

**Eva Emma Schmidt Barnett**  
*Transcript From Interviews Concerning her History*

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**Travis:** Well, I guess the first place to start out is just when you were born and who were the members of your family when you were born?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, I was born on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1918 and there were five before me; I was the sixth one.

**Travis:** The sixth one?

**Grandma Barnett:** Uh hu.

**Travis:** What were the names of your older brothers and sisters?

**Grandma Barnett:** My oldest sister was Elizabeth (she was the oldest) and then my oldest brother was Harold and then my next brother was Gordon. The next one was Gladys [sister] and the next one was Lloyd.

**Travis:** So right now is Lloyd and Gladys the only two that are living?

**Grandma Barnett:** No, Gordon is still alive. He lives in California.

**Travis:** So is he the one that used to come here a lot or every once in awhile, like in a motor home or something? Gordon and Faye?

**Grandma Barnett:** ...Yes.

**Travis:** What was your father doing when you were born? Do you know what he did for a living?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, he was always a cabinet maker. I think he worked for the Granite Plaining Mill in Sugarhouse, Utah.

**Travis:** Was your mom just at home? Probably with all those kids.

**Grandma Barnett:** Yeah right, cause I had a younger sister too.

**Travis:** Was she the youngest?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yeah.

**Travis:** What was her name?

**Grandma Barnett:** Ruby, she was six years younger than me.

**Travis:** Sounds like a big space.

**Grandma Barnett:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Was there a lot of space between your older brothers & sisters too?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well there was only about, uh, lets see there was... I think two years between the three older ones. And Gladys was two years younger than Gordon; and then Lloyd

was three years younger than Gladys; and I was three years younger than Lloyd; and Ruby was six years younger than me.

**Travis:** So your oldest, how old was your oldest sister when you were born.

**Grandma Barnett:** She was, all the girls were exactly six years apart so she would have to be twelve.

**Travis:** Where was your family living at the time?

**Grandma Barnett:** When I was born we were living by Westminster Avenue.

**Travis:** In Salt Lake?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh-yes. Uh-huh. We always lived in Salt Lake.

**Travis:** So all the time you were growing up was in Salt Lake.

**Grandma Barnett:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Now, was your father's name, Rheinhold?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yes.

**Travis:** What was your mother's name?

**Grandma Barnett:** Margaret.

**Travis:** ...

**Grandma Barnett:** ...

**Travis:** Tell me a little bit about your mom and dad. As long as we are talking about them tell me a little bit of background about them. Let's start with your dad.

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, he was a convert, both of them were. They got married on the ship coming over here [to America].

**Travis:** Do you remember the ship's name?

**Grandma Barnett:** No. But it was 1905, I remember that and they got married on the ship.

**Travis:** And they came from Germany, right?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yes.

**Travis:** Was it Leipzig?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, that's where my mother was.

**Travis:** That's where she was raised?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yes. My dad...[grew up] in sort of a farming community, but I can't remember the name of that.

**Travis:** Did they both come from large families?

**Grandma Barnett:** No, I don't think so. My mother had one sister and one brother. I don't

know how many my dad had, but I don't think there was many in that one either. I don't know.

**Travis:** How would you describe your dad? What comes to mind when you think of him?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, he was just really nice. He was quite strict with where we went and what we did, but he was fair. If he told you not to do something and you did it, you got a spanking. I remember one time...but he always treated me nice. I always thought I was kind of his favorite because he took me places. He took me to the park. Different places to see things.

**Travis:** Did you ever get a spanking?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yes, I did! (Laughter) I remember that!

**Travis:** What happened?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, this girl that lived on the street we did, she was taking care of kids, but they [parents] said she was a prostitute, but I don't think she was. I mean she was kind of wild, but anyway I had long ringlets and she used to do my hair. She just did it so perfect, you know. Every time I had my hair like that they knew exactly where I had been. So my dad...I was going down the street and met him coming home from work and he saw my hair and boy, as soon as we got in the house over his knee I went [laughter].

