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Lehi, Utah

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Legend

Informant: Kent Secretan is my father. He is 54 years old with 4 kids and 2 grandchildren. He was raised in Utah. He works as an estimator for a construction company. He is a member the Mormon church. He graduated in family studies at BYU. Kent has been involved with scouting most of his adult life.

Context: I interviewed Kent in his living room. It was a relaxed environment. My mom, sister, her boyfriend, and my girlfriend were also there. They were having discussions of their own. Kent told me the guy who found these vases would have many other stories like this. Kent would also pass on this story to the scouts that he would lead. Kent tried the wheat himself.

Text: In a cave up American Fork canyon, my neighbor found some vases full of wheat which had been there for a long time and they sent them to General Mills and they said it can fight diseases naturally, this wheat, and they asked if they could do some more tests on it and stuff, he told them they could, but he grew some every year and his friend grew some every year so they would have some. They would give them out to the scout kids when they would tell this story. They told us to chew it up.

Texture: Kent told this story with low-energy. He told it with a hint of disbelief, but Kent had also tried the wheat himself. He told it with little emotion but with a smirk on his face.

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