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Abstract: **Ben Jones**

Ben Jones is a Native Texan. He grew up in Spring Branch and went to college at Texas A & M University. He went into banking as a young man and was a junior loan officer at the time he first met Mr. Wessendorff. He describes that meeting and the subsequent life altering consequences. This is a unique interview in that Mr. Jones describes the Texas Banking industry during the turbulent 1980's and onward.

Interview Summary

People

Ben Jones (father)

Mr. Joe Clyde Wessendorff (chairman of the board of First City Bank)

Pat McDonald (managed Mr. Wessendorff's affairs)

Mrs. Louise Wessendorff

Mrs. Josephine Abercrombie (friend of Mrs. Wessendorff)

Mr. Jack Moore

Mr. Joe D. Robinson (friend)

Seth Deleery (priest at Well Spring)

Mr. Hilmar Moore (mayor and friend of Joe Clyde)

Ms Terry Vela (City Manager)

Mr. Glen Gilmore (City Manager)

Places / Businesses

Fort Hood, Texas

First City, Richmond, Texas

Robstown, Texas (near Corpus Christi)

Stephenville, Texas

Henderson-Wessendorff Foundation

George Foundation

Well Spring Center, Blanco, Texas

River Oaks Country Club

Events

Buy cat and dog food from Sam's Club

Endowment for scholarships for Lamar Consolidated School District

Sitting and visiting with two women who have never been told no their entire lives

Funeral for Mrs. Wessendorff

The ones who fought in the war knew they could trust each other

The George Foundation got turned around

The Italian campaign in WW II