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## SPEAKERS

Jessie Kozisek, Interviewer

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**J** Jessie Kozisek 00:10

We moved from Howard Kansas with my parents James W and Amelia Kozisek in the 1915. We moved to what is now Main street on a 40 acre farm. Then Father rented an additional 40 acres and in later years purchased the land.

**I** Interviewer 00:34

Where did you come from?

**J** Jessie Kozisek 00:34

We came from Hollywood, Kansas. The members of the family where my mother and father, James W. and Amelia Kozisek, sister Adelaide and sister Marcela and myself, Jessie. Robert was born in 1925, our brother. We, in later years, we attended school at the corner of 10th and Main in the Broomfield school. The original was a one room schoolhouse. And in about nine teens 20s then a two rooms brick schoolhouse was constructed. There were no high schools and the later years attended Louisville and Lafayette High School

**I** Interviewer 01:29

Did you ride on the Interurban to get there?

**J** Jessie Kozisek 01:32

My sister Marcy, Marcella rode the Interurban to Louisville and when I attended Lafayette High School we rode the buses as the Interurban had been discontinued. The houses were few and far between our near neighbors were the Multon family on the corner of 10th of Main. Mrs.

Edith Duffy is their daughter. Rufus Bailey live on the corner north of us. Later he moved up to the spot where Gate N Green is now located

I Interviewer 02:15

Did he live where that barn is on the corner of the golf course?

J Jessie Kozisek 02:19

Yes.

I Interviewer 02:25

Okay. What did your father farm?

J Jessie Kozisek 02:27

We farm and raised wheat, corn and alfalfa.

I Interviewer 02:31

Do you have any broom corn?

J Jessie Kozisek 02:33

No, no broom corn. We did have a small herd of cows I think about seven cows and in the earlier days we all milked to Broomfield and it was sent to Denver on the train. We had a very small barn at the rich, at the original site. And then Dad got a Gordon Van Tine pre cut barn, which he and with the help of Henry Crooks, Viola's brother, constructed that.

I Interviewer 03:11

That was the [brick one]?

J Jessie Kozisek 03:12

That we also dug a deep water well, which was 720 feet deep and it was Artesian water, which was very soft. didn't need any detergents to bring the then in 1925 The folks remodeled the house and built the present structure

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I Interviewer 03:44  
Was the original house there?

J Jessie Kozisek 03:46  
Yes, the original house was there when we bought the farm, Dad bought the farm. then in the 1930s we purchased an additional 120 acres south where the swimming pool and Presbyterian Church are located. Also the community center. That was part of our family holdings. We attended church at the Broomfield Methodist Church, which was the only church here at the time. There were never any churches here. Someone brought that up the other night. But there were no churches here until after the town started, other than Methodist church until I don't remember which one was first. There were no other churches there. And

I Interviewer 04:48  
Your mother, didn't she do, didn't she write for the newspaper?

J Jessie Kozisek 04:54  
Yeah, she did. She wrote news for the both for the Lafayette Leader and then in the Broomfield page, and for the Broomfield papers.

I Interviewer 05:06  
[unclear audio]

J Jessie Kozisek 05:10  
Well, probably 1950, I would say. We

I Interviewer 05:21  
[unclear audio]

J Jessie Kozisek 05:26  
it could have been maybe not too much earlier. And the reason she did that was the church was in badly, bad need of chairs. So the money that we spent out or in writing the news was spent on chairs for the church. Because in those days, our church was pretty, pretty poor. Ladies for many years, the lady's aid, and it was called the women's organization supported the church by quilting, serving farm sales and church dinners, have the annual bazaar once a year.

I Interviewer 06:07

Do you remember anything about the Klu Klux Klan coming to the church? Was that before your time?

J Jessie Kozisek 06:13

Well, I was pretty young then. I have stories. I'd heard that. I mean, in recent years, I heard that they had done that. But I remember they used to go up the hill. And they would burn their crosses up on the hill, like a dream. Right, by the water tower. But I was pretty tiny. I was kind of scared. I heard the folks talking about that.

I Interviewer 06:42

Wonder what it was they were trying to get across at that time.

J Jessie Kozisek 06:47

Oh, well, I'm not real sure. Whether it was racial problems, or.

I Interviewer 07:03

Tell me about you, when you got out of high school. And did you go? Where did you go to work?

