

Summary of Interview with Bob Copeland (#1 of 3)

Interviewee : Robert William Copeland, born 3 December 1919

Interviewers : Irini Tzortzoglou & John Batty

Date of Interview : 18 November 2014 Duration of Recording : 49 mins 39 secs

Approx time (mins)	Content
0 – ¾	Introduction by John Batty
¾ – 4¼	Born in Fleet, Lincs.; details of houses there; parents separated, before being sent by train to an aunt in Gainsborough.
4¼ – 5	Coming to Cartmel where grandfather & other family lived. Mother eventually married a cousin who became Bob's step-father.
5 – 7	Several houses in Cartmel mentioned in Priest Lane, Aynsome Road and Barngarth, and neighbours/landlords named Pace.
7 – 8½	Move to Barngarth; old barn there used to store materials for Cartmel Show; neighbour named Dickinson who wrote a history of Cartmel; paying rent at one of three banks in Cartmel Square.
8½ – 10	Going to current primary school; new floor boards fitted in school; Jubilee playground didn't then belong to the school.
10 – 11½	Wearing clogs, and cobbler Mr Wareing in Cavendish Street.
11½ – 13	Granny's refusal to sign agreement for inoculation.
13 – 16	Memories of Cartmel primary school in late 1920's; staff inc. Miss Weakley, Miss Simpson; nature walks; headmaster refused to teach RE; ringing the school bell.
16 – 18	Grammar School selection process by headmaster; memories of contemporaries at school inc. Martin Barnes, Philip Howarth, Unsworth, Rodney Burns; first 2 cars in the village.
18 – 20	More about changing schools, Cartmel Grammar School building still in use as a school but not as a Grammar School.
20 – 21½	Area schools' Sports days; one-upmanship amongst headmasters re getting places at Grammar Schools.
21½ – 24½	Bringing electricity to Cartmel in 1926, off line from Ulverston to Meathop; step father working on it erecting posts across Hampsfell; he later became a Postman.
24½ – 32½	First job at Aynsome Laboratories, making wax for Admiralty oil-skins, also testing wheat, also working with acid and having to jump in the beck after a spill; wages 10/- per week.
32½ – 37½	Second job on a farm; living on the farm; only lasted 4 weeks.
37½ – 49½	Third job : butcher's boy at Proctors in Grange, including slaughtering animals and delivering meat orders; comments on customers Mrs Robinson and a branch of the Sharps toffee family; bicycle involved in road accident.