

Oral History From: Janice Greenburg

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My name is Steven Wayne Larsen I live at 105 E 600 N in Castle Dale, Utah and my phone number is 435-381-5758. I interviewed my aunt who is my mom's sister. Her full name is Janice Marie Bridal Greenburg. I became more acquainted with her from learning about some of the things she did as a child. It took me about a half hour to completely interview her and a little bit longer if you add on the interruptions in between.

Steven: What is your full name?

Janice: Janice Marie Bridal Greenburg.

Steven: Do you have any nicknames?

Janice: I do, Toodee.

Steven: How did you get your nickname?

Janice: I couldn't say cutie.

Steven: Who gave it to you?

Janice: Grandpa.

Steven: Who calls you by your nickname?

Janice: All of my Family.

Steven: Where do you live?

Janice: Castle Dale, Utah.

Steven: Have you ever lived anywhere else?

Janice: I have, I lived in Idaho, I've lived in Orem, Pleasant Grove, and Sigurd. O and Manti.

Steven: Do you know when you lived in each of those places.

Janice: Um yeah I lived in Idaho till I was seven, I lived in Orem until I was eleven, and I lived in Sigurd till I was eighteen, I lived in Manti for the first year I was married.

Steven: Where were you born?

Janice:

Steven: When were you born?

Janice: January 15, 1965.

Steven: Are you Married?

Janice: I am.

Steven: What is your spouse's name?

Janice: Don Greenburg.

Steven: Where was he born?

Janice: Salt Lake, Utah.

Steven: When was he born?

Janice: July 4, 1962.

Steven: Do you have any children?

Janice: We do.

Steven: What are their names, Birthdates, and present location.

Janice: K Stephanie Palmer, her birthday is September 11, 1984, and she lives in Price.

Donald Greenburg, his birthday is January 11, 1986, and he lives in Panama. Janice

Greenburg, and her birthday is March 16, 1987 and, she lives in Price Utah. Jacqueline

Greenburg, May 5, 1988, and she lives in Castle Dale Utah. Tiffany Greenburg, and her

birthday is September 26, 1989, and she lives in Castle Dale Utah. Susanna Greenburg,

her birthday is July 23, 1991, and she lives in Castle Dale Utah. Crag Greenburg, and his

birthday is December 21, 1993, and he lives in Castle Dale Utah. And Patricia

Greenburg, and her birthday is December 19, 1995, and she lives in Castle Dale Utah.

Steven: What kind of work do you do?

Janice: I don't work right now, I'm going to school.

Steven: What was the first kind of work you did?

Janice: A cashier.

Steven: How old were you when you began working?

Janice: Sixteen

Steven: How much schooling have you had?

Janice: Um I've got my associates degree.

Steven: Are you a member of any clubs, organizations, or churches?

Janice: I'm a member of the LDS Religion.

Steven: How many brothers and sisters do you have?

Janice: Six.

Steven: What are there names, birthdates, and residence.

Janice: Von Weeks, his birthday is August 6, 1958 and he lives in Escondido California.

Florien Meacham, her birthday is July 20, 1959, and she lives in Sigurd Utah. Dianna

Powell, her birthday is December 12, 1960, she lives in Castle Dale Utah. Um Don

Weeks, his birthday is October 8, 1962, and he lives in Elkridge Utah. And Bill Weeks,

and he died, and Jim Weeks, and his birthday is April 25, 1968, and he lives in St.

George Utah.

Steven: What is your fathers full name?

Janice: Von Eugene Weeks.

Steven: Where was he born?

Janice: Blackfoot Idaho.

Steven: When is his Birthday?

Janice: August 24, 1937.

Steven: What is his current residence?

Janice: Sigurd Utah.

Steven: ~~What did~~ your father do?

Janice: He was a cement contractor.

Steven: What's your mother's full name?

Janice: Florian Rose Weeks.

Steven: Where was she born?

Janice: She was born in Santa Rosa, California

Steven: What is her birth date?

Janice: August 9, 1939.

Steven: What is her current residence?

Janice: Sigurd, Utah.

Steven: What kind of work did she do?

Janice: She was a homemaker.

Steven: Where did your ancestors come from?

Janice: Um England and Germany.

Steven: Do you know any stories about the history of your family?

Janice: Um not off the top of my head.

Steven: Do you remember anything about the house you grew up in?

Janice: Um I do, is this the first house I remember?

Steven: Um probably the one you grew up in mostly.

Janice: Probably Richfield. Yeah we lived in a two bedroom trailer it was small... and, I don't know, I don't know what you want.

Steven: How is it different from the house you live in now?

Janice: Um... it would fit in my front room and dining room. And there would be room left in my front room and dining room.

Steven: Wow that's small.

Janice: Uh Ha

Steven: What do you remember about the community you grew up in?

Janice: They were good people. It was a small community, um mostly LDS, mostly White, um mostly farmers; good people.

Steven: How is it different form the community you live in today?

Janice: It was a lot smaller.

Steven: What are some of your favorite family stories that include your parents or your siblings?

Janice: Um... O... I like a lot of my moms stories that my mom tells, that are very true to life, and about the goofy things that she did as a child. Do I have to tell one?

Steven: Yeah if you can think of one.

Janice: O I don't think I can think of one. You would have to call grandma and have her tell you one of her stories and use that.

Steven: What are some of the special occasions in your family?

Janice: Um that we celebrated?

Steven: Yeah.

Janice: We celebrated Christmas, and Easter, um... we always celebrated birthdays, and um family religious events like a baptism, or a blessing.

Steven: Which of these special occasions are still celebrated in your family today?

