



Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Interview Summary and Index – John N. Cannon

Interviewee: John N. Cannon

Interviewer: Melvin Thatcher

Date: March 2, 2015

Location: At his home in Provo, UT

Summary

John N. Cannon shares his earliest recollections of the neighborhood starting about 1930. He describes the boundaries of The Gully and the Wasatch and Edgehill LDS wards. In the course of describing the landscape of his neighborhood, John tells stories about the family cow and breaking a window in a house and identifies family names of neighbors. Telling about street games and games played in The Gully, he details “slip tag” and “steal the flag.” John talks about arclights on neighborhood streets. He describes features of The Gully: the clay cliffs, vegetation, the springs, and the chicken farm. The interview closes with John’s recollections about local businesses at 15th and 15th, Sugarhouse, and 13th and 17th.

Note: John used hand drawn maps and some photos to talk about the landscape. The Gully, residences, and businesses. For these items, refer to the documents and photos sections that follow his interviews.

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Time	Brief description (one row/section; insert rows as needed)
00:00:00	Introduction.
00:00:58	Autobiography. John talks about his birth, occupation, wife Margaret Jane Maeser Cannon, six children. Jack Cannon
00:02:54	Years in neighborhood. Born 1927. Joined navy in 1945. Returned, left on mission in 1946 to England. Returned Jan 1949. Married and left area in 1951.
00:04:27	First recollection. 1647 Kensington. Tricycling in front of streetcar on 15 th East. Mrs. Bills
00:06:24	Chicken farm. During the Depression, moved to the “chicken farm” at 1600 E and Bryan Avenue in the Gully. Chicken farm time, 1930-32. Sister Elaine Cannon.



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0:07:48	Boundaries. The Gully ranged from Roosevelt to 17 th South. Wasatch Ward, Emerson Ave and 15 th East. Ward Boundaries. First bishop, Marvin O. Ashton. Bishop Rulon J. Sperry. Edgehill Ward boundaries. Hillside Ward, 17 th East and Roosevelt.
00:10:39	Landscape. East side of The Gully sheep pasture, Bennion Riding Academy on 17 th South. Another riding academy 17 th East and Roosevelt.
00:11:54	Family cow. First attempt to milk family cow. Dragged home by cow returning from pasture. Open fields up to Uintah School.
00:14:44	Landscape con't. West side of the Gully. Houses on 100 E to 17 th South. Takes out sketch Map 1 and Map 2 [see map section following this interview] and talks about the location of houses and family names of owners north of Kensington and south to 17 th South.] Treehorn, Dundas, Clark, Rassmussen, Tueller, Leaver, Hughes, Wooten, Barker, McMurdy
00:16:40	Broke a window. Age 4. Billy
00:18:33	Landscape con't. Upper Emerson, lower Emerson to 1500 E, Kensington to 1500 E. Duncan, Clyde, Bills, Leff, Pratt. Art Dupaix
00:19:54	Playmates and games. Playmates between 15 th and 16 th on Kensington and Emerson. Another set on Upper Emerson and Kensington. Baseball on Kensington and 16 th East. Night games on Emerson: Kick the Can. Games in the Gully: steal the flag, run sheepie run. Describes slip tag played on Emerson. Describes steal the flag.
00:23:22	The Gully. Gully is the flood plain of Emigration Creek. (Shows Map 1 then switches to Map 2). Talks about Emigration Creek with chicken farm and grassy play areas marked. Describes topography, creek course through the clay cliffs which were a dam across it. The canal constructed by pioneers in 1858 to float granite for Salt Lake Temple construction. Play area was from Roosevelt to 1700 S. Points out various locations in the neighborhood on the Map 2.
00:27:02	Arclights. Talks about the arclight by the riding academy and how arclights worked. Returns to being dragged by the family cow after it saw his shadow under an arclight.
00:29:16	Last memory of games in The Gully. Steal the flag on the eve of going into the service in 1945. Colleen Young injured by stick through her lower lip and cheek. Ambulance came. Bud Schlegel
00:31:49	Clay cliffs and canal. Talks about construction of the clay cliffs and their relationship to the chicken farm, canal, and creek, its function and downfall. Describes the course of the canal and aspects of its construction.
00:34:46	Gully vegetation. Wooten's orchard below Kensington. Knowlton's home. Chicken farm. Natural vegetation: scrub oak, box elder, maples planted by



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	the city, maybe poplar trees. Wootens planted blue spruce in orchard area. Points out location of vegetation on map. Joe Knowlton, Vander Ende.
00:39:33	Building and racing boats. Oldest Wooten boy taught how to build boats. Dam up stream to make pond for racing. Dick Wooten
00:40:27	Gully vegetation con't. Talks about trees in Gully photos. Russian olives.
00:41:31	The Springs. Water bubbled up from ground. Channeled into the creek. Captured downstream and moved by pipeline to the prison. Talks about pipe system.
00:44:07	Chicken farm. Describes barn, house and chicken coops and the farm's location and topography of the area (refers to Map 2).
00:47:23	Neighborhood businesses. Talks from Map 3 (see map section below). Mentions that canal by the Clydes. Pep 88 gas station, owner Loveridge. Auto repair shop, Pat's place. Hair dresser, Pat's wife. Another gas station. [West] side, a drug store, Red and White Grocery Store, alley, OP Skaggs. [East side] Emigration Market or Economy Drug. Fausett Drugstore [west side]. Points out location of Wasatch Ward. Talks about being taught how to shop at OP Skaggs by mother with \$5, a wagon, and a list. Talks about kinds of things Economy Drug sold. Describes punch board game at Pat's to win a candy bar. Could buy candy, loaf of bread, marbles in the variety store. Margett
00:55:53	Pearl Harbor. Remembers coming out of Sunday School and learning Pearl Harbor had been bombed.
00:56:45	Houses around 15th and 15th. Age 14. Recalls family names and shows location of homes. Charvo, Bean, Lucy Parkinson, Jack Frost
00:57:23	Other area businesses. Another gas station on 21 st South. Parker's. No businesses until 21 st South. Notes some Sugarhouse businesses down to 7th East and 24 th South - Forestdale Brigham Young's old farm purchased by George M. and John N. Cannon and turned into a housing development. 1700 East 1300 South: ice cream store and a market. Few houses around there.
1:00:20	End time