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Summary of Batch 3 recordings

Various interviews recorded in the early 2000s. Interviews of Foresters from early to mid-1900s. Includes several interviews with local farmer Eric Freeman.

Reference number	Name	Place	Occupation	Content
2020.6.1	Drybrook Ladies choir Golden Jubilee Concert	Forest of Dean		Choir singing
2020.6.2	Hilda Bishop - 1	Cinderford	Domestic service	Recorded 2003 1 st of 3 interviews –childhood, family, growing up in Cinderford 1910s 1920s, school, poverty, domestic service
2020.6.3	Hilda Bishop - 2	Cinderford	Domestic service	Recorded 2003 2 nd of 3 interviews – middle part of her life, marriage & family, life during the WW2, W.I.
2020.6.4	Hilda Bishop - 3	Cinderford	Domestic service	Recorded 2003 3 rd of 3 interviews – Cinderford W.I.
2020.6.5	David Blick at The Forge	Cinderford	n/a	Recorded 2004 at Forge Centre for Visually Impaired. Talk and songs & music on Folk traditions. Discuss traditions from January through to March
2020.6.6	Eric Freeman - 1 - Harvest Home 1st	Taynton	Farmer	Recorded 2003 at Eric's home Byfords Farm at Taynton. Live recording of Harvest Home but not very good quality.
2020.6.7	Eric Freeman - 2 - Harvest Home 2nd	Taynton	Farmer	same
2020.6.8	Eric Freeman - 3 - Harvest Home 3rd	Taynton	Farmer	same
2020.6.9	Eric Freeman - 3/4	Taynton	Farmer	Descriptions of farming in the winter; caring for animals, feed for animals, milking cows, threshing machine, dealing with vermin, itinerant workers.



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2020.6.10	Eric Freeman - 7	Taynton	Farmer	Recorded 2003 Eric talks about how he started & developed his herd of Old Gloucester cattle, setting up the Old Gloucester Cattle Society, Rare Breeds, Three Counties shows, herd books, cattle themselves.
2020.6.11	Eric Freeman - 8	Taynton	Farmer	Recorded 2003 - 2 parts to this recording. 1. Eric reads from a book written by his father's cousin Dorothy Merrick in which she writes about the family, the Millards & Merricks. Great detailed descriptions about rural life late 1800s. 2. Eric talks about sheep dipping day as well as memories of Newent when he was a young lad
2020.6.12	Eric Freeman - 9/10	Taynton	Farmer	Recorded 2003 Eric describes early working life on the farm, the poultry business, his early career and Young Farmers
2020.6.13	Eric Freeman (& David Blick) - 19	Taynton	Farmer	Recorded 2003 with Eric & his friend a well-known folk musician from Newent. They discuss Morris dancing, folk music, folk clubs and country dancing
2020.6.14	Eric Freeman - 20	Taynton	Farmer	Recorded 2003 Eric talks about arable farming in the 1940s 1950s, describes the farming season from planting to harvest, describes how farming changed with the introduction of tractors and recalls memories of country life as a boy
2020.6.15	Eric Freeman (& David Blick) - 21	Taynton	Farmer	Recorded 2003 Eric & David discuss the Harvest Home plus talk about wassailing, Morris dancing, mumming, folk music, Newent Onion Fayre and Eric recalls childhood memories of Newent



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2020.6.16	Eric Freeman - 22	Taynton	Farmer	Recorded 2003 Eric explains the organisation, content and importance of the Harvest Home held on his farm every year. He discusses how he tries to keep old farming ways & country traditions alive
2020.6.17	Eric Freeman - Images Descriptions	Taynton	Farmer	Recorded 2003 Eric talk about various images
2020.6.18	Henry Howe -1 (Labelled Keep Warm Well - 1st)	Edge End	Miner	Recorded 2003 1 st of 2 interviews – family, childhood in 1910s & 1920s, school, working at Cannop colliery, 1926 strike, working out of the Forest
2020.6.19	Henry Howe -2 (Labelled Keep Warm Well - 2nd)	Edge End	Miner	Recorded 2003 2 nd of 2 interviews – more details about mining, WW2, working at Ranks, family
2020.6.20	RFGS Recordings 1)Mrs Weyman by Karen Morris 2) Frances James by Samantha Harris 3)Maynard Bosley by Karen Bosley 4)Laura Hagggar by Louise Holder	Recordings organised by Elsie Olivey & Royal Forest of Dean Grammar School. Grandparents interviewed by their grandchildren	various	Interviews 1 to 3 are very short, 4-8 minutes biographical detail. Interview 4 is about 30 mins and is full of interesting details about growing up in Buckshaft, domestic life, husband & father colliers, school, Cinderford, home remedies and more.
2020.6.21	Phylis Turley - 2	Does not say	housewife	Recorded 2003. No Phylis Turley 1 – unknown why there is no 1 st interview. This one Recorded 2003 2 nd of 3 interviews. Talking about – marriage & family life in wartime (WW2), 1950s, husband as a miner & his accidents in the pit
2020.6.22	Phylis Turley - 3	Does not say	housewife	Recorded 2003 Phylis talks about her younger years with her mother and granny, recalling war years, husband's mining accident & son's health problems & her recent life



