

ORAL HISTORY - L (INTERVIEW BY AND H)

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P1: I don't know, what do you see? [laughter]

P2: Okay, so...all of us.

P1: That's me saying my birthday's the April fools day, so is that any help? Is that any help, just saying I'll be (inaudible: in the shilling?). She'll not know what I'm talking about. Are you recording this?

P2 & 3: Yeah.

P1: Aye, they'll be sending somebody with white jackets for me!

P3: Not at all.

P1: Aye.

P2: Um, so yes.

P1: So ye now wanna know my what: my name, my age, where I stai...where I stay?

P2: Um, what are like, I would like to know what are you interests and hobbies. Like, what do you do?

P1: Well, I used to...I've been doing shorthand and typing for away about 60 year.

P2: Uh huh

P2: And, I used to um... wear bifocals. And I've been wearing bifocals for about 50 years. But, eh, I saw the... I saw this optician. Eh, The first time I saw her, she says that she thought I'd got glauco...glaucoma. Could hardly get my tongue around that one! And eh, so that was that. So, I... I went back, you know, to get these ones, and now she says I've got cataracts. But I don't know whether...so it was just left like that. I says next time I go see her she'll maybe say I've got cancer! [Laughter] Or something. Or something, you know? [Laughter] So eh, and a lot people worry about this, that, and the next thing. I just slide by, going like that and saying, "Oh, what will

be will be.” You know, kinda thing? You know? So eh, so that’s it. So...so...so I’ve got subtitles on the telly. So, I says... what ones have I got on? Aye, these are the ones that are to see about, and these ones is the ones for reading. You know? So I’m kidding on, I’ll be going like that, and saying I can... you know how you see folk with glasses and they’re never on their face?

P3: Yeah.

P1: A bit like this. I says I can put one on each side now [laughter].

P3: Yeah.

P1: You know? So, when I put on these ones, um... see when I look at your face, your face is all hazy. But I see you better. And then, I just got them last week. And look, and they’re dead, dead tight on my ears... and yet they’re falling down. And I hate... them away down there too. And yet, that’s why I saying, look, ye cannae make em’ thing-me. And I’m away along the road, and I’m just trying to say that I’m getting too auld to go along the road. You know?

P2: Mhm

P1: So... so that’s it. So if it’s not one thing, it’s the another for by the Covid. I don’t think the world’s ever gonna get back to normal now. And when you see in another wee while it’ll something else breaks out, you know? So...something to look forward to! But this time maybe I’ll no be here!

P2: Oh.

P1: So there you are. Miss... I’ve missed it.

P2: Mhm.

P1: So...

P3: So tell us a little bit more about the type...who used to do your typing?

P1: Oh my typing, aye. No, I did that eh... like a kinda hobby. Because my husband died away in 1966, so I never bothered my head with anybody else, you know? So that was eh, it was my cousin, and he was eh, em, you know, into learning, teaching, one thing or another. So he says

“how do I no do that”? So I just took it up, you know. So, and because I could’nae see I’ve stopped doing it, and eh... I believe the lighting in the building is’nae... good, you know? And I think they all know that I hate it round... in this house, because I’m saying about wildlife now. You know the... the rats, the mice, the... the foxes, cause of all that. Ken. They all...there’s about five graveyards all around about here, and that’s where they all live. And I’m gonnae get buried, so I might have a fox sitting on top of me! You know? [laughter] So, there you are.

(Pause) So are you putting...am I going to the asylum now? [laughter]

P2: Um, and... apart from this, like uh... do you like cooking?

P1: My what?

P2: Do you like cooking?

P1: Oh

P2: Cooking for yourself?

P1: Oh cooking. If I hardly eat I get a row for doing that. I’m fed up eating the same things, you know? Like boiled eggs and that. I used to make porridge all the time, since I’ve came here I haven’t even done that, you know? So I’ll just pick at this and pick at that, you know? But every now and again the doctor sends for me, but it’s to go on the scales, my weight, and height, and one thing or another. And the last time I saw them I says “you not gonnae take blood?”, “no, not this time”. But I thought blood was the most important thing when you did that. Because you know how your height or your weight, you know?... cause it can go up and down and things like that... aye.

P2: Uh huh.

