

Project: **'Memories of Seven Lochs' Communities: A people's history'**.

Respondent: Cathy McAndie

Year of Birth: 1944

Age: 78

Connection to project: Grew up in Glenboig

Date of Interview: 17/08/2023

Interviewer: Yvonne Ioannou

Recording Agreement: Yes

Information & Consent: Yes

Photographic Images: No

Length of Interview:

Location of Interview: Glenboig Life Centre

Recording Equipment: Zoom H4n (internal mics)



Time (from: mins/secs)	Description	Transcribed Extract (from- to: mins/secs)
0.00	Interviewer introduces the interview. She confirms the respondent was raised in the Seven Lochs area and that she was born in 1944.	
0.38 – 7.01	Interviewer asks respondent about her family. She tells stories from living with her grandparents as her parents had busy jobs. She reminisces fondly. She describes the house in which she grew up in. She tells us about how her family would always get together once a month and what they would do.	
	“Well I was born at my grandparents and eh, it was beautiful. Big house, plenty of gardens and the hens, and the fields, the wood, everything all around us. I was brought there because my mother was an accountant, was working, and eh my father was a manager for the railway, so eh my sister and I lived with my grandparents.”	0.45 – 1.14
	“It was really great growing up there, we had everything that you could think of. We would be out in the garden, we learnt from we were young. Digging, planting vegetables, gathering the fruit out the wood. The brambles when they were ready and the raspberries. We would take them home and my grandma used to say there was more, not much in the basket, but there was more in our stomachs, but that was good. The same was when the peas were ready, my sister and I would go into the garden and we would look for the biggest pea pods, we would open them, we would count how many there was in them, and when my grandpa would go out to get the peapods for the soup and all that or the vegetable he’d be going, ‘there’s not many left on the thing, mmhmm.’ And eh we’d eat the, pick the blackcurrants. We had a big place for the blackcurrants and redcurrants for making jam.”	1.15 – 2.18
	“Aw we had great fun, I’d climb trees and the taller the tree the better until I fell out, hit every branch on the way down, my grandmother shouted, ‘You’re going to give me a heart attack, if I get a hold of you, you’re going to get it.’ And I used to oh, I used to hide.”	2.22 – 2.42
	“But we were up early in the morning, we would go in the henhouse and we would let all the hens out then we would get the eggs then we would go back in. We had a boiled egg and toast every morning or a bowl of porridge. And eh, that would do us, and then when we were out playing in the gardens or up in the wood, my grandma or my grandpa would blow the	2.46 – 3.22

	whistle to come for a lunch or a dinner or something. And because there was so many gardens so we were in them and we were in the fields.”	
	“It was a big old-fashioned with the windows that looked like the church windows and a huge big door, it was thick and the key was enormous, so it was a big, big iron key. We had that, but eh and the railway was next to it going along, we never heard it because the walls were so thick. Every so often you’d hear them tooting the horn as they were coming along, that was then, the drivers would put the coal off onto the side of the railway, and my sister and I and that would go gather it, and we did that and we’d did everything like that and eh we’d get whatever lumps and if they were too big we’d hit them with a hammer. We would do that because there was always my grandpa and that. That was them repaying. And then we got taught how to use a saw, the big cross cut saw, my sister would be at one end and me at the other. And we’d chop down the trees and knew how to use the wood cutters. Aw we learnt young.”	3.39 – 4.57
	“And once a month, everybody would all get together on a Sunday and we would be outside. My uncle Joe, he played the bagpipes, the dog ran, the hens ran, we ran, it was hilarious. The cows were, they were at one end of the field looking, because he had been deaf, made partly deaf during the war when a bomb had went off, so he didn’t know this was a... but we had a great time.”	5.51 – 6.25
7.02 – 12.10	Interviewer asks respondent if her family was her community. She tells stories about how her and her family delivered food at Christmas to others in the community. She talks about being born premature. She talks about being baptised when she was younger and how she has been baptised since when she lived in America.	
	“My friends from the school Ramone, to go there we used to have to go through the fields, walk through the fields and everything. Mr. White, aw the farmer he would be there and he would watch us coming through the fields from our grandpas and then he would watch and as soon as we reached the school we would wave and he would wave back to my grandpa that we were got safely there.”	7.11 – 7.35
	“During the Spring my Grandpa would go away up to one of the farms and order maybe 2 or 3 dozen chickens, he would get them because we might had a few hens that were clucking but not laying the eggs, other ones would and eh we would put them all together with them and they brought them up but when they got older they didn’t look like, they were white and they didn’t lay eggs, they were called pullets. As they got bigger and now and then, one would disappear or another one would disappear as we would counting them as they were going into the big henhouse. Grandpa, my sis and I would go, we can’t find one we have been all over, in the woods, in the fields, everywhere looking, the fox must have got it. So aw dear, now and then more than one would disappear, but at a certain time of year it seems that more disappeared. Well it’s Christmas you know, the foxes has a big family to feed for Christmas. Wasn’t until we grew up that we didn’t realise how my sister and I were doing and my gran were doing a lot of visitings. And going ‘that’s for your Christmas’ to people. We were delivering the hens, the chickens for their Christmas sinner, we didn’t learn that until we were older, well my sister had found out before that but she wouldn’t tell me.”	7.42 – 9.09
	“My sister and I and my gran, sometimes it was just my gran and I or my sister and I, we would do a lot of visiting with our bags, my sister carried the eggs because if I carried the eggs it was either scrambled or cracked. I’d carry the vegetables and everything and we did a lot of visiting, we would say, ‘Grandpa and gran sent these to you.’ We got to know all the, the	9.10 – 10.12