Janice: All of them.

Steven: Have any of them changed?

Janice: Not really.

Steven: What are some of the special homemade foods you ate as a child?

Janice: We ate a lot of: Burettes, tacos, spaghetthis, beans, fried rice, um casseroles, um... mashed potatoes and gravy.

Steven: What are some of the foods you ate on special occasions?

Janice: Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, pecan pies.

Steven: Do you have any special recipes that have been handed down in your family?

Janice: Um pecan pie.

Steven: Would you be willing to share the recipe?

Janice: If I could find it.

Steven: Name and describe some of the games you played with as a child.

Janice: Um, we played hide and seek, kick the can, we played a lot of baseball, we played a lot of monopoly, and sorry, and ah... I don't know... O one of our very favorite games was we would go out and all of us kids would stand in a half circle and hold hands and then the last one in line would put their hand on the fence post and the first one in line would put their hand on the electric fence and then it would go through all of us. Haha. And they always tell me that, well when I was little they told me that I got the best job; I got to grab the fence. Later they told me it was the dumbest job haha. But I was to dumb to know it was the dumb job, I thought it was fun. Haha.

Steven: Do your children play any of these games?

Janice: Um they play most of them, they don't do the electric fence one haha. They're deprived haha.

Steven: obviously! Um which of these games do you think have been changed or discarded? Besides the electric fence one.



Janice: Haha, that's the only one that has changed; my kids have played kick the can, and hide and seek, and monopoly; they have played most of the games I played.

Steven: Did any one in your family ever make homemade toys?

Janice: Um my dad did.

Steven: What kind of toys did he make?

Janice: He'd make toys out of wood, um he made us tops, he made us little trucks sometimes, he made games like box hockey that was lots of fun. O that's something that we use to play all the time, but my kids don't play it.

Steven: Which of these toys are still being used today?

Janice: Um, tops are still made but not by him, but I still have one that he made.

Steven: Do your parents have any special hobbies, such as: knitting, and carving, and stuff like that.

Janice: Um... my dad is extremely good at welding, um and my mom is extremely skilled with cooking, she can cook anything and make it taste good.

Steven: Do you have any special hobbies?

Janice: I like to sough, I like to cook, um I like to paint ceramics, I like to make flower arrangements, I enjoy making um decorating wedding cakes.

Steven: Where did you learn your hobbies?

Janice: Um most of them have just been trial and err. I taught myself how to sough, because I wanted to know, when I hurt my back I needed something to do, so I started painting, I always wanted to decorate, do flower decorations and my sister-in-law taught me how. But most of them have just been... learn it as you go.

Steven: Do you remember any stories that you were told as a child, like ghost stories, local legends or anything like that?

Janice: Um the only one I remember is the golden arm. And I cant even remember how it goes I just remember... that my dad told us that story.

Steven: Do you have any have any jokes, or riddles, or any thing like that?

Janice: I don't remember jokes at all; I'm not good with them at all.

Steven: Do you know anyone who sang?

Janice: In my family? Um yeah aunt sissy.

Steven: did you have any friends or any thing like that?

Janice: um I had lots of friends that sang; I couldn't but I had lots of friends who sang.

Steven: What type of songs did they sing?

Janice: Um aunt sissy usually sang religious songs or love songs, um some country songs, um I had a couple friends who use to sing and they sang mostly popular songs.

Steven: Where would they usually sing these songs?

Janice: Um aunt sissy usually sang at church, family get-togethers, and other things like that. Um my friends who sang mostly sang in the school quire.

Steven: Do you know anyone who played a musical instrument?

Janice: Ah ha, I had a couple friends how played a musical instrument also.

Steven: Who were they?

Janice: Um Tammy Bashton, Nolen Bashton, um Leann Brown.

Steven: What instrument did they play.

Janice: Um Tammy played the flute, and Nolen played the trombone, and Leann played... o not the flute... the clarinet.

Steven: Do you know anyone who did any kind of dancing?

Janice: Um no, not really.

Steven: Did you or do you still do any of the above; do you sing or dance or...?

Janice: I don't.

Steven: Um do you remember being sick as a child?

Janice: YES.

Steven: What kind of illness do you remember getting?

Janice: I had a lot of problem with kidney infection; and flu's that would take me out for two or three weeks at a time; just flat down, fevers of a 104 just really sick to where I couldn't go to school, I couldn't do anything. I remember getting the measles and the mumps.

Steven: What kind of medicine did you take when you were sick?

Janice: Um when we were kids... aspirin.

Steven: Did you have any homemade remedies?

Janice: Um, no not really.

Steven: Um do you remember any sayings or beliefs concerning the weather?

Janice: Any what?

Steven: Any sayings or beliefs concerning the weather.

Janice: Um my mom always said her back hurt worse during bad weather; she could always tell when a storm was coming, um other than that I cant really think of any thing.

Steven: What are some of the most valuable things your parents or other adults ever told you about getting along in life?

Janice: To love each other, to get a long, to be kind to others.

Steven: What are some of the things you remember about school?

Janice: Um that I didn't really much like it haha. I remember I got teased a lot when I was young. O haha. Um what if I cant remember it. Um ok when I was in jr. high a girl... I was getting off the bus and for no reason a girl stood up and slugged me in the nose. And it made me so mad, I turned around and I slugged her back. And we started fighting on the bus anyway and she slugged me again and the second time she slugged me my nose started bleeding, so I held held her down and let my nose bleed all over her. Haha and she was yellin and screamin and telling me that if I didn't stop letting my nose bleed on her she was gunna kill me, and I told her to go ahead and do it. Haha, I was nasty, but she started it.