

Household Man -33 Wife 32 girl 16 Boy 15 boy 13, girls aged 10, 8 and 6.

House is freezing (Nov) even with coal fire in back room it was cold. The doors fit badly, plaster is cracked. When the back door is closed vibration causes the other doors to open. Vermin bugs, cockroaches mice and rats. Larder is rough stone black with dirt and ice cold. 2 bedrooms, - 4 to a room cold and damp all the wallpaper is peeling - the ceiling is giving way they have stuck it over with paper. Plastic sheets cover the beds to keep the damp off. Smoke in the area so bad 'it looks like a big fire' The house next door is empty and broken up. tramps sleep there - the children have found tablets there. When the rat-catcher came he said he could'nt put poison down because of danger to the children. There is a cold tap but no wash basin or sink they use a plastic bowl.

Husband has been unemployed for 36 weeks. He worked as a labourer on a sub-contract site where they don't worry about Insurance cards, so he has lost his benefit.

The house was bought ~~XXXXXX~~ 7/2/55 for £400 They paid £50 deposit and £1 per week - it took 7 years to pay off. Council bought house on 1/7/68. <sup>1.9.0.</sup> They now pay a controlled rent of 17/4d per week Compensation was to come later, and the Council was to maintain the house but they have done nothing. Housewife refusing to pay rent until something is done - (for 4 weeks at time of interview.)

Someone stole the lead pipes and they had a flood last year.

INCOME Householder £10. <sup>7.00</sup> ~~10.00~~ benefit.

Family allowance 2. 18.0

Daughter(18) £8. 12 0 Gross £1 deductions. Machinist clothing factory.

Son (15) £3. 14. 8 " 10/8 " Apprentice Painter.

Grants from Education Dept. for shoes £15

Uniform Grant £35.

H.P. £2 p.w. Clothing Club £2 p.w. 40 pints of milk per week

No new coat in past 3 years (not since marriage!)

No birthday parties, no pocket money.

Sometimes buys second hand clothes.

Spent £10 extra at Xmas - housewife knits presents.

H/H described class as 'poor class' on subjective question & 'Poor' from card.

Parents jobs (both) described as 'Unemployed' - born in Eire.

Replied 'worse off' to all parts of P37 Q18.

Describes poverty: 'Poor houses and children with no food or clothing'

No - one helps- no evenings out - not enough money.

Interviewer 'This is the worst house I have ever seen'.



~~Grady~~ Bader Peter - I am calling  
back here.

22 year old mother with 4 year old child, separated from husband - divorce pending.

£8. 7. 0 per week S.B.

£2. 10. 0 for shoes for child *Grant*

£3. 12. 0 for shoes for 2nd and underwear for Inf. & 2nd. comment of respondent 'presumably based on the cost of living index of 1899'

No holiday

no visits to friends or relatives for meal or snack

no evenings out in past fortnight

No cooked breakfast for either

informant has gone a whole day in past two weeks without a cooked meal

Don't have fresh meat most days

No Sunday joint

7 pints of milk!

Comment 'I feel guilty when I eat, I always think that it's Mary's next dinner I'm eating'

Pays 40/- on clothing clubs per week

Rent £2. 10. 0 Per week

Spent nothing extra last Xmas - no presents

Has known worse times 'When I was with him I was starving'

On the class question describes her class as 'poor'

#### Interviewers notes

A very saddening interview. Inf. was striving hard to bring up ~~whilkxax~~ her daughter as a normal child, although the latter was very neur~~oti~~ because of ill-treatment by the father (not physical: he used to call her names and say he hated her. According to Inf. she now won't stay in the same room with a man, ever with her uncle or neighbours husbands) Inf herself was thinking of re-marrying ('a nice steady lad') Strangely enough, her house had the most cheerful looking living room I've seen ~~xxxxx~~ in the area to date - she spent a lot of time cleaning it and ~~saying~~ what money she could to buy a bit of furniture. They had only a few ~~xxxxx~~ armchairs and a table etc - enough for one room to look 'full' - the other rooms were virtually empty except for beds in the bedrooms, she said.



11/15

It was a very nice day, and I went out for a walk in the park. I saw many beautiful flowers, and the children were playing happily. I also saw a few old people sitting on benches, and a dog running around. It was a very pleasant surprise to see so many people enjoying the day.

The weather was just what I needed. I had been feeling a bit down lately, but the sun and the fresh air really helped. I went to the store and bought some groceries, and then I came home and made a nice meal. I felt much better after that.

I also went to the library and borrowed a few books. I found some very interesting ones, and I plan to read them over the weekend. I also went to the gym and did a little exercise. I feel much stronger and more energetic now.

I am really enjoying this time of year. The weather is perfect, and the days are long. I am going to make the most of it and enjoy every moment. I am also going to spend some time with my friends and family. It is so nice to have them around.



949198 (seen in May)	1271, Duke Street Retired Man, with working son <u>Man</u> had pension <u>£4-12-</u>
949244	<sup>90 Dervais</sup> Unemployed man (64) alone <u>Man</u> had unemployment pay of <u>£4-8-</u>
32	39 Kenmare Street <u>Woman</u> with grand-daughter <u>Woman</u> had <u>£4-10-</u> pension
107	335 Inverleith Street Old Couple with retirement pensions <u>£4-10-</u> and <u>£2-16-</u>
108	435 Inverleith Street Old couple with pensions <u>£8-6-</u> between them. <u>Tell them</u> that if their savings are less than £300 they are probably eligible. They refused to tell us their savings before, so note them <del>down</del> as you are told
110	292 Inverleith Street Old woman with pension <u>£4-10-</u>
112 (see in May)	66, Seagrove Street <u>Woman</u> with widowed sister and the sisters two working daughters <u>Woman</u> had unemployment benefit of <u>£4-10-</u>
190	41 Edenwood Street <u>Old man</u> with daughter <u>Man</u> had pension <u>£5-5-</u>
218	56 Edmistan Street Old couple with pensions <u>£5-6-</u> and <u>£2-10-</u>
225	771 Springfield <u>Widow</u> with working son She had widows pension <u>£4-10-</u>
242	145 Old Shettleston Road Old couple with pensions <u>£8-6-</u> altogether
260	902 Springfield Road Old woman alone has <u>£4-10-</u> pension NB. This has been checked before. Ask if she has applied yet



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34 Burgher Street

Old woman with retirement pension £4-10-

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16 Macbeth Street

Retired man with working daughterMan has £4-10- pension

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8 Arch Street

Old woman alone £4-13- pension

She refused to tell her savings but is she has less than £550 she is eligible. Note savings if divulged.

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39 Dunrobin Street

Couple with pensions £8-6-

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270 East Wellington Street

Old Couple.

Man has £4-10- retirement£8-14- a month war pension

Although he has savings he is eligible