

Transcript of Doris Pullen Audio Clip

I went to Cowbridge and stayed there. Well, it wasn't – it was a maiden lady that my mother lived – lodging with and she wasn't used to children at all and you can imagine you had nappies, and in those days you didn't have these ones that you went up the shop and bought, you had Terry squares and another liner and you had to wash them by hand and children made a mess. You had – you didn't have central heating, you had coal fires and things like that so that you got to dry everything around the fire and of course too much chaos so I had to leave there. For the lady I stayed with in Cowbridge then couldn't stand my two children. So I put them in the pram and had to walk around trying to get someone to take me in because I wasn't very popular anywhere with babies. But I did find, I went up this hill and there was an old lady who came to the door and her daughter came after her and she said 'Oh, we'll have you'. So they wanted me – they actually wanted me to go. So I stayed – I went into her house to stay. We were friends with them for years afterwards and after the war they used to come and stay with me. But she took us in but I stayed I think for about 3 weeks because it was pumping water from a pump outside. Outside to the garden for the loo and you had a pump to pump the water, cold water which you had to heat up on a fire to do your washing and everything else. And I think I ran the well dry, I think it went dry [laughs] and I knew I couldn't stop there for very long either so I came home because it was easier to come home and deal with the bombing.