

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

Interviewee : Robert William Copeland, born 3 December 1919

Interviewer : John Batty

Date of Interview : 15 May 2015

Duration of Recording : 59 mins 5 secs

Approx time (mins)	Content
0 – ¾	Introduction by John Batty
¾ – 1½	1 st job on Cartmel race course preparing for race day.
1½ – 4¼	Ernie Unsworth's garage in Cartmel; working for him logging near Rusland.
4¼ – 5	Mother had bought Bluebell House; we lived opposite in Eea Court; moved to Barrow.
5 – 6½	Working in Barrow shipyard as a plumber's mate; mentions boats worked on.
6½ – 7¾	Joining the Post Office; location of Post Offices in Grange, old and new.
7¾ – 9½	Walking rounds and bicycle rounds; learning to drive; driving in the army; getting a license and becoming a Post Office driver.
9½ – 13	Start of description of the Cartmel Post round on Hags Lane, mentioning Pit Farm, "new" Council houses, former Police Station, Church Caretaker's cottage, former Cartmel Weavers, current Doctor's Surgery, and Maggie Puddle Cottage, etc.
13 – 14¼	Continuation of summary description of Post round route, mentioning Gladstone Terrace (now demolished), Allithwaite Road, Cark Road, Headless Cross, Aysome Road, Priest Lane, Barngarth, The Square, Cavendish Street; outlying places mentioned include Game Keeper's Cottage in Seven Acres, now Cartmel Game.
14¼ – 14¾	Description of how mail was prepared for carrying around.
14¾ – 15½	Trying to refocus interview on more details of his Post round, and break in recording.
15½ – 16½	Start of round mentioning John Shaw & Mrs Burrows; digression onto to agricultural houses.
16½ – 17	Continuation of round re. Roger Shaw, who worked at Croasdales, now Playdale in Haverthwaite.
17 – 18	Continuation of round re. former Police Station on Hags Lane.
18 – 19½	Continuation of round re. Jimmy Thompson, and his time in the Air Force.
19½ – 21¼	Continuation of round re. Phillips, Quakers' church, Maggie Puddle Cottage, and former large hen farm.
21¼ – 22	Digression on Gaskarths and their business in Grange.
22 – 23½	Continuation of round re. cottages on Hags Lane belonging to Pit Farm and nearby properties; mentioning Bridge Cottage and family named Iles[?]; Uncle Isaac, who lived in that area, had a milk round for Pit Farm, and comments thereon.
23½ – 24¼	Digression on earth lavatories, and preparations for water lavatories.
24¼ – 24¾	Continuation of round re. Gladstone Terrace, now demolished, formerly opposite to Secondary School.

- 24³/₄ – 29¹/₄ Continuation of round re. houses on Allithwiate Road and Cark Road, and descriptions of un-named occupants; un-named child scolded to death; other mentioned include Miss Crowe, Birch, joiner and undertaker at Clogger Beck, Miss Dixon[?], Holmes[?].
- 29¹/₄ – 31³/₄ Memories of Joe Sargeant; memories of delivering washing done by mother; recommended remedy for earache using natural wool.
- 31³/₄ – 33³/₄ Headless Cross area : mention of Howard Johns first living there; building of wall around Headless Cross & Rowan tree planted by Brownies; comments on un-named people in same area.
- 33³/₄ – 35 Memories of Dawson family, including playing cricket and groundsman Laisby complaining of pitch damage.
- 35 – 36 Mention of Mason's[?] Farm, and discussion on the location of The Flags.
- 36 – 38³/₄ Mention of Devonshire Square and Priory Close; Blagden sisters and visit of brother Bishop Blagden of Peterborough.
- 38³/₄ – 42¹/₂ Digression of lack of lighting in Cartmel before arrival of electricity, and how electricity came to Cartmel, (part repeat from previous interviews).
- 42¹/₂ – 47¹/₂ Devonshire Square and Bluebell House, a former public house where his mother lived, and how she came there; reference to old photographs; Dawson family mentioned again.
- 47¹/₂ – 50¹/₂ Story of getting home after demob from WWII, with lack of trains from Lancaster to Grange; with help hitched a lift to Levens Bridge, then walked home to Cartmel in the middle of the night.
- 50¹/₂ – 53 Post round continues into the Square; Howard Johns' move from the Kings Arms to the Post Office; start of Christmas Tree tradition in Cartmel Square.
- 53 – 53³/₄ Change of locations for village Post Office.
- 53³/₄ – 54³/₄ Post round continues, mentioning Kings Arms and its need for fire escapes, Ford House, Bell family, and Royal Oak.
- 54³/₄ – 55³/₄ Digression again about pre-electricity days in Cartmel, and trying to refocus on intended subject.
- 55³/₄ – 57 Other places in The Square; Benson a tailor; District Bank; tobacco & sweet shop where pillars are; confectionary shop now a café, formerly owned by Grant who had a bake-house there; Priory Hotel run by Davies family;
- 57 – 59 Building next to Priory Hotel, owner lived at Stony Dale, Field Broughton; used for Band of Hope meetings; repeat of story about mischief in slide shows, and mischief with collection box.