

EMANUEL (MANNIE) REES, BRIEF BIOGRAPHY.

Mannie Rees was born in Cooma, NSW, on 27 June 1922, the second of the five sons of Mabel and Frank Rees, a blade Shearer. The family moved to Canberra in 1925, where they lived for almost years at the Molonglo Settlement before moving to the Causeway in December 1926. They lived there for the next ten years then before moving to Ainslie in 1936. His father worked as a labourer , digging water and sewerage trenches around Canberra, and Mannie attended St Christopher's School, Manuka, from 1928-36. On leaving school, he worked for the General Post Office in Parkes as a messenger until his appointment as postman in 1940. After serving with the Army in Australia during the Second World War, he returned to the Engineering Branch of the Post Office where he worked as a clerk from 1945 until his retirement in 1982. Married in 1950, Mannie built a house in O'Connor in 1952, where he lived for 15 years before moving to Hackett.

NOTE ON PERSONAL RECORDS.

Mr Rees has two photographs of the house he lived in from 1925-26 in the Molonglo Settlement and a number of photographs of the 1925 flood, taken at Queanbeyan. He thinks he has other photographs that he will look for.

MANNIE REES INTERVIEW 3 AUGUST 2010: TIMED SUMMARY.

Session 1.

TIME	TOPIC	KEY WORDS
00.00.01	Early life in Cooma and Canberra (1925) at the Molonglo Settlement.	Cooma, Frank, Mabel, Frank blade Shearer, Jindabyne, Dry Plains, Dubbo, Raymond, Cyril, Lawrence, Molonglo Settlement, internment camp, Causeway, Westlake, Westridge, brick works.
00.04.41	Flood 1925, death of brother, transfer to the Causeway 1926, present location of Molonglo Settlement.	Flood, Queanbeyan, train line, Powerhouse, Jim Rees, Parliament House (old), Raymond, Causeway, Molonglo Mall, Radio Hill. A.J. Ryan, Causeway school, internment camp.
00.07.50	Describes house at Molonglo Settlement, size and composition of Settlement's population, deliveries, recites children's rhyme about butcher, school, police station, railway siding.	Molonglo Settlement, population, residents' occupations, storm water and sewerage, labourer, deliveries, Collett (baker), Keegan (butcher), Mrs Barton's bus service, Powerhouse whistle, school, police station, railway siding.
00.17.55	The Causeway, population size, origin of name, houses and WW I Army trenches on site of present ADFA, occupations of male causeway residents,	The Causeway, 1925 flood, Army trenches, RMC College, maze, Roy Hughes, Fire Station, Eastlake

	building of Causeway houses, gardens	(Kingston), gardens.
00.23.33	Describes Causeway home, size, number of residents, facilities, little crime.	Causeway, house plan, Fred Turner, baths, shops Kingston, Eastlake, deliveries, Thornycroft truck, bakery, hall, tennis courts, Kingston Police Station, Gus Weiss, J.B. Young's, Acton Police Station .
00.29.22	Travelling to Cooma by train, walking, Federal Bus Service, railway route, end of Civic railway line,	Travel, Cooma Express, Queanbeyan, Eastlake shops, Federal Bus Service, Beans busses, railway lines, Powerhouse terminus, Civic line, Constitution Avenue, flood, bridge collapse, engine stranded, Civic siding, Freebody's Garage, Genge St.
00.34.33	Social life in Causeway, films, Capitol Theatre Manuka, playing Australian Rules, children's games in 'the jungle', Molonglo river polluted, the Tin Bridge, 1925 flood, uncle's drowning.	Causeway hall, tennis courts, community singing Euchre, tournaments , picture show boxing, dances, cowboy films, Tom Mix, Tarzan, Capitol Theatre, Manuka, football, marbles, 'the jungle', Molonglo River, Jerrabomberra Creek, pollution, Manuka Pool, the Tin Bridge, Molonglo, Petrov Affair, 1925 flood, Mannie Turner,

