

Eleanor McKinley 0:09

My name is Eleanor McKinley. I'm interviewing for the Carnegie Library in Boulder as well as the Broomfield library. The date is April 22 1997. The name of my narrator is Velma Lucille Barnett. Lucille, where do you live now,

Lucille Barnett 0:34

I live out on 144th and Huron. We have lived there since since we were married in 1940-49. We moved there in 49

Eleanor McKinley 0:46

but you've always lived in Broomfield

Lucille Barnett 0:47

Always lived, I've always had a Broomfield address. It's rural Broomfield. Not really city but all my life I've had a Broomfield address.

Eleanor McKinley 0:58

We I've interviewed both your mother and your sister. So we know a lot about you and your background. But we didn't find out anything about your grandparents on your father's side. Or no, it was your mother's side. So can you tell me a little bit about them?

Lucille Barnett 1:15

My mother's maiden name was Shaw and her grandparents came out here from Kentucky in 1863 and settled in Weld County and they had the first wedding recorded in Weld County in 1863. Yes, and that was Richard and Sarah Shaw. My other grandparents was Hulstrom my dad's parents. They came from Sweden when they were 20 years old. And they met over here my grandfather came to work for a farmer in Longmont. They paid his way over and he had to work there for the fee of paying it over. So we all were pretty much started in Longmont. I was born in Longmont. And that's where we all got started. A lot of my mother's family are still living there.

Eleanor McKinley 2:21

What about your great grandparents on your mother's side? I think you know when they came over

Lucille Barnett 2:32

John's Dover came over in 18. In 1810, he was, had lived in Pennsylvania. And he was married there in the [Price] Lutheran Church in Pennsylvania and they came out to Colorado in, let's see, 1859. And they they ran a train between Omaha and Denver. And that's where they that's how they got out here. They were still here when there was Indians in the, down in that area.

Eleanor McKinley 3:28

Where were they living in Colorado when they were?

Lucille Barnett 3:30

Down in Platteville. They were living in Platteville

Eleanor McKinley 3:34

That's not too far from here.

Lucille Barnett 3:35

No, that's just about 20 miles.

Eleanor McKinley 3:39

Well Tell me a little bit about your high school days. And we I know we have a lot about the children of the Holstrom family in their younger days. But I'd like to know some of the tales that you have to say and maybe you want to say something about when you were in grade school too

Lucille Barnett 3:56

Well we all attended a two room grade school, which is up on the Nordstrom farm on 160th, which is now annexed and burned up. There was just recently, about two years ago, but there was eight grades all in one room. And when the teacher would go from one grade to the other, there were only three girls in my grade. And they, I didn't know when to stop, when I was in the second grade. I just kept going. When she got to the third grade so at the end of the year, why, she put me from second to fourth grade. So I always felt kinda young when I was in high school, 16 And I was 17, when I, or 16 when I graduated from high school. And but I did receive a scholarship that I could have gone to any college in the state. I chose to go to Barnes Business School. Because that was less expensive, though, with several children still in the family, and to choose a place where all the expenses were paid. I lived with a family in Denver. Rode the bus downtown Denver to Barnes business school.

Eleanor McKinley 5:19

Did they pay you when you lived with them? Or because [unclear]

Lucille Barnett 5:22

They paid me \$5 a week and that was enough to buy my lunch every day. And the street car.

Eleanor McKinley 5:29

What did you have to do for them?

Lucille Barnett 5:30

I had to feed the children at night, they were pretty much Country Club people. And they were on the go a lot. They had three children, I had to feed them and see that they got into bed, I didn't have to do much housekeeping because they had a housekeeper. But, and then I did a lot of cooking and things in the kitchen mostly, but they were very good to me. So it was nice that I, cost me 10 cents to go downtown on the street car. So it didn't cost very much. But before I just before I was going to graduate, one of my good friends as I worked at the Mountain Bell

