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**Interviewee:** Julie Nichols Goodro, Gary Nichols, and Jeanette Hansen Nichols

**Interviewer:** Anne Cannon

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**Location:** Salt Lake City, UT

<b>Summary</b>	
<p>Julie Nichols Goodro, her brother Gary Nichols, and his wife Jeanette Hansen Nichols discuss playing and exploring in and around the gully in the period between 1953 and 1971. The Nichols siblings remember visiting their grandparents house on Kensington Ave and exploring the gully’s cliffs and caves. Gary recalls the “Gully Boys” and trying to escape from them, and what happened when the Gully Boys would catch you. They reminisce on shared experiences growing up including adventures at the Liberty Park pool, throwing snowballs on the neighbor’s roof, and running across neighbor’s properties to get through the neighborhood. Gary’s wife Jeanette talks about Ray’s Variety Store and the owner Ray Watrous.</p>	

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<b>Time</b>	<b>Brief description</b>
00:12	<b>Introduction</b> of Julie N. Goodro, Gary C. Nichols (brother and sister)
01:02	<b>Visiting grandparents</b> Julie G. – between 1953 – 1971 visited their grandparents often on Kensington. Mother would sometimes live with grandparents when she was ill.
01:37	<b>Discusses visiting clay cliffs</b> and how steep they were when she was 4. Also reminisces about the feeling of the clay between her toes. Gary N. – reminisces about visiting the clay cliffs.
03:12	<b>Earliest memories</b> – Gary N. - Some of his earliest memories are climbing the cherry tree and picking cherries all the while avoiding the guard dog.
03:58	<b>Memories of the gully</b> - Julie G.- remembers old tires in the creek and finding where to cross the creek without getting wet. Remembers learning to walk on steep slopes, trails on the west side of the creek.
05:09	<b>Finding golf balls</b> -Gary N. – Discusses finding golf balls in the creek, learned trails, hiding places and shortcuts which were useful when avoiding the “Gully Boys”. Julie and Gary remembers friends getting depantsed by the “Gully Boys”.



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08:00	<b>Forbidden caves</b> - Julie and Gary – Discuss caves and the thrill of going in and hiding in them. Caves were east of Colonial Hills Ward.
09:58	<b>Visiting grandparents after school</b> - Julie and Gary – Talk about coming to their grandparents house after school during her mother’s illnesses in 1960 and 1962. Always cut through the gully when getting to and from school (Curtis Elementary) to grandma’s house on Kensington.
12:15	<b>Kindergarten</b> - Julie G. – Attended beginning of kindergarten at Uintah School, had to ride the city bus at age 5, bus driver knew to let her off at the school. Attended Uintah before Curtis was finished. Fond memories of her teacher (Mrs. Thompson). Remembers taking a boys hat, burying it and losing it.
14:54	<b>The Gully Boys</b> - Gary N. – Remembers another interaction with the “Gully Boys”. He escaped but children with him were caught. Snuck back and saw the boys drinking beer. Boys eventually poured the beer over the three of them when they wouldn’t drink it. Discusses influence of Swamp Fox TV show on playing in the gully.
17:49	<b>Jr. High School</b> - Julie - Discussion of jr. high schools that they attended. Hillside (Julie) and Clayton (Gary). Talks about crawling through a culvert to get to the gully.
19:00	<b>Activities together</b> - Julie and Gary – Remember activities done together – Going off diving board at Liberty Park when they couldn’t swim. Rescued Julie, didn’t rescue Gary. Gary talks about finding tarantulas, lizards, horned toads. Both talk about exploring Dinosaur Cave by the “H” rock. Julie talks about Grandfather’s sheds, which he called “Julia’s House”; Gary knew them as playhouses. Both remember jumping off retaining walls into the gully.
24:13	<b>Throwing snowballs</b> - Gary N. – talks about throwing snowballs on the roof of the Knowlton house until the owner came out to chase them off.
25:03	<b>Wedding reception</b> - Julie G. – Remembers her wedding reception at Wasatch Ward due to her parent’s association with the ward. Gary and Julie remember early years of Sugarhouse Park and the prison towers and walls still standing in the park.
26:34	<b>First job</b> - Julie G. – Got a job cleaning house through her grandmother’s education program with lower income girls at the age of 15. Borrowed Gary’s bike to get to the house.
27:52	<b>Playing in the gully</b> - Gary N. – memories of family gatherings and playing in the gully, cutting through Wootten properties in the neighborhood. Julie kind of remembers swimming in Wootten pool. Julie remembers picking cherries.
30:58	<b>Gully boundaries</b> - Gary N. – talks about the boundaries of where they



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	explored to the south and the north.
32:18	<b>Ray's Variety Store</b> - Jeanette N. (Gary's wife, nee Hanson) – always went to Ray's variety store (1700E 1700S SW corner, owned by Ray Watrous) but doesn't remember ever going into the gully. Remembers gathering pine nuts and selling them to Ray. Talks about following the mailman to the store.
34:17	<b>Church fire</b> - Julie G. – remembers when the Presbyterian Church burned.
35:18	<b>Walking home from high school</b> - Julie talks about walking home from Highland High Scholl and recognizing the gully as a familiar place
36:02	<b>End time</b>