

Anne Crouse 0:12

My name is Anne Crouse and this is April 23, 1996. And I'm about to interview Katie Mosher in Broomfield, Colorado. Katie, can you tell me where and when you were born?

Katie Mosher 0:36

I was born in Fort Morgan. March the 20th, 1910.

Anne Crouse 0:47

And did your parents always live in Fort Morgan? Or did they come from another place?

Katie Mosher 0:54

They always lived in Fort Morgan, now my folks came from Germany.

Anne Crouse 0:59

Okay. And when did they come from Germany? Do you know?

Katie Mosher 1:05

Oh I'd have to look it up. I would. Well, I'd say my older sister was four years old, and she passed away five or six years ago, and she was 80, 82 or 83. When they when they came over,

Anne Crouse 1:27

So it would have been sometime the first part of the century.

Katie Mosher 1:30

Oh, yes. Oh, yeah, I know. We were here in 1917. That dad was here. I mean, 1817

Anne Crouse 1:39

Uh huh.

Katie Mosher 1:40

Yes. Okay, because we lived on the farm.

Anne Crouse 1:42

Now. When did you move to Broomfield and how come?

Katie Mosher 1:49

January the 10th 1925. Moved on Zang, Zang's ranch.

Anne Crouse 1:57

How do you happen to know about Zang's Ranch

Katie Mosher 2:00

Dad got acquainted with Zang, Mr. Zang, coming up to Broom- to [Coalville] all the time. And he got acquainted with him there and he kept coming down kinda every Sunday or every other

Sunday, trying to get us to move up on his farm. And wasn't too many months later, why, Dad said well, we're going to have a sale and we'll move on. And us kids said well where we going? He said well, to Broomfield. So we had a sale, took us two days to sell everything moved up in boxcars, the machinery and livestock. We got up to Broomfield and stopped in front of the old post office here. And we said well where's Broomfield, and he said well, this is it. And we didn't want to stay here.

Anne Crouse 2:55

What was here at that time, what did you see besides the post office when you came?

Katie Mosher 3:00

Well, I was just a few stores and it was all farming. We came up to do his farm, their farm we farmed all where Broomfield Heights is that now that's where we lived. On six, just right off the 6th Avenue.

Anne Crouse 3:14

Just off of 6th Avenue.

Katie Mosher 3:16

Yes.

Anne Crouse 3:17

You didn't have the house that is now up at the top of that circle did you?

Katie Mosher 3:20

No. No, Zang lived in that and it was a two story and they they put it down to a one story to keep up with the rest of the houses here. And we lived in another two story right a block down from him. But that was tore down after Broomfield Heights started.

Anne Crouse 3:41

I see. What do you remember about Broomfield in those days in nine- from nine- from the time you arrived? What did it look like? What, did it have any stores or was it just farms?

Katie Mosher 3:54

Well it had a. No, it had a, that old post office, Grandpa Jones, which was my father-in-law later on. And it was a store and that post office. We had the depot right in there and it was just a little place. He lived next door. And there was an elevator or two and a grocery store and a garage. And a pool hall

Anne Crouse 4:23

didn't have a place to shop much did you?

Katie Mosher 4:26

Oh no, no, we had to go to Denver.

Anne Crouse 4:29

What did you do go once a week or every two weeks or once a month or

Katie Mosher 4:33

sometimes once a week, sometimes once every two weeks?

Anne Crouse 4:38

Bet it was a little different than life in Fort Collins wasn't it?

Katie Mosher 4:41

Oh, you betcha. You mean Fort Morgan.

Anne Crouse 4:43

Fort Morgan. Excuse me

Katie Mosher 4:45

Yeah. Oh, yeah.

Anne Crouse 4:56

Were you going to school at that time? How old were you when you came here?

Katie Mosher 5:00

I was thirteen. I finished eighth grade here.

Anne Crouse 5:04

Where was the school that you went to?

Katie Mosher 5:07

They were right off of, on Main there, right across where the high school is now, they are very still there. There used to be a two room schoolhouse.

Anne Crouse 5:19

And what was it called?

