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00:00 Justin Hazzard

During the rise of World War Two, and then he even has, like, you know, pretty notable individuals and clips from them, they put it together chronologically. It's really well written. Studs Terkel.

00:00 David Allison

Nice, nice.

00:13 Justin Hazzard

(Inaudible)

00:16 David Allison

Very cool. Very cool. Yeah.

00:24 David Allison

The book that I'm most familiar with, kind of on that topic, is the one that's about the experience of a single German town, with the rise of Nazism...

00:38 Justin Hazzard

Oh, I haven't read that one.

00:24 David Allison

. . . like a super, super in-depth dive just into one town that's like a kind of a small to medium-sized town and it's slowly, over the course of the 1930s. It just gets more and more, you know, radical and Nazi, you know, kind of influence and, and it's kind of a disturbing book but it's also (inaudible). William Allen, I think, is the author.,,,

01:06 David Allison

Yeah, so I'd love to start just by just having you introduce yourself. Just say your name, or just maybe a little bit more about yourself. That would be great.

01:13 Justin Hazzard

Okay. Justin Bradley Hazzard, so the third generation, so my grandparents had moved here in the 1950s. My grandma actually still just lives about 400 meters from where we're sitting right now.

01:28 Justin Hazzard

My dad wasn't born here, but he was a kid and started with local schools. Did, I think, his last year of elementary over at Emerald. I was born and raised here for the most part. A lot of the kind of connections I made through my childhood and adolescent years, I think helped me actually land a job and so now I'm currently working over at Broomfield High School. I don't necessarily reside in Broomfield anymore, but my wife works at Birch Broomfield Elementary. Then I'm over at the high school, but all our kids, all their activities, we do everything in Broomfield. We just don't happen to live in the city limits. Yeah, so it's a great area to raise a family and, you know, very idyllic.

02:17 David Allison

Fantastic. Can you tell me a little bit more about your family? How many kids do you have, that sort of thing?

02:20 Justin Hazzard

Yeah, so I have three children. I am one of three as well. So I'm in the middle. I've got two sisters - one Jamie, she lives in Huntington Trails over there. She's close to town too. I know she's still pretty active in the Broomfield area. And then my younger sister is Jackie Hazzard. She lives up in Fort Collins. My own children are Elliot, Everett, and Emory, so stuck with the E theme, and they all attend Birch Elementary. So they go to school with mom; she's currently the art teacher over there.

02:58 David Allison

Awesome. That's super cool.

03:00 David Allison

So to make this a little bit more about, you know, your family, do you know why they ended up coming to this area? Or what was appealing about this, their job, that brought them here? Or what kind of thing?

03:12 Justin:

Yeah, so I think I know a little bit more on my dad's side. So the actual Hazzard side. My grandpa served in the military. He kind of was in between the Korean War and World War II. And so they grew up out in Nebraska, in a really small town, Arnold, Nebraska, a farm. And so, my grandpa and my grandma, Marlin, so Harley and Marlin Hazzard, they moved here, pretty much for economic opportunity. Colorado was a little bit more bustling than, you know, the plains of Nebraska. And so my grandfather opened a business. In fact, they just recently are starting to liquidate it and sell the family business. So, it lasted since the 50's. H & W Machine Company was over here in one of Broomfield's first industrial parks. There's a lot of ballfields over there now and there's like, it's by the emissions place. Teller Street?

04:13 David:

Yeah, yeah.

04:14 Justin:

I think that's Teller over there. .

04:16 David:
Very industrial.

04:18 Justin:
Yeah. So, they moved here in kind of very blue collar mentality, you know, the toughness of growing up on a farm and, you know, really harsh winters in Nebraska and really hot summers. My grandparents are some of the toughest human beings I know. My grandfather passed away over a decade ago. I want to say it was 2009, 2010. And so it's been my grandma Marlin, and she still lives in her little bungalow over here, and she's thriving and doing great. We still try to visit her and we have dinner with her at least once a week, and so . . .

