**Summary of Dean Heritage Centre Oral History recordings**

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|  | **Name** | **Place** | **Brief Summary** |
| 1 | William Bowdler | Soudley | Growing up in Soudley, school, Camp Mill, work, mining |
| 2 | Alfred Warren |  | Mining, General strike, childhood memories |
| 3A | Liz Hiatt | The Pludds | Home at The Pludds, teacher at Lydbrook school |
| 3B | Winifred & Archie Freeman | Cinderford | Growing up in Cinderford, Bilson school, work mining, WW1, courtship, domestic life |
| 4A | Albert Meek | Cinderford | Growing up in Cinderford, hodding, mining, domestic life |
| 4B | Frances Webb | Cinderford | Growing up in Cinderford, Double View school, Whitemead Park |
| 5A | Molly Curtis | Cinderford | Childhood, cottage life, domestic service, fathers and brothers as miners |
| 5B | Tom Gibb | Mitcheldean Ruardean | Growing up in Ruardean and Plump Hill, domestic life, school, being a teacher in the Forest |
| 6 | Jesse Hodges | Cinderford | Detailed descriptions of mining and hodding, growing up in Cinderford |
| 7 | John Griffiths | Mitcheldean | Life in the Forest, mining, hodding, miner’s disease, Voyce family, nail making, Mitcheldean |
| 8A | Mrs Amy Adams | Cinderford | Family life, fathers and brothers mining, school, chapel, shopping in Cinderford, Speech House demonstration, 1930s depression, keeping pigs |
| 8B | William Simmonds | Awre & Soudley | Growing up in Awre, living in Soudley, Camp Mill, Great Westerm railway line, haulier, WW1 |
| 9 | Arthur Holder | Cinderford | Farming as he was a farmer. Also growing up in the Forest |
| 10 | May Parry | Cinderford | Growing up in Cinderford, Ruspidge, shopping, home life, schools, chapel, miners in her family |
| 11A | Cyril Trigg | Lydney | Worked at Lydney tinplate works, then on railways, descriptions of railway in the Forest |
| 11B | Mary Hale | Parkend & Ruardean | Living in Ruardean in hard times, domestic life, shopping, working on farms |
| 12A | Howard Moore | Drybrook | Growing up in Drybrook, father as a collier, delivering coal, home life, chapel |
| 12B | Ronald Jones | Newnham & Cinderford | Lightmoor colliery, technical descriptions of operating machinery |
| 13 | Harry Roberts | Cinderford | Detailed descriptions of mining - technical processes, hodding, clothing, food, conditions |
| 14 | Harry Roberts | Cinderford | Growing up in Cinderford 1920s, home life, school, Sunday school, games |
| 15 | Harry Toomer | Ruardean | Mining at Trafalgar the Waterloo, account of 1949 flood at Waterloo, growing up in Ruardean Woodside, school |
| 16 | Marie Hobbs | Cinderford | Her work for the blind, herbal remedies, St Anthony’s well, witch story |
| 17A | Caroline Nicholls | Soudley & Ruspidge | Growing up in Soudley and Ruspidge, mining, tragic accidents in her family, home life, doctors, Speech House demonstration |
| 17B | Gurnos Roberts | Christchurch | Work for Forestry Commission, wildlife, gypsies, tourism |
| 18 | Amy Howells | Ruspidge | Mining, domestic life, life in Ruspidge, herbal remedies, chapel, shops |
| 19 | Hylton Miles | Bream & Lydney | Growing up in Bream, mining, Lydney tinplate works, life in the Forest |
| 20 | Frederick Baden Watkins | Flaxley Abbey | Detailed descriptions of iron mining |
| 21 | Milsom Cooper | Christchurch | Growing up in Forest, free mining, domestic life, various recollections |
| 22 | Mrs Edith Harvey | Cinderford & Coalway, Ellwood | Childhood memories of Cinderford, moving to Coalway/Ellwood, chapel, school, father’s work, clothes |
| 23 | Harry Roberts | Cinderford | Shops in Cinderford |
| 24 | Harry Barton | Cinderford | Mining, working at Lightmoor, WW1, national strikes, mining union, childhood in Cinderford |
| 25 | George Rogers | Broadwell | Good descriptions of life as a miner, hodding, coal seams, Working at Lightmoor and Eastern United, General Strike, |
| 26 | Doris Harvey | Coleford | Growing up in Coleford, domestic life and hard times, school, going into service, gypsies, Sunday school |
| 27 | Copies of earlier recording |  |  |
| 28 | Elizabeth (Liz) Ibbotson | Soudley | Not an interview, recording of herself talking. Growing up in Soudley |
| 29 | Ted Nelmes |  | Mining, New Fancy pit, good descriptions of mining |
| 30A | Gilbert Baghurst |  | Mining at New Fancy & Princess Royal + hodding |
| 30B | Percy Basset |  | Hodding, mining, ostling New Fancy |
| 31A | Harry Byett | Ruspidge & Soudley | Growing up in Soudley & Ruspidge, Parish & District councillor |
| 31B | Charlie Hazell | Ruspidge | All sorts! |
| 32A1 | Severn Sound with EMO & RT | DHC | Interview about Dean Heritage Centre |
| 32A2 | Severn Sound with JJ & RT | DHC | Interview about Dean Heritage Centre |
| 33A1 | Doris Turner | Parkend | Growing up at Parkend, school, family life, singing the Forest anthem |
| 33A2 | Harold Wheeler | Ruardean | Growing up in Ruardean, school, mining, farming, haulage, WW1 |
| 33B2 | Mrs M Addis | Bream | Bream childhood, encroachment, Severn tunnel |
| 33B3 | Ramsay Peglar | Drybrook | Childhood, family life, Severn tunnel, natural remedies, mining |
| 33B4 | Maud Potter | Milkwall | Growing up Milkwall & Coleford, entertainments |
| 34 | Mrs Emily Rosser |  | Childhood remedies, school, mining, home remedies |
| 35 | Mr Ted Gwilliam & Mrs Marion Gwilliam | English Bicknor | Farming in English Bicknor, farming before mechanisation, growing up in Ruardean, 1920s strikes |
| 36A1 | Mr Albert Davies | Coleford | Only 10 mins + very difficult to understand |
| 36A2 | Mrs Eunice Porter | Coleford | Family life & childhood |
| 36B | Mrs Millwater | Coleford | Childhood memories |

**Total of 54 recordings**