Katie Mosher 5:23

The Broomfield school as I can remember

Anne Crouse 5:25

didn't have a special name

Katie Mosher 5:26

no

Anne Crouse 5:27

Was it part of a district? The school district

Katie Mosher 5:30

I think but I can't tell you right now. I don't know.

Anne Crouse 5:34

How many kids would you say we're going to school there

Katie Mosher 5:38

Oh it was two, two teachers they had their first through the fourth and the fourth through eighth. And there was there wasn't really too many. Maybe 20 kids? I don't know.

Anne Crouse 5:49

In both sections.

Katie Mosher 5:50

Yes.

Anne Crouse 5:50

Yeah. And then after that, where did you go when you had, did you go to high school?

Katie Mosher 5:56

No. I had to work on the farm.

Anne Crouse 5:58

I see. So you really didn't. But if you had gone to high school, where would you have had to go

Katie Mosher 6:03

To Lafayette

Anne Crouse 6:05

I see. Oh, they did have a high school in Lafayette. Yes. I see. What kind of farm did your dad have?

Katie Mosher 6:13

Well, he had a bit of everything. We raise beets, corn, hay, wheat. Down in Fort Morgan, we had mostly beets. But up here you had a little bit of everything.

Anne Crouse 6:28

Now, was he what we would call a tenant farmer? Did he farm for Mr. Zang, or did he have his own [unclear]?

Katie Mosher 6:36

He farmed for Mr. Zang.

Anne Crouse 6:38

I see. So Zang owned the property and your dad

Katie Mosher 6:40

Yes.

Anne Crouse 6:42

Provided the labor for

Katie Mosher 6:43

Yes, yes.

Anne Crouse 6:44

Crops

Katie Mosher 6:45

Had a huge barn there with a lot of, we had a lot of horses there. But they tore the barn down. They used to be an apple orchard there and they tore it down when Broomfield started.

Anne Crouse 6:58

That must have been kind of sad.

Katie Mosher 7:01

Oh, yes.

Anne Crouse 7:02

When that was torn down. Can you tell me anything about that time?

Katie Mosher 7:05

No, not too much. Now. You know. My dad died right there in that house. He had a heart attack and passed away. There on the farm. He was only 52 years old.

Anne Crouse 7:16

Oh, my goodness. And how many brothers and sisters did you have?

Katie Mosher 7:20

I had five brothers and four sisters.

Anne Crouse 7:27

So there were nine, so there were 10 of you all together.

Katie Mosher 7:30

While it worked well, originally, but I had six brothers. I'm sorry. five sisters. One of them passed away.

Anne Crouse 7:42

That's, how many bedrooms did you have in your house?

Katie Mosher 7:48

I think there was four or five. I can't remember. We had we had to double up.

Anne Crouse 7:55

There was a pretty good sized house though.

Katie Mosher 7:57

Oh, yes. Oh, yes.

Anne Crouse 7:58

That wasn't there when you moved in?

Katie Mosher 8:00

Yes.

Anne Crouse 8:01

Or did you build it?

Katie Mosher 8:02

No, it was there when we moved up here

Anne Crouse 8:04

So somebody had been there before that.

Katie Mosher 8:06

Yes. Yeah, there was another little house there. My sister and her husband lived in which he helped my dad farm

Anne Crouse 8:18

And, and then how old were you when you married?

Katie Mosher 8:23

I was almost 19.

Anne Crouse 8:26

And how did you meet your husband? You remember?

Katie Mosher 8:30

Well, there wasn't too much going on up here. Just you know, just by running into him and his dad had the post office the time and the general store, you know, on the depot and of course we came up to get the mail and just met. Probably met him through that. I don't know. I can't remember.

Anne Crouse 8:52

Now you've told me that. Grandpa Jones was the postmaster at that time. Was your your husband's name Jones.

Katie Mosher 9:01

Yes.

Anne Crouse 9:01

Was your name Jones at one point in time?

Katie Mosher 9:03

Yes.

Anne Crouse 9:03

How long would you say that Grandpa Jones was a postmaster.

