:55 - 48:28	Hospital for camp at Field Head, was Nissen huts became council houses. Camp was there for conscripts, e.g. Rosie Archer and Helen Dibble husbands were, about 8 conscripts married locals. Dances occurred there.
48:28 – 48:52	New conscripts would be marched from Cark Station to the camp.

48:52 - 49:10	Discussion of the use of the training camp (RAF Station Cark)
49:10 – 50:15	Parachute club there now, owned by Jimmy Latham, now Caravan site, Mr Latham's father had a duck farm there, then caravan park. Also Steam Gathering occurs there.
50:15 - 50:40	Lynn asked about leisure activities, youth club, and helping mother with shrimps,
50:40 – 51:30	There were about 8 teenage girls in Flookburgh, Grange girls seen as posh
51:30 – 53:00	Discussion of walking on Humphrey Head, Lynn enjoys Hampsfell, School nature walks up Hampsfell, also enjoys view from Lindale Hill. Nuclear Power station is a sore thumb.
53:00 – 54:00	Recollections of a holiday at Heysham caravan site near the power station
54:00 – 55:28	People enjoyed the shore at Sand Gate from Flookburgh, kids from Holker School went swimming down Sand Gate getting there on bikes
55:28 – 57:48	Lynn's nephews learned to swim in riverlets. (Ian Curwen) lived on Hags Lane
57:48 – 59:00	Lynn asked if she wanted to add anything about Flookburgh as a fishing village. June and Ian sell shrimps still.
59:00 - 59:58	Recalled Ian McClure's sight problems, he still goes to Kendal Market on Saturdays
59:58 – 1:00:20	Nothing obviously labels Flookburgh as a fishing village apart from the fluke on the church.
1:00:20 – 1:00:55	Frank Benson sometime has a sign out for potted shrimps. Most of Wilson's shrimps goes to the factory.
1:00:55 – 1:01:25	Most fishermen doing cockling now (at this time of year, December)
1:01:25 - 1:01:45	Ian McClure's does wreaths as did his father. Ian's sister Janet makes the wreaths also. Just for Christmas, holly.
1:01:45 – 1:03:45	Lynn buys a holly pot and takes it to her grandparents who are at Haverthwaite (buried there), discussion of grave yards, at Haverthwaite and Lindale.
1:03:45 – 1:04:00	Lynn's brother Tony used to visit the graves of all the relatives
1:04:00 – 1:04:55	Keith McClure runs the vegetable business. He lives at Wood Broughton. Lynn's cousin.
1:04:55 – 1:05:0	Discussion of McClure green grocer's shops
1:05:00 – 1:07:00	Discussion of Stuart (ph) Keith's brother.
1:07:00 – 1:07:44	Discussion of bad driving by older people in the village. Dr Atkinson.
1:07:44 – 1:09:50	Interviewer asks for names of other people who might be helpful in the project, Barbara Copeland, story about Barbara Copeland – she lived with Lynn when she got married. Father may be around 100 and still around. Pear Tree Cottage
1:09:50 – 1:14:00	Lynn talks about her time as carer at Bridge House, she enjoyed working nights.
1:14:00 – 1:14:15	Lynn always enjoyed working at Bridge House and at Laws and Goodacres
1:14:15 – 1:14:35	Lynn always enjoyed school.
1:14:35 – 1:15:30	List of people of interest, June Wilson, Jean Robinson, from B and B at Allithwaite, Joan Rowlandson (Jack's sister), fishermen – Jack Manning, Cedric Robinson.
1:15:30 – 1:16:50	Cedric's sister Jean used to go cockling, she lives at Urswick, another sister of Cedric's is Peggy. Peggy went away to be a nurse.
1:16:50 – 1:18:18	Jack will be the eldest of the fishermen. Discussion about Jack and Cedric
1:18:18 - 1:18:45	June Wilson's husband John has been a market gardener and fisherman all his life.
1:18:45 – 1:21:20	Discussion about any Bensons fishing, Harold Benson, may have gone to Morecambe, stories of Harold Benson. Christine enjoyed dogs.
1:21:20 – 1:22:35	Discussion about how you become "Flookburgh" (part of the village)
1:22:35 – 1:24:25	Discussion about whether Jack Manning had been a councillor, and Parish councillor, Jill now a councillor. Now studying social care. Lyn Prescott is the Parish

