

Rowland Jones	Interviewed by Nicola Chapman 24.2.15
<p>3.34</p> <p>4.41</p> <p>6.00</p> <p>7.20</p>	<p>Aged 89. Lived in Oakwood 87 years then moved into a care home in York. Oakwood was also Rowland's workplace – his family electrical business was here. 472 Oakwood Parade was where business was located from 1947 to retirement in 1993.</p> <p>Remembers when Oakwood had three chemists. Gordon Blight's business lasted longest – he weighed babies for their mothers.</p> <p>Tram track was first electrified service in Europe. September 1952 was a tram crash. Driver went to toilet and tram slowly moved off – when it reached Oakwood it smashed into another tram, it jumped the rails and careered towards the shops, injuring six.</p> <p>Jack Bramley, the cobbler, had lost both legs above the knee.</p> <p>Jones had loyal customers. Famous wrestlers came in for batteries and bulbs. Colonel and Mrs Tetley lived in North Lane – in 1952 he was the Lord Mayor. Rowland attended the reception.</p> <p>1976 – acquired Dewhursts butchers and merged two shops into one. Booked Les Dawson to open it. He had everyone in stitches.</p> <p>Oakwood Club upstairs at 450 Oakwood Parade. Wasn't a member but father was. Just a snooker club.</p> <p>In 1942 I did firewatching at Roundhay School on a rota system.</p>