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WORKING THE ESTATE

BERNARD COLLIS

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TIME	TRANSCRIPT
00.00 – 00.35	<p>Mr. Collis, when was it that you started? Well, in 1919, >unclear< And how was it that you go the job – why was it that you went? Well, you see, my Grandma lived in the house in Antrobus Road, where the kitchen gardener of the Rothschilds lived. I had an interview with Mr. Reynolds, and then after I used to do, we'd clean the shoes and boots, and then I used to clean the knives.</p>
00.35 – 01.25	<p>And after that I used to take the logs and chop them, the coal, all the >unclear< into the kitchen and be ready for the next day. After that we all, we used to go down and pack the milk... Where was the milk collected from? It was taken from the dairy... Because their – they told me their milk used to be taken up daily to somewhere in London where, you know, where - when they weren't in residence in the Park, they were in residence in London... In Piccadilly... Yes – milk was taken up each morning... Yes – with pony and trap: Mr. Bington used to take that up from the stables, he used to take them up there, yes, every morning. Mr. Bandy was the cowman of the Rothschilds.</p>