company down on 14th Street, and she talked me into coming for six weeks because they were having a strike. Telephone Company was having a strike. So I said okay, I need the little money anyhow. So I said, alright, I'll go. Just put things on hold at Barnes and finish later, went to work for the telephone company. And instead of staying six weeks, they tagged me in to stay in five years, and I ended up being a record verifier which I had to make sure all the bills were done correctly. But it was a good good job and quite a bit of money. So I really, and I was there for about two years. And that's when I met my husband Quentin and we were married and I continued to work there until my first son was born in 1952, it was Gary. And they kept calling me back at the telephone company. And I'd go for a little few weeks at a time while my mother kept Gary. But then I just decided I didn't want to go back. We had another son, Les, who came along two years later. And I really enjoyed that part of my life from the time the boys were born until they started school. And when they, youngest one when Les was starting the first grade, Quentin lost, well, he quit his job downtown Denver at the Leather Company. He wanted to open a filling station in Broomfield that was always one of his dreams to do that. So we did it but it wasn't very successful. It was there was too many and didn't have enough money coming in. So I decided I better go to work for a little while. So I went over to the Broomfield bank. It was that time in the retail center, just two little rooms. And I was, it was just a couple days before Christmas. And I thought, well, I'll just work for about six months, and then I'll quit when the boys got out of school. And I started filing checks. And then I started doing all the posting the checks. And I was a teller. By the time they got out of school, we were pretty well used to having the income coming in. So we, I stayed. And I ended up staying for 32 years.

Eleanor McKinley 9:01

Who was the president at the time that you first started?

Lucille Barnett 9:05

Ken Hoyle, was president and he was he was always very good gentleman to work for, he really taught me a lot. And John Rankin was the cash cashier who had really hired me.

Eleanor McKinley 9:22

How many people were working in the bank then? It had just started hadn't it?

Lucille Barnett 9:27

Yeah, it was two years old. It was 1960 and the bank had started in 1958. I think there were about six or seven employees was all then we were there. We stayed there for about three, four years. And we moved over on the other side of the retail center where the Radio Shack was. We stayed there until 1970s something and then now when they built the new building over on Midway, one storey building, and by then I was assistant cashier built the first first floor. I was in charge of all the tellers and the bookkeepers. Then I think I trained about two or three cashiers. And then they then finally, Ken Hoyle says, Well, you know, he thought I was well enough. And enough knowledge to be cashier. So that was quite an improvement in those days.

Eleanor McKinley 10:42

Were most cashiers women in those days?

Lucille Barnett 10:44

No, very few women, they were all men. And then a few years later, they had to build on to the bank, they built on the second, third floor. That was in 1972. When I was still assistant cashier, why the Bankers Association and the American Institute of Banking, they had a school of for bankers in at CU. Every summer, most of the men bankers attended. And it was pretty expensive to pay. So but I received a scholarship for to go to the banking school from my National Association of Bank Women, which were a group that the bank, women officers had started. So they paid my scholar- my tuition for the first year, and Ken Hoyle agreed to pay it for the second and the third year. He wasn't sure that was the right thing to do. But he, he did, and he's been very good about. And there was, it would only take 150 people in the school. And out of the 150, there was 15 women. And all the rest. They were all men from oh, Kansas, Nebraska, a lot of other states and Colorado, they came from all over.

Eleanor McKinley 12:34

Did they treat you any differently when you were down there?

Lucille Barnett 12:37

No,

Eleanor McKinley 12:37

as a woman, they didn't

Lucille Barnett 12:39

No, they were, a lot of the man there were young guys just starting in banking. And they knew that was going to be their career, which I really hadn't planned on. But they were all very good. But they they like to have a good time too. And they were all smart, guys, but we had some very, very hard problems that we had to solve five problems a year. And they were some them were between 20 and 50 pages long that we had to answer those, you know, those questions and solve the problems so and we had to mail them in as we got them done through the year through the summer. I mean, the winter, we went to school in summer, and through the winter, we did all these five problems for three years, two years really. And I was so afraid that I wasn't going to pass I just really worked hard. We had a group of five from around close that were three men and two two women that we got together and discussed the problems and that really helped me a lot. And those young guys one was from Loveland one was from Fort Collins and Boulder. So they really helped me I think they felt sorry for me. But

Eleanor McKinley 14:10

Had most of them gone to a banking school?

Lucille Barnett 14:13

They This was most of them have gone to college, they go to college and then you go to banking school and I had not had much College just the Barnes Business College. At the end of

the third year, we had we had graduation and I received the highest grade of all the whole three years and that was really a surprise and I really, that it pays to work hard when you think you're not going to make it. That was it probably. There was a lot of people that helped me. I was always thankful that Ken Hoyle was there whenever I needed any help

Eleanor McKinley 14:57

So tell me about the early days of the bank. Who are your main customers? Were they people who borrowing money from, to buy homes or they were just young couples who were putting their money in the bank?

