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Abstract: **Cee Cee & David Parker**

Cee Cee and David Parker tell the story of their 31 acres that they call Hidden Territory Farm, being in the original league of land owned by Stephen F. Austin. They have documents detailing ownership of the league from 1823 until they purchased their 31 acres in 2006.

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Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Jesse H. Cartwright – original league owner
 Jasper Flores – Mexican Commissioner
 Commissioner Bastrop – former Mexican Commissioner
 Stephen F. Austin – *Compresario*
 P. Cartwright, H. P. Cartwright, L. E. Cartwright
 – sons of Jesse H. Cartwright
 Paul, Sr. & Primus Thompson – owners of 100
 acres & freed men
 Paul Thompson, Jr. – son of Paul Thompson
 Will Thompson – grandson of Paul Thompson,
 Sr.
 Mary Thompson – wife of Will Thompson
 Bishops – related to the Thompson family
 Virginia M. Frost – land owner
 W A Gless – rice farmer & later owner of 30
 acres
 Samuel May Williams – league became Sugar
 Land
 Dianne Wilson – County Clerk, Fort Bend
 County
 McVey – residents near Hidden Territory Farm
 V. M. Frost – possibly Virginia M. Frost
 Samuel May Williams – secretary to Stephen F.
 Austin

James Beard – land survey witness
 Thomas Borden – land survey witness
 and adjoining owner
 Horatio Chrisman – surveyor
 Jane Wilkins – land owner
 Martin Kinney, - Spanish translator

Places / Businesses

New Territory Subdivision, Sugar Land
 Fort Bend County
 Mexico
 Sartartia Plantation
 New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
 Thompson's Chapel
 Sugar Land ISD
 Thompson's Chapel & Cemetery
AfriGeneas – internet website for slave
 interviews
 Municipal Utility District #112
 Pecan Grove
 San Felipe
 Austin County
 Stewart Title Company
 England
 Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

Events

Stephen F. Austin acquired the original 5 leagues of land from Mexico in 1823 that eventually became the City of Sugar Land, the subdivision called New Territory, and Cee Cee and David Parker's Hidden Territory Farm.

The Parker's have compiled extensive research and documents detailing the ownership of the lands dating back to 1823, including their 31 acres which they purchased in 2006.

The Parker's ownership joins the land's historical owners including Spain, Mexico, Austin, Cartwright, Thompson, and Gless.