P1: So I knew them and that, and they had me there at 9 o’clock. I says, “What are you hooking me up as early as this for?!” [Laughter] Just...just for to go away along there, just to talk to them. But I’ve been going to them for about 50 years, round there. So they know me well. But I don’t even know them all now. They all seem to have died off or...they’re all gone. In fact I saw one that was there for a while, and I says, “Where are they all?” And the next thing, I have

Santa Clauses in my bag, and I used to give them Santa Clauses and things like that, you know? And the next thing she says, "It's only me that's left." And I says, "Well it's a good job I don't have a Santa Claus for you!". I used to give em' away about six, or seven, or something like that. Never saw the doctor. But, eh, the first time I got, uh, the Covid jag, just say three year; I think it's three year and something like two month or something. In't it? Or something?

P2: Mhm.

P1: So, I've no *seen* the doctor. But went looking for her at Christmas, you know, cause there'd be bowls of chocolates. But I don't see her, I just hand them in eh? But she knows they're fe me anyway. So, that's it... In fact I saw her and she's shouting at a patient, and I'm standing, and I'm like, "Here you!" [Laughter] I'm that polite, you see. You can tell that, couldn't you?

[Laughter]

P2: Okay, so, um... so like, do you have daughter and son?

P1: Have I what?

P2: Daughter and son, your kids?

P1: A what?

P3: Children.

P1: No, I've got nae children, no.

P2: Okay, so like, um, for the Christmas dinner, who...who are.. whoever you like, come to your place and then you have a Christmas dinner?

P2: No, I don't eh, no. I've got a niece, and she's away in Prestwick. And they... it's, it's...and her husband, I always... I've always got him saying he's dying with cancer, but he's got cancer, but it's worse. [Inaudible]

P3: Yeah.

P1: So, eh, so she's got him. And when I'm talking about her daughter there, her name is K. So K had a miscarriage, and eh... then, she actually... eh... and its was just eh... weeks ago. She had a... like a baby, you know? And I think it was about four months. It was due in eh... June,

and eh... you know?... and I think it was four month or something like that. And because she was a doctor, I think she was maybe even helping to get the baby out of her... her thing-me.

P2: Mhm.

P1: But she moved on from being a doctor, cause as I says she's a psychiatrist now, you know?

But, em... so that's it. But because she's only got one wee lassie, and she's been the only daughter, maybe she doesn't think it's fair. You know? But see bringing people... weans into this world? I say "no". [pause] You know?

P3: It's not for everybody.

P1: It's just... It's just my...it's just eh... my attitude. Because life's hard.

P3: Mhm.

P1: You know? I don't wanna say how you make it, but then we did make the Covid thing, you know? Aye. So you just sit here and wait. And yet I'm feart to die and I'm getting there.

[Laughter] Aye. So. [Pause] So you enjoying my...my talk? Just gonnae call you M now.

[Laughter]

P2: It's great listening to you.

P1: Yeah?

P2: Yeah.

P1: Why do you speak quiet? But whatever.

P2: Eh, I'm Indian so...

P1: Are ye Indian? And where is... where is [inaudible: Rehab?], Iran?

P3: I think it was.

P1: Aye, I-I-Iran, aye. She went away on holiday to see here family and she ended up with the Covid. And do you know, there's 26 neighbours here, and there's only three of us that never took that.

P3: Wow.

P1: Eh, and it was two old women. One's 102, and the other one's 100! And me! We were the only three in this building that never took... took that.

P3: That's great

P1: You know? Aye. So God's looking after me somehow

P3: Mhm.

P1: I've tried my best right enough. Mhm.

P3: So see when you were younger and you were growing up...

P1: Uh huh

P3: Do you remember anything, like, was there a certain dinner or something that you can remember from when you were younger?

P1: A dinner?

P3: Yeah, like a meal.

P1: Aye...no, not especially .

P3: No?

P1: When we were young, even though people talk about that, eh, it was all poor days.

P3: Mhm.

(10:40-12:00)

P1: Folk would laugh and say that some neighbours had to get a cup of sugar, that was how bad they were. And a lot of folk used to maybe pawn sheets, you know, to get money. And pawns was eh... you could say it was big business, but I don't whether it's bigger now, you know, cause it's mainly jewellers, you know kind of thing, you know?... but not anything in particular, you know?

P3: What about, like, ehm, your family home, do you remember anything from that?

