

Mary Oxtaby - Transcript

Audio Quality: Background noise throughout. A bit crackly at times.

Very brief transcript focusing on family working in the mill

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LMI: If I can start by asking your name, please?

MO: It's Mary Oxtaby.

LMI: And Mary, what's your connection to Bradford Mills, please?

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MO: My family. My sisters and my father.

LMI: Right. Are you able to tell us a bit about which mills they worked in? What roles they did?

MO: Well, I know some of them did doffing. And some did spinning. They did all sorts, really. They didn't just stick to one thing. They were able to move and went on to something else.

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LMI: [?]...into different departments.

MO: Yes, yes. And my father did combing.

LMI: Right.

MO: That's what he did.

LMI: And what was the name of the mill he worked at, please?

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MO: It was Bowling Mills. And it was up Manchester Road. Just off Manchester Road.

LMI: Do you have any idea how long he worked there? When he retired?

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MO: He worked there for probably five, six years.

LMI: Right.

MO: Yeah.

LMI: And in terms of your sisters?

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MO: They always worked in mills, my sisters. All the way through, that's what they did. You know, from leaving school.

LMI: Did they get to retire? Or were they made redundant?

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MO: No, they retired. But they... most of them retired a bit early. They were not, you know, not in their 60s. A bit before that.

LMI: Now why didn't you work in the mills then?

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MO: Because I was the first one in my family to pass my scholarship.

LMI: Right.

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MO: So my mother said, 'There's no way you are going into the mill.'

LMI: Right. What did you work as then?

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MO: Well, I first went into office work, and then... most office work, management, that sort of thing that I did.

LMI: Yeah, appreciate it, thank you very much.