**Travis:** Was this when you were a teenager?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh, no. I was probably, maybe about seven or eight.

**Travis:** That was funny.

**Grandma Barnett:** [Laughter] But I had long ringlets.

**Travis:** So you had long hair.

**Grandma Barnett:** Yah, it wasn't think but it made pretty curls.

**Travis:** Now was it red hair? Brown hair?

**Grandma Barnett:** No, when I was little it was blonde. Then as I got older, by the time I was in high school it was almost black, but there was always had red in it. I remember when I was little I think Lloyd or Gladys has pictures of me when I was little and I was blonde.

**Travis:** They have some pictures?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yah, I don't which one had them, but somebody took all the pictures my mother had and I never did see any of them. Well, I did see them when I was little.

**Travis:** Well, I will have to ask them one of these days. I'll ask Gladys and maybe you can ask Lloyd.

**Grandma Barnett:** Yah, I know any three of them would have them. I know Gordon had a lot of our report cards.

**Travis:** Oh, that would be interesting to see.

**Grandma Barnett:** Yah.

**Travis:** Do you have any memories from before you went to school? Your younger years, like up to five years old?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, I remember one thing that I was out playing with the kids. I couldn't have been over...I wasn't in school yet. I must have been around five or so. This one kid was throwing rocks all over the place and one hit me in the head. Boy, my mother was so mad. She brought me in and pacified me. I was probably about five, I guess.

**Travis:** I guess we really haven't talked about your mom too much. What are some things you remember about her?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh, she was really sweet. She was so little. She was little tiny. She wasn't even five feet tall.

**Travis:** A little German lady. Did she have an accent?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yah, she did, but she cute. She had cute little features...a cute little mouth. She had her hair done up in sort of a bun. You know fluffy on the sides and she had a bun.

**Travis:** Kind of like her picture [in the other room]?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yah, yah.

**Travis:** Do you remember any particular experiences with her as a little kid?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, I remember one time we were eating our dinner. WE had this big dining room table and we were all sitting there and I hated vegetables. She had made stew and it had all kinds of vegetables and it had peas in it and peas just absolutely I couldn't stand them! So, I just sat there and my dad says, "What's the matter?" And I said, "I don't like this." And he got up, came around and started shoving that in my mouth and here I'm trying to keep the peas seperated. Everything else... oh gosh that was miserable.

**Travis:** What was your mom doing during this?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, she was just sitting there and she would say, "Don't do that." But he was one that didn't want anything wasted.

**Travis:** Was he thrifty kind of a guy?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yeah, and my mother was just the opposite she couldn't turn a salesman down at that time. You know we had door to door salesmen for about everything. And she just never could turn any of them down. She liked to spend money.

**Travis:** How did your dad feel about that?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, he didn't say to much. I know he got paid every Friday and my mother when I was little before I was in school we use to go to Sugarhouse and meet him and get his paycheck. But my mother always bought me good shoes. Her feet she says when she was young they had such horrible shoes you know and her feet always hurt and so she just made sure we all had good shoes. Boy at that time I remember this one pair was \$12 dollars and that was a lot for little kid shoes. They were about \$1.99 or \$2.00 for little kid shoes. But these were called Russian Boots and they were patent leather and they had a red cuff on them. Gee, they were

good shoes. So she bought those for me because I liked them so much. She couldn't turn you down for anything, you know. If you saw her eating something that looked good she would say, "Here, you can have it." And I would say, "No, I'm not going to have it." She finally would make me have it. She just couldn't turn you down for anything.

**Travis:** You mentioned that [your parents] were converts and that's why they came here to Salt Lake.

**Grandma Barnett:** Uh huh.

**Travis:** How were they active in the church?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh, yah. Boy, I'll tell you every Sunday morning we were lined up and our Dad had our shoes all polished. We all trotted down the street to the ward house.

