

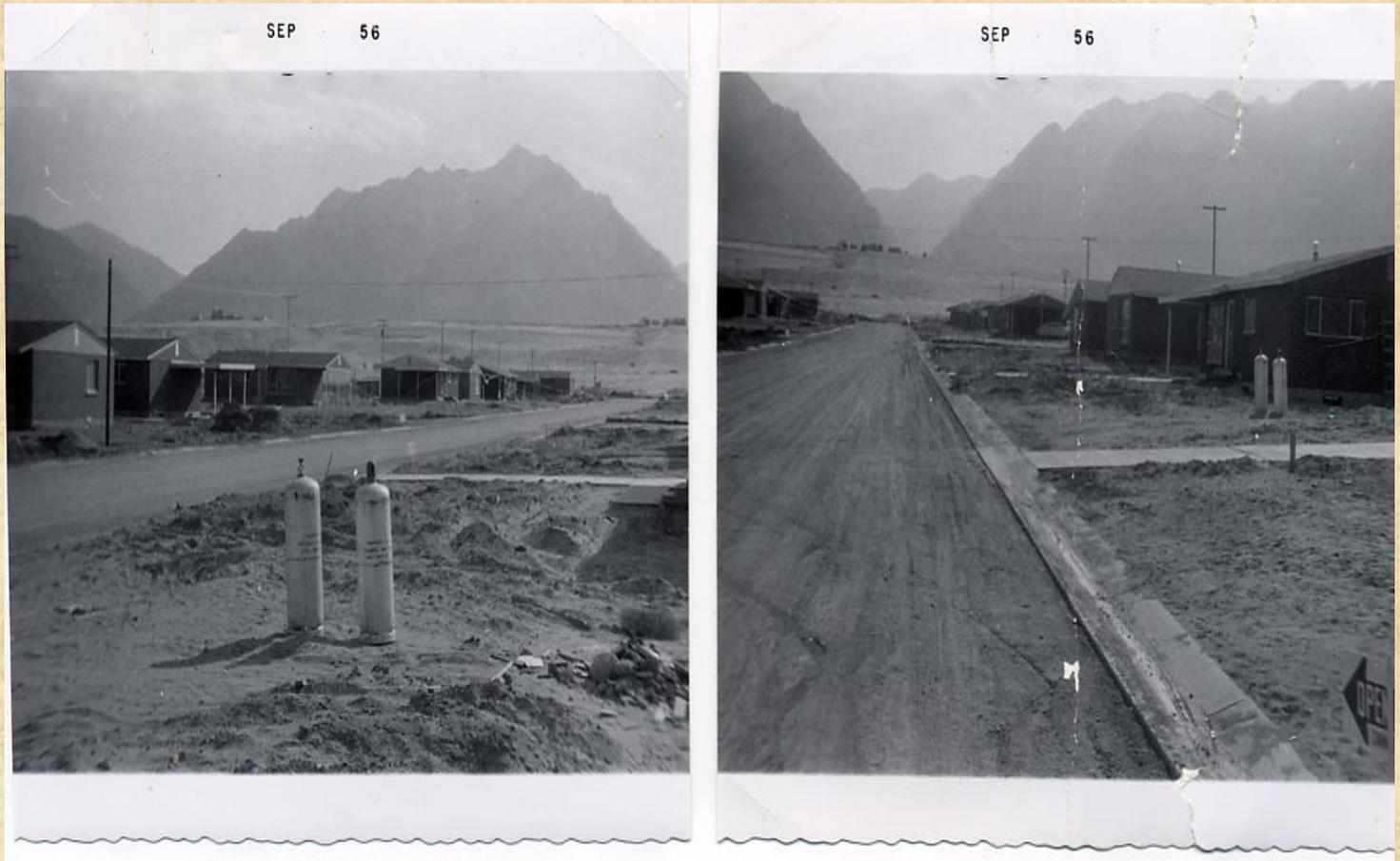
First Resident to move into White City

Earl and Jackie Sybrowsky moved into their home on Galena Drive August 18, 1956. Earl had just been discharged from the Navy after serving in the Korean War for 4 years. They were looking for a home they could afford and found their home. The original cost \$12,000.00. It was supposed to be their starter home but has ended up being their home for a lifetime. They have lived in their home for 58 years making many improvements during the years. They have raised four children in this home, Steven, Kevin, Glenn and Colleen. Only 12 of the original owners on Seago Lily and Galena Drive are still in their homes.

