

Interview Summary and Index – John Christensen

Interviewee: John Christensen (also present – Linda Christensen, wife)

Interviewer: Melvin Thatcher

Date: January 4, 2015

Location: At his home in Salt Lake City, UT

Summary	
An oral history of John Christensen who grew up on the corner of Logan Avenue and 1600 East in Salt Lake City, UT. John tells about his brakeless bike being stolen during a scout meeting in 1947 and damming Emigration Creek to make a swimming hole. He also shares recollections and anecdotes about some neighbors.	
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Brief description	Time
Introduction. Linda Christensen, John’s wife, was also present during this interview.	00:00:00
Correction on LDS church information (from previous interview). Dates Mountain View Ward on 17 th East and Garfield by telling a story about how his brakeless bike was stolen during a scout meeting in 1947. People: Roy Menlove. Al Janke, Allen Brown, President Mortensen	00:00.22
Damming Creek. Tells of getting gunny sacks from the grocery stores where Wasatch Presbyterian Church is located to make a ball diamond. But they were used them to dam the creek and make a swimming hole.	00:06:52
Reflects on some neighbors: Mother of Fritz Lindbeck (Rosemary Schwertz). Others: Bowman, Shauna Lindbeck.	00:08:37
(con’t) Liddle. Tells humorous story of trying to sell an energy packet to an anthropology professor at the U of U to illustrate why he could not sell insurance for Mr. Liddle after his mission.	00:10:32

(con't) Anderson. Tells how Dee Anderson paid him to stand in front of ice cream shop at the fairgrounds liking a cone to attract [customers].	00:12:16
(con't) Souvall. Betsy went through school with John. George Souvall built a basketball stand. Paul Hansen, basketball coach at Edgehill Ward took an interest in him. Graduated from U of U and became basketball coach at East High because of Paul Hansen.	00:13:28
End time	00:14:50