

Bill Almond

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Telephone conversation with Sharla Cerra

Background: Bill Almond graduated from Table Rock in 1950. In the course of updating the alumni mailing list, I tracked down his telephone number and talked with him, making these notes. Sharla Cerra, 5/6/18

He lived where Donnie Kalina lives now (1st house east of the Taylor Branch bridge), with his grandma. He had lived in Omaha with his parents but got with the wrong crowd, so his folks sent him to live with his grandma –Boyle? (Broyles?) She had six kids.

People in Lower Town were always put out because they paid taxes but were never given water. Do they have running water there now, he asks.

He had a friend George Slaughter who lived in Lower Town, too, in the area where the sawmill is now. George's dad was in charge of the railround roundhouse. Yes, there was a round house. His dad let them play around in the steam locomotives that were in there for maintenance. They had quite a time. The roundhouse "quite an operation." "I remember the first diesel that came through. Everything had been steam engines, then they went to diesel. The whole town turned out to see it. The whole town."