Katie Mosher 9:07

Oh, he retired. I can't he was there when, I don't know how long he was there before we came up and he retired and he moved out of here in '47. James Farley, US postmaster came out one day. I remember meeting him and just, I can just barely remember, you know. And then Grandpa Jones retired after that. He sold out. Went to California in '47.

Anne Crouse 9:35

And then who came along after him? Sort of in the Post Office

Katie Mosher 9:43

Mary Matthews had it for a few months. And from there, it moved over to, on 287 here and that electrical appliance it used to be a little two-room, it's still there.

Anne Crouse 9:56

Remember that?

Katie Mosher 9:57

Yeah, that was a the second post office after Grandpa Jones's you know, and then from there they it wasn't big enough, but it kept growing, Broomfield, and it went over to that one there on I can't tell you the street right now it's right behind there by Sill-TerHar over in there

Anne Crouse 10:19

1st Avenue

Katie Mosher 10:19

yeah there. And then from there it moved over to on Main. Midway, now wasn't enough so they moved there and then wasn't big enough. So they moved, built the new one over there.

Anne Crouse 10:33

And did the government build that? Did the government come along and build it?

Katie Mosher 10:37

I think they built the big one. I'm not sure. I'm not sure. And then, after Mary Matthews was gone. Credit or whatever she did. I don't know. Then Miles Crawford became postmaster.

Anne Crouse 10:54

Now. Miles Crawford. I understand that his father had something to do with post mastering at one point in time. Is that not true?

Katie Mosher 11:02

I don't know that. I don't know that.

Anne Crouse 11:06

But Mr. Crawford then stayed for quite a while.

Katie Mosher 11:08

Yes. He used to be. There used to be a [beet dump] behind, right up across from the old Broomfield Lumber in the back there. And he ran that in harvest time. And then the rest of time he had his bees and took care of them. And they were kind of, well they were kind of poor. You know, and Mrs. Jones always fixed up a food basket for him on holidays. I remember that and help take them over.

Anne Crouse 11:39

Those were sugar beets that he raised.

Katie Mosher 11:41

Yes. Yeah, we raised them too. Yeah.

Anne Crouse 11:48

Tell me a little bit about how you felt when the gentleman came along that bought the property that and told you that there was going to be a new community there and it was going to be called Broomfield Heights. Were you excited by that, or dissapointed?

Katie Mosher 12:05

Well, not really excited, no. Like Grandpa Jones said Broomfield would be nice with about 40 new homes, you know at the time, and when they started Broomfield Heights is when I opened my cafe in the old post office.

Anne Crouse 12:22

And what was that cafe called?

Katie Mosher 12:24

Katie's Cafe.

Anne Crouse 12:25

Katie's Cafe.

Katie Mosher 12:26

Yes.

Anne Crouse 12:26

And that was in when you say the old post office. You're talking about

Katie Mosher 12:32

right in there.

Anne Crouse 12:35

That building where the electrical store is now.

Katie Mosher 12:43

No that was the second post office. Oh, yeah. No, the old post office was Grandpa Jones's. And when he sold to this other, I think his name was Zarlengo, I'm not sure. He bought it, bought the building and all. And of course Grandpa Jones had built the top on it in 1906. And used to have dances up there. Well they got so rough at the time. He closed them up. And him and his buddy Frank Hamilton played pool up there and made a pool hall out of it. And they played pool on Wednesdays and Saturday nights. And it was that way for several years. And then it sold again. And the guy that bought it made a motel out of it all apartment houses you know, up the stairs and it got so rowdy up there somehow or other it got set on fire and burnt down.

Anne Crouse 13:41

And that was

Katie Mosher 13:44

I was, I was gone and you know I didn't have that

Anne Crouse 13:46

After, after you had your

Katie Mosher 13:48

Yes after I had the cafe closed it up

Anne Crouse 13:51

Tell me about the prices in the cafe. What did you charge for coffee and some eggs.

Katie Mosher 13:57

Coffee was about a nickel a cup at the time and pie was 15 cents. I made my own pies. So one day I made 13 pies and I made my own pies and we had breck, served breakfast and lunch. We did have dinner at night for quite a while and it didn't pay to stay open that long after everybody went home though. Construction people so I closed it up at four in the afternoon. But just about three o'clock in the afternoon everybody come in for their pie and coffee. But we served breakfast and lunch and I had had to hire a lot of help. And not a lot of help. I had help in the kitchen and two waitresses

Anne Crouse 14:42

And for a good lunch What would you have to pay?

