



# Wasatch Hollow Community Council

## Interview Summary and Index - 005

**Interviewee:** Allen Brown

**Interviewer:** Melvin P. Thatcher

**Date:** June 21, 2016

**Location:** Eagle Mountain, UT

### Summary

In this interview Allen Brown talks about growing up on the 1300 block of Bryan Avenue in the 1930a and 1940s. He recalls the houses and families on the block, outdoor and street games and sports played by kids. He describes the areas where he played or frequented including shops at 15<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and the gully south of Westminster College on the way to Sugar House. He identifies businesses and community facilities in Sugar House which he patronized. He reflects on his experience as a boy scout in Troop 192 and his scout and church leaders. He also recalls what life was like during World War II.

*Note: This is the fifth of five interviews with Allen Brown. The previous interviews were about Edgehill Ward basketball and can be accessed in the Edgehill Gym Basketball section on this website.*

### Index

Time	Brief description
00:00	<b>Introduction.</b>
00:49	<b>Family homes.</b> Uncle Paul Hansen’s duplex on 13 <sup>th</sup> East between Logan and 17 <sup>th</sup> South. Age 5 (1935/36) moved to 1339 Bryan Avenue.
01:46	<b>Neighborhood.</b> Bryan Avenue not predominantly LDS. Kids ran all over. Outdoor games. Street games. 14 <sup>th</sup> East.
04:23	<b>Neighborhood (cont.).</b> Meyers had a large backyard. Center of activity. Banned from yard for fighting with Garrett.
07:23	<b>Sports.</b> Played football on Westminster field at 13 <sup>th</sup> and Blaine. Other sports: baseball, softball, marbles, volleyball. Energetic came environment.
08:35	<b>Neighbors on 1300 Bryan.</b> Neighborhoods intertwined. Talks about each house up and down the block in terms of who did or did not like kids. Knew who to be scared of and who was friendly.
10:29	<b>Neighbors on 1300 Bryan (cont.).</b> Baxters had big backyard and fishpond.



## Wasatch Hollow Community Council

	Apgoods not LDS. Meyers. Cotro-Manes. Kids tormented Mr. Powell who disliked kids crossing his lawn. Sheyas, a Syrian family. Had an association with every house on the block.
13:24	<b>[Pause]</b>
13:28	<b>Play area.</b> Friends on Bryan and Kensington between 13 <sup>th</sup> East and 14 <sup>th</sup> East. Knew kids on other streets through Edgehill Ward.
14:48	<b>15<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> stores.</b> Recalls grocery store, Economy Drug (Max Smith) and dairy store. Pat's variety store was a hangout for rebellious boys.
17:20	<b>Gullies.</b> Never went to the gullies at 16 <sup>th</sup> East or by Edgehill Ward. Hung out in gully between 13 <sup>th</sup> East and 11 <sup>th</sup> East south of Westminster College on the way to Sugar House.
18:16	<b>Sugar House haunts.</b> Saturday movies. Fairmount Park swimming and tennis. Haircuts.
21:08	<b>Dad's business.</b> Had General Electric appliance store between 10 <sup>th</sup> East and 11 <sup>th</sup> East on 21 <sup>st</sup> South. Pennys, Southeast Furniture, Sterling Furniture. Mr. Heilbut. Dad was civic minded: president of Rotary Club, commander of American Legion, member Bugle Corps of Veterans of Foreign Wars.
23:41	<b>Sugar House Haunts (cont.).</b> Southeast Theater, Marlow Theater, popcorn shop, Snelgrove's Ice Cream, Rexall Drug (soda fountain where Uncle Paul worked).
26:25	<b>Ice cream.</b> Comments on importance of ice cream. Elaborates on the ice cream at Snelgrove's.
27:44	<b>Gully revisited.</b> Played Tarzan. Mostly just hung out. Site of "significant moral character decisions."
31:07	<b>Boy Scouts at Edgehill Ward.</b> Talks about the ward's role as a community center. Singles out Scoutmaster Alma Jenke (wife Hazel), his caring and dedication, and how he used scouting to build character in boys.
34:37	<b>Boy Scouts at Edgehill Ward (cont.)</b> Allen became a scout in 1943 at age 12. Tells about summer camping trips to Camp Steiner, Yellowstone Park, and North Rim of the Grand Canyon.
37:14	<b>Boy Scouts at Edgehill Ward (cont.)</b> Al Jenke was a blessing as scoutmaster. Troop 192 was big and open to all boys regardless of religion. Allen's Eagle Court of Honor had twelve recipients and drew LDS Church President George Albert Smith in recognition of the accomplishments of the troop. Alma Jenke, a priceless leader.
39:51	<b>[Pause]</b>
39:59	<b>Local church leaders.</b> Leo Eggett, deacons quorum advisor. Roll call by quorum.



## Wasatch Hollow Community Council

42:34	<b>[Pause]</b>
42:37	<b>World War II.</b> Recalls being dinner at grandma's house when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Age 10 (1941). Uncle Dick called up to service that night.
45:28	<b>World War II (cont.).</b> Dad, an artillery man in WWI, explained daily war reports from the European Theater. War in newsreels at the movies. Uncle Paul drafted.
47:31	<b>World War II (cont.).</b> Rationing: gas, tires, butter. Mother tutored Trevor Lee for meat rations. Dad's feelings towards Germans and Japanese. Donned Uncle Paul's uniform to get into movie free. End of war.
51:22	<b>End of War.</b> Paul came home in 1946. Activities began (e.g., basketball).
52:34	<b>Conclusion.</b> Neighborhood environment provided exposure to what was important and support to be good. Expresses appreciation for those who were there.
56:12	<b>End time.</b>