05:00 David
Nice. That's great.

05:01 Justin;
We've got a lot of family in the area for sure. My mom and dad, they actually live in the Birch community - it's not Northmoor. I don't even know what their neighborhood's called, but it's near the Birch Apartments over there. Growing up, that was pretty much like the outskirts of town. Like I remember Sheridan, Sheridan was a field.

05:20 Justin:
Yeah, and so, you know, kind of, I wouldn't call myself a latchkey kid, but I had free range, it was free range parenting. I was allowed to go to a lot of places because, you know, the city was so safe.

05:32 Justin
You had basically fields past Sheridan - 136th, 120th, 280. It was like the (inaudible). . I could pretty much go, it was relatively safe and didn't have to worry and didn't cross the major highways or anything like that. But, from a really young age on, I hate to think about that, reflecting on my own parenting, like, man why am I so tight with my kids, but

05:56 Justin
you know, let 'em loose a little bit more.

05:58 David:
Yeah, that's interesting. I think I've heard that from a couple of people now, just how quickly Broomfield's changed over, you know . . .

06:06 Justin:
Totally.

06:07 David:
. . the last couple decades really, and that sort of thing, and . . . what are some of the things maybe you noticed around that kind of theme - change?

06:14 Justin:

You know,, that's a loaded loaded question, because I have this image of, you know, the innocent childhood image of my town, and then, when I first started teaching at Broomfield, what it was like; even now, that I'm kind of more in the, I guess, getting closer to the twilight of my career here.

06:33 Justin

Even in my teaching how much it's changed, and the speed in which it changes is, is hard to really comprehend and grasp.

06:41 Justin

It went from like, I remember Broomfield always being a super small town. And I think I was a junior in high school, and so we drove up, and Flatirons had been built, it wasn't open, and then they kind of had a soft opening for residents to come check it out. So I still remember, me and a buddy went and checked it out, JJ Seggelky, and we kept looking each other - this isn't Broomfield, this isn't Broomfield. (laughter) Why is this in Broomfield? And so I remember that, just kind of a point in my life, where it's like, wow, okay, like trying to understand growth and just how quickly things can change. And now you look at Broomfield, and Broomfield, it's got a very diverse economy.

07:25 Justin

But kind of being somewhat of a tech hub, that same area, over by the Flatirons that I just mentioned, it's like, how many companies are there, you know,

07:35 Justin

Level Three, or whatever they call it, there's just so much industry in Broomfield that people don't actually realize. And so with that does come kind of those societal changes. And so I want to say, you know, my grandparents who moved out here, they had blue collar jobs and made blue collar jobs for other people, and had a small business and those blue collar jobs have kind of been dominated by more white collar jobs. And so, the tech jobs, and kind of that affluence that comes with those industries, you're definitely, you see way more in the community. In fact, as I drive by the new, I think it's a chip plant, the microprocessing plant . . .

08:18 David:

Yeah.

08:19 Justin

I like I remember like, whoa, what's with all the security? It took forever to get that thing up, and everything is so technical....

08:25 David:

Yes.

08:27 Justin

. . . which is funny because I live in Vista Ridge. So like, across the street is the new Broomfield towns, but then I'm on the Erie side of things. So I still feel like I'm in Erie but I'm kind of more in Broomfield

because the city is just like this weird diagonal amalgamation of all sorts of district drawings and what not.

08:47 David:

Right, right. Yeah, that's the way that it's grown, kind of in that, I guess you said, like the Northeastern corridor, like just on that slant, is just so strange. And then when you think, too, about in 2001, which...

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09:06 Justin:

Broomfield became a County.

09:08 David:

Yeah. So that was kind of also one of those pieces that I think drove Broomfield a little more quickly with some of its growth. So yeah, it's really interesting.

09:18 Justin:

Well the nerdy side of me, like I always look at the map and, I mean you even look at it now, and Westminster just absorbs and surrounds cities, and it's just this blob of suburbia. So, I get why it's weird; they didn't want to be surrounded by Westminster.

