

Ruby Price Information on Poverty Flats (The Hill) recorded 6/29/2015

The Whiting house was on the northwest corner of 7200 South and 1700 East. A family named Sorenson was kitty corner. 1700 East ended at 7200 South. The duplex that is there today was originally Whiting's house it has been turned into a duplex. The house that is down a small lane on the south side of the Mountain Shadows Christian Church was once a chicken coop. The other Whiting, Jack and Alminea, lived in the lower section. His son Gene Whiting now lives across the street from the old Cottonwood Heights Elementary. He was a Seminary teacher at Brighton. From Alminea's first marriage came the Larsons, Leo her son, owned the property on the west side of the Price property, across the 7200 South from his mother and stepfather. Before Ruby was born, some property was sold to a lady named McKay. One of her daughters was Barbara. Mrs. McKay remarried and became a Chamberlin. Alminea and Jack owned all the property below the west side of the Price property on both the south and north side of 7200 South except for that piece sold to McKay.

The McCormick property on 1300 East extended up onto the hill. Thus the names of some of the streets in the subdivision built on their property.

When Ruby grew up people had stopped calling this sand hill, Poverty Flats. The people in the Union area knew where she lived when she said, "The Hill." There was Butler Hill and then there was just the "Hill." Of course, this would be the "Hill" to those living in the lower Union area.

Ruby's father bought the piece connecting to 1700 East. Ruby is not sure who he bought it from. The original Price property extended from 7200 South to 7000 South (Fort Union.) He accessed his property from 70th South by a small road that went to the west of the Staker homes back to the Price home. Her father made a little road through the new portion to Grandpa's.

Grandpa Price sold his property to a developer who was to put in homes, he also bought property on the south side of 7200 South that belonged to Alminea Whiting. He got into money trouble and sold to Leggett Sand and Gravel who turned it into a gravel pit. This is the property that is now Santa Fe and all the other things on Ft. Union Boulevard.

To the east of the Price property was a small section owned by the Munteer family. It was a very small house. Across the street were the Tebbs and up a little lane to the top of the ridge was a family named Cartello. His daughters were older than Ruby but were very nice. East of that lane was the Smith's. Annette Smith lives there now with her daughter (Hudson) in the original home.

Ruby remembers that because of her father working for the railroad he was out of town a lot and when there would be a water turn while he was away the children had to go up the ditch which came down from the ridge and clear the ditch and change the head gates. One of the neighbors always gave Buddy and Ruby trouble when they would try to change the head gates.

Brownings never lived there while Ruby was growing up. A little old man would come and visit the Smith's so I am wondering if that wasn't him. Not sure who the Perodi was but there was a little lane above the Whitings where a family named Morrow lived.

The Pedersen's had a son nicknamed Bunny.

Ruby remembers Grace Wilcox. She was a very beautiful lady. They probably lived in the old Pedersen home which is no longer there. It is the new parking lot for Ridgecrest Elementary School. When asked who she was related to because my aunt knew her from growing up in the area, she said she thought she was a Berrett.

Next to them was the Brothers and their property extended to Highland Drive. They are the ones with the big old windmill, next to the tennis courts. The property on which Antczak sits was once the Brothers.

Ruby said the Smith's moved when she started kindergarten and next to them was a lane where the Leek's lived. They also moved from the area. Glenna Leek married Melt Stelter. Her family moved in town and she would ride the bus on State Street to attend and graduate from Jordan High.

Ruby did not know the Fetchners.

Linda Olsen's family rented from the Millards. The family moved to 9th East but still stayed in the Union area and rented until they could afford to buy a new home on the lower part of 7200 South by the red chapel.

This brings us to Brookhill Drive on the north side of 7200 South.

Ruby is also familiar with the families along 1300 East. She said that all the houses on the west side of 1300 East between where the new portion of Ft. Union intersects were all Bradys, either by last name or married into the family. This went right south as far as the gas station on the corner at the Fort. It was called Bradyville. The first house on the west side was Slat's Brandy, Gayrold Brady, Raynold Brady, their sister Alice Gould, her sister, Henry Brady's father (his mother taught school at Butler) Down 6600 South there was a Brady and in Fort in the old, old house was a Brady. Henry's house was directly across the street from Milne Lane. The property on the west of the Bradys was the Walkers.