J Jessie Kozisek 07:09

Well, I I worked in Denver for a while. I went to opportunity school in Denver a couple of years, took a secretarial course. And then it was smack in the middle of the depression and there were no jobs. So we just helped around the farm. And then in 1943 I went to work for the telephone. Yes, at the I was an operator 120th and Lowell for about 14 years, and then we built after the flight started we could build a new building at 120th and Sheridan and then worked there for two years. And then that was converted to at that time we still had operators and then that was converted to dial in 1959. So then I transferred to Lafayette and worked in the commercial office there for 11 years. Then that office was closed so I transferred to Boulder, worked there for a time. The location of Broomfield the new town was the old Zang Farm. There was a tenant house and also Mr. Zang had a summer home. Now this was Adolph Zang Jr. that we knew. And he was associated with his father, had a mansion in Denver, Zang mansion. But he did come out to stay in the summer, stay at the house, which is over on Poppy Way yet, the original, where Mr. Zang lived. And he would have, of course tenant farmers on all the other farms where the Archers lived. And the one north of us, down on the corner where the Country Club is now, was another farm and he'd have these tenant farmers and then they would at harvest time they would sell the grain, of course, Zang got a share of it. And he would be there. He watched that very carefully, every load of grain that went to the elevator Mr. Zang was right there to see it. You got that turned on? But it was he was very nice. Course he watched out for

himself and, and then during World War One he came to buy eggs for his mother from my mother. And we sold eggs for 90 cents a dozen during World War One so really there was inflation at that time too. And then after Mr. Zang sold his farm was sold to Ellie [Vettel] who had raised rounds of his cattle. Then they sold it Mike Levis and I believe that was the one that sold the land to the developer.

I Interviewer 07:34

When you lived on the farm, when you looked out your front window to the west, what did you see? Was that here?

J Jessie Kozisek 10:59

Just fields. Wheat and alfalfa.

I Interviewer 11:03

Could you see any of those tenant farms, were they close enough?

J Jessie Kozisek 11:06

Oh, yes, because one was right. north of us and then there was one, well down about where Third Avenue is there was another house there. And incidentally, Carl Archer lived there in the later years and then his father and mother lived across from the Conoco station that was

I Interviewer 11:31

Which way across from the station?

J Jessie Kozisek 11:31

North. Sort of just yeah, that was the that was all farm, and then Carl and his dad they had farmed that. And then of course they had what they called the tractor camp and that was up where the airport is. And then Mr. Nice farmed that in later years, in fact, he finally bought bought that land, part of it, from Mr. Zang. The tractor camp. It was a farm and they raised wheat and, and I guess the reason they call it the tractor camp because they use tractors up there. And then, as for the town itself, there was the post office and the depot. And then the general store, which was run by Well, it wasn't just on the corner at that time, it was up the street a little ways. And then and then it when it burned down and the later building and then the Gary Shaw's garage, which also had burned down.

I Interviewer 11:39

Do you remember that ever being [unclear]

**J** Jessie Kozisek 12:54

I don't remember that part of it, I guess that was before my time. And then there was I think there was a shoe shop in town at one time that was further up the street to the west. And it seemed to me like they had a boot on the outside of it. I may be wrong. Let's see what else was there? And of course there was the pickle factory and the elevators

**I** Interviewer 13:20

Do you remember about the house clear On 120th and then clear to the west next in three would be the parsonage of the Methodist church?

**J** Jessie Kozisek 13:30

Yes. Yeah. That little stone house right on the corner. That was this in later years. This Mrs. Bailey who I spoke about her son's lived up on it later years. She after her husband died when she bought that house. And she lived there for until her death. And then the site of the present Methodist Church was just an old farmhouse. And Mayor's on that. That was now Mrs. Matthews, was her folks that owned that. When we first lived here.

**I** Interviewer 14:26

What else do you remember of Old Broomfield on the other side? Was Mr. Huddart's house there? You remember?

**J** Jessie Kozisek 14:35

No, when Mr. Huddart first came here, he lived in the back of the bank. And then he lived west of Lehman's rental in that first house. I don't mean west, south of that little white, square white house right next to the rental. They live there and then then he built the house. That was 19[?] because I used to babysit their son John and when they were planning the house I was up there babysitting. And my sister babysit for them for a long time. Then of course I remember the house where Mose lived, and the house next to the Grange, east that was that was where Harry Shaw lived, who owed the garage. And earlier before then the elevator man who operated the elevator Mr. Graves lived there see if his name is CA Graves.

