



Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Interview Summary and Index – 001

Interviewee: Julie Johnson Monson

Interviewer: Warren Cook

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Location: Salt Lake City, UT

Summary

Julie Johnson Monson is the daughter of Ray and Marian Johnson. She lived at 1870 Harrison Avenue with her parents and siblings. She shares her memories about growing up in the neighborhood during the 1950s and 60s. Julie recalls the development of housing above and below 1900 East in the 1950s and how the landscape along The Gully changed with the construction of homes and the Colonial Hills Ward chapel.

She talks about school boundaries and LDS church boundaries noting their impact on children and friendships in the neighborhood as the population grew. She lived in the last house on the west boundary of Bonneville Elementary and the eastern border of her LDS stake, so school and church friends overlapped very little during her elementary school years.

Julie remembers playing in the gullies above and below 1900 East and the activities of different age groups in it.

She tells about the shops at 1300 South and 1700 East which became a gathering place for adults and a hangout for youths, particularly after church and school events on weekends. Commenting on socialization in the 1960s, Julie notes the draw of The Gully in our neighborhood for Highland High students and the Bonneville gully for East High students. She tells how her father was a founder of Maxfield Candy and reminisces about a number of families and individuals in the neighborhood that engaged in business and government.



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Note: (1) When Julie talks about areas north or south of the gully, she is referring to the gully above 1900 East which runs from east to west, not The Gully (aka Wasatch Hollow) which runs southwesterly below 1900 East to 1700 South. (2) This interview was interrupted by a phone call. Go to Interview 002 for its continuation and conclusion.

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Time	Brief description
00:00:00	Introduction.
00:00:11	Background. Moved into neighborhood in about 1950. Mother still there (see Marian Rockwood Johnson interview).
00:00:47	Housing. Housing developments below and above 1900 East. Houses, many built by doctors [in late 1950s], had property along [Emigration] Creek. Down to 1700 South many had fruit trees (Gardner's Orchards).
00:02:23	School and church boundaries. The Gully was a dividing point. Member of first graduating class at Bonneville Elementary. Lived in last house in the district. Kids on other side of The Gully attended Dillard Elementary. Bonneville LDS Stake stopped at 1300 South. Lived one block south of it. Few kids at Bonneville Elementary were in her stake.
00:03:52	Bonneville Elementary. Walked to school and home for lunch every day. Brought kids who lived above Foothill Boulevard home for lunch. Made lifetime friends.
00:04:48	Changing landscape. The gullies above and below 1900 E were never developed. Circle with homes abutting The Gully was built on [Browning] Circle when Colonial Hills Ward was constructed. Ward chapel had scout room in walkout basement and a large fireplace out back on The Gully. Private land in The Gully south [of Harrison] was "mystery land." Cannons.
00:07:41	More on school and church boundaries. Children above below 1700 East attended Uintah School. Those above it attended Bonneville Elementary. attended Roosevelt Jr. High; those who lived [east] of her went to Bonneville Jr. High. Colonial Hills Ward bounded by 15 th East and 19 th East.



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	Only a few [church] friends attended Bonneville Elementary.
00:09:38	Saturdays. Took bus downtown with friend to watch sci-fi movies at Lyric Theatre followed by limeade at Walgreens or stops at The Paris or Auerbachs.
00:10:38	Kids in The Gully. A place for younger kids to play and teenagers to smoke and drink beer. Emigration Market. A place to get away. Different groups had different places. 's was under the 19 th East culvert which kids passed through by various means.
00:11:49	Shops at 13th and 17th. Too far to walk to 15 th and 15 th so kids met at gathered here. Emigration Market, owned by Bowers family, had meat (Mr. Bowers worked here) at one end and Dunford Bakery (owners lived in neighborhood). Market was magnet for kids and adults. Bowers and other kids on [Browning] Circle worked there. Dan's Market.
00:14:10	Shops at 13th and 17th (cont.). Fernwood's, an ice cream and candy store, owned by Wood family on 1900 East, was a weekend hangout for kids after movies at local LDS wards and school events. A&W Drive-in lasted for a few years and was popular with kids. Gas station was located where Eggs [in the City] is today (i.e., northwest corner).
00:18:01	The Gully, school and church boundaries. Parents disapproved going south of The Gully but kids had church friends there. School boundaries divided neighborhood kids between East High and Highland, and Bonneville Elementary [and Dilworth], and Hillside Jr. High, and Roosevelt Jr. High. One side of The Gully up to 2100 East went to East High, the other side to Highland. Overlapping LDS stake and school boundaries complicated social relations.
00:20:48	Socialization. In 1960s sports and pep club were natural dividers. Either participate or hangout by yourself or with friends. Social groups formed [among adults] on either side of The Gully. The Gully didn't mean anything to youths; East High kids went to the Bonneville gully and Highland to The Gully.
00:22:48	Outstanding people in the neighborhood. Julie's father partnered with the Maxfields to found Maxfield Candy. Johnson and Maxfield kids were expected to work in the candy factory. Duffins from above 1900 East and



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	Woods competed in ice cream and candy business. Governor Clyde and Attorney General Vern Romney. Michealus (grandparents fled Germany). Dave Sorenson (LDS General Authority). Christensen Diamond Drill Products. Some families settled and stayed, others moved as they became more successful. Good schools drew people to the area.
00:27:29	End time.