		drowning, Mill Creek crossing.
00.41.22	Capitol Theatre Manuka, finding and losing ten shillings, working as a lolly boy, hitching ride on a bus.	Capitol Theatre Manuka, Saturday Matinees, films, convicts, Tarzan, Laurel and Hardy, Charlie Chaplain, lolly boy, busses.
00.45.17	Manuka Pool, St Christopher's School and Church described, walking to school, first day at school, uniform, books, playground, nuns, punishment.	Manuka Pool. St Christopher's School, Church, classrooms, desks, inkwells, pens, Eastlake shops, Thornhill's Delicatessen, bacon bones, school uniform, books, playground, Good Samaritan nuns
Session 2.		
00.00.01	St Christopher's School 1928, Telopea Park School, school routine, school lunch.	St Christopher's School, Telopea Park School, school lunch.
00.02.23	Session interrupted by phone call.	
Session 3		
00.00.01	School lunch ctd, text, exercise books, Manuka shops, Church, being an altar boy, school heating, priests.	St Christopher's School, islinglass, honey collecting, text books, homework, Mankua shops, Church, altar boy, Fr Hayden. Fr Twomey, Uriararra Homestead, Fr Barry.
00.06.47	Medical services at Molonglo and Causeway, Old Canberra Hospital – location, Civic, Kingston (Eastlake) and Manuka shops in 1920s.	Medical services Molonglo, Dr Clive Findlay, Queanbeyan, Dr Louis Nott, Canberra Hospital

		(new), Advisory Council, old Acton Hospital, Acton Racecourse, bus service, ANU. Civic, Kingston (Eastlake) Shops, Manuka Shops, McGuiness' Café, Wilkie's pie shop, Ozzie Burns, Arcade, J.B. Young's, paper shop, Post Office chemist shop, Harry Notaris ' restaurant, Edlington's Barber Shop, Rees' drapery store, Hughes', billiard room, Barracats corner , Kingston Tavern,
00.13.17	Main public buildings in Canberra 1920s and 1930s, Canberra's population, government departments established and where housed.	Capitol Theatre, St Christopher's School, Telopea Park School, Powerhouse, Kingston Shops, Government Printing Office, Printers' Quarter, Works Department Depot, Melbourne and Sydney Buildings, Gorman House Hostel, Hotel Ainslie, Number 1 and 2 Secretariats, Customs Department, Prime Ministers Department, Telephone Exchange, West Block, General Post Office, Jolimont Centre, Patents Office, Police Station, Northbourne

		Avenue, Court House, Civic Hotel, Hotel Kingston.
00.17.48	Lists suburbs north of civic in 1920s and 1930s, river crossings.	Reid, Braddon, Ainslie, Turner, Causeway, Eastlake, Barton, Forrest, Griffith, Red Hill, Westridge, Westlake, brickworks, Scotts Crossing, Blundells Farm, St John's Church, Acton crossing, police station, Action Hall, Acton Guest House, Commonwealth Club, Lennox Crossing, floods, Commonwealth Ave crossing.
00.21.11	View from Parliament House, airport, Public School at airfield, 1932 air race between England and Australia.	St John's Church, Russell Hill shantytown, airport, air race, Constellation aircraft.
00.23.33	Move to Ainslie 1936, describes house, number of residents, describes Ainslie	Ainslie, Patterson St, Ainslie bus depot, tennis courts, Cowper St bus shed, Ainslie dance hall, Corroboree Park, street trees.
00.27.34	Leaving school 1936, working as Post Officer messenger boy, Parliament House, pneumatic tube system, working nightshift at telephone exchange	Post Office, messenger boy, Parliament House, pneumatic tube system, Wynall bicycle, telephone exchange,
00.32.15	Delivery route as postman 1940, training in Sydney, war service.	Postman, war service,
00. 035.03	Life saver, Cotter River	Lifesaver, Cotter River,

		Les Lott, Kambah Pool, Pine Island	
00.36.10	Post war return to Post Office till 1982, marriage 1950, building, financing and furnishing home in O'Connor 1952, cycling to work, children's schools, O'Connor Shops, garden.	Post Office, Divisional Engineer Division, clerk, marriage, O'Connor, Weetangera Rd. (now Scrivener St), Jarrah St, Tom Bourke, Melbourne Building fire., Post Office Engineering Branch, Lyneham Primary a High School, Dixon College, Hackett, O'Connor shops, gardening.	
00.47.07	Major changes in Canberra, filling of Lake Burley Griffin, retirement, happy childhood, attending opening of Parliament House 1927.	Canberra's changes, filling of Lake, Patents Office, Post Office, Hotel Kurrajong, retirement, Parliament House opening.	
00.53.39	End Session 3 END OF INTERVIEW		