P1: Eh, no, not really. In fact there's only, eh, well...sister died, brother died, and there were a brother between my sister and me. But now she's dead, and it's only my young sister and me, but we don't speak because eh, with the money. You've heard that stacks of times, she kept the money, we never got anything, and we were all good to me mam, you know, throwing off our coat and getting stuck in, you know? You talk to folk about this, that, and the next thing, they don't believe you, you know?

P3: So you were one of five, is that right?

P1: Aye.

P3: One of five.

P1: One of five, aye. Aye, there was M, J...eh... N, and eh, just say that brother that died, and me, and J, the young one, aye.

P3: Mhm.

P1: That's it. Aye. And my daddy died 85. And guess when my birthday is? April Fools' Day! Eh, that'll be me 85. Everybody says I don't act it...

P3: No! I wouldn't have said that at all.

P1: Aye. Aye, so I'm like Peter Pan, I've not grown up, you know? [Laughter] But I take things, you know, not too seriously.

P3: Yeah, just as they are.

P1: I just imagine that I I'd rather be cheery than moaning, you know, aye. Now, looking forward to summer, I says you'd be lucky to get a fortnight out of it, you know? [Laughter] Cause this summer was... aye just last summer, that was rubbish. But the other two summer were quite good.

P3: The Covid summers were good

P1: Aye, we could have sat out in that wee garden, you know, and I've got a boyfriend up here, and eh, what you call it? He's 90. That'll be 90 on the 14th. St. Valentine's day. So I've bought him a Valentine's card, and I'm looking for a nicer birthday card for him.

P3: Mhm.

P1: And, I'm saying (inaudible), because it'll all be clothes or, or this-that. And the next thing he says "send cans of lager!" [Laughter] He's telling me. But I think it should be special when it's 90. But maybe the family will take him away, eh...take him somewhere. But he's no interested in things like that either. You know, just easy-osey, you know?

P3: Yeah. So you were saying about summer, you've go the garden. Do yous, do you spend time out there?

P1: Eh, well this year no, you know, but, eh the two summers before that. That's it, you know?

P3: Mhm.

P1: But see, I call this too close for comfort, the neighbours is too nearby now. And you could maybe think you're getting a pal, but they're inquisiting all about yourself, but then it goes round, like a, you know?

P3: Mhm.

P1: Just say like wildfire. But, you can sit in the lounge.

P3: Mhm.

P1: And they try their best. But I'm always, believe it or no, I'm always busy working or watching the telly or something like that, you know?

P3: Mhm.

P1: And then they talk sensible. I just come in and say a couple of words and that...she'll be in, she'll be out [laughter]. Aye, just run about smiling at them all, you know?

P3: Yeah.

P1: And that kind of thing. Just what you see me.

P3: So see where... when you were younger, did you have a garden? Where you stayed before?

(14:50-16:50)

P1: Eh....no, you could say, well, the first place I was born, It was eh, just like a tenement, a close, and the garden was at the bottom, but you imagine that belonged to the bottom person. And it was the same when we moved into another house, you know?

P3: Mhm.

P1: You could say the back was all theirs, where the woman down below [inaudible], you know? Aye. No, I quite enjoyed growing up. It was wild and all that kind of thing, falling off bikes and one thing or another, you know? [Laughter].

P3: Did you spend a lot of time outside when you were growing up?

P1: Oh aye, aye

P3: Yeah?

P1: Aye, soon as the door was open, that was me. And I had my hair away down to my heels, nearly.

P3: Wow.

P1: Aye, and my mama used to have to put plaits in, and I liked how she did it, she put wee plaits there, and the big plaits, and see when I ran, they battered me! [laughter] And my mother had to go oot and work all hours, you know, cause it was really poor days.

P3: Yep.

P1: You nearly eating hard bread and one thing or another, you know? And eh, but she'd maybe even come in on a Saturday, and we're all sitting starving, you know? And eh, I remember my daddy going like that and saying, "They were all nice and quiet, you know, 'till you came in and fed them, now they're all jumping about like animals." [Laughter] Then you know, he was getting

peace. Aye, so that was it. So, so, my mother used to say, "Is she going out with that hair!?" So I used to get up and just wash my eyes [laughter], you know, and brush my teeth, and maybe comb that wee bit.

