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Abstract: **Margaret Dierks Phillips**

Ms Phillips has a wonderful memory of attending school in Sugar Land beginning in first grade. She describes the layout of the buildings, the classrooms, the playground, school activities and the various teachers. Her favorite was getting a new box of crayons with a bigger box as she was promoted to a higher grade.

Margaret reminisces about the clothes worn by students and teachers. Some children came to school barefoot for lack of funds or just for fun. She has fond memories of certain teachers especially those who read books and told stories.

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Interview Summary

People (in alphabetic order)

Mr. Borden. – superintendent

Ms Brawner – teacher

Ms Glasscock – teacher

Ms Hall – teacher

Ms Johnson – teacher

Ms Lawrence – teacher

Places / Businesses

Austria

Germany

San Antonio, Texas

Sugar Land School

Events

Ms Phillips shares many memories of her life while attending schools in Sugar Land. Particularly, Sugar Land School from 1st – 7th grade. Each grade had its own building all placed in a semi-circle with the auditorium in the middle. Also on the school campus was a cafeteria, a gymnasium, the science lab, library/study hall, homemaking department and administrative offices.

She recalls the layout of some of the classrooms and playground activities such as swinging, seesaw, marbles, jacks, jump rope and hopscotch.

During 4th grade her father died due to an accident.