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Abstract: **Bobby McKinney**

Mr. McKinney, born and raised in Texas, is a researcher, archaeologist and author of Texas and Civil War history. Bobby shares stories of the battles fought to gain Texas independence, the hardship of the Civil War and the desperation of people to survive during these times.

His books focus on the battles and camp sites of the Mexican army and the Texian army, many are in Fort Bend County, as well as the artifacts found. Another book discusses events that occurred in Texas during the Civil War and its impact on his ancestors who fought for the South. Bobby's passion and hobby is researching and using a metal detector, finding artifacts and uncovering new information. His search for Texas history continues today.

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Interview Summary

People (in alphabetical order)

Thomas Borden – prominent land owner
 Phil Collins – singer and collector of Texas artifacts
 Homer Darst – prominent Richmond resident
 E. J. Davis – Texas Governor
 Dr. Dimmick – researcher and author
 Raz Gaston – great grandfather
 Tiny Gaston – FBC county sheriff & constable
 Sam Houston – General & President of Texas
 Mordecai McKinney – relative died in Civil War
 D. R. Pearson- prominent Richmond resident
 Jose Enrique de la Pena – Officer with Santa Anna
 Santa Anna – Mexican General & President
 Noah Smithwick – Texas author
 Jesse Thompson – prominent land owner
 Clarence Wharton – Texas author
 Dr. Samuel O. Young – Texas author

Places / Businesses

Battle at San Jacinto
 Battle of San Antonio
 Battle of Velasco
 Brazoria County
 Brazos River
 Brenham, Texas
 Caney Creek

Galveston, Texas
 Hill College Texas Heritage Museum
 Houston, Texas
 Morton Ferry Crossing
 Richmond, Texas
 San Jacinto, Texas
 Sargent, Texas
 Thompson's Ferry Crossing, Richmond
 White & Knight Trading Post, Richmond

Events

Bobby McKinney, author of 2 books: *A Search for Texas Independence*; and *Confederates on the Caney* about the Civil War in Texas

This transcript provides page after page of historical facts about the battles fought by the Mexican army and the Texian army beginning in 1832, the impact on its residents, including the burning of buildings, houses and fields called *The Runaway Scrape*; the capture of General Santa Anna and the beginnings of the Republic of Texas.

Bobby also details the findings of battle and camp sites, artifacts and uncovering pieces of historical facts of Texas during the Civil War.

He has a deep passion for research while using his metal detector to uncover Texas history, passion he still exercises today