



Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Interview Summary and Index - 001

Interviewee: Helen Campbell Patterson

Interviewer: Melvin P. Thatcher

Date: November 15, 2016

Location: Salt Lake City, UT

Summary

Helen, who was born in 1929 and grew up at 1647 South 1500 East, provides a view of our neighborhood in the 1930s and 1940s between 1500 East and 1900 East along 1700 South and south down 1500 East to Garfield School. She talks about the homes of her parents and grandparents, attending Garfield School, street cars and bus lines, winter sledding downhill to what became Glenn Arbor, flooding in the gully, and a famous local resident Ab Jenkins, Salt Lake City mayor (1940-44) and world land speed record holder.

Note: Helen's neighbor, Amy Carmen, was present during this interview and may be heard occasionally asking questions or making comments.

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Time	Brief description
00:00	Introduction.
00:27	Family home. Tells about purchase of family home at 1647 South 1500 East May 13, 1929 (see Document 3). Helen born 1929. Mother lived there until 1989. Talks about documentation for purchase of the home (see Document 4).
02:38	Environs 1500 East 1700 South. Woke up to meadow larks singing. 15 th East mostly fields. 17 th South dirt road. Neighbors to the east on 17 th South: Robbins and Parkin. Bungalow at 1567 E 1700 S purchased by mother's parents.
04:10	Grandparents' home. Talks about layout. Blue high chair. 2nd birthday cake.
05:00	1700 South. Frequent walks with father. Narrow bridge by the Gully going up the hill. Has pictures of lambs where she lives now (1859 Bryan Ave.) (see Image 2 and Video 1); there were no homes. Property owned by Bertanolis, sheep ranchers.



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06:20	Early education. Started school at age 4. Attended Garfield School. No homes between her house and the school on the west side of the street. Sego lilies. Has pictures of kindergarten, 3 rd grade, and 6 th grade classes with names (see Document 5). Tells about being scared crossing over gully bridge (at 15th East) when sent home because of prison break.
07:54	Street cars. Terminated in front of her home. 6 am to midnight. Wicker seats. Could hear driver knocking the seats.
08:55	Bus service. 15 minute intervals. Two lines: one down 15 th East and the other turned at 13 th South and went along 17 th East. End of line at 6 th Avenue or 9 th Avenue.
09:22	Glenn Arbor (aka Christmas Street). Winter sledding from 17 th South downhill to where Glenn Arbor is today (see Video 1). Remembers seeing people canoeing in flooded gully there. Homes on south side of 17 th South built in 1930s and at Glenn Arbor in 1940s.
10:28	More memories for another time. 15 th and 15 th shops. Sugarhouse, Irving School. Horseback riding at Wasatch Academy on Sunnyside (see video 2). First house purchased at 1224 S 1500 E. Emigration Market.
11:47	Ab Jenkins. Lived on Westmoreland. Mayor of Salt Lake, 1940-44. Set world land speed record.
12:12	Moved. 1958 moved to 1829 Bryan Avenue.
12:55	End time