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Ana Marie Koch

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Interviewee: Ana Marie Koch

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Ana Marie Koch resided in Canutillo, Texas for most of her life, and she recalls her childhood memories about the town. Koch remembers her family history; her father had many occupations before buying a store in Canutillo called Central Market. As a child, Koch attended Lone Star Elementary; she sometimes arrived late to school from lunch break because she purposely hid in bushes near the school; she also explains some afterschool activities such as, going to church and playing house with dried red chilies; when she was ten, Koch would work at her dad's store, and passed the time by playing pranks on a few clients she disliked. Koch also attended El Paso High School; she rode the bus that travelled from Canutillo to the school; her first days at El Paso High, Koch remembered, were tough because she did not have any friends in her classes. Additionally, Koch recalls the importance of the Church in the community of Canutillo; she explains how the Sunday churchgoers assisted building the new church by either collecting a cup of sand or by carrying rocks back to the construction site; Koch also provides the details on the construction dates of the church. There were also other landmarks that were important components to the community; she discusses the theatre, and she provides a few details about the Canutillo Community Clinic. Koch graduated from El Paso High School in 1952; she began to work in several financial institutions; she retired in 1992 due to medical issues. To conclude, Koch remembers Canutillo as a place where everyone is happy although they did not have much.

Length of interview: 59 minutes

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