



Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Interview Summary and Index - 001

Interviewee: Clark Cannon Knowlton

Interviewer: Melvin P. Thatcher

Date: January 6, 2016

Location: Sandy, UT

Summary

Clark Knowlton’s family home was down in the Gully at the end of Kensington. His memories of growing up there offer a different perspective on life in the neighborhood from 1965 to 1983. He talks winter storms and canyon winds, wildlife, willows, and fruit trees and Emigration Creek. He tells what the Gully was like and about playing and learning to work in it.

Clark also remembers playing and hanging out in the streets and alleys and neighborhood shopping districts. He shares memories of Uintah School and Clayton Jr. High, and Highland High. He reminisces about the Colonial Hills Wards, boy scouts, and church ball at the Edgehill Ward.

Note: This is Part 1 of Clark’s interview. The background noise is the sound of the interviewer’s pencil taking notes.

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Time	Brief description
00:00	Introduction.
00:50	Bio-data. Grew up in the Gully at the end of Kensington from 1965-83. Became self-employed body man/home remodeler.
01:46	Early memories. Big snow storms. Wildlife. Sled down driveway. Fruit trees. Raked leaves and harvested fruit in the fall.
04:20	Emigration Creek. The creek (“crick”) ran through the yard. Walked upstream to the mountains. Slid through culverts under street. Went downstream to Westminster. Got rash or fungus on feet in summer. Collected golf balls that came downstream from Bonneville Golf Course. Flooded when culvert at 1700 South backed up. Ice skated on frozen stream.
07:15	The Gully. Below the Presbyterian Church was an open field that it owned. Weeds and mounds of dumped earth. Kids rode bikes there.



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08:50	Games in Gully. Ball tag, Hide 'n Go Seek. Played with Cannon cousins from Illinois. Rode lawn mowers, wagons, skates. Played in stream. Neighbor Luna Wootens.
10:50	Other kids in the Gully. Clayton students, older kids, hippies. Skate board ramp, trampoline. Skateboarded at Westminster, Church lots,
11:17	Skateboarding and hanging out. Had skate board ramp and trampoline in the yard.. Skateboarded on Westminster tennis courts and in church parking lots. Hung out at Rexall drug on corner of Kensington and 15 th East. Family Market. Gum forbidden in elementary school. Bubble Yum.
13:02	Alleys and streets. Cunninghams. Kensington to Emerson. Cut through allies. Friends on Kensington. Kensington hangout street.
13:42	Emigration Market. Cut through Gully to go there and to Clayton Jr. High. Walked everywhere.
14:40	Family Market. Owned by oriental family (now Einsteins).
15:04	Street games on Kensington. Hide 'n Go Seek. Kick the Can. Football. Mr. Ayres didn't like kids on his lawn.
16:10	Play areas. Gully below Presbyterian to Edgehill Ward to Westminster, come up to Family Market and Red Hanger. Games in Gully. Sleigh riding hill by Presbyterian church below Dr. Hatch's.
17:48	Playing on 15th East. Sailed go-kart and bumper hitched on 15 th East.
19:14	Uintah School. Didn't have cafeteria until 5 th grade. Playground on east side of school. Toilet papered Marjorie Romney's house across the street from school. Bikes. School had horsehoe area where classrooms were located. Played ball there.
21:15	Uintah Teachers. Mr. Turner gave ear lifts and head bops. Mrs. Wiseman, 4 th grade math. Mrs. Hall, 4 th grade home room teacher.
22:34	Clayton Jr. High. Walk through Gully cross at bridge below school. Cut through yards. Shop teacher Mr. Broadhead.
24:38	Church. Friends. Had to go. Explored building. Colonial Hills 2 nd Ward. Shared building with Colonial Hills 1 st Ward. Combined primaries because there were few kids. Families: McDonalds, Prices. German families. Learned about their experiences during war and emigrating.
27:13	Boy Scouts. Scoutmaster Robert Cooley most influential. Helped get Eagle rank. Lived on Kensington. Son Michael and daughter Laura. Ann Cannon also lives there. Troop had 4 or 5 scouts.
28:35	Church ball. Played every Saturday at Edgehill Ward. 1 st and 2 nd Colonial Hills Wards combined teams. Edgehill kids took the trophies. Half gym in Colonial Hills Ward chapel was used for parties.



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30:20	Canyon winds. Windstorm blew trees over. Spiders. Cleared debris. Chopped firewood.
31:29	Learning to work. Chopped willows in Gully to make money. Father took time off and helped. Learned to work. Grew back the next year. Became an annual event.
33:02	Shops at 17th and 17th. Presbyterian Church. Went to pre-school. Chevron gas station on SW corner. Taylors next door had a swimming pool. Shop-n-Go. Bought gas there. Mrs. Hansen, clerk. Dave, the owner.
35:07	Highland High. Followed siblings there. Cut thorough Gully and walk down 1700 East. Used to have a shooting range at school. Mr. Watson taught , driver's ed next to gun range. ROTC.
36:26	Sugar House Park. Road sleighs. Flew kites. Changes in Sugar House.
37:23	Childhood friendships. One friend joined military - Burt Heber. Lost contact. Dale Graff joined park service. Talk every other year. Most other friendships are from outside neighborhood. Other friends from grade school and jr. high: Russel Price, Jeff McDonald.
39:19	Closing memories. Mad about sale of family home. Growing up in neighborhood was awesome. Comments on current real estate market. Changes and remodels.
42:20	End time