Katie Mosher 14:45

Well I think at the time was from \$1.75 to two and a quarter. And that included your coffee

Anne Crouse 15:00

That's pretty good, isn't it

Katie Mosher 15:02

Yeah, yeah, then that time.

Anne Crouse 15:04

And then what did you do after that? Because I know you had a restaurant after that.

Katie Mosher 15:12

Well, I worked in the restaurants. Yeah, yes. I worked for [unclear]. Oh, I had the kitchen in the Lantern and for a long time then too.

Anne Crouse 15:20

Okay.

Katie Mosher 15:20

Yeah, I opened it. I had it.

Anne Crouse 15:22

And that still called the Lantern.

Katie Mosher 15:24

Yes. It's still called the Lantern. And I got out of there cuz you couldn't I couldn't trust to help. You know, take. You couldn't trust your help. The kind I had. So I got out of it.

Anne Crouse 15:41

I sort of remember a restaurant on that curve called Sonny's and Mary's.

Katie Mosher 15:46

Well, that was built later way later than

Anne Crouse 15:49

that was a lot later

Katie Mosher 15:50

Oh, yes. Oh, yes. That was quite a bit later.

Anne Crouse 15:55

But the first restaurant that you're talking about was really almost at that intersection of 120th and

Katie Mosher 16:02

The Oasis, where the Oasis is, yeah, that's where I started working when I was 15.

Anne Crouse 16:09

When you were 15.

Katie Mosher 16:10

When I was 15. I started working in there as a waitress.

Anne Crouse 16:14

Sounds like you've had a lot of experience. And now, you, you were married at that time? Not at that time, but you married when you were 19.

Katie Mosher 16:27

Yes.

Anne Crouse 16:28

And then where did you live at that time

Katie Mosher 16:31

with my folks on the farm

Anne Crouse 16:34

And, and then where did you and your husband live, did he come

Katie Mosher 16:39

When we got married, Jones and I, we lived in that little house where, where the lawn mowers are at now. That's where I raised my son, he was 17 when he graduated from Lafayette High

School moved to Oregon. And he's been out there ever since. So that's where I lived, that Mother Jones had that. When grandpa Jones had the post office. She had a little cafe there. That's when the road went through there then. And she had a that was a real cafe. And then when that was closed up, why of course I was married to her son and that's where we lived for 17 years. Two room house.

Anne Crouse 17:20
But then eventually you lost him.

Katie Mosher 17:23
Divorced him

Anne Crouse 17:24
Divorced him, I see. Do you mind saying why you divorced him? That was not a common thing to do in those days.

Katie Mosher 17:34
No, I know. But I shouldn't say I thought he was an alcoholic.

Anne Crouse 17:40
But that that was sort of a common problem.

Katie Mosher 17:43
Yes, yes. There wasn't nothing else to do here but sit in the bars. You know, that's all they had.

Anne Crouse 17:52
And they had, they had more than one bar too, did they not? Here in Broomfield

Katie Mosher 17:56
They had two I think yeah. And all I knew was working in places like that until

Anne Crouse 18:10
And then what did you do after that, after you do, after you divorced? Mr. Jones? Did you work after that

Katie Mosher 18:18
I've still been working in restaurants

Anne Crouse 18:20
okay

Katie Mosher 18:21

And then quit and went to work for the contractors washing windows for them, for quite quite a while. And I retired from that. I washed windows and had all these contractors over here and retired after that. Then I took care of Mr. And Mrs. Huddard.

Anne Crouse 18:43

When did you marry Mr. Mosher?

Katie Mosher 18:46

In 1967 I think 66 Somewhere in there.

Anne Crouse 18:55

How did you meet him?

Katie Mosher 18:57

Oh, he was working in the lumberyard, we cleaned the lumberyard for Jill.

Anne Crouse 19:04

And he kind of took a shine to you there

Katie Mosher 19:07

Yeah.