09:36 David:

Yeah.

09:37 Justin:

'Cuz Westminster, in the late 90's and early 2000's, they were just buying land wherever they could get it.

09:41 David:

Yeah, yeah. So I'm actually glad Broomfield was aggressive in regards in creating kind of that corridor.

09:47 David:

Absolutely. Yeah.

09:48 Justin:

It was huge.

09:49 David:

Yeah, you think too about, what happened to Northglenn was, they got boxed in by Thornton and Westminster, like Westminster just bought up all the land, Thornton went around them like this, and then Northglenn was just stuck. They had nowhere to grow really, so yeah, Broomfield definitely avoided that.

10:12 Justin:

Yeah, other changes, I mean, just I think changes that Colorado is experiencing in general as well. We have a lot of transplants, we're seeing more and more from California.

10:29 Justin

It's always mind-boggling to me how many students I come across that have Chicago roots. And just kind of, you know, migrating towards Colorado. I'm always like hey, when's it gonna stop?

10:43 Justin

Obviously, good for real estate and price values. But it also, you know, it kind of gets to the diversity of the area. Not that it's the most incredibly diverse area, but we do have some diversity.

10:56 Justin

More so than when I was up at school in Fort Collins. That's where I went to school, Colorado State. So I've been pretty much in and around the state, lived in Colorado Springs for a year before I took the teaching job at Broomfield.

11:10 David:

Okay. Did you meet your wife at school, or was it here, or somewhere else?

11:17 Justin:

No, I joke around that I met my wife in the halls of middle school. It was actually at CSU. So I had changed my major a couple of times. I was trying to avoid teaching; I gravitated towards it because I did want something where I'm interacting with people and I could hopefully make a positive impact. I know I'm not going to necessarily change anyone's life, but maybe hopefully I can help them or mean something to them. And having that fulfillment in a job is pretty important to me. And so, you know, I tried business, I didn't really like the compromised values you have to have sometimes. I did economics for a while. I enjoyed that, but like, I kept finding myself like, oh, I'm gonna try to get in the classroom and just see what it's like. And so we had a practicum, we had a practicum class where we were at Weber Junior High.

12:05 David:

Okay.

12:06 Justin:

That's when Fort Collins did the junior high system.

12:07 David:

Oh, yeah.

12:07 Justin:

And so we would sit in with our mentor-teacher and observe them. And then we would actually have class in one of their conference rooms with other people from other disciplines.

12:16 David:

That's cool.

12:17 Justin:

And so, she had asked me about the Plains of Abraham. Whoa! What girl knows about the Plains of Abraham? That's awesome! And so I'm not picking up on the hands, I explain the Plains of Abraham and left it at that. So eventually, I figured it out, so . . .

12:34 David:

That's awesome.

12:35 Justin:

Yeah.

12:36 David:

Love it. Love it. And I'm curious too, like, so as you're looking for, you know, a job and trying to figure out where to live and that sort of thing, what was your thought process? Oh I want to be back, kind of where I grew up, or in that same area?

12:53 Justin:

You know, I do love to travel and the more places I travel, I always thought, like, oh, I'm gonna go live away, I'm gonna be far away. And, you know, part of it's just being immature. And as I, you know, became a young adult, and my family has instilled, you know, be there for one another. I mean, we did have a family business, which I did always have guilt over, like, not necessarily like, you know, getting into and running the management so, but it also goes to show like, how great my folks are in that they not once ever pushed it, and they supported me at anything and everything I've ever done. Now my father finally, you know, just officially retired and he's getting to enjoy retirement and he's loving life, and he's got seven little grandkids in the area that he takes care of with my mom. So I guess being close to family wasn't necessarily anything I had planned on. Like, I even remember my first year teaching, I had maybe one or two moments of, what am I doing back in Broomfield? Why do I gotta be back in Broomfield? And if you look at Broomfield High School staff, there's actually a lot of teachers that have graduated from the high school. And I think that that kind of goes to show the small town community feel that, even though you have all this massive growth around it, there's still that nucleus that is quintessentially that small town feel. And so when I went to first buy my house, I couldn't necessarily afford the area. So I was working in it and then driving you know, I was living in Westminster where I could afford a little bit of a smaller house, and when we looked and started expanding our family, my wife and I, we ended up moving to Erie to get a little bit more space because the growth hadn't fully caught up there. And now that Erie is exploding, like, you know, we can't even afford our own house. So it is nice in some regards, though, because when we do things around the town, I just run into so many people - my kids, it drives 'em nuts. I either run into someone I grew up with, it's amazing how many people are still in this area. You know, like, oh, yeah, we moved back. And it's honestly a really safe place. I've never, ever have personally feared for my own safety while in the Broomfield city limits. And hopefully, you know, my kids, my own kids, would share that sentiment.