P3: Mhm.

P1: And let the rest all... thing-me. So my mum would think I was running about, showing up that she's not looking after her family [laughter]. Me running about... like a wild woman [laughter]. So, you putting me in the asylum now? [Laughter]

P3: No, not at all [laughter].

P1: Aye. Sometimes I wonder, you know, if it'd be better. Cause I call this the asylum, but they don't like it, "No, this is the Loretta House", I says, "I think this is Hawkheid." [Laughter]. Aye.

P3: So what was you favourite bit about growing, obviously when you were young?

(17:20-18:26)

P1: Ach, I don't know I just think was eh, being wild and managing to jump and I always had a bike and one thing or another, you know?

P3: Did you go quite far out when you had the bike?

P1: Auch aye, in they days everything was all safe, there weren't nae any... half the things you get now, you know? I mean, a woman had to buzz me to get in and the next days she's looking for her keys, and I says, "How you no put them near you?", you know, and she says, "I'm frightened in case somebody bumps in..." away into her pocket to get her keys! I says, "I've got mine round my neck," [laughter] You know? So, so... so that's it you know. So it's just different ways to think, you know? Aye. But, in yer life you do get done by some folk, and you're mad at yourself for getting into the bother, you know? Even though it's not your fault. But I don't think like that, if somebody bumps into me I don't think they're robbing me, you know? [laughter]

P3: Yeah.

P1: And yet I'm daft, you know, running about with nearly everything. You know? I carry my money round my neck so...I shouldn't have told you! You know I've got a wee thing, a wee kinda purse thing?

P3: Yeah.

P1: Aye. So there you are.

P3: So you were saying you grew up in the tenements, what...what was that like?

(18:45-19:32)

P1: Auch aye, you know it's just... just your em... I'll tell you, see the summers? Absolutely great, you got the summer up to... well, the night... the nights was light at ten o'clock, and that sun was nearly out 'till the moon came. Aye. As soon as I woke up — that's what I was meaning, my mammy, she was'nae there: "Is she away out!?" [Laughter] You didnae bother looking for breakfast or nothing else, you know, you're too young, you just...

P3: So was it yourself, and your five... or your four other siblings and your parents, or was there more people in the tenement with you?

P1: Aye. No, it's because, eh, M was the oldest, and it was like a difference of age.

P3: Mhm.

P1: You know, just eh, well that's me 85, where Jane, her birthday is in February, and I might even send her a card, so I'm two year older than her, so that'll be her...83, wouldn't it? Aye, 83, and then eh, and then as I says the brother, I think the brother was two year... because in they days your mammy had, eh, weans every two year, nearly.

P3: Mhm.

P1: You know? I say that to folk, I says, they think they're getting married and they're gonna have a wonderful life and honeymoons and... [laughter] I says, nowadays ye get married and you've got another coat and another bag, this is you going for the messages for all the weans that you've got! [laughter] You know, some women were having one every year, every nine month! [laughter] So there you are. So, but, it was poor days, but were happy!

P3: As long as you were happy.

P1: And naebody ran about with a ha'penny... naebody had any money. No, our pocket money used to... we got it on Friday, and that's all we got. And I'd maybe buy a packet of chips and a bottle of ginger, and that was me to next Friday or something. Next Friday, aye. That's what we used to get. We were all the same, you know?

P3: Yeah.

(21:00-24:09)

P1: Aye, I think we were a wee bit better off, you know, than the other ones. In fact, there were even pals I went to school with, and they were eating lard out the chip pans. I hope you don't like that. They always had a chip pan, it was like a tablet. They were like that, you know... they were eating it [laughter]. And we round about saying, "We don't like fat!" [Laughter] "We don't like this!"... and now I'm saying "yous were lucky!" [Laughter] So there you are.

P3: So what do you remember about, um, about school then?

