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Kenneth Whiting: Share Your Windsor Story

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Jenny Hawran

So, we are rolling, and we've got good audio, so chat away.

Liz Burke

First of all, tell us your name.

Kenneth Whiting

My name is Ken Whiting. We moved to Windsor, the south end of Windsor, back in '86, I want to say. Bought at the very top of the market. We lived on Seymour Street for a while. Our son was born there, John, and then we rented that house and was renting a condo in Stockbridge. Condominiums. So, we were renting and renting. Then we built a house on [_____], and were able to sell the very first house, moved into the third location, so we've been in Windsor since '86.

Liz Burke

And your wife talks about [00:01:00] how she ran the Cakewalk at the Northwest Fair?

Kenneth Whiting

Yeah, she was. She volunteered and got the roped [laughs] into putting the Cakewalk for the Northwest Park County Fair. The Country Fair. What is it, country fair?

Liz Burke

And how did that work exactly? People donated goods.

Kenneth Whiting

Yes, people donated baked goods and it was like, what do you call it? The chairs.

Liz Burke

Musical chairs.

Kenneth Whiting

Musical chairs, thank you. And so, we had a little boom box, she played music and people would walk around the chairs and she'd stop it. Whoever, you know, got cut, got cut, and then the last person won something and then they'd do it again. So, everybody had fun.

Liz Burke

And your son came here to Brown's Harvest for –

Kenneth Whiting

Oh yeah, he did. He did the camps well. He used to come here and, you know, with us all the time. We used to do the corn maze and everything. [00:02:00] At Northwest Park, though, every

summer, he was signed up for a couple of different camps. He was eventually a counselor I think at one point for one of the camps at Northwest Park, so he's been here.

Liz Burke

And where is John now?

Kenneth Whiting

He's now in California. He works for the US Forest Service.

Liz Burke

So, is there a particular memory about Windsor you want to talk about?

Kenneth Whiting

A particular memory. Hmm. Nothing immediately comes to mind. Yeah, I'm drawing a blank.

Jenny Hawran

That's all right. You've already shared a lot. We don't like to let people go if there's a certain memory that they really want to talk about.

Kenneth Whiting

I can't think of anything right off the top of my head. I was looking at the questions and the main reason we came here originally [00:03:00] was because it was on the right side of the river. We started out in Norwich, my wife is from Norwich, and then we moved to Vernon, and it was just like, "We gotta get on the other side of the river." So here we are. Yeah, we've been here for, you know, since 86'.

Liz Burke

Well, thank you very much for talking to us.

Kenneth Whiting

Thank you.

Liz Burke

We really appreciate it. He's done.

Kenneth Whiting

I think I'm done.