	people. This was like Gartsherry, Coltswood and all they places. We delivered it, there was one rule. No money had to be exchanged, no money had to be exchanged no matter what. Because we had all the ground, we had potatoes, veg, fruit, everything. That was how you had to help people. No matter what. You had to help them. If they, if they needed help or if they need a job done you know with anything, we will call. We would help.”	
12.10	Respondent talks about her friends that she had when she was at school. She tells us the games she played and what she wanted to be when she was older. She tells us where she went to Secondary school also. She tells us that she wasn’t fond of school and doesn’t have many memories.	
	“We were our friends, that was, we always went around together and we would get on our bikes and that and sometimes if eh, one of them didn’t have a bike, my gran or grandpa would say to one of the uncles who had a big bicycle shop in Glasgow, that was his hobby. He had been retired, so he opened a big bicycle shop to keep, to keep something to go you know or to do and any bikes that would come in, he’d send them out to my grandpa and all that and we always had some bikes and everything.”	12.23 – 13.02
	“Aw we played hopscotch, eh rounders, skipping ropes, football, netball, yes I played football and eh we did that.”	13.08 – 13.22
14.57	Interviewer asks respondent about her first job. She tells us about how she got her first job in the City Centre. She talks about what she did in her job in the city centre and how she enjoyed it, until she quit due to not being paid fair as a junior. After this she moved jobs to work with her aunty in Edinburgh.	
	“I finished school officially on the Monday, even although it was the week before and on the Tuesday I went for an outfit, stockings then, not tights, it was stockings with suspenders, a lovely skirt and blouse and everything, we had to be very smart, we were going for a job. The next day on the Wednesday my mother took me into Glasgow and by lunchtime I had a job in a department store, Pettigrew & Stephens department store. To start the next day, no questions asked. You had no choice.”	15.09 – 15.50
20.32	Interviewer asks respondent about her social life when she was younger. She tells us about how she went to the Edinburgh tattoo and got chauffeured there knew a lot of high end people in Edinburgh. She talks more about the friends she had in Edinburgh and how she didn’t date at the time even though she was friends with a lot of boys. She tells how the boys cared for her and looked out for her.	
23.23	Interviewer asks respondent how she met her husband. Respondent tells us about how she moved to America and met him there. She talks about her time living in America in the 60s. She tells us about celebrities she met there and partied with. She tells us the story of getting married to her partner over there and the children that they had there. Interviewer asks a few questions about where her children are and whether they came back to Glenboig with her.	
24.39	Interviewer ask respondent her views on when she moved back to Glenboig from America. They chat about what amenities there was in Glenboig when she was younger. She tells us about the pre-fab houses that her parents used to live in.	
	“Aw we used to go on a Friday night, or a Saturday. We would go there and my dad would come down, my dad would say ‘theres a good film on.’ My sister and I would come down and that and we’d go, go to see it. My dad would buy us our sweets and ice cream and everything, we’d sit there, it was always up the stairs we’d sit.”	24.56 – 25.21
	“They stayed in the pre-fabs with my brother, they’re all gone now, yeah they knocked them all down, where the gas houses are, what do you call it,	25.28 – 26.56

