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Comments on Blog Post

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Comment:

I am delighted to find this website! After the war my mother, me aged two and my baby brother were living with my grandparents in crowded accomodation in Chislehurst Kent. Mum applied for one of the new prefabs being erected in St. Paul's Cray (about 5 miles away). Dad was still away in the navy. From looking at the ArconV plan I am certain this was the design we lived in. Mum always maintained our prefabs were erected the wrong way round with our entrance door & hallway being in the back garden thus the larger half glazed door from the lounge led onto the front garden. As far as I can remember there were about three roads. Some of the prefabs were erected around two squares. I think we moved in about Springtime 1947 - I think Mum said my brother was about 6 months old, I was 2. Our address was 15 Robin Way and across the road was a gypsy encampment known as Corke's meadow. Mum loved her prefab especially all the built in mod cons in the kitchen! We lived there for five years before moving back to a new council house in Chislehurst. (1951) I was 7. Eventually the tenants were rehoused and the gypsies installed in the prefabs prior to pulling them down in the 1960s. I would love to see a plan of that little estate if it still exists.

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Hi Jane & Elizabeth. Thanks so much for your reply. I am perfectly happy for you to add my memories to share with others. Thinking about it again we must have moved into our prefab in 1946. My brother was only about 2 or three months old and poor Mum had to endure the terrible Winter of 1947 there with us. She has recently very sadly died aged 92 and her fantastic memory would have confirmed dates. I have some photos of us outside our prefab unfortunately only showing parts of it.

Best Wishes

Kathryn

Kathryn visited FolHT Open Day on 13 May 2017 with photos