



## Wasatch Hollow Community Council

### Interview Summary and Index - 002

**Interviewee:** Helen Campbell Patterson

**Interviewer:** Melvin P. Thatcher

**Date:** February 7, 2017

**Location:** Salt Lake City, Utah

#### Summary

This is Helen's second interview about growing up in our neighborhood. She introduces her family then shares her memories from 1931 through the 1940s. She paints a picture of the developing area radiating from the junction of 1500 East and 1700 South. She shares memories of Garfield and Irving Schools and getting to and from school. She talks about her close friends and their activities. She remembers the war years and the shops at 15<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Helen provides recollections about many aspects of daily life, including shopping in Sugar House, and closes with tributes to her paternal and maternal grandparents.

*Note: Amy Carmen, Helen's neighbor, was present for this interview and can be heard asking some questions or making comments. Occasionally rustling paper can be heard as Helen looks through her notes (see Document 1).*

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Time	Brief description
00:00	<b>Introduction.</b>
00:29	<b>Family.</b> Only child. John D. Campbell (father), Helen Groesbeck Campbell (mother), md. 1928. Helen born Nov. 1929. Family home 1647 South 1500 East.
01:33	<b>First memories.</b> Two years old [1931]. 1700 South oiled dirt road. Few homes: Robbins, Parkins, William Jesse and Hilea Melissa Groesbeck (grandparents) - recalls their home, Bertanolis (sheep owners), and "Old Joe" (home built from scrap lumber).
04:10	<b>Garfield School.</b> No buildings along street, sego lilies. Candy store.
05:41	<b>Getting to and from school.</b> Describes Garfield neighborhood and scary run home for safety during prison breaks. Occasional rides from father of Ralph Bowman (best friend). Travelled alone from age 4. (See Image 1)
08:52	<b>Garfield School memories (1).</b> Built 1921. Enrolled in 1934. Describes layout



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	of building. Two classes, one teacher K-3. Higher grades moved to teachers for classes. (See Documents 5 and 6; Image 2)
10:25	<b>Garfield School memories (2).</b> Miss Brewer, principal. Bench for misbehaving children. Miss Dobmeier, school nurse. (Digresses about having tonsils removed at home.) Checked returning ill children. Made house visits.
12:23	<b>Garfield School memories (3).</b> Recalls teachers: Mrs. Sneddon informed parents of poor eyesight - first glasses. Miss Rosalind Pidge, art and nature teacher, restricted her from doing art.
14:47	<b>Garfield School memories (4).</b> Discipline. Auditorium built in 1936.
16:13	<b>Garfield School memories (5).</b> Gender divided playground. School programs. Miss Anderson, librarian.
17:38	<b>Kids in neighborhood.</b> No girls her age. Ralph Bowman. Saturday movies, soda fountain at Keleeyes (ice cream parlor) managed by the Robbins. Kiefer Harris. Cards and other games. Jump rope with older girls.
19:48	<b>Bicycle riding.</b> First bike (age 6). Dog Cinder. Safe to ride everywhere.
20:59	<b>Dance lessons.</b> Ballet from age 3. Aunt Mae's husband's Jackson School of Dance on Main Street above Grant's.
22:11	<b>Kiefer and Ralph.</b> Kiefer became a pharmacist. Ralph played minor league pro ball, became a coach.
22:59	<b>More early memories.</b> Jump rope with older girls. Walks past the Gully with father. Sheep on other side of it. Shepherd with wagon and dogs (see Video 1). No shops at 17 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> . Ray Watrous' Home and Garden Variety and Shop 'n' Go came later.
26:12	<b>Irving School.</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade articulated unit at Stewart School, 1941, 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> grade at Irving School. Elizabeth Earl.
28:51	<b>Mother learns to drive.</b> Father commuted by bus and trolley. Mother learned to drive over telephone coached by Aunt Mae. Picked up astonished father at Boston Building.
31.29	<b>Route to Irving School.</b> Walked alone down the gully to 13 <sup>th</sup> East then took the streets. Avoided passing by prison on 2100 South (see Image 1). Given rides by Mr. Martin who taught her bass violin.
33:40	<b>Irving School memories (1).</b> Played in orchestra. Hal Hardcastle played sousaphone (see Document 8). School dances. Art and math difficult. Mr. Perch, math teacher (son Cappy) favorite teacher. Miss Bend, English teacher, "very strict . . . with a heart of gold."
36.27	<b>East High memories.</b> Bussed to school, walked home. Worked at Auerbachs. Graduated age 16.



