Oral History

What is your full name? Steven Scott Bagley.

Are you also called by a nickname? Most everyone calls me Steve. It started with my family.

Where do you live? Huntington, Emery, Utah.

Have you ever lived anywhere else? In Greenwich, Piute, Utah. A short time in Salt Lake, Salt Lake, Utah and in Salina, Sevier, Utah.

Have you ever traveled anywhere? Tuson Arizona, Northern California, Mexico.

Where were you born? Salina, Sevier, Utah, USA.

When were you born? October 27, 1957.

Are you married? Yes.

What is your spouse's name? Loretta Kennedy Bagley.

Where was she born? Salina, Sevier, Utah, USA.

When was she born? June 20, 1961.

Do you have any children? Yes. Kimalee Loretta Bagley Allred, she was born September 2, 1979, and she lives in Huntington, Emery, Utah. Stefanie Sue Bagley Andrus, she was born January 28, 1983, she lives in Huntington, Emery, Utah. Jaden Steve Bagley, he was born January 30, 1988, he lives in Huntington, Emery, Utah. What kind of work do/did you do? I am a heavy equipment operator. I started about 1989 working as an equipment operator.

What is the first kind of work you ever did? Hauled hay and milked cow, farm work.

How old were you when you first began working? Started building house when I was in high school.

How much schooling have you had? High school education and a doctrine in hard knots.

Are you a member of any club, organizations or church? LDS Church.

Do you have any brothers or sisters? I have six brother and we each have two sisters!

Jesse Chappell Barton, June 20, 1950, resides in Bullfrog, Kane, Utah. Rolland Grant

Bagley, September 21, 1951, resides in Cedar City, Iron, Utah. Rex McKay Bagley,

January 5, 1953, resides in Siguard. Sevier, Utah. Gale J. Bagley, September 21, 1955,

resides in Tabiona, Uintah, Utah. Then there was me. Then Charlene Laverda Bagley D

Danise, August 29, 1961, she resides in West Jordan, Utah. Then there is Alan Brent

Bagley, July 12, 1963. He resides on the farm in Greenwich, Piute, Utah. The last is

Kent Wayne, Bagley, December 3, 1968. He lives in Sevier, Sevier, Utah. Yes, we all

have the same to sisters!

What is your father's full name. Rolland McKay Bagley. He was born in Greenwich, Piute, Utah.

When was he born? He was born March 20, 1928. He resides in Greenwich, Piute, Utah.

What kind of work did he do? He was a sewing machine repair men. Then he worked for farmers in Richfield. Then he delivered new farm machinery. Once in awhile he worked on his own farm. Then he hauled coal for a little while. Then he delivered sprinkler pile. He also worked in the furnisher store.

What is your mother's full name? Elsie Laverda Chappell Bagley. She was born in Lyman, Wayne, Utah.

What is her birth date? December 29, 1927. She also lives in Greenwich, Piute, Utah.

What kind of work did she do? She drove school bus when I was in Jr. in high school. That is when we got our first phone, so they could call her to drive bus. She cooked at Koos Camp during the summers, and worked in the Post Office.

Where did your ancestors come from? I think that they came from England.

What languages did they speak? I don't know, I guess English. Do you recall any stories about the history of your family? Great Grandpa Bagley used to trade horses with Butch Cassidy. My great grandpa Bagley fell from a wagon when he was in Warsaw Mexico. He was running from the law because he was a polygamist. He had two wives. He was really short and he said that was why he never grew. Grandpa Chappell taught school when he was eighteen years old and was the last school teacher in Capital Reef, Wayne, Utah. Grandma Bagley would bring us cookies out when we was milking cows, or she would say to close your eyes and she would stick a lollipop in your mouth.

Family and Community Traditions:

What do you remember most about the house you grew up in? It started out as a bar, and was remodeled several times. It had three bedrooms. The last time it was remodeled I slept in the front room.

How was it different from the housing you live in today? It's not much different, other than it was brick and this is wood.

What do you remember about the town or community where you grew up? It was real small. Closet store was a gas station a mile away. We drove truck and motorcycles as soon as we knew how to drive because no one bothered us. It was just a little farming community. Basically everyone that lived there was related one way or another.

How is it different from the community you live in today? It was a lot smaller. There's many more business.

What are some of your favorite family stories that include your parents or your sibling?

My Mom told Gale to do something and he told her that he didn't have to. She told him that she would spat him, and he told her that she had to catch him first. He took off running, Mom wiped her hands and took off her apron. Went outside and picked up a stick. And after two hundred feet she caught him. By then she gave a licking the she had not planned on doing.

