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Herbert Partington & Lois Basnett
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Dear Ms Kuhn,

Thank you for your Christmas Greetings and update, it is pleasant to be remembered particularly since, although our time together was brief, your researcher Val (?) won our warm regard.

Your questionnaire does not quite fit what we have to say so it seems better to write. I am enclosing your form in case you wish to transfer our comments for filing.

Lois is a member of a small local history workshop. We met Val at one of their meetings. This was of course our 'first interview'. The members needed little prompting being only too happy to have their nostalgic memories welcomed.

Val asked how many of us were over seventy. There were three of us, Lois, myself and Miss Ada Bellis. We were asked whether we were willing to be interviewed at home at a later date and, of course, we agreed. So for our next interview Val visited. We had lunch and an enjoyable time together after which Lois drove Val to Ada's home. Sadly Miss Bellis died recently but we do know that she enjoyed Val's visit as much as we did.

We cannot suggest any improvement to your method of 'fact finding'. Given the right kind of researcher (and Val seemed perfect from our point of view) the home interview must be hard to improve on. We were happy to give any information we could, after all people like ourselves are only too pleased to have a captive audience for our reminiscences!

If we can be of any help to you in the future we hope you will let us know.

With best wishes

Sincerely

Herbert Partington 22/12/96

P.s If you are still in touch with Val we would like you to pass on our good wishes.