

## Summary of Interview with Mary Martin

Interviewee : Mary Martin, born Oct-Dec 1916

Interviewer : Denys Vaughan

Date of Interview : probably Jan 1993      Duration of Recording : 37 mins 38 secs

Approx time (mins)	Content
0 – 4	Early life, born in Salford, schooling, various jobs in Manchester before joining the Land Army in 1940.
4 – 5½	Initial Land Army posting for training to Marsden's Harehills Farm in Cartmel Fell area.
5½ – 7¼	Transfer to Major Dixon at Greenbank Farm, initially to cover holiday absence of dairy maid, but asked to stay on; accepted because Greenbank had more modern creature comforts with warmth and bathroom.
7¼ – 8	Learning to drive and doing a milk round in Grange.
8 – 11½	Milking an Ayrshire herd, one of the first with TT milk; details of various people involved, (first names only), in doing various milk rounds and managing the herd; comparison with current (1993) fewer personnel.
11½ – 14	Comparison of Land Army conditions of work, (pay etc.) with pre-war work in Manchester; details of typical working day.
14 – 14½	Living arrangements at Greenbank.
14½ – 15¼	Started doing office work for Major Dixon.
15¼ – 17	Response to question about relaxation during the war years : details of where military were in the neighbourhood; reminiscences of Sid Banks' dance band.
17 – 18	Meeting future husband Roy, whom Major Dixon recruited as the horseman for Greenbank, and who was living with his parents at Burns Farm.
18 – 18½	Married Roy in 1947, after having to wait for a divorce from a pre-war marriage.
18½ – 22	Various homes before becoming tenants of Greenbank Farm in 1962 : initially with Roy's parents who had moved to Sturdys, then 18 months at the Greenbank Bungalow, then 18 years at Longlands after Major Dixon bought it and asked Roy to manage it; mentions of various neighbours at various times including Bill Hodgson, Henderson, Illingworth, and Angus Carmichael.
22 – 23¼	Vague details of various types of animals looked after by Roy at various locations.
23¼ – 25	How & why the B&B business started at Greenbank, whose visitors included interviewer Denys Vaughan, and his subsequent introduction to living in this area.
25 – 25½	Short answer to question about travelling salesmen : occasional gypsy and tarmac salesmen.
25½ – 27¾	Shopping habits : mainly in Grange and Cartmel, plus weekly visit to Ulverston for meat for visitors; at one time worked in Cartmel Post Office for Stuart and Harry Teasdale; DV suggested that MM should write a book about her life in Cartmel, and she said that Major Dixon's daughter, Rose Mary Alexander, who had done some writing, also made the same suggestion.
27¾ – 28¼	Roy used to take animals to auction markets in Kendal and Ulverston.
28¼ – 29	Eggs were collected, Roy's eggs not Major's.

- 29 – 29½ Land Army diploma for service, but never formally left it.
- 29½ – 31½ Employment benefits for her age group were advertised c.1989; reluctance to apply, but benefit received after persuasion by family.
- 31½ – 32½ Question re. church and church socials; briefly in Mother's Union only.
- 32½ – 34 Land Army girls supervised initially by Mrs Smalley, and later by a lady from Grange.
- 34 – 35½ Discussion of war time rationing of food, clothes and petrol; extras allowed for working on a farm; extra petrol for milk delivery; adequate clothes with Land Army uniform.
- 35½ – 36 No tractor when Roy, as horseman, did ploughing with horses at Greenbank.
- 36 – 37½ Postscript by Denys Vaughan mentioning un-recorded discussion regarding MM's deteriorating eye sight due to detached retina from a traumatic dental extraction; also mentioning subsequent phone call from MM to emphasise that she sees herself as always being a working dairy maid throughout her life in Cartmel.