Lucille Barnett 15:11

Well, Ken Hoyle started the bank. He of course went out to all the farmers around and they're the ones that really had quite a bit of, not quite a bit. I mean, some did some didn't. So he got all the farmers in miles, clear over to East Lake and Lafayette and Louisville. A lot of people that he brought into the bank so if it hadn't been for him a lot of new people moving into Broomfield at that time. So we got, there was not another bank except Empire Savings was there. Close. So we did get all the business just the people moving in few at a time. Broomfield kept growing and growing. And so

Eleanor McKinley 15:57

what do you remember about those early days of Broomfield Heights?

Lucille Barnett 16:04

Well, I didn't get invited. I didn't get involved much with the community except through my church that Broomfield Methodist Church. I didn't get involved with customers until I was a teller and I was out on teller. And I met a lot of people a lot of nice people like Jim Van Buskirk, and Dr. May, he was one of my favorite customers.

Eleanor McKinley 16:35

Were there any funny things that happened? Or any serious things that happened at the bank in those days?

Lucille Barnett 16:43

Well, we were always warned about being careful, but that could be robbery. One of the things in the first when we were over where the Radio Shack was, they, was when they were building the, the Boulder Turnpike. And I at that time was I, I was a teller. And then I was a bookkeeper. I was both I'd go back and forth wherever I was needed. But every morning a state patrol would bring over 3000 quarters from the turnpike. And I had to count them. Most of them they had wrapped. And some of them they didn't so I had to count them and even wrapped that was quite a few.

Eleanor McKinley 17:27

Did you weigh them? Is that how you counted?

Lucille Barnett 17:29

No, I counted them by hand. Three thousand, that well, in rolls it wasn't that bad. But we had a cart that I put them on and count them and put them in our vault and then once a week, we would have to ship them downtown to the main bank because we, we couldn't use that many quarters

Eleanor McKinley 17:51

It was a quarter to go on the Boulder Turnpike. So that means that there were 3000 cars a day. About?

Lucille Barnett 17:58

Must have been, well \$3,000 worth.

Eleanor McKinley 18:02

Oh, so it'd be twelve thousand cars. Yeah. Okay.

Lucille Barnett 18:07

That's the way it was and they used to bring, I've been reading it was interesting how they've had these articles in the enterprise about the Shep,

Eleanor McKinley 18:17

the dog,

Lucille Barnett 18:18

the dog, and they used to bring him with when they come to bring the money. So I got to say hi to him

Good dog. So that was always interesting. I can't think of another big thing. There was a lot of, say, a lot of building going on at that time. A lot of farmers

Eleanor McKinley 18:47

tell me about the early days of Broomfield, as far as the fire department and the police department and all, all that Do you remember?

Lucille Barnett 18:58

Well, I know the fire department was still the West, West Lake fire department and the [unclear] which was the fire chief. And the police department of course they had they was a bit of help to the bank, you know, keeping track. Leonard Bishop was one of them.

Eleanor McKinley 19:23

Did you have a policeman at the bank?

Lucille Barnett 19:26

Not at that time, not until we got into the new bank over off of Midway. Then we had a policeman in the bank every day for several years. Cox was his name

Eleanor McKinley 19:43

Was it Howard

Lucille Barnett 19:44

No not Howard, Howard Levitt. Of course he was always he was in there part of the time but that was later.

Eleanor McKinley 19:51

But you never had any incident have?

Lucille Barnett 19:52

Never had any problem.

Eleanor McKinley 19:54

Well that's wonderful

Lucille Barnett 19:55

We were told that one time there was a robber that was stalking them, the bank. It was kind of scary because a lot of times after I got to be an officer, I had to lock up the bank or outside, stay maybe till seven, eight o'clock at night just to get my work done. And then I'd have to lock up and leave. And so that was a little scary, but I knew I had to do it and I just did it.