Anne Crouse 19:09

That was after Broomfield Heights started

Katie Mosher 19:13

Oh yes

Anne Crouse 19:13

There was a lot of building going on

Katie Mosher 19:15

Building was going on then good

Anne Crouse 19:17

Was Mr. Huddart's place the only place where you could get lumber around here at that time?

Katie Mosher 19:22

Well he owned half of Lafayette Lumber at the time too, and that's where they, you know, and then he sold his half, bought up there and just kept this one kept getting, going bigger and bigger all the time.

Anne Crouse 19:37

I see. Did he add space onto it? Did he add, make that building bigger?

Katie Mosher 19:44

Oh, yes.

Anne Crouse 19:45

Because I remember how his lot there was pretty good size.

Katie Mosher 19:49

Yes. He added onto that and all them buildings Just a little building there at the time, which used to be a bank. And when Joe bought it, why he started the lumberyard and he had to borrow the money from his sister to get started.

Anne Crouse 20:06

And Mr. Mosher at that point had had worked for

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Katie Mosher 20:35

I don't know that.

Anne Crouse 20:38

Did you know people that lived here after that I'm sure you did

Katie Mosher 20:41

Off and on. Yeah. People, different people lived here.

Anne Crouse 20:44

Yeah. Yeah. That's very interesting.

Katie Mosher 20:50

So my husband worked for Joe for all in all 51 years over there at the Lumberyard after Joe sold out he worked a year for the people had bought it.

Anne Crouse 21:08

He had a lot of friends, didn't he?

Katie Mosher 21:10

Oh, yes.

Anne Crouse 21:11

He was well known in the community.

Katie Mosher 21:13

Yes.

Anne Crouse 21:15

And did you go to church here also?

Katie Mosher 21:19

Oh, yes, yes. We go to the Methodist up here way that Jones's taxidermists is now, right.

Anne Crouse 21:28

That's where the Methodist Church was.

Katie Mosher 21:31

Yes. Yes. That's where my son was baptized.

Anne Crouse 21:34

Were you here when that church was built?

Katie Mosher 21:36

No, it was here.

Anne Crouse 21:38

It already was here.

Katie Mosher 21:39

It was here. Mrs. Huddart took care of it.

Anne Crouse 21:43

So you have one son, one son, and that and no other children?

Katie Mosher 21:47

No, just grandkids

Anne Crouse 21:49

And he's still living?

Katie Mosher 21:51

Yes.

Anne Crouse 21:51

But he lives in California,

Katie Mosher 21:53

Oregon,

Anne Crouse 21:54

Oregon,

Katie Mosher 21:54
Portland, Oregon.

Anne Crouse 21:55
What does he do in Oregon.

Katie Mosher 21:57
He's retired now.

Anne Crouse 21:58
I see.

Katie Mosher 22:01
He worked for PGE out there for 34 years.

Anne Crouse 22:05
Now, how many grandchildren do you have?

Katie Mosher 22:08
I have two grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Anne Crouse 22:12
But you have lots of nieces and nephews because you had so many sisters and brothers?

Katie Mosher 22:17
Yes, I do.

Anne Crouse 22:18
And I suppose they have children of their own now?

Katie Mosher 22:20
Oh, yes. I don't even know half of them

Anne Crouse 22:24
You got, do most of them live in this area

Katie Mosher 22:27
Most of them live in, well, they all live in Colorado.

Anne Crouse 22:30
I see. So you get to see them

Katie Mosher 22:32

Once in a while. Not really, well some I haven't seen

Anne Crouse 22:37

you ever do a family reunion?

Katie Mosher 22:39

We used to, we cut that out several years ago. Oh, yeah. The last one we had there was 84 of us.

Anne Crouse 22:46

Is that right?

Katie Mosher 22:47

Yes. Now it's been a long, long time ago. So it must be? I don't know. No, I don't even know them all.

Anne Crouse 23:02

That's wonderful. So tell me a little bit about transportation in Broomfield when you first moved here. Were there very many cars?