15:33 David:

Yeah, yeah. Pretty cool. Could you tell me just a little bit more about the subjects and kind of your approach to teaching at the high school and just kind of what that has looked like over time?

15:49 Justin:

Oh, man. So I teach AP World History. And I teach freshman government first semester and freshman geography. And so it is interesting, we talk about growth and tech and all that and I'm almost kind of reverting to go back to....I don't want to sound too cliché,... old school methods.

16:13 Justin

I don't know, there's a lot more science and research being done that's connecting humans' addiction to technology. And I remember I made the conscious thought, five or six years ago, right, 'cuz I was not necessarily utilizing technology as well as I thought I could be. So, I went all digital in my classes, and I did that for about two years> Not that I felt empty, but I felt as if I was doing the students a disservice. And I could actually notice, critical thinking was lower than what I was used to.

16:50 David:

Interesting.

16:51 Justin:

And at first I couldn't pinpoint why. I try to practice what I preach, and I try to read as much as I can. I probably spend a little too much time watching movies or television, but it's fun, it's entertaining, it de-stresses your day a little bit. But in reading a few books, I'd read a fascinating one about the biology of the brain, and how like when you actually handwrite, the microsecond you're spending with each kind of letter, and each word is actually going to help you kind of encode it in your brain better than anything that you're typing. It makes sense, 'cuz I can type, I can type really, really fast; probably most of us can now, because we've been inundated with this technology for so long. Then when you handwrite something like, half the time I handwrite anything when I was taking lecture notes in college or whatever, for some reason I never even really had to go back to it because, oh I remember writing that down. Or when you annotate something, or you know, journaling, it's just amazing how your processing is almost more reinforced. And so the last couple years, especially my AP World courses, we typically do a lot of writing and you know, the analysis of documents; in fact, they wrote a DBQ today.

18:10 Justin

And so, switching back to, we don't really use technology in the class that much at all.

18:10 David

Nice.

18:20 Justin:

And the conversation's better, the skill development is faster. So even though it seems slower initially, they get way better at it. And so that part's really nice for me, like hey, okay, I try to understand and why do I do what I do? I think part of that comes from my track and field background. So I coach Track and Field; I've done that the last 16 years. I ran up at CSU and I ran for and played football at the high school. And so, you know, in athletics, you break down certain aspects of what you're doing, and then obviously, the game is when you're putting it all together. I try to use that approach in the classes as well like here, here's the skills you need. Now let's put it all together.

19:03 Justin

Some kids really excel and obviously there are kids all over the spectrum.

19:07 Justin

Right, right. What distances did you run, just out of curiosity?

19:09 Justin:

I did the 110 hurdles and the 300 hurdles in high school. And then up at CSU, I ran the 400 hurdles and the 110 hurdles. Then I usually did relay duty, so I'd do the 4 by 200 and the 4 by 4. Overall, you know, I love, I love track.

19:27 Justin

I love the lessons that it can teach people. Because I also played football as part of that 2002 team that took second to Thunder Ridge and so luckily, you know, we were the ones that couldn't, you know, break the drought but last year, the boys team won, so that was great.

