



Wasatch Hollow Community Council

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Interviewee: James W. Woolley

Interviewer: Melvin P. Thatcher

Date: December 3, 2015

Location: Salt Lake City, UT

Summary

James W. Woolley shares his memories of participating in the Edgehill Ward basketball program from the age of 11 or 12 shortly after the end of World War II. He recalls his introduction to the gym and Paul Hansen, who was in charge, and comments of the benefits that the boys in the community enjoyed from playing ball and mentoring by Paul and some of their fathers. He also talks about the kinds of jobs Paul had the boys do and basketball tournament play and closes with praise for Paul and his teams.

Note: This is the first of two interviews with James.

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Time	Brief description
00:00	Introduction.
00:00:27	Earliest recollection. Recalls introduction to Paul Hansen, who was in charge of the Edgehill [Ward] gym, shortly after WWII. Shot first basketball on a Saturday morning. Scheduled drills.
00:02:24	Open to all boys. Paul welcomed all boys regardless of religion. Played basketball after scout meetings and on Saturday mornings. Gym rats. George Souvall
00:03:57	Value of participation. Basketball and life skills taught by Paul and fathers who helped him kept most boys stay out of trouble. Confirmed by Marv Pugh and juvenile delinquency statistics. Started Mountain View Ward friend on path to business success and church leadership. Lifelong friendships.
00:09:28	Gym life. Paul organized activities which included jobs for the boys and tournaments. Discounted prices on Converse tennis shoes.
00:12:37	Tournament play. <i>Ad hoc</i> tournaments arranged by Paul. All-Church tournament. Edgehill Ward champions. Dee Woolley, Nate Wade.
00:15:19	Paul Hansen's teams. Great basketball coach whose teams usually won.



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	Friendships. Don Snyder.
00:18:06	End time