



Interview Summary and Index

Interviewee: Glenn M. and Joy Snyder Jensen

Interviewer: Anne Cannon

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Location: East Mill Creek, Salt Lake City, UT

Summary

Glenn M. Jensen, who was born in 1926 and grew up at 1609 Browning Avenue until 1948, tells how he got the nickname “Speed.” He talks about hanging out with friends at the horse barns which were located where Colonial Hills Ward chapel is today, playing in the fields east of The Gully, hiking up to the foothills, and skiing on the Bonneville Golf Course.

He recalls fondly neighborhood sports played on the football field at Westminster College, in vacant lots, and on the streets. He also shares memories of interschool and intramural football games and participating in the bugle corps at Uintah School.

Glenn explains the reason for the angle of Foothill Boulevard, talks about the development housing east of The Gully beginning during wartime, and gives a detailed account of the shops at 15th and 15th.

Joy Snyder Jensen, who is three years younger than her husband, remembers roller skating on 1400 East, playing tennis in the street, and riding a borrowed bicycle around the neighborhood. She talks about her favorite places in Sugar House, activities and a teacher at Garfield school, and sleigh riding down Harrison Avenue below 1300 East.

She recalls going downtown on the 15th East streetcar and the small buses that replaced it. She remembers the WWII years and the celebration downtown that followed the end of the War.

Joy and Glenn share their memories about the home delivery of ice and coal, dealing with pollution from coal burning, and work horses that were used to dig basements and plow snow from sidewalks in the neighborhood.



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Post-interview comments by Glenn:

After WWII when you could afford to buy cars again, in the fields below St. Mary's [of the Wasatch] they ran a scraper around in a big circle to make a track. Then they had a demolition derby with ten or so cars, bashing into each other until they couldn't go anymore.

In the picture with me and Wayne Harrison in the wagon, when they were ready to build a house there behind them (see Glenn image 02), they hired a black man with a horse and a big bucket-scoop to dig the basement. He would run that scoop back and forth, pushing it deeper and deeper and dumping it on each side as he came out. Then he dug the corners out by hand with a pick.

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Time	Brief description
00:00	Introduction.
Glenn M. "Speed" Jensen	
00:56	How Glenn got the name "Speed". Skip Backman, nicknamed Pook. Buck Lee, Pug.
02:27	Where born and lived. 1609 Browning birth to 1948. Married Joy Snyder Jensen. Emigration Creek gully.
03:17	Horse barns. 1700 East and Browning Ave. Run by Barneys. Small farm. Horse owners included Strongs.
04:47	Friends. Bill Barney, Jerry Dean, Dick Carlson, Carl Hawkins, Wayne Harrison, David Fry, Verl O'Brien. Played around the barns. Electric fly zapper.
05:56	"The Gully". Played in creek; fresh water spring, prisoner details, cliffs.
07:00	Hiking. In foothills. No houses from 1300 S 1700 E up to St. Mary's Catholic girls school except for the school caretaker's home. Roamed fields. Dog Buck (see Glenn image 04). Grandeur Peak. Dinosaur rock cave. Fourteen miles hike to Mountain Dell Reservoir for merit badge.
10:18	Skiing. Rubber inner tube bindings; cross country skiing at Bonneville Golf Course.
12:10	Sugar House. Marlo and Southeast Theaters. Allan Park.
13:17	Sports. Played football at Westminster field or in the street (Browning). Street baseball. Basketball standard in vacant lot; played stake basketball as teenager.
16:06	Boys. Wasatch Ward covered 13 th East to foothills. Scout Troop 56 had