**Travis:** The church was close?

**Grandma Barnett:** Not too far, I mean of course in those days nobody had cars, and we would all walk. It wasn't too far away. We lived on Milton Avenue and it [the church] was on Emerson Avenue.

**Travis:** Do you remember what sort of callings they had in the church?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, my dad was. My mother wasn't too active then. She had too much to do at home. She just never did, but he [Dad] was always gone [doing something for the church]. In fact, one of his very best friends, even after he left the church, was David O. McKay.

**Travis:** How did he meet him? Just an acquaintance?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh, just in the church I guess, but David O. McKay just thought he was the most interesting man and he would call him up and ask him if he could come up so they could talk, you know. He really thought my dad was a well read person on religion of anybody he had ever talked to.

**Travis:** Your Dad liked to read?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh, yah. He was always reading and sending for information, you know from different places. Gosh, he'd sometimes be up at four o'clock in the morning reading.

**Travis:** An avid reader!

**Grandma Barnett:** He really was and well read I mean he got everything [or read a lot of different types of things].

**Travis:** Well, I know you like to read!

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh, yes. But my Dad never read the romance novels [laughter].

**Travis:** When do you remember that he left the church? Was that while you were still little?

**Grandma Barnett:** I remember when I got baptized and confirmed. Gosh, I'll never forget when the guy dunked me it scared me to death and my one foot kind of came up and they had to do it again [laughter].

**Travis:** Was that your Bishop?

**Grandma Barnett:** I can't remember who did it. I remember when I was confirmed and all that. I don't what happened to all those papers [records].

**Travis:** So how long after you were baptized was he still a member?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh, I don't know.

**Travis:** Maybe sometime in your teenage years?

**Grandma Barnett:** It might have been right at the beginning [of the teenage years]. I couldn't say for sure. I can't remember much about that.

**Travis:** Did your mom also [leave the church]?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yah, she went along with him [my dad].

**Travis:** Let's shift now and talk about your grade school and talk about some of your experiences in school. Where did you start school at?

**Grandma Barnett:** At the Emerson School. But they didn't have kindergarten then so you just started when you were six in the first grade.

**Travis:** How many grades were in the Emerson School?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, I think seventh was the last year in grade school and then the eighth and ninth was in junior high and then it was high school [after that].

**Travis:** Do you remember anything from your grade school experience? Subjects you liked or didn't like?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh, I always liked spelling and I was always really good at spelling. I won all the spelling bees, you know, then they never went any place [like to a national spelling bee]. Gosh, I'll never forget this boy that was sitting behind me, of course we were only six or seven or something like that. He copied my answers on the arithmetic tests and I was the one that got blamed for copying his. I'll never forget that, that teacher hit me across the hands with a ruler.

**Travis:** They were sure strict back then. And she didn't believe you? Did you try and say that you didn't do it?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh, yes. But it didn't make any difference and of course, this kid wouldn't admit it. So anyway, I don't think it did anything to me...it didn't follow me around.

**Travis:** So did the teacher get your parents involved and tell them about what happened?

**Grandma Barnett:** No. I hated her. Her name was Mrs. Hoagland and boy she was mean. She really was. Not just to me, but to a lot of kids.

**Travis:** What grade was that?

**Grandma Barnett:** That was in the second I think.

**Travis:** Did you have a lot of friends while you were in grade school?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh yeah, but most of the time you know, you had to hurry right home.

Nobody'd come to pick you up. Well, my mother did one time when I got sick in school. And she'd come walked over and got me. Oh, that was when that teacher hit me on the hand with the ruler. That's what made me sick and I threw up.

**Travis:** Oh, that was the same day?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yeah, and so anyway I guess they called my mother and she came over and got me we had to walk both ways.

**Travis:** Was there any school subjects that you didn't do well at or like?

**Grandma Barnett:** Guess that was a younger age, when you really don't know I mean ya... ya know, I liked spelling I remember best of anything. And reading I liked reading too. But we weren't too advanced then you know with reading.

