

*Stories of People in
White City*

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Daughters Utah Pioneers. A History of Crescent. Complied by Grace Brown Johnson, 1962-64.

The Glad House

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Aerial photo of White City 1962. Glad Home south of Dimple Dell Park.



Original Home



1990's View





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THIS IS WHAT I REMEMBER ABOUT WHITE CITY.

NICK AND ERMA YENGICH AND FAMILY MOVED IN OCTOBER 1, 1956. THE MODEL HOME WAS THE HOME THE MCCORMICK'S NOW LIVE IN, 851 GALENA DRIVE.

THE PEOPLE LIVING ON GALENA, WHEN WE MOVED IN----WERE--CLAIR AND BETTY WESTENSKOW, RUSS AND SUE NIELSEN, EARL AND JACKIE SYBROWSKY, STAN AND MARY ARKO.

CANNON-PAPANIKOLAS WAS THE CONSTRUCTION CO.
GEORGE LARSON WAS THE REALTOR THAT SOLD US OUR HOME.

THERE WERE HOMES ON SEGO LILY DRIVE, WHEN WE MOVED IN. MARGERET TIMONEY AND FAMILY MOVED IN 1955 AND STILL LIVES THERE.

THERE WAS NO MAIL DELIVERY---WE HAD TO PICK UP OUR MAIL AT THE SANDY POST OFFICE DOWN IN OLD SANDY.

CLOSEST GROCERY STORE WAS LOREN'S STORE BY THE JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL,
WHICH IS NOW M&M MEAT CO. WE ALSO SHOPPED AT BERN'S IN MIDVALE, AND LATER AT SAFEWAY'S IN MIDVALE.

THERE WAS A SMALL STORE DOWN ON 9800SOUTH 7TH EAST ON THE WEST SIDE, NOT QUITE ON THE CORNER, CALLED NELSON'S STORE.

OUR KIDS RODE THE BUS TO SCHOOL AND THEY PICKED THEM UP ON SEVENTH EAST AT THE END OF SEGO LILY DRIVE. MY TWO BOYS WENT TO SANDY ELEMETRY IN SANDY AND MY DAUGHTER WENT TO MOUNT JORDAN JR. HIGH SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL BUS PICKED UP THE KIDS EARLY BECAUSE THEY DROVE ALL OVER THE SANDY AND GRANITE AREA, WAY UP 9400 SOUTH TO PICK UP KIDS.

THE REALTOR LET EACH HOME OWNER PICK A TREE FOR THE FRONT OF THEIR HOME, OUR STREET CHOSE MAPLE TREE, MINE IS STILL IN PLACE.

A GROUP OF PEOPLE FORMED THE EDGEMONT CIVIC ORGANIZATION, FOR WHITE CITY, TRUDY WEST, ZELINE AND BOYD STEVENS AND NICK YENGICH WERE PART OF THE ORGANIZATION.

AS TIME WENT ON, THE BOYS PLAYED BALL, IT WAS A GREAT PASS TIME FOR THEM. THE FIRST BASEBALL DIAMOND THAT WAS BUILT, WAS EAST OF WHERE THE MORMAN STAKE CENTER IS NOW. NICK AND HIS BROTHER MARKO YENGICH GOT SOME BLEACHERS FROM BINGHAM THAT KENNECOTT WAS GETTING RID OF AND SEVERAL OTHER PEOPLE HELPED INSTALL THEM ON THE BASEBALL PARK DIAMOND. THE TEAMS NAME THAT MY SON RON PLAYED ON--WAS CALLED--THE YANKEES AND HIS COACHES WERE BOYD HOUSEHOLDER AND PAUL VALDEZ.

WHEN EDGEMONT ELEMENTRY SCHOOL WAS BUILT---THE SUMMER PROGRAM THEY HAD AT THE SCHOOL, WAS SPONSORED BY THE SALT LAKE COUNTY RECREATION. THEY HAD CRAFTS, DANCE INSTRUCTION BY MARIE YENGICH AND BASEBALL TAUGHT BY MR. CRUZ A TEACHER AT SANDY ELEMENTRY AND JIM LOVAT ALSO ASSISTED.

JUST BEFORE THE 4TH OF JULY, THEY WOULD HAVE THE KIDS TAKE PART IN A PATRIOTIC PARADE AND MARCH UP GALENA IN THEIR COSTUMES, WAVING THEIR AMERICAN FLAGS, THEY MARCHED ALL OVER WHITE CITY. EVERYONE SEEMED TO REALLY ENJOY THEMSELVES.

AT EASTER TIME, WE WOULD HAVE AN EASTER EGG HUNT BEHIND OUR HOUSE, BEFORE THEY BUILT HOMES ON SUNFLOWER. THE NEIGHBOR- HOOD KIDS WOULD HAVE FUN, LOOKING FOR EASTER EGGS BEHIND THE BIG TUMBLE WEEDS.

THESE ARE THE MEMORIES THAT COME TO MIND.

ERMA K. YENGICH

Kay Hair History

Written by Kay

Mar 10/06

We moved into our home which we bought from the Cliff Ireglow family on August, 1960.

Our neighbors were the Don Dumas family on the north, & the Dan Anderson family on the south & they are still our neighbors today.

The streets were already laid out & paved with water & sewer lines in place.

The Poppy Lane Chapel was under construction & we helped with the building of it & the Building Fund. When it was dedicated, we contributed to the Building Fund for the Stake Center on Galena Dr.

Our children went to Edgemont Elementary & the older ones to Union Junior High. Jeffrey was transferred from Union to Eastmont Junior High in his 9th grade, & the rest of the children went to Eastmont. From Eastmont the oldest five went to Hillcrest High, & the youngest five went to Jordan High.

because of boundary changes.

There were fields to the west of our sub-division, & an apple orchard to the north & East of the Poppy Lane Chapel. I believe they (the apple trees) belonged to Jack & Gladys Jenstermaker.

Our mail was always delivered right to the house, & we paid our water bill on Galena where the Office is still there. The sewer bill was paid on the corner of Lagon & 7th East.

Our first Bishop was Orrin Greenwood I believe, & I think Bishop Sainsbury & Reid Croft were among our first Bishops.

I remember a library which was a converted home being on the corner of Poppy Lane & Sage Lily or maybe the corner of Antimony & Sage Lily.

We had a Safeway store on 7th East & 94th South, & a drug store (pharmacy) just south of it.

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