	<p>where the chip shop is. Aw they were beautiful, beautiful wee houses, they had a back and front door, lovely back garden and front garden, the walls, lovely windows and that and the walls were like little stones, beautiful. Inside, you went in the front door, a long hall. To your right it went into the living room, to the left you went along it, you had the two bedrooms and the toilet and the bathroom were separate, the cupboard space in the pre-fabs, in the bedrooms you had a big airing cupboard, everything, you had a hot rail in the bathroom, for hanging your towel and shelves. It was absolutely everything and they weren't completely flat roofed. The kitchen had a fridge with a freezer and it had a big boiler for boiling your clothes and two big sinks and plenty of cupboards, beautiful cupboards and everything and a back door. They also had a big shed outside where you could keep your tools and your coal, everything like that, it was really, they were fantastic they houses."</p>	
	<p>"We'd be out on the street, playing at skipping ropes, somebody would take it off the rope you know, go and pinch it and get out and the parents would be shouting, 'Where's my rope for hanging my washing out.' It was unbelievable but even the parents would be out, it was unbelievable even the boys playing at skipping ropes at the pre-fabs, we had a great time. And rounders, everybody we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves."</p>	27.05 – 27.35
27.50	<p>Interviewer asks respondent if she remembers any events in Glenboig. She talks about remembering Christmas parties and there being shows in the Masonic Hall. She also remembers her mother working in the cinema. Interviewer asks respondent about whether her grandparents inherited their house or bought it.</p>	
29.52	<p>The respondent tells a story about how she used to go out delivering goods to the neighbours with her grandma while she was in a fancy car. She tells us that she didn't realise until later years that they were a privileged family. She talks about her relationship with her parents and what they looked like. She remembers stories from when she was younger with her extended family coming to visit.</p>	
	<p>"My mother had to go to McLarens, they'd do the funeral now, before that you could hire a car and it was at the fountain, it used to be at the fountain, it used to be at the fountain, by the buses in Coatbridge, and she would go through and she would go in and says, 'Eh my mother would like a car for such and such.', 'No trouble.' They would come and I'd get in, I had to sit in the back, the chauffeur would be with his uniform on. I'd sit in the back or my sister and I would be sitting and we'd go shopping and stuff, and then there was one day we were going to the bank and I was getting out, well my grandmother had got out first, and eh then the chauffeur was trying to get me out and I was looking and my grandmother was talking to this small man and he had this big long raincoat on it was filthy and oily and that and he also had this cart with these metal bins on it and the big shovels and the big brush, he was a street sweeper. Always kept the, the street was immaculate and eh, I got out and I says to my gran, 'gran do you know that man?', 'No, but that gentleman says good morning to me, lifted his hat and said good morning to me and how I was, and I said I'm fine thank you,' She asked him how his family were and that was it and I thought aw, he's jackets all, yes, she says 'he's doing an honest days work for an honest days wage.' And I learnt that lesson."</p>	30.02 – 31.39
	<p>"I thought everybody was the same, I never, it wasn't until I got really older that I realised that people were different and that and we were privileged that you know because we never needed or wanted for anything, we were never hungry, we were never thingy because we always had plenty and</p>	31.58 – 32.24

	there was always my mother would go to the butchers at weekend and we would always had a big roast or a chicken.”	
	“In the house it’s the big high fireplaces, big ones you know with the big fire and everything, and eh there was a huge big painting of my great grandmother above the fireplace in this big frame and at both ends of the mantelpiece was what we call the wally dug. And then we had the big clock in the middle of the fireplace, was this huge big heavy clock, black clock and the face of it was gold painted and all that. It was a present to my great-grandpa who had been a constable detective for the police when he retired. So that was there, but above there was this big painting of my great-grandmother in the sitting room, now when my cousins all came out from Milnagavie, Bearsden and Bishopbriggs, they’d all come out, and sometimes they all came out together, and we were all roundabout the same age. But they wouldn’t, we always wondered why they wouldn’t go into the sitting room, ‘Naw we will go into the other room, its nice and comfortable in there, or lets go outside and play.’ Okay, and as we got a bit older I acted up, we turned round and says, ‘come on.’ And we were shoving them in, ‘No, no.’ ‘Why?’ and our ma and that would say, ‘why you not going in?’, their parents and that were all sitting in there. No, it was the portrait of my grandparent, my great-grandmother. ‘Her eyes are following us.’ That’s what they said. ‘No, shes watching us.’ ‘No she’s not, it’s a painting.’ They were frightened of a painting of my great-grandmother.”	33.00 - 34.48
35.07	Interviewer asks respondent about the changes that she had seen in Glenboig when she had returned from America. She tells us that she found it a lot more quieter than her life in America. She tells us what Glenboig was like when she returned in the 70s and then she got a job in the local shop. They talk about religion in Glenboig. The respondent remembers different memories from growing up. She remembers the Scouts camping locally beside them and how her family would give them food.	
	“But this was all fields where the Barracks and all that is, that was all fields still, and there was no trees along and no hedges along the Loch.”	35.38- 35.49
	“It was Butcher meat, being delivered from Airdrie, George the butcher would bring it down and I’d put it in the fridges, on the trays, and it was brilliant, I was constantly busy, yeah, and slicing the meat, the cold meat, cutting the sausages and everything.”	36.16- 36.35
	“My grandmother used to say, ‘You look at a person, you don’t look at their colour, their religion, or their disabilities. The person themselves. Nothing else.’ And that was the way I was brought up and that was the way it always was.”	37.40- 37.54
	“There’s this community centre which is brilliant in getting people out. Even back then, everyone tried to help one another that I could see, when I did come visit and stuff with my parents. And you could see that people help one another, this was it.”	38.45 – 39.01
	“We all got together and sometimes we would go through the fields, and we’d go on our bikes and everything. Even the laddies that had bikes, we’d be away up the back road with our sandwiches and stuff, my mum and them would make the sandwiches up and away we went with them.”	39.25- 39.40
	“The Scouts were there every year, camping in the wood and they used to come down and they’d shout because we had our notice up, private ground at the thingmy, ones that came out. Well, they had all their wood and that but it was coming down to our gardens and stuff and eh, they used to come down there, we’d say, ‘come on!’ ‘We’re down here to get, have you any eggs or anything like that for our breakfast or something.’ ‘Yes, come on.’ My gran says, ‘How many you wanting or that?’ ‘Well there’s so many.’, ‘Well I can give you some and there’s a loaf,’ because my gran might have	40.09 – 41.42

