

10/2/81.

Today Cath Hays, Julie Jarmen + Laura Hastings-Smith visited Peter Darley (his spelling!) of

Flat. 1

22 Beachgrove Rd.

Elswick. N/C. 4.

Peter's grandfather, Patrick Darley was a champion clog-dancer from Cumberland. Peter's father learnt from him + the family then moved to Fyneside. (? all or just Peter's family?) Peter's fa. taught both his sons :- Joseph Darley + the informant, Peter. Peter said that his elder brother was a better dancer + concentrated on it more.

Peter said that Jo Darley won the Northumberland + Durham Championships in :-

1936 - held in Stanley.

1937 - held in Durham.

In 1938 the competition was held in Gateshead + Jo came 2nd to Johnson Ellwood who Jo had beaten in the two earlier competitions. Jimmy Ellwood was one of the judges for this (It had obviously crossed Peter's mind that he might have been biased).

He then produced a newspaper cutting - possibly an obituary from c1940 when Jo ~~was~~ died (not in the war!) - Information from this was that the 1938 comp was the only one Jo entered + didn't win. He entered his 1st competition when he was 9. The cutting confirmed the dates given by Peter.

Peter said that he couldn't remember any steps except double shuffles but obviously by the end of the interview, bits were coming back to him.

He has a photo of Jo which he will let us copy.

His nephew is Hylton Pomeroy. (his mother is Peter's

sister. She lives at:-

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- he is usually there at weekends, or via his sister -
Mrs Fitzpatrick, tel. 446269 (Blaydon)