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Interviewee: Ruth C. Siebers

Interviewer: Jeanne Eakland

Date: March 12, 2015

Location: Sandy, Utah

Summary

Ruth C. Siebers talks about her growing up years at 1648 Kensington Avenue from about 1934 to 1955. She recalls a few homes and many vacant lots on her block and trees on the Wooten property in the Gully. She mentions many outdoor games played by the children during the year.

Ruth talks about the shops at 15th and 15th, a grocery boy who had a crush on her. She also mentions Emigration Market at 13th and 17th which was owned by her friend’s father.

Ruth talks about the Gully—the chicken farm where her family lived during the Depression, the clay cliffs, the springs, and the Wooten’s orchard. She recalls the “story tree,” an apple tree where she loved to sit and tell stories, and playing house on a plateau near the creek. She tells of a haunted house and sheep grazing above the Gully on the east side.

Ruth remembers fondly her friend Barbara Ayres, who was not a Mormon, and her teachers at Uintah School.

The interview is interrupted by a phone call.

Note: When talking about the Gully, Ruth refers to photos taken by her brother John in 1956. The photos are included with the John N. Cannon’s interview.

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Time	Brief description
00:00:00	Introduction. Ruth will talk about 1934-1955



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00:00:49	Describes 1600 block of Kensington. A few houses and many vacant lots. Tarantulas, horned toads in field. Hughes house, Wootens' house and orchard in the Gully. James and Wesley Wooten
00:03:35	Wildlife in the Gully. Squirrels.
00:04:20	The Gully. Notes the cherry trees are gone. Knowlton's bought Wooten's property. Pine trees planted by Wootens.
00:06:12	Earliest recollections of the Gully. Did not go there before age 4. Not forbidden to play there. Alice. Neighborhood kids in the Gully: Doug Kimball, Don Rymund from Emerson Ave.
00:07:35	Neighborhood games. Outdoor games: rubber guns, klick the can, hide and seek. Lawn games: red rover, statues. Jumped rope on MaryAnn [Treeharne]'s driveway. Summer games: board games on the lawns.
00:08:46	Families on 1600 Kensington. Mrs. Hughes, friend of Mom, sold house. Cockaynes moved in, a friend for Annie. Bonnie [Cooley] bought from Cockaynes. Martin family next door. Mentions Jimmie Martin. Babysat for Broschinskys.
00:11:21	15th and 15th shops. West side of 15 th East. OP Skaggs grocery store, later Safeway. Beauty salon, cleaners. Fallon Drug on corner of Emerson. Red and White Pantry. Wasatch Ward. Tells of crush on boy who worked at OP Skaggs. Mom sometimes ordered groceries from ZCMI for home delivery.
00:15:00	(Con't). West side of street. Patterson's five and dime store. Gas stations on corners of Kensington and Emerson. Economy Drug. Max Smith, owner. Ice cream parlor. Talks about shopping at Economy Drug and Fallons.
00:20:09	Emigration market. Marilyn Cottrell's father, owner.
00:21:34	The chicken farm. The Dutchie's. Refers to pictures. Tells story of father renting Kensington home during the Depression and moving into the Gully and raising chickens. Three oldest siblings (oldest sister [Elaine], John, and Alice) lived there. The Dutchie took over the chicken farm.
00:25:30	Gully photos. Talks about John's photos of the Gully: the clay cliffs and the springs. Swing over the water. Refers to John's sketch map for location of the orchard. Tells of the story tree and playing house on the plateau going down to creek. Mentions MaryAnn.
00:29:53	MaryAnn and Barbara. Played with Barbara throwing socks up into tree. Lived on corner of Kensington. Tells about playing in her house. Alice. Annie.
00:32:50	Back to Gully. Tells of haunted house on the other side. Burned down.
00:34:54	Fires. Weeds in vacant lots on Kensington.



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00:35:32	More Gully memories. Heard bells of sheep as they were driven by on the other side. Recalls the well.
00:37:53	More on Barbara. Not a member of the [LDS] Church. Parent's strict, so she didn't play in the Gully much. Played at her house a lot.
00:39:06	Sugarhouse. Went to movies. Older brothers and sisters went to Irving Jr. High.
00:40:20	Uintah School. Recalls teachers: Miss. Musser, kindergarten; Miss Rigby, 1 st ; Miss Stewart, 2 nd . Had home room in 3 rd grade and rotated classes. Was good student. Enjoyed reading and music like sister Elaine. Tells about trying to leave school early on first day of 1 st grade. Walked to school along 1600 East.
00:42:50	Phone rings.
00:3:05	End time