**Travis:** Now did ya usually when you went home did you do your homework?

**Grandma Barnett:** We didn't have homework. Not unless we didn't do it in school. You know what we were suppose to do in school.

**Travis:** So what did you like to do when you got out of school?

**Grandma Barnett:** In the daytime after we got home?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh, I don't remember too much about that... I probably... we played in the neighborhood we played a lot of games, you know like run-chickie-run.

**Travis:** What kind of a game is that?

**Grandma Barnett:** I can't even remember how you play it, but...

**Travis:** Some kind of a tag?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yeah, something like that. And I think 2 or 3 of you would have to run and this one would chase ya and try to catch ya. And then kick the can, we had that. You know you put a tin can in the middle of the street and you'd kick it and see who could kick it the farthest.

**Travis:** Did your parents have a lot of chores for you to do around the house?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, yeah, my brother and I, Lloyd and I had to always do the dishes. One time he would wash and I would dry and then we'd do it the other way. But my dad would sit there and watch us and one time we, it was on a Saturday and we weren't doing the dishes and we got every Saturday we got 15 cents to go to the ward show they had a movie and usually a sereal type...

**Travis:** A sereal type, what's that mean?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well that means they'd have...

**Travis:** Oh a series?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yeah. And so we'd get a dime for the movie and a nickel for a candy.

But if we did our work. But anyway, so we were doing the dishes this one night and we didn't, we were just trying to hurry so we could get their on time and we didn't rinse 'em. And my dad just sat there until we got all threw and you can imagine how many dishes with all those people. And he says okay, now take every one of those dishes out of the cupboard and do it right. So that's what we had to do.

**Travis:** Sounds like he was very firm.

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, yeah, you know. You knew what you were doing, you know, just trying to get away with something. You wanted to get there on time.

**Travis:** Did you make it on time?

**Grandma Barnett:** I can't remember whether we ever got there or not because there were a lot of dishes [laughter].

**Travis:** How come the dishes were yours and Lloyd's job?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, we were the youngest and by then I guess Gordon and Lizzy my oldest sister she married and she never did work outside the home, but she was so bossy.

**Travis:** Who's that?

**Grandma Barnett:** My oldest sister.

**Travis:** What was her name again?

**Grandma Barnett:** Lizzy, well it was Elizabeth but we always called her Lizzy.

**Travis:** She was pretty bossy?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh, yes. Terrible!

**Travis:** She told you what to do things?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh, yes she would and if you just looked at her like you weren't going to do something she would say, "Ma, Ma!" [laughter]. She [Lizzy] was pretty good to me too. She used to take me swimming all the time. In fact we would take a bus and go to Morgan. She had a girlfriend that lived in Morgan and they had those springs up there. Como Springs? They had the best swimming pool and we would go up there and she used to take me places too.

**Travis:** In your younger years, did you get along with some siblings better than others?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, Lloyd and I were always pretty close. He used to be real good to me. Even when we got older. He let me take his car all the time when I got old enough to drive. He would go to work and I would go pick him up after work. I mean he was really good. We were real close. And my youngest sister died. When she was sixteen she had rheumatic fever, but she was really a good girl.

**Travis:** So you were 22 years old?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yes, about that.

**Travis:** Was that pretty hard for the family?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh, yah! Oh, gosh, I'll say! I remember I just balled and balled when the coroner came and picked her up. We had called the doctor; I had been there all day. We called the doctor and he said to hold a mirror in front of her mouth and see if it steams up and it did. And he [the doctor] says,"Well, I was there this morning and I didn't think she would last the day." That effects their heart so bad and in those days they didn't have penicillin. I remember my dad taking her to the doctor all the time.

**Travis:** Was that the first time you had experienced death?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yes. Yah, because I never did know any of my grandparents or anything. They were all in Germany.

**Travis:** They never visited?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh, no. But my mother's sister came here with them.

