

359 East 100 South

by a Former Resident

I always remember the “Noon Whistle” blowing. I remember it coming from the old grandstand next to the Sun Bowl.

A fond memory of lying on grandma’s front lawn, at rodeo time, and listening to the announcer and the great country-western music, and when I was older as a member of the Jetettes and the Rebelettes, marching in the rodeo parade. Such great memories of the Dixie Roundup.

Finally, watching dad and Tab Hunter riding, and practicing roping, across from grandma’s when he was here making a movie.

In the summer of 1958, a week or so after the 4th of July fireworks display in the Sun Bowl, Kenny Thompson found a dud that hadn’t gone off. He brought it home and, with a couple of other kids who were playing in front of my Grandma Whipple’s home, peeled back the paper jacket and decided to see if they could get it to go off.

What was inside that paper jacket, was black gun powder. Kenny and a boy named Lee were the two who were trying to light it, but a much younger boy, Barry McMullin, son of Oralee McMullin, kept running over to watch. I was the oldest one there, and being afraid someone would get hurt, I kept grabbing Barry and bringing him up on grandma’s lawn. Just as I had brought him to the lawn for the second time, there was a huge boom. The gun powder had exploded and created a sizeable wound on Lee’s leg and ankle.

Both boys were in pain from the concussion and their skin was burned. I remember Kenny running to my grandma’s hose and spraying cold water on both, to stop the burning, once we could get Lee up on the lawn. Several neighbors came running to help when they heard the boom.

I remember the concussion causing blood droplets coming from their pores. I was so grateful I had gotten Barry away before it went off. I think he could have really been injured.



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The following list of owners and/or residents of particular homes and property(s) is contributed by two former residents of this neighborhood:

A. 349 East 100 South: Ray and Norma Thompson; four children, two of which were daughter Susan and son Kenny.

B. 359 East 100 South; owner Euphemia ‘Famie’ Miles Nelson Whipple.

C. The Snow family with a set of twins, Jan and Julie, and son Lee.

D. Ron and Ruby Haslam; four daughters: Claudia, Maureen, Ronda, and Marsha. Ron Haslam played the piano by ear and was a member of a popular dance band.

E. This was more than likely the original, former home and property of Gordon W Clark at 68 South 400 East

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G. The McMullin home