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1 N/C cloggers went to Ashington visiting 2 clubs to look for old dances. At the Bournemouth Social Club many people remembered Jackie Troaduff + said that he had often danced there + suggested that he may have been a member of the club at one time.

One woman said that before WW2, men used to clog-dance round Rothbury - she stressed particularly Wingates and Longframlington.

We were also given the name of Albert Watson who used to clog-dance. He used to live in Stakford but has now moved to Ashington.

Jackie (Kip) Dadds, now doorman at the Bank House Social Club also used to clog-dance although not now as he is in bad health. His wife Sybil works at the bar - we were told he would not be on duty tonight.

At the Excelsior Club we were told that J. Troaduff used to come round with a concert party + had last visited the area, on his own, ~35 yrs ago.

A woman said she used to dance in tacketed shoes at Wallsend between the wars (perhaps tap dancing?).

We met the son of Albert Bloom (age 71) of 53 Rosecroft Ct., Ashington, who used to do tap/step + some clog-dancing. His father was a champion clog dancer.

A woman also told us that her grandfather (now dead) c-danced ~35 yrs ago but she did not think he had taught anybody. His name was Milburn.