

# Castle Markets Project - Oral History

## Interview Transcription

### Interviewee Details

Name:

ID Number: CM\_060\_Parker

Place of Birth: Pitsmoor, Sheffield

Year / Date of Birth: 06/05/1933

### Interview Details

Interviewer: John Buston

Date / Time:

Place: Castle Market

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Time		
	John	Hello, my name's John .Buston and I'm conducting an interview for the Trading History's Project in relation to this market. May I have your name please?
	Fred ??	Fred Parker.
	John	And could you give me your date of birth please and where you were born in Sheffield.
	Fred	[very quiet] 6th of 5th 33.
	John	6 <sup>th</sup> of the 5 <sup>th</sup> 43?
	Fred	33.
	John	33?
	Fred	Aye
	Woman with him	And you were born at Pitsmoor.
	John	You were born at Pitsmoor. You have a very long memory of Sheffield and particularly this market?

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	Fred	Oh we were .....
	Woman with him	On the way to school we used to come into the market.
	Fred	Sometimes we used to miss it.
	John	Sometimes you'd miss it but sometimes you'd have time to call in?
	Fred	Yeh.
01:00	John	So what did you buy when you called into the market.
	Fred	Mostly fruit.
	John	Its good for the fruit and veg isn't it?
	Fred	We used to go for the pomegranate.
	John	The old pomegranites, I can remember those myself, they were very refreshing. You could split them in half and there was lots of good juice in them, yes.
	Fred	Very juicy, yes.
	John	They don't seem to sell so much these days, do they?
	Fred	Very short. They don't seem to be available as they used to be. You can still buy 'em but I haven't seen them in the market for quite a while.
01:30	John	Right, so then you became a young adult. As an adult what did you use the market for as an adult, was it to buy any particular products? Was there a social aspect to it as well. Did you meet with friends in here or chat with friends?
	Fred	There was quite few people i here that you knew of every week was coming.
01:51	John	You used to come along and have a chat and a drink with them whilst you were shopping?
	Fred	More or less, but I had to travel from Pitsmoor so its [??] present day as it is now.
	Woman with him	We liked to go into the fish market and have some ....
02:15	John	So you went to the fish market to get some fresh fish

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	Fred	Fresh fish, even today we go in there.
	Woman with him	Sea food
	John	And sea food. Was it a larger market then for fish, was there quite a lot of...?
	Woman	Its like it is now. [??????]
	Fred	I think it might have been a bit bigger in those days
02:34	John	A bit bigger in those days in terms of the amount of fish available? And the stalls selling fish?
	Fred	Even my mother before she dies she used to love Roach, she used to have to go to Firth Park for that.
	John	Right, so she couldn't get that here, Roach?
	Fred	You could, but the best place for Roach were Pitsmoor area and [??????]
	John	So what sort of fish could you get from this market, could you buy any.
	Fred	Oh a very good mixture.
03:17	John	A good mixture, cod and haddock and yeh...and salmon as well. A reasonable price was it, a reasonable price.
	Woman	It was in those days, wasn't it, not like today
	Fred	Nothing like [????????] I finished up the army like and that was it.
03:45	John	So you lost touch with Sheffield when you were in the army?
	Fred	No, not really, it were National Service Sheme. That were [??????]more or less on top of things, its surprising like Sally here, she's been here donkey's years.
04:06	John	Sally's the proprietor of this cafe.
	Fred	Yes and she 'd be able to tell you everybody's name whose [????] here, she's that type of woman but we still come and see her now and again don't we? Yeh. You seem to be a better bargain. Your Bargain Basement were always downstairs.
04:35	John	You say there was a Bargain Basement on the ground floor here and that's where you would like to shop for some items?

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	Fred	Loo rolls and things [??????????]
04:51	John	What sort of items could you buy from the Bargain Basement
	Fred	Everything, most things .....
05:00	John	Were they household items and things like what sort of items would be available in the Bargain Basement here?
	Woman	Its not the Bargain Basement its just the lower ground really, he gets confused.
05:11	John	Its more lower ground but there were some bargains going at one time?
	Woman	Yeh. Then you can normally buy you know, all sorts you could buy all sorts, clothing and things were always cheaper.
	John	Right and curtains were available at one time, I can remember.
	Woman.	Yes.
05:29	John	And there's the hardware stall, that's {?????????}
	Woman	[?????????] You could get things you wanted in there, couldn't you?
05:41	John	So it was convenient for you as shoppers without [????] to where you lived in Sheffield so you could catch a bus come to the market and have a cup of tea and a sandwich, then it was convenient for you. So in that case what's your view on the Moor? Do you think you'll be shopping there, is it something you want to explore?
	Woman	We will be go and explore and see what there is but a lot of the traders say they're not going because the rent's are too dear so we'll just have to wait and see.
06:14	John	Yes, so its something you want to explore but you'll wait and see if there's something there for you in terms of the traders who are setting up there. Yes. There may or may not be more choice, its something to explore. That's useful speaking to you, thank you.
	Woman	Thank you
	Fred	You're welcome