

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

MAIN ENTRY: Acosta, Rafael
DATE OF INTERVIEW: November 3, 2002
LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Ropesville, Texas
INTERVIEWER: Jeremy Falls
FORMAT: File on Server, Audio Cassette
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: N/A
LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 25 minutes
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Acosta gives insights about his life in Mexico, his decisions to move to the United States and his life in the United States.

PLEASE NOTE: The interviewee speaks Spanish and the interview was conducted with the aid of a translator (Rafael Acosta Jr.) That being said, the translation is accurate enough for a non-Spanish speaker to gather the gist of the information.

ABSTRACT:

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Overview of his life	:01
Born in Chihuahua, Mexico	
Large family (7 sisters, 4 brothers)	
Father – agriculture	
Schooling – elementary school, then commercial school	
Secretary of private accountant – title	
Work – pepper harvest, labor work, and at the bank	
Texas – moved to the closest place.	:05
Arrived in Hobbs, New Mexico on May 5, 1979	
Acosta paid to be taken across the border.	

Tells the story of crossing the border

Treatment he received in the United States :13

He was treated well from the beginning – acquired a job right
away

He never encountered discrimination.

Interview ends

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DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT: October 24, 1952

GENDER OF INFORMANT: Male

ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT: Mexican