What were some of the special occasion in your family and community? My brother's would put on a rodeo on the fourth of July. They would just use the farm animals and the Neighbor's animals. It was a major Fourth of July gathering. All the man would get together on the deer hunt and hunt for deer. This was great fun. All of the cousins were together.

Which of these special occasions are still celebrated today? Basically none of them. When you are lucky enough to draw out for the deer hunt.

Which have changed or disappeared? Most of them.

Name some of the special homemade foods you ate as a child? Everything we ate was homemade. Bread and cookies, hand cracked ice cream. What were some of the foods you regularly ate? Homemade bread. Real whipped cream, apple pineapple pie. And lots of potatoes and gravy. Homemade soup.

Which of these foods did you only ate on special occasions? I eat them all all of the time.

Which of these foods do you still eat today? Most of them.

Do you have any special recipes that have been handed down in your family? Cowboy cookies, apple pineapple pie.

Would you be willing to share these recipes? No, they are our family recipes.

Name and describe some of the games you played as a child? Hide and seek. No bears are out tonight. BB gun fights. Rotten egg fights. Which of these games are still played by children today? Hide and seek, no bears or out tonight. I don't know about the rest. Which of these games do you think have changed or disappeared? Probable all of them have changed a little. Everyone has different rules for each game.

What was your favorite game and how was it played? Hide and seek. After we would find them we would tie them up with rope.

Did anyone in the family ever make homemade toys? Yes, Willow whislers. What were they made of? Willow tree branches. How did they work? You would take the bark off and carve it out. Which of each toys are still made today? Willow whistles are probability are still made today. I not sure.

Did your parents have any special hobbies or crafts, such as knitting, earving, quilting basket-making? Mom was a real good at quilting, she would make a couple of quilts each year. She can't see well enough to do it any more.

Do you have any favorite hobbies? Hunting and fishing.

Where did you learn these hobbies? My father and brothers. Do you remember any stories told to you as a child? My grandpa used to play with the Indians and kill rabbits. Grandpa had one of the chief Indians to the house one day and he saw himself in the mirror. He started to hit the mirror because he thought it was the devil.

Do you remember any jokes or riddles from your childhood? No.

Did you know anyone who sang? Val Payne. He was raised in the community.

What type of songs did they sing. He sang country music.

Where and when would they sing? He would sing at church and community events.

Did you know anyone who played musical instruments? Yes, Val Payne.

What instruments did they play? He played the guitar.

What kind of music did he play? He played country music.

When and where did they play? At church and community events.

Did you know anyone who did any kind of dancing. Yes. Uncle Seth and Aunt Ardeen.

What types of dances did they do? They square danced.

When and where did they dance? At any church or community that there was dancing.

Did you or do you still do any of the above. I didn't do any of them and I still do not do them.

How has it changed? They do not have as many dances.

Where and when do you sing or dance today? I don't.

Do you remember being sick as a child? I had the chicken pocks and the measles.

What kind of medicine did you take when you were sick? Benadryl, cod-liver oil.

Did your family use any home remedies? If you were cut and needed stitches the just

brought out the tape and taped you up. When you had the measles or chicken pocks you

had to set in a dark room. When you was sick you would have to take the cod-liver oil.

One time I had ring worm and my Dad had me put iodine on the ring worm and I past out

for a long while.

Do you remember any sayings or beliefs concerning the weather, good luck and bad luck, dreams, marriage, birth, death? With the weather I remember, pink in the morning sailor take worrying, pink at pight's sailors delight. With deaths, they said they always came in threes. If you were going to dig one grave, you would soon have to dig two more.

What was the most valuable thing your parents or other adults ever told you about getting along in life? They told me to work hard and to make my own way.

What are some of the things you remember about school – school friends, teachers, recess, after school? My kindergarten through fourth grade was the meanest teacher ever. If you did something wrong, she would hit you with a ruler and if it broke, you what have to go to the store and get a new one. The people at the store knew you had been in trouble.

What is the most amazing thing you have ever seen? I think the most amazing thing that I remember is the construction of the power plants.

What historical events do you remember? I remember when John F Kennedy was shot. I also remember when the space shuttle blow up. And when the planes hit the twin towers in New York City.

For the student interviewer:

How did you become acquainted with the person you have interviewed? It is my Father.

How much time did it take to complete all the questions with the person you interviewed?

About an hour and a half.

What is your name? Jaden Steve Bagley

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