Katie Mosher 23:11

No, no. Mostly everybody had. Well, they had old cars. Yeah, old buggies, you know, old cars. But we moved up here why we had horse and buggy where we came from. And when I first came up here and the postmaster, I meant to tell you that earlier. They delivered mail by horse and buggy. I used to have a picture of that and I can't find it. When the mail was delivered by horse and buggy. And Ed Irving was a mail carrier.

Anne Crouse 23:43

One One mail carrier.

Katie Mosher 23:45

Well, yeah, one mail carrier. I remember that. And his name was Ed Irving.

Anne Crouse 23:50

You don't have any idea how many people he delivered to?

Katie Mosher 23:53

I don't know. It took him all day. Because you know, it's kind of scattered around here. But I can still see that post where he tied his horse up in the front, you know, to go and get his mail.

Anne Crouse 24:07

There were other families who lived here for a long time. Like I myself can remember the [Myth's] farm? Yes. Down the road here. Did you know them?

Katie Mosher 24:18

Yes. I knew them well

Anne Crouse 24:20

And you probably knew, well, I imagine that a good many of those people went to the same church.

Katie Mosher 24:26

I met, yeah. That was the only church we had here. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Smith's. Yes.

Anne Crouse 24:35

Yeah. How did you feel about the development of Broomfield after it grew so rapidly?

Katie Mosher 24:42

Well, I I don't like it now because it's too big. And you know, it's much harder to get around in. But it's just in the last few years it's grown so fast. But everything is so different now. Changed so much. In fact, I liked it the way it was then what it is now.

Anne Crouse 25:12

You liked it when it was a small town

Katie Mosher 25:14

Yes, I did. We knew everybody, now you don't know anybody, you know? Yeah. And those, you know, everybody and we used to have gatherings at the Grange Hall on Saturday nights for dances and all we had bazaars. And they don't have that so much anymore.

Anne Crouse 25:31

Do you ever get over to the Grange Hall anymore?

Katie Mosher 25:34

Once in a vague while. Well, I haven't lately here since I had all this problem, you know, with my lungs and stuff.

Anne Crouse 25:43

I can remember when I first moved here in 1955. There was a group of women that got together periodically. And I think most of them went to this church over here. And I'm trying to remember the name of that group, but I'm sure you probably were part of it They get together and sometimes they sewed, they always had lunch at the Grange

Katie Mosher 26:15

Oh, yes, yes. I can't remember all of them

Anne Crouse 26:17

I know they always had a potluck.

Katie Mosher 26:19

Yes. If I heard the name, I'd remember. Well, I may remember. Mrs. Church was one of them, I remember her. I used to go up her her [unclear] you know we're right with her. She I remember when she first got her little old Ford '39 Ford. And she was so proud of that and we, she picked me up and we'd go to these ladies aid or whatever, you know.

Anne Crouse 26:46

Merry Mixer?

Katie Mosher 26:47

Merry Mixer, I remember now. Yeah, that's been years ago. Yeah. Yeah. No,

Anne Crouse 26:58

what did was most of your social life centered around the either the church or the Grange?

Katie Mosher 27:03

Yes. The two places Yes. Yeah, I 'member used to, they used to have bazaars you know, very bring whatever you was the best and I bake pies at that time and I got first prize in my pies. And Jessie because she was a brownie maker. She she could make really good brownies.

Anne Crouse 27:31

Do you see any of those people? Well, Jessie's, Jessie Kozisec is no longer with us

Katie Mosher 27:35

She's been dead. No there isn't any of them. All my friends that I run around with are all gone.

Anne Crouse 27:41

Is that right?

Katie Mosher 27:42

I used to have coffee. Get together you know in the mornings or five or six different places. And like Mrs. Huddart, Mary Matthews and the Archers all my one's I had coffee with we went out to coffee. They're all gone. So I don't have anybody to go.

Anne Crouse 28:06

And that's kind of sad, isn't it?

Katie Mosher 28:07

Yes, it is.

Anne Crouse 28:08

But you seem to have a lot of friends yourself. And people checking up on you.

Katie Mosher 28:13

Oh, yes. I have somebody here. You know, quite a bit. They come.