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37:54	<b>University of Utah.</b> Two years. Only girl in classes with returned soldiers.
38:40	<b>War years in neighborhood.</b> Rationing coupons. War bonds. Margarine with yellow capsules. Saved bacon grease for war effort. (See document 9)
40:31	<b>Grocery shopping.</b> Walked to Safeway at 15 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> . Marion, meat department head.
41:30	<b>First 15<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> stores (east).</b> Utah Oil service station, owned by Jim Leveridge; twin brothers Keith and Kent. Economy Drug, owned by MacKinnon (Mac) Smith (mother's relative). Paramount Dairy. Alley. Pat Pattison's candy and cigarettes. Margery Gray's beauty salon (mother's cousin), Gray's Texaco service station. (See Images 2 and 5)
44:16	<b>First 15<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> stores (west).</b> Parking lot. Safeway, beauty salon and barber shop, OP Skaggs (1950s Buy Rite), open space, Red & White Grocery Store, Fallon Drugs. West on Emerson: beauty salon, shoe repair shop.
45:52	<b>Ice cream and sodas.</b> Paramount Dairy and Fallon Drugs
46:44	<b>Kids at 15<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.</b> Some girls from nearby. Parents kept her busy. Digresses to talk about "Knittin' for Britain" during war years.
48:15	<b>Pattisons.</b> Boys hangout. Girls hung out at [Paramount] Dairy or Fallon Drugs.
49:08	<b>Pearl Harbor.</b> Heard news on radio Sunday afternoon. Cousins served in war, one killed on Saipan. Feelings of unity. View of war formed from news [reels] at movies or from newspaper pictures. Big celebration downtown at war's end.
52:07	<b>Young ladies' activities.</b> Few girls Helen's age - Shirley Coombs, Gerri Smith. Solitary activities.
53:37	<b>Winter activities.</b> Deep snow, lasted longer. Man with horse plow cleaned sidewalks. Sleigh riding or skiing on hill down to Glen Arbor (see Video 1).
55:36	<b>More memories (1).</b> Coal burning pollution. Black haze below 13 <sup>th</sup> East. Cleaned walls and stretched curtains. Coal delivery. Removed clinkers (see Image 6).
58:58	<b>More memories (2).</b> Milk delivery. Laundry chores. Refrigerator. Electric kitchen stove.
1:00:15	<b>More memories (3).</b> Fresh smell of laundry dried outside. Party line telephones. Hair dressing ordeal - ringlets. Green stamps, gold stamps.
1:03:25	<b>More memories (4).</b> First home purchased 15 <sup>th</sup> East opposite Unitah School. Ab Jenkins. Shopping in Sugar House: Snelgroves, Southeast and Marlow Theaters, popcorn store. Letter writing
1:05:16	<b>Nucrisp Popcorn store.</b> Wonderful fragrance. Laments destruction of heritage.



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1:07:14	<b>Grandfather Campbell.</b> Pioneer. Scottish stonemason. Stone work for Cathedral of the Madeleine, Crane Building, Holy Cross Hospital, Judge Memorial High School. Mary Judge.
1:09:01	<b>Great Grandfather Groesbeck.</b> Nicholas Groesbeck, wealthy builder. Groesbeck Corner at NW corner of 200 South and Main.
1:09:35	<b>Paternal grandmother.</b> Born at Walker bank building site where Helen later worked for 33 years.
1:10:23	<b>Closing.</b>
1:11:08	<b>End time</b>