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Interview with Ella Fay Watkins Turner conducted by Louise Skinner

April 3, 2019

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| 00:00:01 | Introductions and general information |
| 00:00:33 | Family information |
| 00:02:00 | Moved to Cooper, Texas after father died |
| 00:03:40 | Children |
| 00:04:35 | Boat manufacturing business (Quentin Miller) |
| 00:04:56 | Returned to Cooper from Dallas after 35 years |
| 00:05:25 | Husband's dialysis and kidney transplant |
| 00:09:37 | Grade School High School |
| 00:11:35 | School day lunches (15 cent hamburgers at Silman's; 5 cent Dr Pepper and 5 cent Fritos at Miller's) |
| 00:12:05 | Crump's Café on SE 1 st —best burgers until Silman's |
| 00:12:38 | Working for Vivian (summer job) |
| 00:14:05 | Working at Cooper Café for Lonny Ray on Saturday nights "Pine float" |
| 00:15:08 | 1959 moved to Dallas—full-time jobs were hard to find |
| 00:16:50 | Husband, George began working for Sears (worked 30 years) |
| 00:17:00 | 1969 started job at Wm H. Ladu Fire Protection—worked for 21 years |
| 00:17:50 | Returned to Cooper, Texas 1994 |
| 00:18:10 | Pollard's Grocery burnt; also, old theatre and Cooper Cafe |
| 00:18:40 | Moved back to Cooper; "wanted it to be like it was in 1955" Over the years buildings were demolished—old hotel, Stovall Hdw. Lodge Building, City Hall and Fire Dept. |
| 00:19:35 | Saturday night on the Square |
| 00:20:40 | Movies—Thursday and Friday shows were the best; 12 cents for under 12; preferred musicals |
| 00:21:40 | Lived in Dallas when JFK was assassinated and Ruby killed |
| 00:23:15 | Brothers in World War II; censored mail, rations, oleo |
| 00:26:00 | Ice House in northwest Cooper |
| 00:27:00 | Irby place east of town |
| 00:27:30 | Christmas—decorated a cedar tree with ribbon |
| 00:28:14 | Didn't understand Grandma's rules at the time Dowry Post—hung quilt |
| 00:29:15 | Grandma raised nephew, Jack Cavanaugh |
| 00:30:25 | Visited grandmother on weekends-seemed to always end up hurt or sick; home remedies |
| 00:31:50 | Childhood games |
| 00:32:10 | Men passing time-playing washers by Spees |
| 00:33:10 | First automobile—1950- Chevrolet pea green, slant back |
| 00:34:50 | Church |
| 00:35:50 | Advice and thoughts to future generations |