Eleanor McKinley 20:25

When did you start the travel? Part of the bank for senior citizens,

Lucille Barnett 20:31

okay. When they first started talking about, I know Ann Krause and Betty Calvin wasn't on that one, Dot Krieger and several of the Broomfield people got together at the Catholic Church. And they were starting, talking about housing for senior citizens. So that's all it was. That was Maryel Manor, the first does senior citizen housing. So at that time, Brad Sterling was president. And he said, Lucille, you better start doing something with the seniors because I was getting older too.

So I was the vice president at that time, so officers had to get out into the community and get the get the business just like the president. So I went to about the second or third meeting that they had at the Catholic, in the basement of the Catholic Church, and just listened as, as an observer, and then about six months later, I was put on the board. And it was for Broomfield housing.

Eleanor McKinley 21:51

All this was before the seniors had their own building, though.

Lucille Barnett 21:54

Oh, yes.

Eleanor McKinley 21:55

Quite a few years before that

Lucille Barnett 21:55

Long, long before that. Yeah, that was called Broomfield Housing,

Eleanor McKinley 22:01

was that it was?

Lucille Barnett 22:02

Senior Housing, it was called. That was the first name. Broomfield Senior Housing. It was, oh my 1980. In 1982, or 83,

Eleanor McKinley 22:19

sounds right to me.

Lucille Barnett 22:22

And so that's when we were. We helped get Maryel started. And then the, because I was on the board at that time we met. Then we started meeting on the third floor of the bank. And we met on the third floor of the bank and still, until the Senior Center was built. That was 19-, let's see it's been there six years now, 1990? So we had a lot of meetings up there. And then they've got to be where it was called. After we got the Maryel Manor. They changed the name to just Broomfield Senior Authority

Eleanor McKinley 23:08

Senior Resources?

Lucille Barnett 23:08

Senior Resources, yes. Senior Resources. That's what it was. And they first started in the little depot hired three employees over on the west side of 287. And I think the Catholic Church let them down, or they were down there for a little while. They were very helpful. I had Father, can't remember his name.

Eleanor McKinley 23:35

[Libel], probably?

Lucille Barnett 23:36

[Libel.] Yes. Father [Libel] was very helpful. Oh, and then after, So Brad Sterling, was the one that got me started with the seniors. He says, Lucille, why don't you take those seniors on a trip somewhere? Oh, my heavens. I didn't didn't know the first thing about traveling because I hadn't done much at all. But I went to the local travel agency, which was over here on the other side of



287. And I met [Nadine Home] and she started helping me and he says, Well, why don't you take him on the train to Glenwood Springs? Oh, my goodness. So I went to her and asked her, you know how to go about it. So she helped me get it organized. We, we had, we started at that time, having the senior paper which was now the focus. It was printed up at the Rocky Mountain Energy. They, we had a lady that worked, was on our board from there. And so they would type it we just get copies from the first, we had three or four pages. I think I have one here. She was, I forgot what her name was right now. Anyhow, that's how we got started with the paper. So that paper put the ad in about, I put the notice in that we were going to go on a train trip to Glenwood Springs. And it was really very reasonable. It was two nights and three days. And I had 44 people sign up, which I really had to learn a lot real fast. But I chartered a bus we took the bus from Broomfield down to the train station. And on the bus, we had our own car. We were all on this, in the same car. We stayed in the Hotel Colorado in Glenwood Springs, and they because I was the Escort they gave me a very nice, large room, it was really two rooms where, and another thing Brad said, Well, we still you got to have a party for the seniors, a wine party and I thought, Oh no, you know, they wouldn't like that. And he says, You got to have a wine party, wine and cheese, crackers and cheese.

Is this beefore you left, before you left on the trip?

Oh, yeah, he told me. We went before we went because he'd been around and I hadn't. I said, Well, I don't think they would like that. And he says, Well, you try it. So we drug a couple bottles of wine over there and bread, crackers, and cheese. And so they all came to our suite. We had a nice suite and every, all but two or three people was very, it was, drank the wine and had the cheese and crackers. So we really had a good time and it was a good way to get acquainted with everybody. And from then on every trip we took they looked forward to that get together that we had, wine and cheese and crackers, as they have a lot of fun meeting each other and making friends.

Eleanor McKinley 27:08  
What year did you start?

Lucille Barnett 27:10  
That was 1983 or 84 was the first Glenwood Springs and then the Glenwood Springs. We did that for four more years we did the train trip to Glenwood Springs.

