

David Dewhurst - Transcription

Audio Quality: Some background noise throughout

Very brief mention of how working as a spinner led to arthritis in hands

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LMI: If I can ask your name, please?

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DD: David Dewhurst.

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LMI: And David, just to make you aware that I'm taking information for [the] Lost Mills and Ghost Mansions project, and we'll be using it to build an archive and some educational resources for kids.

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DD: Yeah.

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LMI: So if I can ask you, what's your connection with Bradford Mills please?

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DD: From my mum.

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LMI: Right, are you able to remember which mill she worked in.

DD: Oh, God.

LMI: Or what her job title was?

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DD: She was involved with the spinning of yarns, so I don't know what the official title is.

LMI: That's fine.

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DD: Yeah.

LMI: Do you remember any of the stories or things that she told you? Did she enjoy it? Was it hard work?

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DD: Yeah, she enjoyed it. Yeah, I mean, she spent most of her life, working in mills. But she said it was hard work. It's obviously backwards and forwards, you have to keep up with everything.

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LMI: [At the moment] you were telling me, how does she connect herself to the mills now though?

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DD: Through her memories, and her hands, yes. Her health. [coughing]

LMI: Bless you.

DD: Yeah, through working in rows, it's affected her health, with arthritis in her hands, because she [was] constantly using her fingers and...

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LMI: That's... ended up with arthritis in her fingers then. Is her hearing affected as well? Because some people said, you know, they were loud. Or is it mainly her hands?

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DD: Mainly her hands, I think. Yeah.

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LMI: That's lovely. Is there anything else you wanted to say about the Bradford Mills? Or your mum's experience?

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DD: Yeah, I just think it's a shame that a lot of them have closed down. I know technology moves on, but for me personally...I'm 55... I'd like to see a lot of the mills restored as much as possible. I think it's part of Bradford's history. Wool Exchange, that was an amazing place as well.

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LMI: Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Thank you.