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Farming in the Valley: 2011 Oral History Project

The following are transcripts from two audio clips in the **Sense of Community/Everett/Fun in Everett** section. Visit <http://www.nps.gov/cuva/historyculture/fun-in-everett.htm> to view the entire page.

Childhood Fun

Jan Thomas, who grew up in Everett, talks about her time spent outside, playing and exploring.

“What I liked the most was it was quiet. And it was peaceful. And, you know, you had your animals and your pets, and you can walk and we picked blackberries and go climb up on the hill that there was a flat spot up on top and we used to say that was the top of the world when we were little. And we’d climb up there and have to watch out because the pig lot was right next door to that, so . . . But we had a great time. We’d ride Grandpa’s horses, and then when I got in high school we had all the dances and hay rides, and so we had a good time.”

Swimming and Walking

Irene Kusnyer, who grew up on the Szalay Farm in Everett, recalls swimming and taking walks with her friend Helyn Toth.

“With Helyn, I did, we did a lot of swimming and stuff. We always found a new swimming pool. But Sundays. Whatta you gotta do Sundays? You’re out there in the boondocks. So we’d get together and, well let’s walk around the block. So we would start, and we’d walk all the way to Peninsula, and down Peninsula, and Akron-Peninsula Road, and back. That was our big day for today.”