Life at Millhall 1935 - 1965

Showing one of the huts with a bothy to the side. ("Grandpa" Howats.)



A little bit of history of the sawmill at Millhall known locally as Millha as told by Elizabeth McKeand (Callander) with help from her brother Andy.

It was a travelling sawmill from Garlieston which was at the Millhall from 1946 until 1952. There were 9 huts and 2 bothies and wee Peter the Pole lived in a green caravan.
A well supplied the water and was carried in buckets, there was no running water then or inside toilet.
John King was manager. My brother Andy Callander worked there at age 15 and enjoyed it. At 18 he went to do his national service and was demobbed age 21. When he came back in 1957 the huts were nearly all gone. Our father had kept a large one for deep litter. A job my sister and myself hated was going into it to collect the eggs, we didn't wear trousers then.

The hens were Elizabeth's playmates till Margaret got bigger with the result that she still doesn't eat chicken.

Elizabeth with the hens



Elizabeth and Margaret



Andy went to work at Gibbhill sawmill and we loved combing the sawdust out of his hair. We as a family have lovely memories of our life there. Freedom of the wood and shore we thought the shore belonged to us.



Mrs Callendar with baby Elizabeth

Mother and Father arrived at Millhall 1935 with baby Jim. Andy, Sandy, Myself and Margaret were born there.

The three brothers Sandy, Andy and Jim,



We left I October 1965.when
Upper Senwick was sold.
Jones sawmills were also at the Skinnel burn Greenlaw, Corsock, Terregles and Raehills.

Andy gave me the information and there's more. Photographs from Mrs Ena Rowan.

Neighbours at Millhall

Willie and Mrs Chisholm



Ena Rowan and her Grandpa Howat



Wullie Chisholm and Alan McKie



Ena, Wullie and Mrs Chishom outside their hut

