

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