

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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## **Dorothy Hightower**

Abstract: **Sally Rachuig Kelly**

## **Mary Shelton**

These three ladies knew each other from when they were young mothers in Sugar Land and share their remembrances of their early days. Dorothy Hightower came to Sugar Land as a young married woman in 1953. Mary Shelton came with her sister and mother when she was in the 7th grade. Sally Rachuig Kelly's family moved to the Humble Camp near Sugar Land in early 1932.

## Interview Summary

### People

Mrs. Elizabeth Blackstone Norton (aka 'Kitty', P.E. teacher, sister of MS)

Mr. Rozelle (denied boarding room)

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Washburn (neighbors)

Miss Margaret Manning (teacher)

Mr. Barden. (school superintendent)

Ms Katherine Norton (sister of MS)

Ms Sally Norton (sister of MS)

Mr. Ulrich (manaager of Teacherage)

Mrs. Rutledge (house mother of Teacherage)

Mr. Rutledge (barber)

Mr. Guenther (credit and collection department)

Mr. Gus Vogelsand (credit and collection department)

Mr. Krehmeier (credit and collection department)

Mrs. Ninette Loper Brune (credit and collection department)

Mrs. May Doll Douglas (worked in bank)

Mr. Herbert Raymond Shelton Jr. (husband of MS)

Mr. Emmitt Burns & Mrs. Edith Burns (picked up Herbert from school)

Mrs. Beulah Calloway (mother of Herbert Shelton)

Mr. Raymond Stevens Shelton (son of MS)

Mrs. Valerie Katherine Shelton Kodell (daughter of MS)

Mrs. Nancy Louise Shelton Pruitt (daughter of MS)

Mr. Carl Lee Shelton (son of MS)

Mrs. Matoska (teacher from Smithville)

Mr. Bailey (manager of Feed Mill)

Mr. Scarborough (ran Sugar Land dairy)

Mr. Boots Helmcamp (managed bank)

Mr. Ulrich (manager)

Mr. Kempner (manager)

Mr. Jake Almond (Humble office manager)

Ms Dorothy Harrington (roomate of MS)

Mr. Standifer (Humble pipeline manager)

Ms Connie Standifer (school friend of MS)

Mr. Herbert Albert Rachuig (father of SK)

Mrs. Mayme Adams Rachuig (mother of SK)

Mrs. Mayme Rachuig Bass Hause (sister of SK)

Mr. Ernest (school principal)

Mr. Bob Armstrong (President of Imperial Sugar)

Mrs. Boyer (kindergarten teacher)

Mrs. Maudie Baker (neighboe of DH)

Mr. McFadden (manager Marshall Canning Plant)

Mr. Frank Dzierzanowski and family

## **Places / Businesses**

The Teacherage (where they lived)

Imperial Inn

Sugar Land oil field

Grand Central

Sugar Land Feed Mill

Imperial Bank and Trust

Imperial Sugar

Sugarland Industries

Humble Camp

Pipeline went to Pierce Junction and on into Baytown

Merry Moppet Kindergarten on Lakeview and Wood

Teas Nursery

Guillory's grocery store

Venetian Estates

Mixrite Feed

## **Events**

Move the old Dew Plantation House to Kitty Hollow Park

Seeing Dot for the first time

Bebeginnings of WWII

Transition from Company town to City, buying homes vs renting