**Travis:** What was her name?

**Grandma Barnett:** Elizabeth.

**Travis:** Was her last name Grohmann?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yes, but she had been married two or three times. My mother and her had a lot of money because there family was very well-to-do. Well my aunt wouldn't put her money in the bank. She kept it in her trunk, you know, her money. Her husbands, one of them, took every dime she had in the trunk and took off and she never heard from him again. My mother spent hers.

**Travis:** It sounds like she liked to shop

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh she did. She bought nice things too. Nothing cheap.

**Travis:** Did you have a nice china set?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yes. She gave me a couple of nice crystal pieces that I have up there in the cupboard. But I wouldn't dare say,"I like this...or that...," because the next thing I knew I had it. She was so good hearted.

**Travis:** She wanted to make sure you had nice things?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yah.

**Travis:** Anything else you want to say about grade school?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, I can't remember too much. I remember this one girl, her name was Colleen and she had some shoes I just loved. They were high top, laced shoes. Her family had a lot of money, but I never did get any shoes like that. She was just a friend in school. Hanzel was her last name.

**Travis:** Let's see.

**Grandma Barnett:** Then when I was in the seventh grade I had appendicitis, a ruptured appendic. I had to be in the hospital with all these drain tubes and everything all through my system. The doctor said that I never would have lived, but I was so skinny and little then and he

said that I had a lot of fat inside. It absorb all the poison and he said that if it hadn't been for that I would never have made it. I think I was twelve then.

**Travis:** Was that your first time in the hospital?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yes.

**Travis:** Probably pretty scary for you?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh yes. I guess I was there for quite a long time. Three weeks I think. Then when I got home I still had one of these drain tubes in my side. So, they got me home in a taxi I think it was. So then my mother went over to the store to get some things and the kids were in the street playing jump the rope so I went out [laughter]. I didn't do the jumping, but I did the turning. My mother came back and she saw me and she just about died so back to the doctor's I went to see if I had done any damage.

**Travis:** She was pretty concerned?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh yes!

**Travis:** Were they [your family] up visiting very much while you were in the hospital?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh yah, my mother practically lived there. Yah, they did. I think the whole family was up there a lot. I don't think they thought I was going to live.

**Travis:** Was your Dad working long hours everyday?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, he worked, yah, sometimes he had to work overtime. He was the only one, in fact he made all those doors on the Cathedral of the Madeline. He was the only one that could do that special glue work. Those doors are made of all little pieces. With a saw one time he cut three fingers I guess.

**Travis:** Did he cut them off?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yes, but somebody grabbed them and they took him to the hospital and they sewed them back on. He still had them and every year he said he got more feeling in them. They were slightly bent, but at least he had them. It was the hand he held his hammer and stuff in. I remember that so plain because I used to go up to the planing mill where he worked and there was saw dust all over. I would wait until he got through working and we would walk home, but he was really neat. He really did beautiful work.

**Travis:** Did he do stuff around the house too?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh yah, he fixed everything. In fact after I was married he come and put his arm on my table and it was a little bit wiggly and my gosh he had that thing turned over and fixed. He used to do a lot of that [laughter]. Anyway this teacher I had in the seventh grade, Mrs. Johnson, she used to we would have a project to do around Lincoln's birthday. We had to draw a log cabin, but we could do it at home. Harold, my oldest brother, he was really an artist, I mean he was really good. So he drew this log cabin for me. It was just beautiful [laughter]. So anyway, when I took it back this teacher says, "Well, I see your brother Harold is still quite artistic [laughter]" All our kids [family members] had her for a teacher.

**Travis:** She knew exactly...

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh yah, she knew I couldn't draw that good [laughter].

**Travis:** Did you know she would know?

**Grandma Barnett:** No, no! I was hoping she would have thought it was mine [laughter]. I used to help her a lot. I would clean the erasers...take them outside and bang them together and stuff like that. She was really nice to me, but she knew darn well that I hadn't done that [laughter]. I wasn't that artistic.

