

Northwest Arkansas Oral History Project  
Nina Faye Gould Interview Abstract  
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Interviewee	Nina Faye Gould
Year of birth	1927
Place of birth	Benton County, Arkansas
Interviewer	Randi Van Noy
Interview date	2018-04-04
Interview location	Kindley House; Gravette, Benton County, Arkansas
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Description	<p>Asked about moving to Gravette as a child, Nina Faye Gould remembers her brother driving her mother, Gould, and her two sisters there in his truck on an unpaved road. It was 1933, the year she started school in Gravette's one school building. The lower grades were on the bottom floor; higher grades upstairs. She would attend all twelve grades in that building. Downtown Gravette was a busy place. Every store was occupied. All the parking places were used on Saturdays as people shopped and chatted with friends. Gould was a 'soda jerk' at the Ideal Drug Store in high school and enjoyed trips to Noel, the 'party town', with friends.</p> <p>In 1950 Gould married Bud Gould. They worked together at the Pyeatte Funeral Home in Siloam Springs and later at Gravette's theater. In 1956, the two of them and their daughter opened the DX Café in Sulphur Springs. Six years later they sold the café. Bud went to work for Sibley Engineering and Union Carbide. She took care of the farm and raising their daughter. Throughout her life, summer meant Gravette Day to celebrate</p>

	<p>the city's birthday. A carnival would set up in the Old Town Park with fun rides. Her husband belonged to the American Legion. She and Bud helped by serving pies, cakes, and sandwiches. A widow since 1983, Gould moved back to Gravette, calling herself a 'city girl.' She, along with classmates, served on the Board of the Historical Museum. She credits Leland Brandon with helping to refurbish it. Gould continues to attend events at the Museum.</p> <p>Now, at 91 (2018), Gould enjoys visiting her daughter, grandchildren and their families. Walks with her dog are a treat. She closes interview by saying she 'always has enjoyed life and still does.'</p>
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Interview sidebar	<p>While several of her friends involved with the Gravette Historical Museum have moved away or died, Gould remembers how 'they always liked to get together on Gravette Day and visit for a while...one girl, Erma Blackburn, had a home on 102 and she always opened it up to us...good meals and good visits.'</p> <p>[00:32:58]</p>