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Abstract: **Dorothy Pollard Hightower**

Ms. Hightower came to Sugar Land with her husband, (math, history and football coach) Dugan, in 1953. She became a most beloved schoolteacher in Fort Bend. In this rare interview she discusses teaching the early days at Sugar Land School, life in a company town, the phenomena of Ken Hall, integration of the schools, and many, many amusing stories told only the way Ms. Hightower can tell!

Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Mr. Dugan Hightower (Dugan)
Ms Neva Virginia (Tuta) Hightower (Daughter)
Ms Margaret Scott (Scotty) Hightower (Daughter)
Mr. Chuzzy Jenkins
Mr. White
Binford Family
Mrs. Webb
Mrs. Pirtle
Ms Maxene Gary
Mr Buddy Wheeler
Ms Ruth Brown
Ms Betty Jenkins
Mrs. Moy
Mr. Wanjura
Mr. Otto Myers
Ms Mary Shelton
Streich Family
Mr. Mercer
Mr. Darwin Altenhoff
Mr. Charlie Thomas
Mrs. Collins
Mr. Lawrence Elkins
Mr. Caroll Rome

Mr. Kenneth Hall
Mr. Otis Enquist
Dr. Slaughter
Mr. Johnny Vavrecka
Mr. Joe Bono
Mr. Mark Loik
Ms Louise Hall
Mr. Nato Garcia
Mr. George Morales
Ms Myla Beth Gibson

Places / Businesses

The Teacherage
M. R. Wood School
Grand Central
Quarterback Club
President Kennedy's death

Events

Integrating schools in the mid 1960's
Teaching English, including to Hispanic children
Polio outbreak
"The Big Bill" from the Company Store