**Travis:** When you had this appendicitis was this during the school year?

**Grandma Barnett:** yeah.

**Travis:** Did you miss school?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yeah

**Travis:** How did you make up all that work?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, I got... I graduated from there when I should...you know, with the rest of them. I guess their wasn't really too much going on. I passed all the tests and everything. Well, I had a lot of help. Harold used to really help me a lot and I would cry because I had freckles all over my nose. Not a lot, but every night he [Harold] would count them and he would say there was one less every day. I would cry because of those freckles [laughter]. He would start counting and say,"Oh, there's one less!"

**Travis:** Made you feel better?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh yeah. It was quite a time. Those teachers they stayed there forever.

**Travis:** Let's talk about Junior High.

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh, let's talk about something else [laughter].

**Travis:** Why do you say that?

**Grandma Barnett:** I don't know, because the teachers were so different. This one, Mr. Howell was his name, and he taught history. I just hated history because of him I think because he was the most sour looking guy. Never smiled and I just didn't like him at all. So I really didn't do to good in history [laughter]. He was awful. I had a sewing teacher and she was pretty old too. We had to do these projects like I remember this one it was a bound button hole we had to make. Gosh, I worked on that dog gone thing and it turned out really neat and pretty and so she gave me a "C" on that and I was so mad and I says,"I think it was better than that." She says,"Well, there you are just as smart and sassy as your sister!" Gladys used to give her a bad time. She had her for a sewing teacher too [laughter]. Homestead, that was her name.

**Travis:** Did you have any teachers that you really liked?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh yeah. I took Latin.

**Travis:** In junior high?

**Grandma Barnett:** Just because of this teacher. Ethel Law was her name and it was interesting.

I really liked it. Everybody used to cheat in that when we had tests. They would have families of words and you would write them down on your hand. When you had the test you would remember them. She was really a neat teacher. At the end of the year she would say, "Everybody in this room that hasn't cheated stand up." One boy stood up and she says, "You know if anybody else had stood up I'd have knocked you flat." She knew what was going on, but I took it for two years just because of her.

**Travis:** She was really...

**Grandma Barnett:** Yeah, she was really neat.

**Travis:** Do you remember any Latin now?

**Grandma Barnett:** No, but Latin is really the basic language for all languages.

**Travis:** Did it help you?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, I think it helped with a lot of things, but there was an awful lot to learn in that class. I had a math teacher, Archibald was his name. Gosh, he was a fresh old thing...no, no, Baugus was his name. He would come to help you and sit down with you at your seat and put his arm around you...and oh gosh, I couldn't stand him! But anyway, he was doing that with a lot of the girls. An abuser I guess. Anyway, then there was another one, Mr. Archibald, I forget what he taught. I liked him. He was nice.

**Travis:** Did you have any special lessons while you were growing up like music or dance.

**Grandma Barnett:** No, we couldn't afford something like that. It seemed like I had a couple of piano lessons, but I didn't like it and I quit or something. I can't really remember. We had an organ at home. It was really a neat thing and I really wanted to play that so bad, but the piano lessons...

**Travis:** Didn't work?

**Grandma Barnett:** (Laughter)

**Travis:** Did your mom play the organ?

**Grandma Barnett:** No. I forget who played that. She was so little I don't think that she could reach the pedals. I think my brother-in-law...my oldest sister got married and they lived with us and I think it was him. He could sing.

**Travis:** Did you have any pets?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh yeah. We had a cat and we had a little Fox Terrier dog, black, mostly white with black. Her name was Tootsie.

**Travis:** Tootsie, a Fox Terrier?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yeah. And then we had a German Police dog that Gordon brought home; a beautiful thing. Gosh, all those animals got along together. Gosh, that dog would play with that cat, you know, and have its whole head in its mouth just playing with it. That dog's name was King. Anyway, some guy from Hollywood came and bought it. He wanted it for the movies. He got it to California and that dog came back.

