

Kent

Uncle Jim has written up his remembrances of your mother and answers a lot of your "early life" questions. I believe he has given/sent you a copy. I have a copy of his original work, but I know he updated it last summer. I've asked for a copy of the latest version, but haven't received it yet. (Just so you will know, Uncle Jim is kind of busy just now, he is filling out his retirement papers.)

Your grandmother also wrote her own history as part of her State "Mother-of-the-Year" package. It also covers Joyce's early life. She was not supposed to write her own history, so she wrote it as if your mother [Joyce] had done the work. I typed it, and wrote part of it myself (I've written the story and it's in my files.) I plan to make an electronic copy of your grandmother's history as my next project. (I'm just finishing Aunt Jen's 50 page "Letter to Kent" on your great grandfather and great grandmother Thompson. It's about ready for review and I hope to have it out before Christmas.

Question: I believe I gave you some material on Arta M Seely. If you have read it, do you think it is something that should be appended to his file in familysearch and shared with the general public?

A picture of the house on third west is a bit of a problem. There are two houses side by side. The address on all the paperwork I have says it was the house on the north, but Aunt Gwen swears up and down it was the house on the south. Uncle Glen says he remembers sleeping on the front porch - summer and winter. You guessed it, both homes have a front porch. Oh, ya, I was two when we moved to 7th south; so I'm not much help. If you like, I can take pictures of both buildings, and you can decide.

Over the years I have put photo albums of my parents pictures together. Mike Goates has copied most of them electronically. I believe there are pictures of the house at third west and also 7th south contained in it, maybe the "brown" book has some pictures of their Park Valley home in it. I think if you will ask Mike for a link or disk of the albums he would give you one.

Jim

She was born in Malta, ID, but I think lived most of her childhood in Rosette and then moved to 3rd South in Brigham City, but I don't remember just when that happened. We moved to 7th south on my fourth birthday, 6 July 1946, but I don't remember her actually living with us there. My first memories of her are after she was married and she and your dad lived in one of the motel cabins for a while.

Michael Goates

I've attached a couple of pictures from the red book [Joyce-946.jpg and Joyce-947.jpg]. I'm fairly sure they are of you mother at the family home on 3rd West. I don't know who the two girls in

the front are, but it looks like your mom and my mom in the back. Your mom looks like she's in her teens.

Last time my mom was in town (earlier this year) we stopped by 3rd West. Mom wanted a picture of the old house (she'd asked me years ago for one). But, the house had just been completely remodeled on the outside. Mom was sad because she could no longer recognize the place.

I remember as a small child we visited the house on 3rd West. The owners let me wander around the property. I remember a long driveway to the back of the house where there was a small milking shed and pen where they kept the family cow, Bossy.

At least, that's how I remember it.

Jim

Thanks Mike,

These are great pictures and I had never seen them before. Definitely Joyce and Gwen in the back, but I don't recognize the girls in the front.

Kent

Dear Fam,

The question has been asked, "Where did the Seely's live on third West?"

All the documentation says the house number was 27. My birth certificate clearly shows the address as "27 North 300 West". All the family I have spoken to agree the house number was 27. So what is the problem? If you go to third west and look at house number 27, it ain't the right house.

So, which house is it? The candidates are, the current number 27; a small house to the north of 27, numbered 37; or the next one in line, number 41. Auntie Gwen visited last Saturday and is convinced that it is the home currently labeled 41. But, hay, she was twelve when the Seely's moved. (I was two.)

I promised Gwen I would go to the courthouse and find out which is the "real" one. I did. Are you ready for the answer? Ah, maybe a drum roll would be in order here. Long pause. More drums please. With all due respect to Auntie Gwen's memory, the records show F. Leland Seely owned house number 41. Gwen is correct!

Documentation available upon request. Please send a SASE (Self Addressed, Stamped Envelope).

Seriously though, If you want the courthouse documents I found, either call or e-mail me your correct address, and I'll send it to you via snail mail.