



Interview Summary and Index

Interviewee: Rowena Bowers Kenyon

Interviewer: Jerri Mausbach and James Crawford

Date: March 31, 2015

Location: Salt Lake City, UT

Summary	
<p>Rowena Bowers Kenyon shares her memories of growing up and living in our neighborhood. She recounts the family homes at 1330 Penn Street and 1744 Browning Circle which were built by her father.</p>	
<p>Rowena talks about the construction, operation, and sale of the family business at Emigration Market, which her father originally built for his mother’s nephew, Wendell Cottrell. She tells about a store fire in 1971 and shares some experiences with robberies and break-ins.</p>	
<p>Rowena recalls friends in the Wasatch Ward and playing with her brothers and their friends. She remembers some of the shops at 15th and 15th.</p>	
<p>Rowena says the biggest change in the neighborhood has been a decline in the proportion of LDS residents which was about 90 percent in her youth. She notes the consolidation of LDS wards and recalls features of the Wasatch Ward and the Colonial Hills Ward chapels.</p>	
<p>Rowena talks about her education, particularly at East High. She closes with comments on bus transportation, family motorcycles, and safety in the neighborhood.</p>	
<p><i>Note: Rowena’s grandson can be heard in the background during this interview.</i></p>	

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Time	Brief description
00:00:00	Introduction. Location is not mentioned: Salt Lake City, UT
00:00:20	Personal background: Born in Salt Lake City. Father built and moved into home on Penn Street when Rowena was 2 years old. Lived there until high school graduation in 1955 when father built home on Browning Circle and



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	moved there. Sold family home in 1991.
00:03:54	Emigration Market. Built by father for his mother's nephew, Wendell Cottrell. A neighborhood store with no parking. Father store took over when Wendell went into politics.
00:05:44	Emigration Market (cont.). Mike Zumbakis was store manager. Dunford Bakery (a neighbor) had an outlet in the store. Best butcher in the valley. Great store reputation.
00:07:30	Emigration Market (cont.). Store sold by elder brother and eventually bought by Harmons; pleased with Harmons operation. Recalls store fire in 1971. Glulam beam installed by father prevented collapse of building. Had to rebuild from scratch.
00:10:36	Emigration Market (cont.). Tells of construction of parking lot. Reflects on changes made after sale of the store. Did bookkeeping. Daughter was a cashier. Nieces and nephews worked there too. Some are not happy about changes.
00:14:03	Emigration Market (cont.). Talks about robberies and break-ins and being disqualified from jury duty in trial of a person who had robbed a grocery.
00:16:13	Education. East High, Uintah Elementary, Roosevelt Jr. High,
00:17:20	Friends and neighbors. Anne [Cannon]. Wasatch Ward had 22 young women and 3 young men. Diverse personalities but close friends. Admired Jonathan and Lucille Condie for their love for others and for each other.
00:19:00	Kid's play. Had girl friends but not a best friend. Played baseball and basketball with brothers and their friends. Father built a high swing on north side of Penn Street home. Kids enjoyed seeing how far they could jump from it.
00:21:14	Penn Street home. Sold to Homer Warner then purchased by Campbells.
00:21:43	15th and 15th shops. Recalls the soda bar in Walgreens on corner of Emerson and 15 th and a pharmacy [Economy Drug] across the street. Father built Safeway store (today's Einsteins Bagels). Gas station next to pharmacy on east side.
00:25:48	The Gully. Did not play there as much Anne and those who lived by it.
00:26:25	Presbyterian Church fire. Presbyterians used [Colonial Hills] meetinghouse after the fire [in 1975]. Increased friendly relations [with LDS].
00:27:38	Changes in neighborhood. Very different because of fewer LDS compared to 90 percent in her youth. LDS family size a factor in change (Rowena's grandson can be heard commenting on this point). LDS consolidated local wards because of population shift



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00:29:50	LDS Church buildings. Comments on demolition of Wasatch Ward building and unique features of Colonial Hills chapel. Roadshows performed at every chapel in the stake.
00:32:23	Education. Participated in Madrigals at East High and graduated in 1955. Digresses about East High fire [1972]. Recalls having male teachers from elementary school through high school and singles out Mr. Arbogast, principal of East High, as a magnificent teacher. Says students went to East High for an education, South High for a vocation, and West High for a vacation. Attended BYU.
00:36:58	Closing recollections. Fantastic bus service with routes on 13 th , 15 th , 17 th , and 19 th East. Recalls husband Mike and her transporting their daughter and son on motorcycles. Comments on safe neighborhood.
00:41:45	End time