19:46 David:

That's very cool.

19:51 David

You mentioned DBQ, and I do not know what that is.

19:56 Justin:

Oh, document based questions. Sorry.

19:58 David:

Nice.

19:59 Justin:

I get bad with my acronyms all the time. Education alphabet soup, right? Like what is that? Like, did I miss something? I probably should have read that email maybe a little bit better.

20:13 David:

So funny. Yeah, I was I was a classroom teacher for one year. I taught high school history and government, and then . . .

20:21 Justin:

Where at?

20:22 David:

In Indianapolis.

20:23 Justin:

Okay.

20:25 David:
West side of Indianapolis.

20:25 Justin:
Nice.

20:26 David:
Yeah, I've been in museums, basically since then. But the approach that you're talking about, that kind of getting them writing and getting them looking at primary sources, getting into the material, it's just so, so amazing, so valuable for students. . . .

20:47 David
Very cool. So tell me a little bit more about, you had mentioned kind of early in the conversation, you know, you like that your kids are growing up in this area, they go to school at Birch, you know, and that sort of thing. What are some of the other aspects of the community, whether it's organizations or different, you know, government-related or anything else, like support structures in Broomfield that you have appreciated, or noticed or anything like that. .

21:22 Justin:
Yeah, I think it is nice that Broomfield is its own county. That was huge early on, at least in having a plan and, and being able to get things done. We know the slow wheels of bureaucracy and, and every city's gonna be slow to get things done. A lot of red tape, obviously. But I'd say the one structure that really sticks out in my mind, at least as a parent, and being you know, going through it myself, is Broomfield's Parks and Recreation.

21:55 Justin
The amount of people that work there now that are from the area, the people who have been there since I was five, and like they're, you still see their faces, like it's funny, all the new places that go up, and they're named after..., oh, I know that person, it's just very... feels like home, I guess, for lack of a better term. They're usually super organized.

22:22 Justin
You know, basketball's a great example I can think of. I coach my kids in Little League, my 10 year old and my eight year old and, you know, they have very specific rules. And it's not like, oh, everyone gets a medal kind of approach, but it's more like, hey this whole purpose of this rec league is to teach and introduce kids, how to play basketball, the discipline on how to run a play. So if everyone's pressing the whole game it's gonna be chaos, or it's gonna be, you know, the kid who's maybe a little bit bigger, faster, stronger, is clearly just going to dominate. And then, they're actually not ever gonna learn how to play the game of basketball.

23:04 Justin

You know, the CARA track program, the swimming programs, the open gyms, having two facilities now...

23:13 David
Mmm-hmm.

23:13 Justin
So I think that's really important. And then, I'm a coach on the other end, so I actually get to see, you know, if kids have lived in this community their entire lives, they already have an incredible foundation of kind of excelling, at least athletically. And it's not even all about athletics, to get that scholarship, but the lessons you learn and doing something where you have to struggle. You know, anytime you have to struggle physically, like a fit body equals a fit mind, typically. And so a lot of the values and a lot of the practice habits that you need to be decent or just learn a sport, also helps them kind of just in day to day operation of their life, whether it's in school, whether it's getting chores done around the house. Well, that's what you hope, right? And so, my kids, we always put them in Broomfield Parks and Rec, which stinks, because I would have to wait because I'm a non resident. So I have to wait a couple (inaudible) but I also get that. I've tried a few at Erie, and not to knock Erie Parks and Rec, but it's just not as good. It's not as organized, it's just not as clear, there's not as many options. Even though I think before long, I think Erie and Broomfield are gonna be close population-wise.

24:27 Justin
Other kind of. I guess, systems and structures you see, money going back into the community. It's not necessarily where you know, oh I'm donating to this charity. I have no idea, In fact we're in with FISH right now. Okay, one of my favorite fundraisers, Jill Long, one of my colleagues in the student council of Broomfield, I think they raised 30,000-plus cans for FISH. And what I really like about that is, this is an actual fundraiser that goes into the community that we are a part of, and it stays in the community.