P1: Eh, well I had to, I had measles, and I think I had German measles, eh, when I was 3, and I never went to school till I was 6, and that's when the teach would say, "Girls, where's your glasses?" and I'd say, "I've not got any." And the first time I wore glasses was when I was 15, and I went into this... my first job was a shirt factory, and because of all the colours of the shirts and that, you'd have thought I'd battered my head off... off the wall. And, eh, so I ended up wearing glasses when I was 15, and my mammy come...go in with me, and the next thing...as

soon as I'm out the door I'm taking them off and putting them in my pocket, and my mammy says, "That man says you have to keep em' on all the time!", I says, because I wouldn't have needed glasses when I was 21, you know how they can tell you they things and that, and I says, "Never mind that, Mum!" [Laughter] Because this is you starting to...wear makeup, you know, thinking you're growing up and things like that, you know? And I used to, when I'd go on the bus, I used to ask for the one, and the next things they says is, "Is it a half?"... "No!" [Laughter]

P3: So, see when you were at school did you get, like, school dinners...or did you have to take stuff in with you?

P1: Aye, we used get milk. It was all free, and, like eh, just say the orange juice and that. And that orange juice was lovely. Much more nicer than what it is today, you know, it was a thing they gave you. Because, just say we were all poor, you know?

P3: Mhm.

P1: Aye, so we were just a wee bit better off than other lads, you know? Aye. So that's how...my mammy worked dead hard, in fact my mammy worked down the, eh, the mines when she was eh...when she was 15. No, I can'nae mind if she was...that she was...no, she was 12, down the mines, came from coat bridge.

P3: Mhm.

P1: So that's a mining kinda village, you know, aye. And we used go see all they pictures, you know, you watched them, they were dangerous, like eh, what do you call it? They could hit this bit, to get this bit of coal. You know it could all come to...you know, more less you could even get buried.

P3: Yeah.

P1: You know, if you hit the wrong thing, have it all come down on you [laughter]. You know? And my boyfriend at 90, his wife was a riveter in the shipyards, you know?

P3: Oh.

P1: And I don't know what a riveter is, but I think it's like machine... machine kind of things, you know? Aye, so that's it.

P3: So what did you do when you left school?

P1: Eh, What did I do?... Eh, I think it was like pictures at the beginning, then it was like dancing, like the Barrowlands and all that.

P3: Ah.

P1: If you've heard of that one?

P3: Yeah.

(24:45-25:47)

P1: I've been in them all, [inaudible: sounds like "the Carmo"], you know, the whole lot. And I met pals, and they were sisters, so just say, you like, one, two three. So I was pally all them, more or less, or nearly all. And they used to like to...they were better off, they had a wee hut in meadow park. We used to camping...

P3: Wow.

P1: ...and one thing or another. So you can tell I'm wild [laughter]. You can see maybe the wildness in my eyes [laughter]. So, you lived rough, but it was good. There wasn't a worry for everything... Meadow Park, as I say they had a hut there, you know? But we went out camping, and lay in the grass, even if it was wet, or anything. We used go into a cafe, you know, and we're going like that — "Where the toilet?" — for a wee wash [laughter] and things like that. And make wee fires, and it was like tins of beans and things like that.

P3: Mhm.

P1: You could've eaten the sparks off of the fire [laughter] or, you know? You know? So, it wasn't like the careful way they're all carried on with, you know?

P3: Yeah.

P1: And yet we were all kinda healthy at the same time, you know?

P3: Yeah.

P1: Aye.

P3: You all had a good immune system.

P1: Eh, what's that?

P3: You had a good immune system?

P1: Eh, well you could say that [laughter] Aye, so the whole lot of use was like that, you know?

We were all made to go to school. And we had snow up to there, you've likely heard, you know?

P3: Mhm.

P1: Aye. So, that's it. And ye just... my mam was glad to get rid of us, us as soon as we were flogged into the school she was away working, doing other thing. And I'm saying they did *work*, you know, they'd have scrubbed the street.

P3: Mhm.

P1: And yet I'm complaining about this building, because when the folk come to empty the bins, they might as well have no bothered, you know? They leave more dirt, you know? In fact I went out one day and I says, "you're not gonnae leave that all there?" and he's going "aye". He says, eh, "I've no got a brush". I says "there's a brush round there." He picked it up, but he was mad, you know?

P3: Mhm.

P1: And he did'nae pick it up right. And we've a warden here, but we don't know what she's supposed to do. When you talk to her it's in one ear and out the other.

P3: Mhm.

P1: You know, like? Aye. And, they have, in fact, I'm only kidding on, well I'll no say I'm kidding on, I owe one-thousand, two hundred and something, eh, for gas, a gas bill here. And there's no gas in the building.