On the east side of 13th were the Malstroms, and then the McCormicks. Their property extended up on the hill and was next to Milne Lane. The southeast corner of Ft. Union and 1300 East was a swamp.

On the northeast corner lived the Godreys. There were three houses, the father and his two daughters, one was a Freeman. To the east were the Berretts. In between was a Curtis home, just recently torn down. This is where Gary and Dennis lived. Along 13th on the east side next to the Godfreys was another Curtis home, this one was home of Nanette Curtis. On the west side of this portion of 1300 East were two Walker homes and then a lane where Porters lived. Maude was the mother and one of the daughters, Paulene Porter, married a Milne and lives up on the hill. She is the last of the Porters. This is the lane where the Walshs now live. Grandpa Curtis also lived down this lane.

Past Milne Lane on the east side of 13th were the Grahams and the Dows. Pete and Twila Dow bought the property from her grandfather, David Smart. John Zebediah Smart was the original owner. He was a son of the Smart who settled on 10th East and had the dairy. His name was Thomas Henry Smart and his wife's name was Sarah Ann Morgan. He was the brother to Sussannah Bayless Smart Margetts. Sussannah had come to Utah earlier than her brother and her husband had been called on a mission. She lived up by the mouth of Big Cottonwood. When her brother arrived she moved down to the fort in Union.

Once, Ruby found this out she said it answered a question she had after reading a story written in the newspaper about her grandpa Atkinson.

Back in the 1800's her grandpa Atkinson was having a friendly poker game with his friends, this would be about in the area of the Walmart on 13th East. He was 60 at the time and had some of his older friends over. A young man whose last name was Smart, who was 200 pounds, big, only 22, and very drunk came in and wanted to play. He was upset when they told him to leave so he jumped in one of the horse and buggies and took off to his house. Now grandpa Atkinson was very small and had bones like a bird and also lots of gray hair, he went over to the Smart's. The boy had a friend there with him and they planned to beat up the old man. Little did they know that grandpa Atkinson had been a white slave in China for three years and while there he had picked up some martial arts skills and he beat the daylights out of the Smart boy. The smart boy took my grandpa to court for assault and battery. When the judge saw the big strong boy and the little old gray haired man, he asked who had beat up who. After hearing the story he fined my grandpa \$3.00 and told the Smart boy, "Let this be a lesson to you, do not bother old men when they are playing cards." She wasn't aware that a smart had lived on that corner and knew it was too far for her grandpa to go over to the dairy Smart's owned on 10th East.

Up Creek Road were the Munteer's. They lived on the south side of the road across from the Forbush property. The mother's name was Emma, and is the great aunt of Ruby Price. Ruby has her story and will share it with our committee. Their son, Archie raised his family in the smallest house you ever saw on 1700 East. It had no inside plumbing. It was more of a shack and there they raised 6 children. While Shirley Munteer was on her mission, her mother developed cancer and when she came home from her mission and saw the conditions her mother was living in she was so upset that she demanded that the house go! The ward helped move a small house on the property. To the mother, Ellen, it was a mansion. It had indoor plumbing and an indoor bathroom, and even an indoor kitchen. Shirley paid for the home. It has recently been torn down.

Ruby's great grandfather was the owner of the original property where Wheeler farm is. He sold to someone who then sold it to the Wheelers. My grandmother was living and was a neighbor of the Wheelers she worked for them cleaning house. Ruby has the history of the farm and will also share that with our committee.

The original corner gas station belonged to her uncle Frank Atkinson and he operated it. Next to him was the Atkinson home. This was the station Mike Milne later ran. This grandfather was also an outbacker. He would take a team of oxen and supplies to Wyoming and bring the wagon trains to the valley. This is where he met his future wife. He would also load up fresh produce and go up to the mines in Little Cottonwood and sell the produce for lots of money to the miners.

Also along Creek Road were the Greers and Denneys. Mr. Denney married into the Brady family. When his first wife died he married Ruby's grandmother and moved over to the Price property to live.