25:05 David
Right.

25:06 Justin
You know, if you're paying the United Way that the NFL sponsors, I think, what 72 cents to the dollar goes to pay the CEO of United Way.

25:15 David
The administration.

25:16 Justin:
The administration of it, and so that just feels super empty to me.

25:20 Justin
So, and you know, some of our students who participate in that same fundraiser or can drive, benefit from it.. And so, I think stuff like that is just super awesome.

25:36 David

What else didn't we hit on, or talk about any stories, anything you want to share?

25:41 Justin:

Man,,that's always hard.

25:43 David

Very open-ended question.

25:45 Justin

Yeah, yeah, yeah. I'm just trying to think of town in general.

25:50 Justin

Obviously, the Broomfield Swim and Tennis Club's been there forever.

25:56 David

Were you a part of it?

25:58 Justin:

No. (Laughter) Mostly because, you know, a lot, I don't want to get too personal, but, you know, we could never afford it. And so

26:04 David

Sure.

26:05 Justin:

. . . what always killed me though, at least in high school, is, I had to work at the shop. And I would wake up at, I'd have to be at work at 7, so I always joked around with my friends and even my students now, like guys, I didn't wanna be on summer break, because I had to work. (Laughter)

26:22 Justin

And my mom and dad always say, oh, we made you work to make sure that you went and got your education. And so,

26:29 Justin

You know, I worked in, in manual labor, and you know everything legal, obviously. But I would wake up at 7 and work on these computer number controlled machines and make little specialized thread parts and brush 'em off, I'd clean 'em, whatever, whatever random task I had to do at the shop, we just like (inaudible) the shop. And it would always reach around my lunch break and I would, this was before cell phones, then I'd just eat lunch being really tired 'cuz, of course, the night before, I was a dumb teenager and I'd stayed up too late and I probably should have went to bed earlier, so I didn't feel so tired all the time.

27:05 Justin

On days I know we didn't have to lift for football, we always had to lift really early in the morning, and so the days we had lifting, I didn't mind, 'cuz I'm, I got to go into work a little bit later.

27:18 Justin

I also did the CARA track coaching as a high school student. And so, I ran in CARA track, I coached CARA track, and my kids now run in track. They're coached by kids that I coach at the high school.

27:32 David:

That's awesome.

27:33 Justin:

Yeah. So it's just really fun, just kind of all those community ties.

27:38 Justin

And so I would get off work. I'd think at lunch, "oh wow, my friends are just waking up right now", some of them. And then I would get home around 3, 3:30, and I would have to drive by the Swim and Tennis Club, so that I could go train for track, because I was still training and trying to do some meets and get a PR, you know, hopefully earn a scholarship. And I would see all my friends and they'd be there with all the girls, and I'd be like, I just got off work and now I'm gonna do more work. And so, that always just killed me that I had to drive by there all the time. So I still think of that sometimes . . .

28:19 David

It's right on the way.

28:20 Justin:

Totally.. Yeah.

28:23 Justin

And you know, it's summer, so I'm gonna go run 400 repeats in 98 degree heat. That's gonna be a lot of fun.

28:30 Justin

Yeah, so there's like little stuff like that.

28:35 Justin

I don't know, we got into some trouble, like little teenage boys typically do. Like I said, a lot of it was open fields and so, we somehow would manage to get, you know, pot bottle rockets, and we'd get a little PVCs and go out into the back of those, you know, where it's now the Commons Area, but that was just like an old kind of washed out, not even irrigation, just like a little stream, and there's, giant oaks were over there. So like it was hidden from Sheridan, so we would go out and have pop bottle rockets. Pretty sure the only thing that existed there was the church, I don't know, was that the United Church, I never remember. Now it's a graveyard. There's all sorts of stuff over there. And there's houses galore . . .

29:22 David:
Right, right.

29:22 Justin:
. . . and . . .

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David:
Ball fields and stuff.

