

## IWinslow Oral History Project

### Interview Summary

<b>Interviewee</b>	<b>Sue Sellar</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Female</b>
<b>DOB</b>		<b>Place of Birth</b>	<b>Winslow</b>
<b>Father's occupation</b>	<b>Plumber</b>	<b>Mother's occupation</b>	
<b>Interviewer</b>	<b>Mary Hunt Sue Stainthorpe</b>		
<b>No of files (tracks)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Copyright clearance</b>	
<b>Abstract</b>	<b>Sue Sellar describes growing up in Winslow and working at Cantells Stores.</b>		
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<b>Key names</b>	<b>Mr Butcher, Mr Bevan, Cantells</b>		
<b>Sue Sellar 004 1.47</b>	<b>Sue describes starting work at Cantells Stores at age of 15 and will have been working there for 53 years as at March 2011. There were 3 full-time staff at that time, 2 women and one male manager. Thursday afternoons was their half day, otherwise it was a 5 and a half day a week. A boy did deliveries by bicycle every evening in those days. Cantells had two shops in Buckingham as well and they had wholesale trade delivering to many businesses, hotels, pubs, other small shops and also to the Winslow shop weekly. Now there are no longer any small wholesale grocers. Very successful business considering 3 or 4 other groceries in town. Quite a bit of competition in those days.</b>		
<b>Sue Sellar 005 1.15</b>	<b>Cantells family have owned the shop for approximately 100 years. In 1933 there was a serious fire in a cottage next door. Very cold weather and hose pipes were freezing so water had to be pumped from brook in Great Horwood Road. Luckily the store was not affected. In those times pigs were bought in and slaughtered outside in sheds for bacon.</b>		
<b>Sue Sellar 006 1.45</b>	<b>Cantells have always had a delivery service. In early days a boy on bicycle used to deliver every evening after he finished school. Later on used a van and went out to villages.</b>		
<b>Sue Sellar 007 1.00</b>	<b>No refrigeration when she first started working. Describes how bacon was hung and prepared and butter stored on marble slabs. Although now have modern deep freezers and refrigerators, the shop still serves each customer.</b>		
<b>Sue Sellar 008 0.45</b>	<b>Sue describes how dried fruit was weighed and wrapped. Also butter and lard was cut and wrapped. Candles came in large quantities and they were wrapped in packs of 6.</b>		
<b>Sue Sellar 009 1.15</b>	<b>Sue describes how although Cantells is a very successful business, the supermarkets have had a devastating effect and she describes her fears for the future of the High street.</b>		
<b>Sue Sellar 010 1.35</b>	<b>Sue was born during the war at Winslow Hospital where there was a maternity unit at that time. Has lived in same house in Sheep Street all her life. Went to school in Sheep Street and describes playing outside in</b>		

	fields and at Shipton brook in summer holidays. There were a few swings and a slide in Recreation Ground and football field.
Sue Sellar 011 1.00	Father was a plumber (born in Winslow). Had his own business and was third generation of plumbers in Winslow. When Sue first started school the Headmaster was Mr Butcher, then Mr Bevan took over.