

**GHM-Oral History Project- Interview Answers**

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1. Are you a **Gardner native** (born here or in the metro area)? Yes
  
2. What brought you and/or your family to Gardner?  
*“Never lived in Gardner, in rural areas north and south of town.”*
  
3. When did you move here?  
*“Dale was born in Gardner-1928. We moved to farm north of town 1954.”*
  
4. What was your family’s trade/business? Farming
  
5. Tell us about this experience...  
*“Raised wheat, corn, soybeans had cattle and sheep.” “Farmers work sunup to sundown...there is always something to do.”*
  
6. If you are not a native, when did you first move to Gardner? N/A
  
7. What is your earliest memory of Gardner?  
*“Grandparents lived in Gardner-first memory- came to town Saturday night to get groceries etc. I got to have a ice cream cone at Alexander Drug Store...whole 5 cents.”*
  
8. What is your favorite memory of Gardner?  
*“A few weeks after Dale and I were married some “friends” brought us to Gardner. They had a wheelbarrow- I sat on in and Dale pushed it up and down Main St. this was 1952.”*
  
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?

*“Mom and Pop store are gone. Knew about all the people- now if I meet someone in the stores I know is rare.” “Good or bad not sure, but suppose progress is good.”*

10. Anything else you would like to share?

N/A