	Clerk.
1:24:25 – 1:26:25	Talk about John Wilson, Tony Rowlandson and Mitchell (not fishermen), they are wildfowlers.
1:26:25 – 1:26:50	Tony Rowlandson is Jack's nephew, Joan's son. (Implies Joan is Jack Manning's sister) Joan married Jack Rowlandson from Allithwaite.
1:26:50 – 1:28:00	Discussion of Jack Manning's book
1:28:00 – 1:30:00	Discussion of Olive Robinson, Jean Robinson, Bill Robinson, Cedric's father.
1:30:00 – 1:32:25	Lynn recalls doing meals on wheels in the area.
1:32:25 – 1:34:16	Discussion of Peggy (?), Kenny Robinson, Graham his brother was a painter who lived in Crosthwaite. Karen (?)
1:34:16 – 1:35:44	Kenny Hopper - Peggy's husband, he was handsome, in Navy. Peggy was beauty queen, Sports Queen.
1:35:44 – 1:36:20	Discussion about Harold Manning Jack Manning's father, Jack's mother was Nelly.
1:36:20 – 1:37:00	Lynn's auntie by marriage was a Benson, her sister married a Butler. Les Butler was a village character and a fisherman, older than Jack.
1:37:00 – 1:38:30	Interviewer talks about how Jack Manning learned fishing with an uncle, "Pongy" Lynn thinks uncle was a relative of Jack's mother and so a Butler.
1:38:30 – 1:39:10	Discussion about how Jack and Steve look similar. Stephen's son Tim shrimps.
1:39:10 – 1:39:35	Discussion about walks onto Chapel Island by the Manning's.
1:39:35 – 1:40:00	Discussion about the Cross Bay walks, Lynn's not been Susannah has.
1:40:00 – 1:44:15	Discussion about the health of the Queen and the succession.
1:44:15 – 1:45:00	Discussion about how Long Cedric Robinson will carry on (being Queen's Guide)
1:45:00 – 1:45:45	Personal health issues, talked about.
1:45:45 – 1:46:30	Frank Benson fishes from Flookburgh up some steps off the Main Street
1:46:30 – 1:48:05	Irene Latham, Jimmy's wife is Frank Benson's sister, Frank's shrimps and pots.
1:48:05	Lynn says *Oh, are we still recording?"
1:48:08	End of track

Lynn McClure notes

1. "The Slack" is an area of Grange-over-Sands along Windermere Road. Also a large house in the area.
2. Lynn apprenticed at Laws in Grange spelling of Laws needed – track 2 - 6:35 – probably R& H Law – see https://www.francisfrith.com/grange-over-sands/r-h-law_memory-216301
3. Music qualification is this LRAM Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music? - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LRAM>
4. 36:26 St peter's Church Field Broughton is a Paley and Austin church in Cartmel
5. Hibbert family of Fields Broughton - <http://www.hibbertfamily.org/html/hibbert/oswald%20hibbert%201.htm>
6. 1:09:50 Lynn talks about Bridge House Probably - <https://www.carehome.co.uk/carehome.cfm/searchazref/10004515BRIB>

7. 1:24:25 Mitchell Rowlandson – see <https://twitter.com/rowjo54?lang=en> - as well as being a plumber Mitchell looks like being a trombonist and conductor of Flookburgh Silver Band name also Mitchell Rowlandson from main ledger.
8. Stephen Manning's name checked from main ledger.

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2004/mar/14/foodanddrink.features15>