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Abstract: **Bernice A. Freudensprung**

Born in Frenstat, Texas, in 1936 from Czech background, Bernice Ubernosky Freudensprung provides a few stories of growing up on a small farm with 6 siblings without electricity or a phone; taking the train into Rosenberg and Houston; and, going to dances. Bernice spoke fluent Czech with her grandmother but over time lost her ancestral language. She and her husband raised 3 children and she worked for the school district in food services.

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Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Alfred Urbansky – father
 Louise Matus Urbanosky – mother
 Wilbur Freudensprung – spouse
 Denise Freudensprung – daughter
 Agnes Noska – aunt
 Frank Noska – uncle
 Bill Mraz – Czech dance band leader

Places / Businesses

Frenstat, Texas
 Fort Bend County
 Rice Confectionery/Walgreens, Rosenberg,
 Texas
 Caldwell, Texas
 Europe
 Austria
 Hungary

Events

Bernice grew up on a farm in Frenstat, Texas with 6 siblings. Her grandparents relocated to Texas from Austria and Hungary in the 1800s.

In 1951 she moved to Rosenberg to live with her aunt and uncle, to keep them company, and attend school.

She and her husband, Wilbur raised 3 children. They enjoyed attending dances.

Lamar
 George Junior High School
 CenterPoint (utility)
 State Child Protective Services
 Czech Society
 Roy Rogers and Gene Autry, radio and
 cinema cowboy actors
 Fort Bend County Fair
 World War II
 U. S. Coast Guard
 Felchman's Jewelry Store, Rosenberg
 Rice Hotel, Houston, Texas
 Bill Mraz Dance Hall, Houston
 Needville Hall
 K. C. Hall, Needville
 East Bernard
 Guy, Texas