



## Wasatch Hollow Community Council

### Interview Summary and Index

**Interviewee:** Richard N. Cannon

**Interviewer:** Melvin P. Thatcher

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**Location:** Salt Lake City, UT

#### Summary

Richard N. Cannon shares his memories of growing up in the neighborhood from 1938 to 1965. He says the Gully was the place “where I lived.” He mentions key places going up Emigration Creek from the Gully to Fort Douglas and talks about the open area east of the Gully up to St. Mary’s of the Wasatch on the mountain.

Richard remembers the 1500 East trolley that terminated at the state prison at 2100 South. He enumerates the types of stores, naming some, which were located at 15<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. He talks about Wasatch Ward and Uintah School, and games played outdoors by neighborhood kids. He reflects on how the Gully was a place for other kinds of activities and enjoying the solace that it provided as well as its flora and fauna.

Richard talks about learning to play basketball on dirt courts in the neighborhood then playing later at the Edgehill Ward’s gym. He recalls participating in church sponsored events

Richard remembers seeing his father for the first time after his prolonged absence at the end of the Depression and during the War. He tells about swimming in the Gully when it flooded in his early years. He reminisces about raising rabbits and caring for wild animals.

*Note: Richard refers frequently to photos and documents. Most of them are found in the photos and documents sections that follow this summary and index. When relevant, the photos and documents are cross-referenced in the index.*



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Time	Brief description
00:00:00	<b>Introduction</b>
00:00:41	<b>Self introduction.</b> Full name Richard Nelson Cannon. Siblings Elaine, John, Alice, Leonora, Ruth, Anne, Joe. Father John Bennion Cannon. Mother Alice Nelson Cannon. House built by father. Parents rented house during the Depression and moved to the Dutchie's house in the Gully, the Vander Ende's, and finally moved back to original house.
00:02:57	<b>Earliest recollection.</b> Gully in front from window looking east. Describes flooring of a room which he helped lay from airplane crates at Hill Air Force Base.
00:03:49	<b>The Gully.</b> Describes the Gully as "where I lived." Talks about trees, scarcity of houses; going upstream a covered well, the haunted house, riding stable below the golf course, dirt road and entrance to Fort Douglas.
00:07:14	<b>East of the Gully.</b> No houses on east side of the Gully, 1700 E still a dirt road, Emigration Creek culvert, fields not farms up to 2100 South. Mentions St. Beckstead's farm and Mary's of the Wasatch School.
00:09:30	<b>15<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> shops.</b> Says trolley that came up 900 South, turned on 1500 East, and went to the prison; replaced by a bus which became the most used transportation. Talks about stores—Rexall Drug, gas station, bakery, two grocery stores, Economy Drugstore, ice cream shop, Pat Patterson's convenience store.
00:12:53	<b>[13<sup>th</sup>] and 17<sup>th</sup> shops.</b> Emigration Market, Maxfield Candies, Fernwood's Ice Cream.
00:14:24	<b>Wasatch Ward.</b> Notes that only Wasatch Ward existed. Helped build other ward houses. Tells about stuffing the ballot box to get his sister elected queen, then being called to account by the bishop. A Powellson girl became queen.
00:16:36	<b>Schools.</b> Uintah School. Edith Ryberg, principal. Friends: Jean and Joan Powellson, Ronnie Dupaix, Bill Matthews, Phil Garn. Refers to Photo 07 (see caption for names).



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00:18:57	<b>Pictures.</b> Helped Wootens build swimming pool in the Gully (Photos 11 and 12). Wasatch Ward picture; mentions Dick Parker, Phil Garn, Cederloffs and Maws (Photo 15).
00:22:16	<b>Outdoor games.</b> Baseball on Kensington dead-end, hide-and-seek, Mother May I?, mumblety-peg, jump rope, kick the can.
00:23:31	<b>Activities In the Gully.</b> Did different kinds of things in the Gully—a place for wandering alone—but did play “try to find me.” Liked to see how far he could travel along the creek without touching the ground. Enjoyed the Gully after school, watched birds, collected spiders, avoided poison ivy and poison oak, hid from his sisters.
00:26:57	<b>Basketball.</b> Started at age 12. Learned playing on dirt courts by Eric Stelter’s on Emerson and behind Souvall’s in the Gully. Played later in Edgehill Ward gym.
00:28:45	<b>Church activities.</b> Ward basketball. Placed in church track meets (see Documents 06-07), scout camp (see Photo 10), Primary (Photo 08).
00:33:27	<b>(Con’t).</b> Digresses to show a letter his mother drafted from him to Santa in 1939 (see Document 01). Returns to church activities: participated in a boys’ quartet at a Hillside Stake Music, Speech, and Dance Festival (Document 05) – mentions Paul Van Dam.
00:35:21	<b>Historical events.</b> Not aware of the Depression. Recalls not recognizing his father who came to the door in military uniform when returning home in 1945. Squashed cans and left them at Uintah School for collection during the War.
00:37:20	<b>Gully flood.</b> Recalls swimming in the Gully when it flooded from the Culvert at Christmas Street up to Kensington Avenue.
00:39:00	<b>Another photo and document.</b> Talks about a recent photo of four members of Primary graduation class (see Photos 08 and 09). Reads part of note to Phil Garn about a train engine dubbed “40X8” at the service station operated by Mr. Christensen (see Document 08)
00:41:24	<b>Raising animals.</b> Raised honeybees, a porcupine, squirrels, magpies, rabbits, and a baby deer corralled by a dog in deep snow in 1948. Built a hut with father’s permission and kept animals there. Two baby eagles



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	found with Bill Matthews; talks about feeding them.
00:44:30	<b>More pictures and documents.</b> Shows pictures of paternal grandfather's house in Forestdale (part of modern Sugar House; see Photo 03) and a family photo in front of the house (Photo 04). Reads an excerpt from a piece he wrote about raising rabbits (see Document 02). Showed bound copies of <i>The Rooseveltian</i> , a newspaper published by Roosevelt Jr. High, of which he was the feature page editor in 1952-53 (Document 04).
00:48:42	<b>More activities and a photo.</b> Recalls performing in the "Chimes of Normandy," which was a ward operetta, the 1947 LDS Church Centennial program, church roadshows, school plays at East High. Letter in track, wrestling, and acapella. Talks about a photo of four Uintah School girls (see Photo 05).
00:51:28	<b>End time</b>