Eleanor McKinley 27:26  
And then you branched out

Lucille Barnett 27:28  
Yeah. Then someone would start we had some people in our group that really liked to travel. So they say Lucille, let's go here. Let's go there. So they always made the suggestions on where we should go. And each time we had from 30 to 40 people.

Eleanor McKinley 27:46

Did anybody ever lose their luggage or lose their passport or

Lucille Barnett 27:51

one one small piece of luggage was, we went to New Orleans we was going on. We flew into New Orleans and stayed there one night and then we got on the Mississippi Queen and then up the river. It was just a three day trip up the river and then back. And one lady. She had borrowed a dress. It was a young lady because she went with her, an older friend. And one of her little suitcases didn't make it to the, to the ship. When she was so worried because she had borrowed the suitcase. She borrowed the nice dress that she had inside the suitcase. But it caught up with us before we had sailed that evening. So that's the only time, no one has ever,

Eleanor McKinley 28:43

How many trips did you take

Lucille Barnett 28:46

we probably had taken at least 30, 30 trips. And then we started going overseas we went to, most of it was on cruise ships, because going on a cruise ship is just so much easier. When you have a group. You like to do different things. And you get all your meals and entertainment all included. So it's pretty easy to arrange those type of trips,

Eleanor McKinley 29:16

you're not missing trains and buses and all that like you would have missed.

Lucille Barnett 29:21

They are so good about like, each time we stop, they have their buses already. And they tell us and I say I don't want to bus just for my group. So we'd always get it. I'd get to the bus and like know which bus was going to be with our group. So each tour that we took when we got off the ship. We were most of us in our own group, but we got to meet a lot of other nice people all over the world. So we went on a Scandinavian cruise. Went on Mediterranean cruise. We, it was a little bit scary when we went, supposed to fly into Venice. And they said they couldn't land in Venice because some problem there. So we had to land, go to Geneva. And the plane was almost out of gas. Huge, big plane. So that was a little, that's probably the scariest thing we had. On one of the trips, a few time,s we'd have other people sign up with our groups that belonged, that were customers of the travel agent, and she put in her, her brochure that she sent out to all her customers. So there were a few times that we didn't know all the people in the group, and we met new people. But if we ever had any problems, it was usually one of one of those people that wasn't from Broomfield.

So you didn't know them that well.

We did have a couple that had, should have had some help, someone with them because they had, were just starting Alzheimers where they, we really had to be careful when they went anywhere.

Eleanor McKinley 31:14

Let's go back and talk about the officers of the first Broomfield bank. Besides Ken who was involved

Lucille Barnett 31:21

with John Rankin was the cashier at that time.

Eleanor McKinley 31:25

Like who was the head of this Board of Directors?

Lucille Barnett 31:28

I'm sure Ken Hoyle. Well no Roger Knight, Roger Knight from Denver. He was president of the Denver National Bank downtown him and Bal Swan he was one of the started and they were all people that had really started Broomfield

Eleanor McKinley 31:52

so you got to know a lot of those people who had helped start Broomfield heights.

Lucille Barnett 31:58

Ken, uh

Eleanor McKinley 32:02

Did you know President Eisenhower

Lucille Barnett 32:05

No, I did see him at one time but I didn't, we didn't, he didn't come out as far as the bank.

Eleanor McKinley 32:13

What was Bal Swan like?

Lucille Barnett 32:17

when we at the bank I don't, he wasn't, I don't remember too much about him. He didn't stay on the board very long. Roger Knight was very, very nice gentleman. Who was the other one. That someone that we're building houses out here in Broomfield? [Enser] [Casey Enser]. He was one on our board. He was really a nice gentleman. They were very, very nice and not, very easy to work with.

Eleanor McKinley 32:53

Now, when did the Broomfield bank become the United Bank? It was Broomfield State Bank wasn't it?

Lucille Barnett 33:00

Broomfield State Bank. Well, Broomfield state bank and then they took out the 'State' it was just Broomfield bank when I started. And then they became United in, I guess 19 Well, 1971 we

went, there's when they built a new building and right after that, I think a few years after that, it became United,

Eleanor McKinley 33:33

but it was Broomfield Bank. The new building was Broomfield Bank. Then it became United.

