

Name Alfred W. Batchelor (AL)

1. Family Background

Names of Parents Edward and Gladys

Where did your family live previously? home after marriage. They came to San Dimas because my mothers parents had recently moved here from Wisconsin.

What brought them to San Dimas and date of arrival My parents came to San Dimas about 1919 or 1920. My father had recently been discharged from the Army and came to San Dimas to work in the citrus as my grandfather was working for Mr. Bowering in the citrus orchards.

Where did you live in San Dimas? My parents first lived at 121 N. San Dimas Ave., (corner of 1st and San Dimas Ave). The building is no longer there. They then moved to 328 W. Third St., where I was born Feb. 19, 1921. We lived on Third street until about 1933 and then moved to 1030 W. Fifth St., in 1937 we moved to 121 W. First St. I lived there until Aug. 1942 when I went into the Army. In 1946 after my military service (I was married in Illinois) I returned to San Dimas and Betty and I lived at 133 W. Third until 1950 when we built the house we are now living in.

Names of Schools attended San Dimas through through the 8 grades and then to Bonita Hi. Teachers - Friends - Activities graduating in 1939

Usual school friends and teachers. Boy Scouts, Friendly Indians and Church organizations.

3. Church

Name - Location - Minister's Name San Dimas Methodist and now San Dimas Community Church.

Activities As a child and teen-ager most of my activities came from the Methodist Church. After marriage our activities were at the Community Church

4. Clubs

Memberships and recollections I was an early member of the San Dimas Jr. Chamber of Commerce. A charter member of the San Dimas-La Verne Kiwanis Club and then the Charter President of the San Dimas Kiwanis Club.

5. Citrus Packing Houses

As a kid I and others would always pay a visit Did you have any contact? to the Orange House for an orange and to say hello to Mr. Caffey as he was making boxes or Mr. Schlieder at the ice house. If so, what are your memories?

6. Early Recollections

One of the things which always facinated me, was What was San Dimas like when you arrived or first remember it? the Blacksmith Shop which was operated by Mr. Spry. Or the Barber Shop operated by Mike Alexander and his assistant Wren Kenyon, there was always some very interesting conversation and stories.

What kind of transportation was there? _____

Who were your friends/neighbors/relatives? My mothers sister and her husband lived for a while at 115 W. Fifth St. and then moved to Glendora in about 1928 or 29. My grandparents lived at 201 W. Fifth St., (cr. of 5th and Depot St now Monte Vista).

Where did they live? work? My father worked in the Citrus until about 1929 and then worked in the San Dimas Post Office as City Letter carrier then Rural Carrier, in 1943 he transferred to Claremont where he retired in 1956.

Are they still here? _____

Probably all the ---

7. What is your most vivid memory of early San Dimas? activity on the main street (Bonita) with fruit going to the packing houses. Also the steam trains on the Santa Fe.

8. Historical Artifacts and Pictures

Do you have a collection of historical interest that we might display on a loan basis? _____

Do you have artifacts and/or pictures you wish to donate? _____

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Please fill in the blanks - or - write your story in narrative style. Then mail to the San Dimas Historical Society, P.O.Box 175, San Dimas.

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