29:26 Justin:
Yeah, I always remember, you know, getting, in the summertime before I had to work, you know, like my fifth or sixth grade years where we would always get on the bike, we'd save, you know, four dollars, we'd go to Good Times, because Good Times opened up around the 90's and I lived in my own bubble but there wasn't too many places to eat in Broomfield or around Broomfield, just because it was so small. And then you know, we started, "man we're big, we have a Good Times, we have an Applebee's." I still remember when Applebee's came into town. That was the place to be. I'm glad it's still there.

30:00 Justin
I haven't been there in years but it does always, every time, after football games, right? Everyone would gather, you know, moms, dads.

30:11 Justin:
Yeah. And then Old Chicago opened up and that kind of diverted people over there. I think, is that changing over? It might change over.

30:19
The Manor, and this kind of . . .

30:23 David:
Oh yes, right over here.

30:24 Justin:
, in this kind of, oh yeah, every Tuesday we would meet at The Manor to eat lunch and they had the classic old school red plastic baskets with the wax paper and your food, your kid's meal, came in it. But I always remember eating there with grandma and grandpa, we'd meet him every Tuesday, 'cuz Tuesday was payday. So my mom would take 'em to the bank over here, whichever one that was.

30:44 David:
Yeah.

30:45 Justin:

We'd go to The Manor and have lunch with my grandma and grandpa. Mr. Steak was over there by that Pacific . . .

30:56 David:

What is that?

30:57 David:

I have no idea.

30:58 Justin:

Oh, you don't? Oh, man...

31:00 Justin

Mr. Steak was off 130, Wait, I'm mixing up my streets, 120th, and now I believe it's Pacific Marketplace. like that, that . . .

31:12 David:

Yeah, that area right over there.

31:14 Justin:

But the restaurant, I think that's also called the Pacific Restaurant, I don't know the name of it. So that building, okay, before it became Asian cuisine, was The Armadillo

31:26 David

The Armadillo, okay.

31:27 Justin:

So it was the Armadillo for about 10 years and then that went out of business. But I mean it's a hard kind of intersection to get to.

31:32 David:

Yeah.

31:33 Justin:

You have to get through it to (inaudible).

31:36 David:

You really have to walk.

31:38 Justin:

Yeah, yeah, exactly. And then, but before it was that, it was this place called Mr. Steak.. And, the restaurant had all sorts of different levels and you felt so fancy, 'cuz you can see the intersection of cars. I don't really remember the food all that much. I do remember the giant steak fries. And yeah . . .

31:54 David:
Nice.

31:55 Justin:
That was way back in the day.

31:58 David
I'm curious, when Broomfield developed as a suburb in the 1950s, you know, mid-1950s. It seems to me, from some of the newspaper articles I've read and research that I've done, that there was this kind of intentional separation between old Broomfield, which is you know, on the other side of 120th, kind of south and, and back in that area where the those grain silos are, and the railroad tracks . . .

32:27 Justin:
Right.

32:28 David:
. . . the Depot used to be over there, you know.

32:31 Justin:
And the weirdest Dairy Queen ever.

32:33 David:
Yes, exactly. Dairy Queen and the Great Scott's is over there. .

32:37 Justin:
Well, the Great Scott's, I love that place.

32:39 David:
So, that whole area, what was your perception of that side of town? Do you have any memories of that or anything?

32:47 Justin:
So, some 'cuz actually that's where the original shop was.

32:50 David:
Oh, okay.

32:51 Justin:
So it was in that area. I don't remember the exact street, but it was by the recycle center, where it was; I think it's still the recycle center over there. So there's a couple of businesses right there, and the shop was there. And it was doing so well, after a certain amount of years, that then my grandfather and grandmother bought and purchased a lot in the newer industrial park. And so it's still kind of, it wasn't too far from it, but it's that same area. So when I was growing up, I could see how there might have been somewhat of a deliberate isolation.