	baked a loaf or something and stuff, there's some bread and all that and stuff. And away they would go, quite happy, they'd come back down and everything. And then one year they had the big Jamboree, the Scouts from all over the world were there, up in Coltswood, in the middle of the wood there's and area, it's called the Moor, there's no trees on it, it's a big circle of trees and they were camped there and the huge big bonfire they had, and the benches round it and everything and tents. And eh, my and sister and I and that went out and up to it and met a lot from all over the world that was there and everything, it was really brilliant, aw that was, that was fantastic."	
	"And there was one time, the signalman shouted, blowing a whistle, looking for my grandpa, and he'd go, 'Hi,' shouting over, 'What is it?' 'It's the Police down in Glenboig at the village, eh you've got to get down there.' 'Why?' 'They've got your dog down in the cell and they can't put the regular drunk in the cell.'	42.28-42.52
43.32	Interviewer asks respondent whether she ever took part in any campaigns, she tells us that she didn't although people would often ask her grandfather for advice. Interviewer asks the respondent where she finds home, she tells us that she can make home anywhere.	
44.31	Interviewer asks respondent about how she feels the media portrays Glenboig. She tells us that it is a lovely place to live although she misses the fields. She feels Glenboig is big enough now, she likes to meet people and tell them about the different things in Glenboig.	
46.06	Interviewer asks respondent to sum up what she thinks the most important thing about the Seven Lochs area as a neighbourhood is.	
	"It's friendly, its warm, its welcoming, that's the way I look at it, as long as you can make everybody welcome."	46.10-46.18
46.20	Interviewer asks if Respondent has anything to add. She chats again about her and her sister enjoyed themselves growing up. She talks about how her original house had got burned down. She tells us that she didn't go to university because of the way it was, although she would have loved to have been an Archaeologist. She talks about different countries that she has been to.	
	"Quite a few times it was like meeting ourselves coming along the road and I'd go in and my sister or I would say, 'Gran, you've been in the wardrobes again.' Or, my sister or I would go, 'That was one of my good coats.' 'You hadn't had it on, the young girls..' she says, 'is going for an interview for a job and she needed something nice to wear.' That would be it. Many a time, but we never said anything we just said hello to whoever passed. We never said that was ours, we never passed a remark."	47.13-47.49
	"But my grandparents had brought us up telling us, 'You have to help no matter what.' And even to this day if anybody needed anything, I'd be like that, I'd be there. No matter what."	49.31-49.42
	"Years ago it was, the women worked, so as the men could get put through Uni or top jobs, that was the way it was."	51.50-52.02
	"There was the Royal train, it was going up to Perth one year. Aye it travelled from London up to Perth. I don't know what railway because you see there was two railway lines, but it passed my grandmothers. And my grandpa says, 'The Royal Trains coming at such and such.' And eh, the signalman shouted, or he blew his whistle that it was coming up to Heatherbell, and so I ran, I ran down and we sat on the fence as it passed."	54.48 – 55.19
	"And in the summer time we would be, we'd go to the peoples and we'd deliver some vegetables and stuff off and they'd give us Jelly jars as they called them. Empty jelly jars, and we'd take them and my grandmother would put them in boil and clean them and all that and everything. That was	56.19-56.48

	for the jam. That was for jam. Bramble, Raspberry, Blackcurrant all them, my gran made all that. She would make all that.”	
58.10	Interviewer thanks respondent for her time in giving the interview.	
   		
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