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Memories of the dam being built.

Did you ever come up to the valley before it was flooded?

Yes, I used to come up with my family, as you can see I'm not very old, so I don't remember too far back! But yes I came with the family, particularly at the time the dam was being built, which was of course of great local interest in seeing the work progressing, particularly how the dam was being built up in sections; so it looked rather like a lot of jagged teeth I suppose, as the piles came up at different heights, you can still see the vertical joints now which reflects that construction technique. There was a bit of local drama when one of the construction workers fell from one of these piers and he was impaled on one of the strengthening rods on one of the lower piers, but it passed through his body and missed all his vital organs, but yes he lived to tell the tale, so lucky chap.