

GHM-Oral History Project- Interview Answers

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

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

“Good farm ground.”

3. When did you move here? *1903*

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

5. Tell us about this experience...

“Grew up west of town on Four Corners Road. 1st grade at Four Corners School then went to Gardner School. Didn’t go to town much just worked. Had grocery store, drug store, harness shop- blacksmith shop, Doctor, Dentist, Reese & Kyle. If roads drifted shut in winter, we stayed home.”

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

7. What is your earliest memory of Gardner?

“Pipes along Main Street to tie up horses. Walt Sundby the night watchman. Alta Tipton’s dress shop. Dr. Reids office on Main. Knabe Marley Skelly station. Eric Johnson’s seed house. Having baby chickens picked up at the AT& SF Train station. Ranch inn diner at east end of town. Navy base being erected and later joined the navy there. Frank Lyons delivering groceries in his little orange and black pickup.”

8. What is your favorite memory of Gardner?

“Russ Haynes pool hall. Class place. Pool 5 cents a game. Snooker 10 cents a game. School band. Johnson Co. fair.”

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?

“Cannot Identify people as. Moore-Gay and McIntyre. Let Navy base go -Race track go. Intermodal go to keep Gardner a smaller town. Was going to happen anyway due to normal expansion of Olathe and re- more problems and less revenue. Gardner Lake is an afterthought. If dredged and kept up it could be a lot more beautiful.”

10. Anything else you would like to share?

“Grew up in the 40’s & 50’s. good period to grow up anywhere. Glad it was in Gardner.