P3: Doesn't quite add up does it?

P1: Eh, no [laughter]. So, its my niece that does that cause she gets... you know... so she's forever fighting with them, you know?

P3: Yeah, but it's a good you've got someone who can do that for you.

P1: Aye, only thing is she's away in Prestwick...

P3: Yeah

P1: ...that's her looking after her daughter. And then the daughter's daughter. And because eh, talking about the... she's got put up... see when she put her daughter into nursery.

P3: Mhm.

P1: Its hundred pound a day.

P3: Is that how much it is?

P1: Aye, just five days, so that'd be five hundred pound. But her daughter always, eh, helps, you know, she looks after her.

P3: Mhm.

P1: So, maybe she'll put her in two days, three days. But then with her being a psychiatrist, she gets plenty of money. And her husband works in a bank, so I think he's, eh, gets a bob or two, you know? [Laughter] But by that, she was...she stays in the best places, like she's in, eh, she's in cr...where is she now?

P3: Was it not Crookston the last time?

P1: Eh, I'm saying Crookston. Eh, no. Even my boss, what, thing-me'd, I cannae think...

P3: Clarkston?

P1: Clarkston, aye, aye.

P1: I remember you saying before and it began with a C.

P1: Aye, aye. It's all the best places that she's stays. I couldnae even tell you, you know, I just cannae remember all the thing-me, you know?

P3: Yeah

P1: But I've... I... T — the mammy — she's the very same, she's in Prestwick, you know? She had, eh, a house, and it belonged to SD.

P3: Wow.

P1: So, you know, it would have cost her to get that one, you know? So, she just eh, ended up, eh, giving it up because it was too big. And it was *lovely*, you know? And I says — and I never thought she was such a good worker — and I says “I can't imagine you'd ever been able to clean this house,” you know? Aye, so she still is busy, because she looking after her and she's [inaudible] her husband, and you know, one thing or another. But she loves... young mums all say they love weans, but she'd say... oh my goodness, its an obsession with her! [Laughter]

P3: Yeah.

P1: So she's broke her leg... and I says... and she's 66 now, and I says if she has this other wean — because, eh, K, the daughter — she's hardly even looked after, you know, it's always been T, you know, eh, her mother, and eh, I says, “is that you wanting to do babysitting till your 80?”, “looks like it!”, she says [laughter]. If K had that other one, she'd be looking at baby sitting again, you know? Aye. So you could say her baby's, *her baby!* [Laughter]

P3: And did you to any baby sitting when you were younger, looking after people's kids for them?

(30:42-31:05)

P1: Aye. Aye, that was one of our hobbies too. You know, we'd chap some woman's door who's got a wean, and round about... you know, champing up the pram? Aye. You know, you were good. It was more decent.

P3: Yeah.

P1: Aye, you done it out the kindness of your heart, you know, you didn't get paid or anything like that...

[Recording interrupted by alarm].

P1: So J worse than... worsen than I am, you know. Aye, so there you are.

P3: What else have you got?

P2: Uh.

P1: So are you coming back, or are you... are you frightened in case this is [inaudible]?

P3: No, not at all.

P1: I can make you go daft too [laughter].

(31:25-33:16)

P3: So, see when you were growing up, did you have to share a bedroom cause there was so many of you?

P1: Eh, no...no, I think we always had our own bed. I think M and N were in a big bed. You know?

P3: Mhm. But were you all in the same room?

P1: Oh aye. Aye, we were all in the same room. Even my brother was in the same room, you know? Aye. There you are.

P3: So it was a nice tight... tight squeeze?

P1: Eh?

P3: It was very tight... with lots of you in the room?

P1: Aye, you just, you kinda fended for yourself.

P3: Mhm.

P1: You know? You had your own wee pals and you'd do, whatever you were doing. And you knew what you wanted to do. If I say "am I going out today", and "where am I going" or... you know, you knew what you wanted to do

P3: Mhm.

P1: You know? Aye. And you gave your mammy peace all day, because when you were out — and you've heard, or maybe you've no hear — but there used to be a lot of folk, there used to folk, just say they were, just say the weans was lying in the grass, we used shout up to mammy “will you fling us a piece and jam down!?”, you ever heard of that?

P3: Yeah.

