Betty Stothers - Transcription

Audio Quality: Lot of background noise

Brief mention of roles of family members

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LMI: Hi, please can I ask your name?

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BS: Betty.

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LMI: And Betty, what are your connections with Bradford Mills please?

BS: Well, a lot of my maternal family worked in Bradford Mills. My uncle was a commission weaver, but originally he'd been an overlooker. And him and my grandad, who had been a walk-twister, set up a business, Commission Weaving. And my mother was the burler and mender.

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LMI: Right.

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BS: And when I was little, I can remember my mum doing burling and mending at home. My uncle bringing pieces and my mum...And I used to help her 'flag them up', as they called [it], Which was... lifting the material up onto a bench so she could...

LMI: ...see and do the mending?

BS: Yeah.

LMI: What was the name of the mills, please?

BS: It was, well it was in Barkerend Mills, and it was W W Porter.

LMI: Right. Which year was that please?

SP2: It'd be the '70s, wouldn't it?

BS: Well, it was earlier than that.

SP2: '60s/'70s.

BS: I mean I can only ever remember my grandad and my uncle doing that. But what year it was I wouldn't like to say.

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LMI: Thank you very much.