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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.