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I was only 10 when I first came here to Grace-Eyre. I came from Peacehaven. I used to live with Brenda Warren a long time ago with Mrs Martin & Uncle Martin, ~~then~~ by the sea in Peacehaven when I was 50.

When I was a baby I lived with my Mum in Portsmouth. My Mum couldn't keep me any more so I went to Cottage Jones, ^{for a long time} all girls & boys there & it was nice & I had a boyfriend there. I didn't go to church though. ^{I didn't want to} When I came to Grace-E I lived in Gordon road. I have got a picture at home somewhere. ^{Miss} Missie Poser, ^{was my} Carer a long time & then I went to Patchan & the Foster Mum's name was Mavis that's when Violet lived with me. I was growing up then. I was 17 I think. ^{At Grace-Eyre} It was really good. I used to go upstairs dancing when the children had gone home, & singing & ~~it~~ I used to work here doing sewing, like a table cloth. The teacher was Mrs ~~Hick~~ Mitchel. Grace-Eyre asked me what I liked doing & I said "Nothing" & we both laughed. She was so nice. She only lived ^{next door to the Centre} ~~on the corner~~ not far from here. She ~~came to~~ did it teach us ~~because~~ because she was working in the Office.

It was different here. We all had to sit in one big room with tables for lessons & for lunch. There were a lot of teachers, ~~at~~ they were all ladies, Miss Smith, Miss Blain, Miss Hitchcock. We mustn't talk in the lessons. We had a kitchen.

② The kitchen downstairs was different then, when we had dinner, they brought tins in, in a lorry. The dinner was made up already. Teddy came in ^{Reg, Richard} ~~the~~ to the lorry & they had to get the dinners out, 4 tables to put the food out on. & you had to go up one by one & get your dinner & the puddings. You had puddings of all. Some of the food was real & some of the food was horrible. They had a big bin to put rubbish in & the food you couldn't eat & you weren't talk when you were eating.

I used to walk here. We went to Mayfair's school before we came here. That's where we used to go.

2.10.53 Brenda Warren, Violet Pearce & Red ~~Day~~, little Sue Atwood & Potey Morgan was here, Joyce Frances. This was when we were little. Madge the lady in the photo downstairs, was a girl we used to know.

The teacher we didn't like was Mrs Whiteleg. Every time I put a bit of paper down someone's neck she didn't like it & I got into trouble. I used to have to stay indoors a long time for detention. Like the same body we went to have a paddle in the sea & she fell in. We laughed. We really laughed. We had a paddle & she fell in & got her clothes all wet. We also went to somewhere on the coach with Mrs Blon to Hastings all the time, look round the shops. We had money to buy things. We went to get some books a puzzle or playing cards I used to play cards in the evening.

We had dancing, 'The Gay Gordon' we used to do. I did do cooking when I was little. We used to do cooking where I am now. We don't now but I make my own salad & I like water melon. We used to do writing, go out for a walk with the staff.

We used ~~to not~~ sew. I used to use a sewing machine. I made a teddy bear. (3)

Here,

They used to have a piano downstairs. There was a stage downstairs & we used to sing on the stage.

We always used to say goodbye to the younger children ~~& then~~. They used to go home at 3 o'clock & then we would come downstairs & sing & dance with the teachers. ~~I was~~. About 4 o'clock we used to go home, say goodbye to everybody & see you another day.

I used to stay with my Mum in Portsmouth at the weekends ^{sometimes}. We used to look outside at the boats & the sailors. I stayed until my Mum got sick. ~~She~~ Mum worked in the laundry a long time ago. Auntie Suss died & her daughter Janet bought me a Birthday card one. I don't see her now.

My Mum ^{has} ^{Carol's} like Auntie Suss. I used to see Shawn ^{Auntie Queen's boy}. He's very tall now, & Hayley she's grown tall & another little girl they had.

My Mum had 3 brothers in the Navy. My Nanny went a long time ago. Nannie must have died long time ago. I saw her once before she died.

We went to Butlin's or Blackpool with the Centre when my Mum passed away. Nick told me I have pictures of my Mum. My Mum & Helen used to come & see me in Brighton. We went down the Seaport. Brenda Carrer come with me. My Mum was very nice. Her name was Joan. I've got my name after her.

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We used to see some of the ladies with the Office like Tea whigs. We'd have concerts or an Open Day. We sold table cloths embroidery work. I used to do a lot of sewing.

④ I'm left handed & my Mum was too & she taught me how to knit when I was on holiday.

The toilets are different now. We had concerts in the theatre & people used to come & see the concert. There was an Easter dance & dancing & cards at Christmas Carolles. There was alot of dancing I like dancing I like the 'Gay Gordons' & country dancing, dancing with people you wanted to dance with.

I used to go to church at Peacehaven. I don't remember there being a left here then we had fire drills. We had to go outside. We had to do writing every afternoon, like spelling & writing stories. The story of the Robin I remember.