

GHM-Oral History Project- Interview Answers

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DOB: 8/5/1935 Olathe, Kansas

1. Are you a **Gardner native** (born here or in the metro area)?

“Olathe, KS 518 W. Loula.”

2. What brought you and/or your family to Gardner? *School 1948*

3. When did you move here?

“1955, married Patricia Lee Andrew Moll the love of my life at 1st Presbyterian Church.”

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

5. Tell us about this experience...

“Father was from Olathe-mother Garrett was up in DeSoto. Father was an over the road truck company Kansas City Hearold Clark owner. Drove a J46 GMC- 10-ton truck. Green. KC-to Chicago, had to be escorted in Chicago to dock because Al Capone would take your load if it was of value. He got tired of that and moved to a farm on 28 ac. Moonlight R. 40 AC. We then moved 1941 or 42 to 26900 W 151st Olathe. 104 Acres owned by Uncle Gus and Kate Moll-Bought Oct. 1901. I am still there. Lost 2 Brothers who were born there in old day the name of wife was put first Kate-Gus Moll. Then was sold to Richard and Opal Jensen C. Because Kate was old and my father and another could not afford it. Later my folks bought it 20000 lots of money.”

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

“When I married in Aug. 14, 1955, Patricia Lee Andrew (65 yrs. when she died).”

7. What is your earliest memory of Gardner?

“To buy supplies about 1944. Very small. Most people were related I thought. Gasoline was 12 cents gallon. Walt Sumbly ran a station on Main Street (still there) has been many things.

8. What is your favorite memory of Gardner?

“Going to High School. Went to grade school Concord corner of Moonlight-151 northwest corner (moved over by Olathe Lake).”

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?

“Don't know very many today. Spent 50 years in Real Estate Business. Blue Ribbon Realty. Seems to growed up and moved on. Still, lots of friends but at 85 years old losing some each year. Lots of changes. Some OK. Some not. Was until intermodle came. Too many low paying jobs.”

10. Anything else you would like to share?

“Wish I could remember all the things I have seen take place. I built the first car wash in Gardner with Allen Oberhelman. Ran a body shop for a while. Worked Knabe-Marley Skelly Station (still there) Kens cars trucks. Kenneth G. Moll Jr. Notice all the K.G. in title.”