**Travis:** All the way from California?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yeah.

**Travis:** All the way across country? Just, right to your house?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yeah! Came right back...we couldn't believe it.

**Travis:** Just showed up in the yard one day?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yeah. Knocking on the door practically. (Laughter)

**Travis:** Must of had a little bit of...fallen in love with the family.

**Grandma Barnett:** Yeah, well a lot of cats will do that too. You know if you leave 'em when you're tryin' to get rid of 'em. When we moved that cat, when we moved it came and found us. But we use to have a good time. I went to the Erving Jr. High over their on 21<sup>st</sup> south, but you know it isn't their any more. It was across the street from Sugar House Park. And they had swimming pool, tennis courts and everything over their. We could just walk across the street and their we were. That's when I really took up swimming.

**Travis:** At the junior high is when you first...(?)

**Grandma Barnett:** yeah, and tennis too, but I didn't much care for tennis, but I loved the tennis.

**Travis:** Did you play on a sports team doing that?

**Grandma Barnett:** the swimming?

**Travis:** yeah.

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh, yeah. In fact I went to a lot of tournament things that they use to have swimming meets like out at Wasatch Springs, you know where the new children's museum. That use to be really a good place. That's where we'd have all our meets. And I had quite a few blue ribbons. It's for swimming.

**Travis:** Did you spend a lot of time practicing?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, I just loved to be in the water. I just loved it and diving and everything, and I was really good at it.

**Travis:** That was probably in high school when you were doing all these meets?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, that was in Junior High, but I still continued in high school but I had too many other things going on too. But I always loved to swim.

**Travis:** So did you have and actual swimming class

**Grandma Barnett:** Well it seemed like their was something, but I can't remember much about that. Gosh, I use to spend all my time in that swimming pool. Sometime in the afternoons after school, my girlfriend and I, now my dad would say you be home at whatever time, and of course when your doing those things you don't even think of any time, and gosh I was swimming back and forth, back and forth and I got to one side and saw an old shoe sitting their and I looked up and saw it was my dad. Gosh it was about 2 hours past when I was suppose to be home. We walked all the way home from their. We lived on 8<sup>th</sup> E. and about 23<sup>rd</sup> S. about then.

**Travis:** So you still didn't have cars then

**Grandma Barnett:** No well, I think probably my older brothers did, but my dad he never did have a car until oh, I guess he was pretty old, then it was a used truck with the sides and everything you know and uh, he use to go to the department stores and pick up clothes they'd give him for the poor. And he use to do that a lot and gosh we'd get things from Arback's (?) when they were their and at ZCMI and they'd give them to him for, cause they knew that was what he was doing.

**Travis:** Did he just do that on his own or was he doing that for some kind of...

**Grandma Barnett:** He was doing that for the church thing that he belonged to then. The Church of God I think it was. And then he'd go out to the Royal baking company and gosh they'd give him the best french bread and french rolls you know. And he use to do a lot of good that way. And they'd take a lot of times, well around every Christmas they'd take all these things and he would go to campus and get all these things... and they were all new clothes they weren't used. And then take them up to the S Club and then all the poor people came and see if they had sizes to fit them all and that was really neat I thought. I like that. And gosh he really worked hard at that. Something he didn't have to do, but their were other people too doing the same thing.

**Travis:** When you were younger then did you... you said your dad left the church, did he still go to a church after that. Did he go to the Church of God was that what it was called?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh, yeah. And that was real nice. We all went. I mean boy every Sunday we all went it was on 9<sup>th</sup> E. and close to 21<sup>st</sup> south. And we use to go, and of course the older ones didn't, they were already involved in their own things. But boy, I sure did for a long time. It was nice because they would it's just about any church except that they would pray and then they would sing hymns. Then they had a preacher that would give you the message and it was nice.

**Travis:** So did you stick with that same church when you got older?

**Grandma Barnett:** No, I didn't. In fact, I think...You get baptized [in the LDS church] when you are eight years old?

**Travis:** Yes.

**Grandma Barnett:** And I remember that and then after the boys they all went tot he Mormon church and Pam she went to the Mormon church. I just continued because they had so many things going for kids then too, you know. So I went to mutual.

