



Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Interview Summary and Index – John N. Cannon

Interviewee: John N. Cannon

Interviewer: Melvin Thatcher

Date: March 11, 2015

Location: At his home in Provo, UT

Summary
<p>This is the third and final interview with John N. Cannon. He shares assorted recollections and answers some questions stemming from previous interviews. He talks about his boy scout troop of 60 boys in Wasatch Ward and competition with the troop in neighboring Edgehill Ward. He lists adult scouting and church leadership positions that he held as an adult. Next John tells about the annual flooding of Emigration Creek in the spring and summer activities in The Gully. He then recounts his father’s absence during the war years, the impact of WWII on the boys in the neighborhood, and his own military service. John describes a childhood game, Run Sheepie Run, and tells how his various groups of friends interrelated with a digression on nicknames. He recalls how the west side of The Gully was built out with houses between 1925 and 1951, while the east side was primarily a sheep pasture. He also notes that the northeast part of modern day Wasatch Hollow was filled with homes before the west side. John concludes with the observation that despite occasional mischief, “The neighborhood was basically a healthy neighborhood, a good place to grow up, a good place for kids.”</p>

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Time	Brief description (one row/section; insert rows as needed)
00:00:00	Introduction
00:00:49	Boy Scouts. Wasatch Ward was full of children. Became a scout and a deacon at the same time. Reid Stringham (Utah Woolen Mills), first scoutmaster. Lou Clark, next scoutmaster. Five deacons’ quorums and 5 girls. Troop had ca. 60 boys. Competition with Al Jenke’s [troop] in Edgehill Ward for awards. Beaver Patrol leader. Became Eagle at 16. Earned palms.
00:05:00	Adult scouting. Enumerates positions held. Silver Beaver and another award. Involved over 65 years, 30 years as scoutmaster.
00:07:00	Church service. Enumerates leadership callings.



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00:08:21	Gully floods. Emigration Creek flooded every spring. Stayed away from the [flood] water. Made rubber-powered boats and raced them on creek after the floods. Talks about the boats. Dick Wooten and Wooten property in The Gully.
00:10:54	More on The Gully. Games. Had huts among the willows near the springs. Trails, camping, wide games, hideouts—summer uses of the Gully.
00:12:13	Father's military service: Father called back to military service in 1940, away from home until 1945 after John had joined the navy. Father assigned to Ninth Service Command in charge of personnel at Fort Douglas for one year, ca. 1942.
00:13:35	War years. Boys went into service when of age. Joined navy towards end of the War. In navy boot camp when war in Japan ended, 1945. Took ROTC at university. Commissioned in 1951. Called up by army for Korean War.
00:16:45	Run Sheepie Run. Game played by mother—a game of hide and seek, kick the can, steal the flag. Could be played anywhere.
00:17:52	Interrelation between groups of friends. All groups new each other. When in smaller numbers, played in a group. Age differences. Enumerates games played in summer. All went to school together.
00:19:44	Nicknames. Samuel or Henry Bostrom known as "Or". John was "Johnnie" in the family. Leroy Jensen, "Roy"; Robert Powellson, "Bob". Donald Reiman, "Don"; Douglas Kimball, "Doug"; Robert Clyde, "Bob." Lower Kensington and Emerson were John's age. Those on Upper Emerson and Upper Kensington were older. John was the youngest on Kensington George Hughes, nicknamed "Pug," was five years older. Jack Hardy, Pat Leaver.
00:24:12	Interrelation between groups of friends (cont'd). Groups were mixed in team games. Afternoon or night games. Teams based on where played and who was available.
00:25:54	Final memories. [Family] lived in neighborhood from 1925 to 1948/51. This was the period of the Depression and two wars. Neighborhood houses filled in. Empty lots were no longer available for play.
00:30:00	Final memories (cont'd). East side of The Gully had one house, "called the 'Haunted House'" [phone rings]. In summers, sheep occupied the east side. Northeast part of modern Wasatch Hollow was built out before the west side of The Gully. Families built and stayed in the area. Housing developments; private construction. Martins, Dundas, Wootens.
00:34:27	Final memories (cont'd). Clotheslined while making mischief in the neighborhood. Rang doorbells and ran when there was nothing else to do.



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	Games kept kids out of mischief. "The Neighborhood was basically a healthy neighborhood, a good place to grow up, a good place for kids."
00:36:37	End time