

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### Abstract: **Clara Henrietta Narramore**

Clara Wendt was born in 1913 in Washington County, Texas and was raised on a farm. She was married twice, raised a daughter and held many jobs during her lifetime including several grocery stores and dress shops.

Clara talks about making mattresses which was a dirty job but she excelled and became a leader. She was such a good and honest employee that she never had to apply for a job. The employers called her. She loved to dance and attended many dances in the area. In her later years, Clara enjoyed going to casinos especially if she won some money.

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Mrs. Clara Henrietta Narramore died on August 6, 2017. Her obituary may be found at: <http://www.garmanycarden.com/obituary/4326408>

## Interview Summary

### People (in alphabetic order)

Cecil Baker – land developer  
Ralph Berkman – owner dress shop  
Fred Blasé – owner gas station  
Herbert Blasé – employer  
Ben Kanaly – physician  
Mr. Kovacik – owner doughnut shop  
Edwin Loesch – first spouse  
Mr. Luska – employer  
Etta Mae – owner dress shop  
Floyd Narramore – second spouse  
Olga Wendt Roessler – sister  
Emma Rust – mother  
Bill Skinner – Florence's spouse  
Florence Loesch Skinner – daughter  
Katy & Fred Walger – owner plumbing store  
Charlie Wendt – father  
Edwin Wendt – brother  
Shirley Wendt – friend

### Places / Businesses

Etta Mae Dress Shop  
Fred's Cafe  
Gay Hill, Washington County  
Luska Grocery Store  
Mr. Ralph's Dress Shop  
Patless Grocery Store

Richmond

Rosenberg

Sears & Roebuck

United Gas Pipeline Company

### Events

Clara Wendt was born in 1913 in rural Washington County where her parents were cotton and corn farmers.

She and her first husband, Edwin Loesch, and their 5 year old daughter, Florence, moved to Fort Bend County. She worked for several grocery stores until his death in 1954.

She married Floyd Narramore in 1957 and worked for several dress shops until retiring in the 1960s.

Clara talks about being raised speaking the German language but not very good English.

Her daughter lives in Midland and is married to Bill Skinner.

Clara enjoys going to casinos. Her biggest win was \$2,500. Going to Las Vegas, she thought God would punish her by going into such a place.

She enjoys drinking beer and wine while playing dominoes with friends.