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Abstract: **Frank Edward Pultar**

Mr. Pultar was born in 1952 into a Czech-Russian family. He and his 5 siblings are second generation. His family had a farm in Fairchilds while his cousin, Vaclav, owned the land where in 1962 he helped establish Richmond State School. His grandparents and other family members are buried in Fairchilds Cemetery. Frank reminisces about his family, grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins growing up in the Fairchilds and Richmond area. His grandparents saved the family Bible by baking it in a loaf of bread when the Czech Catholic leaders came to the house to confiscate it. The family immigrated to the US to escape religious persecution. The Bible is now in a Czech museum in Hallettsville.

Frank quit school in his senior year, was able to avoid Vietnam, married and worked as a para-transit driver for 27 years in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was visiting Fort Bend County at the time of this interview because a paupers' cemetery was found on his family's property next to the state school.

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Interview Summary

People (in alphabetical order)

Mason Briscoe – boss
 Mary Kusy – maternal grandmother
 Anna Pultar – Vaclav’s spouse
 Charles Pultar – brother
 Christine Pultar – aunt
 Clara Jane Pultar – sister
 Clara Kusy Pultar – mother
 John E. Pultar – father
 Jon Pultar – paternal grandfather
 Marianne Pultar – sister
 Mary Pultar – paternal grandmother
 Paul John Pultar – brother
 Vaclav Pultar – cousin
 Vladja Pultar – cousin
 Voltar Pultar – cousin
 Willie Pultar – brother

Charles Stutzenbaker – cousin

Places / Businesses

Fairchilds, Texas
 Fort Bend County
 Fort Bend Feed & Farm Supply
 Houston, Texas
 Imperial Sugar Company
 Katy Drilling Company
 Lamar CISD
 Layne Western Drilling
 Richmond, Texas
 Richmond State School
 Salt Lake City, Utah
 Teens Aid the Retarded (TAR)
 Utah Transit Authority
 Vietnam

Events

Frank grew up in a very large Czech-Russian family in the Fairchilds and Richmond areas.

He talks about his grandparents, family and cousins owning property and farming.

His cousin, Vaclav, sold land for the creation of Richmond State School. Rocky Falls Road and Pultar Road are named after the family.

His grandparents immigrated to the United States after religious persecution from Czech Catholic government leaders. The family Bible was saved by baking it in a loaf of bread.

Frank quit school in his senior year and was drafted but did not have to serve in Vietnam. Frank held several jobs before he and his wife Grace moved to Salt Lake City, Utah where he worked for the Utah Transit Authority for 27 years.

A paupers’ cemetery was discovered on family land near Richmond State School and is being evaluated to determine the size and the number of burial sites. Frank was in town to work with the Historical Commission on the location and size of the cemetery.