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Transcript of Climbing Haystack Rock

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SANDY HANNEMAN: Sandy Hanneman. So, I suppose in the later '60s probably.¹

PAUL HANNEMAN: My name is Paul Hanneman. 1948.²

SANDY: Well, before Haystack Rock was named a wildlife sanctuary there, um, when I was 16, we, uh, climbed Haystack Rock. And Paul and I and another friend³ who was 14 years old, we went out in a dory and my brother⁴ and my mom⁵ rowed there—or no, motored the dory around the rock there while we were climbing. And people say, “Oh my golly, it was so steep,” you know. “How did you do that?” But actually, when we got up there, there was only one place that was at all, um, where you had to hang on to the dry grass to get up. But otherwise it was kind of just like trails, going up the south side of course.

PAUL: I don't think our intention was to climb the rock when we went out that morning.

SANDY: I—well, maybe not.

PAUL: Um.

SANDY: Yeah.

PAUL: It, it just was so flat. We looked at where you hop off and there wasn't [Pause] there wasn't any swell, and so we just hopped off the bow.

SANDY: Just because it was there I guess. [Laughter] Looking back and looking down and everything, it was exciting then, you know.

NOTES:

¹Sandy Hanneman began dory fishing in the 1960s.

²Paul Hanneman began dory fishing in 1948.

³Bruce Erickson

⁴Steve Siltanen

⁵Florence Abshear