P1: Aye, we done that [laughter] But I remember somebody, I was talking to somebody, and the guy was grown up, and he was just sitting in the garden, and he was kidding on “mammy will you send me down a thing-me!?”, and all the neighbours is passing by, and she says “I'm gonnae kill him” [laughter] You know? You remember? And you didn't have nothing, and there were nae jealousy or anything like that, you know? Aye. And you woould'nae found a ha'penny in the garden, because there were nay anything...you did'nae have any pocket money, you know?

P3: There wasn't any to drop [laughter]

P1: You were hoping, you know?

P3: Mhm.

P1: Auch aye.

(33:20-36:03)

P3: So, what was your favourite bit about growing up, other than, obviously, running about wild?

P1: I liked going to the pictures.

P3: What sort of things did you see?

P1: I don't know if you know Shaw...eh Shawlands

P3: I know it a little bit.

P1: Do you know Shawlands, Kilmarnock Road? Aye, there used to be three pictures: the Waverley, the Embassy, and the Elephant. So whenever they changed pictures, they used to change them quick, just say like every three days.

P3: Mhm

P1: So you were always at the pictures. And there used to be a picture hall where I stayed, and I Cleaning. My mammy was like a jailer, she had keys for about 8 people houses, and it was young couples, you know, just say like toffs, and they were in business and one thing or another, you know? And some woman saw how my mammy cleaned, the woman said...talked to the neighbour, said "I wonder if shed come to my house?". And that's how it went on, you know, they saw you were a good worker, you know, she was well in demand. So while she was doing that I was taking...I used to call it the "Mackinee", instead of the Matinee [laughter], and, eh, I used to take her automatic to the pictures. And I'm telling folk, like I'll laugh and say, I used to go in and go like that, "two two-ounces of dollar mixtures, two two-ounces of [inaudible]", and she go like that, "but I want something different!", I says "you'll get what I..." [laughter]. used to take my sister...to the pictures, eh, and, eh, that was to let my mammy get...working.

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P3: So what sort of things would go and see at the pictures?

P1: Ach, whatever...whatever was on, you know? Used to go to the Elephant and just say you were, like 16 or 17, hardly anybody took a seat in the picture hall, you know? I don't know if you know Anthony Steel, but they were all horrible actors, you know? But were nae bothered, it was like looking for a lumber, a boyfriend, we're all crouching round the hall. [laughter]

P3: So you there to be social, you weren't actually there to see anything?

P1: Aye, exactly, aye. And D, my boyfriend up there, he came fre Pollockshaws, so he went to they pictures too

P3: Ooh!

P1: So I laugh and say "now we stay in the same place". We went to the same school! In Pollockshaws.

P3: Wow.

P1: So then you grow up you say, "It's a big world", its smaller than what you think it is [laughter].

P3: Yeah.

P1: So there you are. So anyway, the laugh was, he used to sit in they chair out there, and, eh, that's how I got to know him. And, eh, this lassie comes out, well somebody that's nice here, and says, "By the way to you hear we were getting married and that?", and she says "No." I says, "Do you want an invite?" "Oh aye, oh aye." So the next thing, I says, "Well alright", and I'm telling here where it is, like the register office, and they falderal and all that. And, eh, so, I says that you coming, me... and the next things he turns around and says "I'm not gonnae be there". Is that no terrible? I'm away crying [laughter].

P3: Aww.

P1: You can believe that one, can't you? [Laughter] But he's no well the now, so I go up to see him and that.

P3: Oh that's good.

P1: Aye. But sometimes the home-help, eh, lock the door. I say to the daughter, I says I can only see him if the doors open, you know, but I think she tells him to keep the door open, but there's this lassie, and really, she should'nae be here. Really she should have been [inaudible]. See, if yous were coming in, she'd be going like that and saying, "Hello, who are yous? What's your name? Who are you going to see?". She follows people about like a dog, you know, she's really terrible, you know? And I says to her one day, em, "Do you no think your nose?" "Me, nose?" She's be going round to hit me in the face. And I got a letter, form the direct housing, saying eh, what do you call it? Thing-me...behaviour. Just stuff like saying I've been misbehave...

P2: Misbehaving?

P1: Aye, so that was that you know. And it said in the letter they'd come and discuss it with me, but they never came naewhere! You know? So I've not got around to telling all about all the carry-on. There should be a light on that pole...