Lucille Barnett 33:39

Yes. Let's see there was Clyde Brunner. He was so not he was on the Chamber of Commerce at that time. So he was there. Ken Hoyle. So yeah, I'm not sure what your 1983 was the year we started taking our senior trips on the train

Eleanor McKinley 34:15

and then when did Ken resign and, or retire and Brad Sterling take over as president of the bank,

Lucille Barnett 34:22

that was 1982, 80 could have been 83.

Eleanor McKinley 34:28

That long ago. Now who were the officers when Brad was there?

Lucille Barnett 34:35

Oh my, I think well, there were several different ones. I mean, there were several different vice presidents. I'm not sure I could remember go back and name them all but they, Brad was the main, main officer. They still had the same Officers, like [Casey Enser] until it was United Bank and then it was United Bank was Roger Knight was the main person there.

Eleanor McKinley 35:13

Now were you working there when Norwest when it became Norwest Bank?

Lucille Barnett 35:17

Yes.

Eleanor McKinley 35:18

So those are the three name changes then

Lucille Barnett 35:24

Norwest bank was well, I retired, say four years ago 1993 I believe it was probably 1991 that we became Norwest. That was quite a change. Norwest is a very good company to, to work for they were from Minnesota and Radek really, really helped the everybody, not just the people with money.

Eleanor McKinley 35:58

They made loans across the board.

Lucille Barnett 36:02

And very fair with the employees. Good retirement. I think that was really a big asset for the bank. Of course the United Bank. You know, downtown was the one that started Norwest, changed to Norwest. So we didn't have much to say in that decision, I don't think but

Eleanor McKinley 36:31

what organizations did you belong to

Lucille Barnett 36:35

Well, whether, before before I started working, we bought into the Crescent Grange here in Broomfield for years and years because they have good insurance. We got our home insurance through them. We joined because Quinten wanted to play baseball. We had a baseball team. So a Terry Miller who lives, he's now the president of the Grange Association in Colorado. So that was the first organization we joined after. After we were married. Of course the senior house the senior senior center, the Broomfield. Seniors was the I was president one year. I'm still I just got off the board after being on the board for 12years.

Eleanor McKinley 37:35

Long time.

Lucille Barnett 37:35

Yes. I had about every every job except Secretary I never did like, never did wanna be secretary. I had been secretary. So in some organizations I belong to the the neighborhood club which has been in our out in like farm community.

Eleanor McKinley 37:54

Tell me about the neighborhood club.

Lucille Barnett 37:58

My mother and a few of the farm ladies out close to Huron between 160th and 100 and probably 44th started a group where they just got together and talked and serve food and they did a lot of things through when the when the war started they helped make or what they were making blankets and all kinds

Eleanor McKinley 38:27

bandages?

Lucille Barnett 38:28

bandages, so they did a lot of good things together. That was when I was growing up and I still belong to the neighborhood club and that's been probably 30 years. So my mother

It was called the neighborhood club?

Used to be called the Burnley Burnley with the school house that we went to Burnley neighborhood club. But there's no more Burnley and then my dad, after the Burnley school consolidated my dad was on the school board for, he was president. He was Secretary the school board for years and then when they consolidated with Northglenn, Thornton, all around in there. He was still on the school board. And he was on the school board for 42 years. And he was about ready to retire when they built the first grade school in Northglenn was Hulstrom they named it for elementary school named named for him so that was quite an honor.

Eleanor McKinley 39:40

Now did you What else did you do with the Crescent Grange besides play baseball?

Lucille Barnett 39:44

Oh, we square danced. We square danced we go to all the dances we did. We had bake sales and I did win one. Couple awards with my German chocolate cake I've been baking that I think for 30 years. They sell they, they had conventions every year and whatever. Wherever you wanted to like canning or like 4-H to, yeah, but most of it was farmers, you know, getting organized.

Eleanor McKinley 40:20

So it's still active.

Lucille Barnett 40:21

It's it's still active. Not too much here in Broomfield. There's not a lot of farmers around that still, except for Terry Miller, and he's like, say President of the they call him astor's not present. He's president of Colorado Grange. And they still have quite a few members.

Eleanor McKinley 40:41

Do they have meetings over there? Now?

