

INTERVIEW SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT

WILLIAM HENRY

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Content summary The interviewer and Mr. Henry discuss what kind of work Mr. Henry was able to find after coming to the UK. Mr. Henry notes that he never had any difficulty finding work, mainly through family connections. He did the same when his wife joined him in the UK. Mr. Henry notes that he did not initially want to labour outside, but preferred the factory jobs he worked at in his first few years in the UK – a rubber factory, a laundry, etc. He later shifted into working for a water company, fixing burst watermains and pipes. He and his wife were eventually able to buy a house with their savings.

[00:00:00] Interviewer: You said you found it quite easy to find work. What work did you do?

[00:00:04] William Henry: I worked in a rubber factory as I come. The job was ready before I come, somebody look for a job before I come. My sister, doctor, husband, looked for a job for me. And when the wife comes, she started work the next week as well,



because I get a job for her. So in this country I never have a problem with jobs, always get a job.

[00:00:28] Interviewer: Were you able to carry on your trade in England?

[00:00:31] William Henry: No I never wanted to--. [speak together]

[00:00:33] Interviewer: Didn't want to?

[00:00:34] William Henry: --to go to work outside at that time. I get the factory jobs, I work in the factory. But then I work outside now for fifteen, seventeen years now, I've been working outside.

[00:00:45] Interviewer: Alright. So what work have you done, what different jobs have you been doing?

[00:00:53] William Henry: In this country, I working at, the first is a rubber factory, nine months. I work in a laundry for one year. I work where they make bought [unclear]. Bought [unclear] is that thing, where you bear your skin into? Maybe I speak, my English mightn't be right to say so, I explain it to you. Then I work for Disarm [unclear]. Water Board now, fixing water pipe when it break in the road, putting new supplies in houses on flat from the road, not in the house, just connect from the main into the house to the pavement and that's it. And any big watermain burst in the road, we fix that, we gonna repair it. Dig the road up and search it out.

[00:01:37.02] Interviewer: So how did you manage to get your own house?



[00:01:39.23] William Henry: I work and save. Me and the wife, we bought it with work and save. To buy it, when we get the market from the GLC at dem time.