Construction Road work and homes built.



View of Little and Big Cottonwood Canyon to the East.



SPOTLIGHTING EARL AND JACKIE SYBROWSKY

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As we note the moving of the 36th Ward into their new building during August, it seems a good time to look at the area and how it has developed. That makes it is an ideal time to spotlight Earl and Jackie Sybrowsky, since they are the original pioneers of this subdivision.

In August of 1956, there were but two streets of houses in this development; they were Galena and Sego Lily. Homes were built as far up Galena as the Tufts home; and on Sego Lily as far up as the Skoubye home,

Earl and Jackie had been searching for a three-bedroom house with a basement and heard about these homes from Earl's father. Jackie says it seemed to take forever to drive out here but when they found the location and saw the house, they felt it was theirs.

On the 18th of August, when they moved in, there were no paved roads,

no cement walks nor driveways, and no neighbors. It was two weeks before anyone else moved into the neighborhood, The Oak-dens were the second family to come, followed shortly by Russ and Sue Neilson, who took the house on the corner of Galena and Sunflower,

Places to shop were distant, to say the least, Jackie made biweekly excursions to the Grand Central store on 33rd South between Main and State, and smaller trips between times to either Bern's in Midvale or Jensen's in Sandy. At one time, Rasmussen's in Midvale would make deliveries; if called by nine in the morning, they'd bring the groceries in the afternoon, Rasmussen's store went out of business, but Bern's took over that location after a fire levelled their original store,

Jackie and Earl laughed at the memory of putting sheets over the furniture to protect it from blowing dust as construction continued in the subdivision. Waxing the hard-wood floors frequently is a memory Jackie is not quite so fond of remembering.

The Ward at that time was the Sandy 5th, and met in the chapel on 90th South and State, Bishop Homer was their bishop when Earl and Jackie were asked to be the magazine representatives. They canvassed the whole ward and got 100% Lest you think, "Big deal!" consider what the ward boundaries were.

All of the land from State Street to a little past seventeenth east and from the gully to 86th South was included in the 5th Ward. There were many more streets to cover than Galena and Segoe Lily.

The first ward division that came about turned this area into the 7th Ward with Bp, Greenwood as 'the Bishop, The Sybrowskys recall helping to build the Poppy lane chapel. Jackie especially recalls painting with the sisters. While that chapel was being built, meetings were held in the old Crescent Ward chapel. It seemed terrible to have three wards meeting in one building, but it has happened often since,

Jackie tells of a ward dinner being held in the parking lot of the Poppy Lane chapel, with tables made from sawhorses and boards. People brought high chairs and special seating for their children; everyone had young families,

To condense a few years' history, the Sybrowskys have been in four different wards and four different stakes while they have been living in their home on Galena Drive. The Poppy Lane Chapel, the Stake Center, the 13th East Chapel and the Flint Drive Chapel have all been built in the twenty-four years they've been here,

In August of 1956, Earl and Jackie were soon to be parents. In 1980, like many of us, their family has expanded to include grandchildren.

Jackie is now a secretary at Jordan High School and serves in the Relief Society as one of the teachers. She has many years of church service to her credit,

In addition to Earl's work at Kennecott, he has a second skill which he has developed to a real artisan level. Anyone who has seen the beautiful kitchen and dining room Earl built, can testify of the excellent quality of his cabinet work. Their home shows many other improvements made over the years; the finished basement, the garage, the expanded cement work, and their well-landscaped and well-tended yard.

The open fields which were still much in evidence when the Sybrowskys settled here, are filled with homes. Sandy has the distinction, {if you wish to call it a distinction,} of being the largest, fastest growing spot in the valley, some say; even the nation. Jackie and Earl, just think, you started it all.

Poppy Lane Groundbreaking