**Travis:** So that was in your teenage years?

**Grandma Barnett:** I guess I was...They used to have these ward dances, you know, and that was when I was in high school. Even after because we sure had a good time. I used to do a lot of fun things. In mutual they used to have a lot of fun things going all the time. They would have taffy pools and they would make things for Christmas. So that was kind of nice.

**Travis:** Let's talk a little bit about high school. What do you remember about high school?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh that was pretty neat. I went to South High that was the second year it was ever open, brand new.

**Travis:** Was that in Salt Lake?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yeah, that's where the community college is now I think on state street and close to 17<sup>th</sup> south. Yeah, that was a nice experience. Of course, there were some teachers there too...[laughter]. I had this one shorthand teacher...

**Travis:** Shorthand?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yeah, I took typing and shorthand and bookkeeping. More or less it was a secretarial course. So I went up to ask her a question and you just had to go up and there was two or three other people ahead of me. I yawned and the next thing I knew she said, "Don't swallow me!" and she was looking down my throat [as I was] yawning. She had a real sharp, pointed nose and she was a good teacher.

**Travis:** Did you have any particular friends you hung out with then?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh yeah, gosh, a lot of them. I can't remember all of their names, but this one, Marge, she turned out to be my sister-in-law. She was married to my first one's [husband] brother. Everybody thought she was pretty hard-boiled and that because she bleached her hair and she wore quite a bit of make-up, but she was a nice person.

**Travis:** Did you have a boy friend during junior high or high school?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh yeah. High school I had...nothing too serious though that's where I met my first husband.

**Travis:** In high school?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yeah, but that was during the last part of it.

**Travis:** How were your parents, pretty strict on dating?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, I had to be home at a certain time, but I can't remember what time that was. It all depended on where we were going, but they were pretty good. I never had too many problems that way.

**Travis:** Did you go on a lot of dates?

**Grandma Barnett:** Well, yeah, I think everybody at that age does. You know, you really, I mean there was a lot going on then. There was a dance at one ward or a different ward house every night of the week except Sunday. So we used to go to all these different wards to dance and that's where you met a lot of people that were really good dancers and you always waited for them to ask you [laughter]. Then they had the Coconut Grove and we used to go there and the Rainbow Rendezvous.

**Travis:** What were those places?

**Grandma Barnett:** They were dance places, real nice ones, you know, big. That Coconut Grove had the biggest dance floor in the West I think. That's all you did...dance, dance, dance.

**Travis:** It sounds like dancing was popular.

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh, it was, I mean that was the thing to do and once in a while to go to a movie, but not if there was a dance going on somewhere.

**Travis:** Did you like any particular music groups back then?

**Grandma Barnett:** Oh yeah, I liked most of them except *Stan Kenton*, I couldn't stand his.

**Travis:** Who was that?

**Grandma Barnett:** It was a big band. Stan Kenton and he had Peggy Lee, you've heard of her haven't you. She used to sing and I couldn't stand her either. I liked Duke Ellington. They had all those big bands go to the Coconut Grove. The Rainbow Rendevous had The Mills Brothers, The Ink Spots, and all these big bands. Gosh, that Coconut Grove was so big and the perfect place for them. So we used to do that more than anything, go to dances.

**Travis:** So did most of your dates involve dancing?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yeah, I think so. We used to go to Saltair, they had a big dance floor too. We would ride the open air train out there and that was fun, but usually there was a bunch of girls and a bunch of guys that went. It wasn't anything were you had a serious date with anybody. You just danced with all of them. We used to wear formals all the time to those dances.

**Travis:** Even the ward dances?

**Grandma Barnett:** Yeah, long dresses.

**Travis:** What did the guys wear?

**Grandma Barnett:** They wore suits. But it was a fun time.