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	more than 56 scouts. Five deacons quorums (12 deacons each).
17:26	Foothill Boulevard. Covered irrigation canal after WWII. Gardner's orchards 21 E and 17 th S. Housing construction above 1600 East began during the war.
20:08	Highland Stake basketball. Edgehill Ward gym best in the city.
21:30	15th and 15th shopping center. East side: Chevron, cleaners, Pattison's magazine shop hangout. Pat Pattison, son Malcomb. Jerry Dean and Glenn redeemed WWII tax tokens found in trash burn. Economy Drug. Utoco service station. West side: Folland Drug, Red and White market and butcher shop, OP Skaggs grocery store, New England Bakery, Roberts Barber and Beauty Shop, Safeway.
27:21	Baseball teams. Self-organized neighborhood/Uintah team, played in league at ballfield by Liberty Park.
28:37	Swimming. At Liberty Park and in creek at Sugar House.
30:06	Open fields. Above east of Gully to 2100 South. Flew kites and model airplanes. Sagebrush and sego lilies.
32:13	Empty lots. Harrison, Browning, Roosevelt. Dug trenches and dugouts. Bonfires. Roasted potatoes. High jump pit. Pole vault – Wayne Harrison, Jerry Dean.
34:34	Grade school sports competitions. Football with teams at field in Yalecrest area. Competition between grades and sections within grades. Another field at Harvard and 13 th East. Uintah School team competed with Douglas School by East High. Mitt Smith, son of Joseph Fielding Smith.
37:53	Winter sliding. On sloping street by Uintah School to 1500 East.
39:20	Grade school bugle corps. Daily flag ceremonies. Bugle corps parade and monument.
Joy Snyder Jensen	
41:32	Family and activities. Large family, home centered, 4 sisters 3 brothers. Roller skate on 1400 East. Street tennis. Bicycle rides.
43:07	Sugar House. Movies, Snelgrove's, Laura Larson's, Garfield School, Irving School, Fairfield Park swimming pool, Hygia Ice rink.
44:55	School activities. Garfield School: ran track. Irving Jr. High: tumbling team; girl's glee club. Studied Latin. Miss Benz collected and returned chewing gum.
47:02	Sleigh riding. Down Harrison Avenue below 1300 East.
48:30	Glenn: Paper routes. Bike ride up Emigration Canyon down Parley's Canyon with Jerry Dean; photographed by tourists at Stillman Bridge (see Glenn image 06). Paper fees. Spending money.



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50:59	Babysitting. 10 cents/hour.
52:20	15th East street car. East High to downtown. Auerbachs, ZCMI. People dressed up to go downtown. Short little buses replaced 15 th E. street car. Student ticket booklets. Usually walked to school.
54:53	Sewing. Mom seamstress. Joy learned to sew in school.
55:57	WWII years. Planes overhead, rationing and food stamps. Cornmeal mush for dinner during Depression. Mother baked bread; milk toast.
57:57	Thanksgiving. Mother roasted turkey over incinerator fire in the alley.
58:34	WWII years (cont.). Older sisters' boyfriends and spouses in service. Brother was air force gunner in Japan. Downtown streets filled with celebrants at the end of the war.
1:01:05	Street car route. Reversible seats.
1:01:49	State prison. 21 st S 15 th E. Prisoners in the windows. Sirens and prison escapes, Curfew siren at 10 PM.
1:02:12	Glenn: Arc lights.
1:03:38	Ice. Ice man delivered ice.
1:04:23	Joy and Glenn: Coal. Coal trucks, chutes, coal rooms, pollution and winter smog, cleaned wallpaper and curtains, curtain filters.
1:06:39	Christmas. Gifts, family gathering, Christmas stories.
1:07:54	Work horses. Sidewalks cleaned horse drawn V-shaped wedge. Basements dug by horse drawn scoop.
1:08:40	Joy and Glenn: Sunset Mausoleum burials and cremations.
1:09:50	Joy and Glenn: Wonderful area to grow up in.
1:10:37	Girls' sleep-outs. Own backyard. No sleepovers.
1:11:26	Glenn: Boys' sleep-outs. Bought used sleeping bag at Fort Douglas. Jerry Dean.
1:12:47	End time