Anne Crouse 28:19

When did you get your first car?

Katie Mosher 28:22

When we's home, you mean at home? Oh we were still in Portland, Oregon. I remember was an old Essex and sometimes in the winter wouldn't start we had to use a team to start with. Yeah, it's an old Essex.

Anne Crouse 28:38

Did you drive that car down here and

Katie Mosher 28:41

Oh Yes. Well, we had other cars. I think last we drove up here I think we had a Ford and a Dodge. Ford Coupe and a Dodge Sedan. And I had pictures of that and I can't find them.

Anne Crouse 28:55

Do you remember any of the the hard times? The Depression and some of the hard times when crops were not so good.

Katie Mosher 29:06

Yes. Well I went through that Depression when I was married. One you know what they call that? I know I picked beans out of rat turds, they called it at the time and cleaned them and cook them, if it hadn't been for Grandma and Grandpa Jones, a lot of times we wouldn't have ate.

Anne Crouse 29:29

Did you know other people that were in the same position

Katie Mosher 29:32

Pretty near everybody around were that led to at the time? The Shaw's you know they had the garage. Harry Shaw. Harry and Dean no it. I went through those hard times. We lived on nothing. I worked seven days a week, 10 hours a day, for five hours a week when I started working in the restaurant.

Anne Crouse 30:05

You still make pies?

Katie Mosher 30:07

No, no. I haven't made a pie for so long. At least two, three years.

Anne Crouse 30:15

Well, this has been a delightful conversation. And I thank you very much for your time. Katie, and for all the information that you've given me before,

Katie Mosher 30:28

I meant to tell you my folks moved the Huddarts before, you know, we all moved up here.

Anne Crouse 30:35

Oh, is that right? Yeah. They lived in the outlet area.

Katie Mosher 30:38

Yes. My dad knew. My but my folks knew. Joe's dad, Joe's folks and knew Mrs. Huddart's folks. She, her folks had a little jewelry store in Brush. And my older sister went to school with Mrs. Huddart. Grade school.

Anne Crouse 30:58

And Mr. Hubbard also had a farm out that way.

Katie Mosher 31:01

His dad. In Weldona. Weldona. Yes. When his dad passed away. He inherited.

Anne Crouse 31:08

They came here after you did. Is that right?

Katie Mosher 31:11

Joe? No, he was here a year before we came up here.

Anne Crouse 31:15

So he came in what? 1914 about?

Katie Mosher 31:19

No, he came in 1924. And we came at '25.

Anne Crouse 31:22

Oh, okay. I'm sorry, got my numbers.

Katie Mosher 31:24

Yeah, he came in 1924. And we came in '25. Dad didn't know anyone when we moved up here.

Anne Crouse 31:34

That's interesting. Well, there are a lot of, a number of families in this area who still have some of their descendants in the Broomfield area. I'm sure you know a good many of them and I'll probably be coming back to talk to you from time to time.

Katie Mosher 31:53

Wow. Like to have more pictures to show.

Anne Crouse 32:08

The interview ended at this point, because Katie is on oxygen and was feeling a good bit of discomfort. After she went off the recording process. She did talk a little bit more about incidents in Broomfield. She mentioned the fire that burned the buildings across the street, which included a store, a barber shop, and a store where a gentleman fixed shoes. I believe she said this was the same complex owned by a gentleman named Zarlengo in in the first part of the century. She also mentioned a train wreck, which occurred about 1960 or 61, which occurred right next to where she almost next to where she was sitting. She was in a trailer behind the Oasis liquor store and restaurant where she was cooking, and she was still in her nightclothes when she saw the train coming down the track and realized that there was going to be an accident. She stayed in the house and watched, saw the accident happen where two engines went up almost vertically against each other. She said that newspapers had tried to interview her but she had stayed in the house all day and not come out and refused to be interviewed. She did however, provide water for the hundreds of people who came to see what was going on. And for the railroad people who came to observe what had happened, and also insurance people. She did mention also the grocery store which was on the corner of 120th and old Wadsworth Boulevard. It has since become it's gone through several owners and is now a rental shop. This concludes the information that was given to me after the original interview. Thank you.

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