33:27 Justin

I mean, even when you look at, I think it's First Filing or those homes, they've got that giant kind of brick wall. It is literally a gigantic, gigantic brick wall. And I knew a few people that lived in those houses and one, it's amazing how quiet it actually is. Like wow, for living on such a busy road.

33:46 David:

Yeah.

33:46 Justin:

And you, you feel like you'd be in prison, but you don't. It's like actually a nice feature because you feel like isolated, this is my own little world.

33:56 David:

Closed in

33:56 Justin:

So I don't know if that was the city who built that or what, but I mean, just in looking at how it was constructed, clearly it was like we're separating

34:06 Justin:

And so I guess that part of town, me growing up, the only thing we went over there for, like we weren't seeing my dad at the shop, was there's the Dairy Queen, which we loved it, because the train tracks go right by it.

34:19 David:

Yeah

34:20 Justin:

I was a little kid, and they have to go really slow 'cuz it's through town. So if we heard the whistle, "Mom, Mom, can we have a penny?" We would always put pennies on the track.

34:30 David:

Nice.

34:31 Justin:

And then they'd slowly go over, and then we'd find it. And I think we were successful maybe 10% of the time. We usually lost it like, "oh, I can't find it". So I do remember though, I do remember getting one, I was like, "whoa, that's awesome." Yeah. So, but that's about the only kind of time we were over in that area.

34:51 Justin

Yeah, like I said, I kind of had the 120th at Sheridan, and 136th to Sheridan, and then to 287 I know there was the LacAmora. Sometimes we, we would go sledding over at the giant hill there.

35:04 David:

Oh, right.

35:05 Justin

In fact, I still take my kids. Like there's a certain route you can go a solid, almost 600, 700 meters, that you look up at the hill and think, why did I do that? (Laughter)

35:14 David:

Now I've gotta walk back up.

35:15 Justin:

Yeah, yeah, yeah. If you hit it just right, one hit one hill and kind of fly out, then you hit the other one, and ohhh..... it's like we don't have to walk so far.

35:27 David:

Super cool.

35:30 David

Thank you so much.

35:31 Justin:

Yeah, no problem.

35:32 David:

Really appreciate your time today, and this was a fun conversation. Anything else before we finish it up?

35:37 Justin:

No, I love the idea of this and I look forward to seeing, like the collections and people's different perspectives on Broomfield. That's always what makes history so dynamic. And so I was like, man, what a great chance to like be a part of this project. So I appreciate you inviting me and having me come by.

35:56 David:

This is a super fun story. And even as you were talking about the opening of Flatirons, we had the great, 'er the granddaughter of Frank Varra.

36:08 Justin:

Okay.

36:09 Justin:

Rachel?

36:15 David

I don't think that was her name.

36:17 Justin:

Oh no, it's not the granddaughter. Let me think.

36:19 Justin

I think maybe her son

36:21 David:

Okay.

36:22 Justin:

. . . married another Broomfield (inaudible). But it's all good. It's all good. Peter, Peter and Rachel.

36:28 David:

Okay. That was fascinating, just to hear her perspective, and from her family's side about all the ranches over there and how they had this really kind of amazing setup of, of land out in that area.

36:42 Justin:

Right.

36:43 David

It sold, and then all of a sudden things changed really quickly, but they still have some land up there too, so, even right now, but it's very different.

36:51 Justin:

I know a track coach, he's just retired from Lyons High School, that his parents bought the hay field north of Boulder, you know, way back in the day, and it was dirt cheap, 'cuz it's kind of over there by the Greenbriar Inn,

37:08 David:

Oh yeah.

37:08 Justin:

And that whole area, it's like geez, you can quite a lot for . . . well, and, you know, it's just Colorado, so many people are coming in.

37:20 David:

Absolutely. Yeah. I remember her name - it's Renee Lewellyn.

37:23 Justin:

Okay, I'm sure my mom knows my mom knows. My mom kind of knows who everyone is...

37:28 David

Awesome. Well, thank you. Thanks again, I'm gonna go ahead and stop the recording.

End of interview.