Lucille Barnett 40:43

they have some meetings, not local meetings, but a lot of times they'll have meetings with like the whole Boulder County, Granges all the Boulder County Granges, we used to go all over square dancing, we would, went down to Elitches one time, square dancing

Eleanor McKinley 41:04

Where did you go to school?

Lucille Barnett 41:07

Went to Burnley grade school upon 160th on Nordstroms farm. And I graduated there when I was eight in the eighth grade. And then we went to Lafayette High School that's that's I went there,

Eleanor McKinley 41:25

there weren't any high schools in Broomfield?

Lucille Barnett 41:28

no high schools and there wasn't anything here in Broomfield, there's a farm here. So everyone had to be bused to Lafayette

Eleanor McKinley 41:38

Did you ever shop in Broomfield? In old Broomfield?

Lucille Barnett 41:41

There was nothing here there was a little grocery store. We went to the lumberyard. Huddard's Lumberyard was there. The Conoco station that was a Conoco station. That's about all, we went to the Grange here.

Eleanor McKinley 42:00

Your mother, members of the Methodist Church from the for many, many years. Then.

Lucille Barnett 42:06

My sister June also in her family was a member. We joined the Augustana Lutheran Church was it was down in Denver. It was just like east of downtown Denver, a huge big old Swedish Church. The Nordstroms sister Her name was Annie Johnson. She she wanted to help out children so bad. She never did have any children. So she had sort of halfway adopted all of us and tried to do things she thought we needed. And so she belonged to the Augustana Lutheran Church. So she decided she was going to start Sunday school and our Burnley church. So she did. And Dorothy Nordstrom who still lives out there she was one of the teachers they had in there was quite a few all the people all the kids that went to the school also came back to Sunday school on Sunday, my dad would drive us up there. And we were there. And then when Annie Johnson didn't want to do it anymore why, we did join the Augustana Lutheran church down downtown on 23rd. My sister Bertha and Dorothy were both confirmed there. That was too far for my dad to drive us in. So we we started then my family, they started going to different churches that were closer around like June start going to the Methodist and some of them start going to just any other some other churches. We continue to go down. We were all married in the Augustana Lutheran Church. We continued to go there after we were married until for about 10 years until our sons were were in grade school. And then Augustana built a new church out way out on Alameda south east of Colorado Boulevard. And we went down there we even drove that far every Sunday for quite a few years. And then one Sunday, Quentin says I don't think we should drive down there any longer. He says it's just too far. So that's when we decided to come to the Methodist church because June was there and that was probably the only big church here in Broomfield so it was still the old church over off in old Broomfield it was still over there. When we joined.

Eleanor McKinley 44:52

Can you describe that church?

Lucille Barnett 44:55

Well, they had a basement where they had all the Sunday schools in the top it was this small church but it was it had most of the local farmers that's where they went and most of the early settlers in Broomfield from both the New Broomfield. Broomfield Heights they called it, that's where they all ended up.

And the old Broomfield too

and the old Broomfield yeah, that's where everybody went to church was just

Eleanor McKinley 45:22

who did you all see socially what are the names of some of the people that you remember growing up and when you and Quentin were married who were from around here?

Lucille Barnett 45:32

Well most of them were from like the Grange together with Terry and Joan Miller we did things with them when we when we did socialize after we got married, we had dances at the Grange every Saturday night.

Eleanor McKinley 45:50

Did you play in the band there?

Lucille Barnett 45:52

Yes. My sister Bertha and I and then her husband Jean, he played the accordion. Bertha played the piano and Quentin played the violin and I played the drums. I did not play anything else. And they needed a drummer. My dad had been a drummer. And my grandpa had these old drums. So I got those drums and that's what I used my grandpa's drums yet. My grandpa was a violin player and all his his friends were these old Swedes from Denver that were violin players they'd come out have a barn dance and the barn barn is still up on Highway 7, close to work where they're annexing into Broomfield. So they come out there and play for dances every summer. My grandpa's birthday. So we learned to dance when we were like seven, eight years old very early.

And families went to dances together. And so your dad danced with you and

oh yeah, my uncle Elmer who was younger. He wasn't the youngest in the family but next to the youngest. And he would teach us to dance he was he was really good to us. We really enjoyed having him. And then my aunt Helen and her husband they liked to dance and they used to bring us to the Grange dances all the time when we weren't after we quit.

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