

Great Uncle

JOSEPH SALT (Jnr): 1902-1984

Joe was born in the cottages at Tomknitter bridge, Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire to Joseph Salt and Ann Maria Seymour. His siblings were: Isabella, Louisa, Mary, Elizabeth, Florence, William, Sadie, John (Jack), George and Fred.

Like his parents, Joe spent many years working the canals after leaving school at the age of 10. Some of this period he worked with his father and his brother, Bill. In 1970, Joe gave a fascinating interview to a previous employer (with the intention that it would be used in a book). The book was never published, however, the interview is a fantastic piece of social history and a real insight into the hard lives of the boatman through the depression era and WW2.

Joe married Grace Bishop in 1929 whom he met in Skipton while working for a local canal company. They had one daughter, Joan.

Unlike most of his siblings who stayed in the Church, Oswaldtwistle area, Joe lived in Skipton before finally moving to Morecambe. Grace, his wife, passed away in 1975, 9 years before Joe in 1984.



Photo: Leeds and Liverpool Canal near Skipton, North Yorkshire