**I** Interviewer 15:59

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**J** Jessie Kozisek 16:00

**J** JESSIE KOZISEK 16:06

And then of course the house next to that was Mrs. [Geese] house. Clara which was the mother of Ruth. She had several other names, her last name was [Shot] and she ran a sort of a, a boarding house and when they were building I think they were working on the highway and they were building 287. She would, she rented rooms to these men that were working on the highway.

**I** Interviewer 16:39

Her first name was?

**J** Jessie Kozisek 16:40

Clara. She was she was a pianist for the Grange for many many years for the drill team. They had a drill team at the Grange, which they even won some awards in state Grange for their drilling

**I** Interviewer 17:08

Tell me about the Grange I don't even know why, what it is.

**J** Jessie Kozisek 17:12

Well, it's well it used to be more or less it was for promoting farmers welfare. But now of course it's been changed. I mean there's people that aren't farmers but it still kind of leans toward that in legislation

**I** Interviewer 17:35

Did they have dances and things like that?

**J** Jessie Kozisek 17:37

Oh, yes, they had dances. Used to have them. For later years. I'd say in the 20s, they'd have dances every Saturday night, people would come from miles around to come to dances at the Grange that's that was the thing to do! My dad was, he was I guess he managed them or ran them or something for many years he was. That was about in 1925? 23 or 25. Mr. Huddart played for the dances? He probably told you that.

**I** Interviewer 18:18

Oh, I heard [unclear audio]

J Jessie Kozisek 18:24

Mr. [unclear] I don't remember who else. Course in those days didn't cost very much to go to dance. I don't remember what they charged the admission, course at that time. I was, I was too young to do that. But my sister's were, my cousins came from Denver, kids from Lafayette and Louisville.

I Interviewer 18:58

Did you Did you ever hear anything about the stagecoach stop? That was out at Church's, folks talking about it.

J Jessie Kozisek 19:10

We didn't know too much about that. Apparently it was more before our time. Because by the time we came out here there was already an Interurban you see. So I would say that would be before our time but because I say this Mr. Church. Well, I guess what Mr. Church's father, Frank Church's father ran that but I would say definitely it was before our time, but I, the barns I believe were still there. After we moved out here and then later years they burned down.

I Interviewer 19:52

[unclear audio]

J Jessie Kozisek 19:58

Of course you see that was down south down there by the underpass. Yeah, I can. I can remember the little well I guess it was kind of a little gazebo that was down there just a little or well how well it's not it

I Interviewer 20:18

Was it on this side of the underpass or the other side?

J Jessie Kozisek 20:22

Well, I think it was on the other side just, as I say, little bit south of that I think Viola would remember exactly what it was. But as I recall, it was first kind of right after you got first off build up in houses.

I Interviewer 20:37



Yeah. Then like in association to the Mandeley, is that a church now or is it a school?

J Jessie Kozisek 20:44

Sunday school, church it would have been west. And I would say just about straight across from it, right in there.

I Interviewer 20:45

in association to that Sunday we can go on the same side of the tracks is the Mandalay

J Jessie Kozisek 21:04

Well, actually, it would have been, I think, almost just right under the tracks, you know? Yeah. Right. Yeah. The snows one of the snows, I would say probably 1920 that knock down the telephone poles from what is now Main Street, which was at that time it was just a road going north, and the poles were all knocked down. And took about three days before that was straightened up and then the time the flood, that was in 1920 and that was when they have what we call the Railroad Lake.

I Interviewer 22:10

Where was that?

J Jessie Kozisek 22:11

Where the Safeway is now Mr. Zang he had all these lakes and had them all named. This Railroad Lake was just about in the area where the Safeway is and the dam burst all the fish came out over the fields. So we're picking up fish or the folks were picking up fish. But he had this Railroad Lake which was there and then the other lake close to his summer home. And then where the Kohl School is was another big lake. And that was called the [Willow] Lake. And then over where the Country Club is now that was called the Jumbo Lake. I can't think of what they called that one by the house but it was maybe he just called that the home place. That was the fact that was practically nobody got fish there

I Interviewer 23:15

Now this summer house, the one on Poppy Way, I always heard that he built it for his daughter. Something about his daughter. This unit there?