

### Kate Smith Interview

*My name is Mrs Kate Smith and I live in Shawbost in Stornoway with my four children. My oldest child is nine and my youngest child is only two and a half. Two of my children, Catherine and John are in school and my other two children, Maggie and Maryann are at home. I do indoor work and don't get any wages. My late husband, John Smith, was lost at sea due to the Iolaire disaster. I am worried incase I can't buy enough food to feed my family. I am also dreading the winter incase I can't pay the rent and we will be kicked out of our house. My husband John was thirty five and was a deckhand. He was going to send us money but now I have nothing. I miss him terribly as he was my beloved husband and my daughter Maryann can't really remember her father very well which makes me very upset. I do not know how I am going to survive with my family without him.*

*John Smith was the son of John and Mary Smith and he was a beloved husband to Kate. His service was the royal Naval Reserve, HMS Duchess of Devonshire and his service number was 3516/B. He died on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1919 at the age of thirty five and lies buried at Bragar.*

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