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2020.6.23	(Harold) Joe Watkins - 1	May Hill	Farmer	Recorded 2003 1 st of 3 interviews – growing up at May Hill & Huntley in 1920s & 1930s, farming at Huntley Manor Estate, home life, family, church, WW2
2020.6.24	(Harold) Joe Watkins - 2	May Hill	Farmer	Recorded 2003 2 nd of 3 interviews – covers late teenage years into adulthood May Hill & Huntley in 1930s 1940s, more on farming at Huntley Manor Estate
2020.6.25	(Harold) Joe Watkins - 3	May Hill	Garage owner	Recorded 2003 3 rd of 3 interviews – covers adulthood, marriage, family, running Norton garage, doing up his house, 1950s, 1960s, health
2020.6.26	Evan Rosser - 1	Ellwood	Forestry worker	1 st of 2 interviews – growing up in Ellwood late 1930s & 1940s, family, domestic life, WW2 years, school
2020.6.27	Evan Rosser - 2	Ellwood	Forestry worker	2 nd of 2 interviews – childhood in Ellwood, working for the Forestry Commission, playing football, social life, national service
2020.6.28	Geoff Roberts - 1	Coleford	Printer	Recorded 2002 Geoff describes childhood at home and at school in Coleford in the late 1930s & 1940s. Describes starting work as an apprentice printer and talks about armies in the Forest during WW2
2020.6.29	Geoff Roberts - 2	Coleford	Printer and manager for Monsanto	Recorded 2002 Geoff describes teenage years into adulthood. Leaving school to become a printer's apprentice in Oxford, transport changes, pub life, Coleford, meeting his wife, later working life for Monsanto and youth projects.
2020.6.30	Geoff Roberts - 3	Coleford	Retired ex printer & manager	Recorded 2002 Geoff describes the set up and running of the Forge Centre at Foxes Bridge Cinderford (now Forest Sensory Services) in the 1980s. Also discusses 'Forest Talk' which was an audio recording sent around for blind & visually impaired people.



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2020.6.31	(John) Kenneth Saville - 1	Brierley	Miner	Recorded 2003 1 st of 6 interviews – childhood in Brierley 1920s 1930s, family, Slad School, war, working at Cannop colliery, sport, Welcome Home Fund
2020.6.32	(John) Kenneth Saville - 2	Brierley	Miner	Recorded 2003 2 nd of 6 interviews – technical descriptions of mining at Cannop, WW2, ARP
2020.6.33	(John) Kenneth Saville - 3	Brierley Cinderford	Miner	Recorded 2003 3 rd of 6 interviews – middle part of his life WW2 to 1960s 1970s, American soldiers, working at a pit in Staffordshire, working at Listers & Ranks, marriage & family, football
2020.6.34	(John) Kenneth Saville - 4	Brierley Cinderford	Miner + machinery work at Listers & Ranks	Recorded 2003 4 th of 6 interviews – first half of interview Ken talks about 1930s 1940s 1950s, Bevin boys, snow, NCB Rescue Squad. Second half of the interview he recites his poetry
2020.6.35	(John) Kenneth Saville - 5	Staffordshire Cinderford	Miner + Listers & Ranks Councillor	Recorded 2003 5 th of 6 interviews – expanding on topics touched on previously plus working at Staffordshire collieries then returning to the Forest, working at Listers & Ranks, being a councillor for Cinderford
2020.6.36	(John) Kenneth Saville - 6	Cinderford	Miner + Listers & Ranks	Recorded 2003 6 th of 6 interviews – being a union Rep at Ranks and his poems, rugby, his son, skittles and Forest Talking books
2020.6.37	(Mrs) Phil Stephens	Lydney	Laundress	Growing up in Merthyr Tydfil & Cardiff in late 1910s 1920s, moving to Lydney, family, working at her father's laundry, marriage & family, war years, Forge Centre
2020.6.38	Dave Harvey	Berry Hill	Miner	Short (11mins) recording (not an interview) of Dave talking about mining at Cannop colliery & Northern United, working as a freeminer & his poetry
2020.6.39	Severn Sound Radio programme – extracts of DHMT	DHC Camp Mill Soudley	DHMT staff/trustee	Extracts of radio interviews with Elsie Olivey, Richard Tamplin & John Joiner about Dean Heritage Centre with a mention of the oral history project. Same as 1997.36.32



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2020.6.40	BBC Radio 4 programme 'End of a Line' on Freeminers of Forest of Dean	Bream	Free miners	Presenter Paul Heiney interviewing free miners – Gilbert Kear and Don Johns at Old Park Colliery in Bream discuss free mining
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