

GHM-Oral History Project- Interview Answers

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DOB: 3/7/1956 Wichita, Kansas

1. Are you a **Gardner native** (born here or in the metro area)? No

2. What brought you and/or your family to Gardner?

“My husband was here so the children and I move so they could be closer to their dad.

3. When did you move here? 1998

4. What was your family’s trade/business?

Clerical in dental office

5. Tell us about this experience... N/A

6. If you are not a native, when did you first move to Gardner? 1998

7. What is your earliest memory of Gardner?

“The children and I were driving on Gardner rd. and did not know about the fair. We saw a small pickup with two boys and a hog in the back. The kiddos were not real sure about moving to Gardner after seeing that.”

8. What is your favorite memory of Gardner?

The close friends we were able to make that have lasted for all of us all these years. The kids are still close to friends made in school in Gardner”

9. What have you noticed that has changed the most about Gardner during your residency?

Do you perceive this as a good/bad? And why?

“I miss the small town feel Gardner had when we first moved here. Sometimes I wish it was still that way.”

10. Anything else you would like to share? N/A

