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Abstract: **Freda Johnson**

Born in 1944 in Sugar Land and raised in Fort Bend County, Ms Johnson provides some interesting stories about her family owning a local grocery store and a beer joint/restaurant; about various families that lived and worked in the area and what it was like growing up on the east end of the county. Also, Freda shares stories about a ghost or a glowing apparition that she calls "IT" that was seen wandering in and around the Dew House and in the fields for many years.

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Interview Summary

People (in alphabetical order)

Jesse Agnew
 Robert Allen – friend
 Anderson Family
 Cangelosis Family
 Buster Court
 Darlene – cousin
 Johnny Davis – county commissioner
 Viola Davis
 Herron Family
 Floyd Family
 Mary Lou Glover – landowner
 Allen Johnson – uncle
 Billie Louise Night Johnson – mother
 Forrest Johnson – uncle
 Frank Johnson – grandfather
 Frank Johnson, Jr. – uncle
 Fred Johnson – father
 Geneva Johnson – aunt
 Hattie Johnson – aunt
 Helen Marie Johnson – grandmother
 Mary Johnson – aunt
 Texas Louise “Texie” Johnson – aunt
 Laparouse Family
 Lizzy – housekeeper
 Moeckel Family
 George Molina – justice of the peace
 Muffie Moroney – friend
 Hazel Night – aunt
 Ruby Night – aunt
 Roberta – housekeeper

Roberts Family
 Scanlan Family
 Schindler Family
 Senior Family
 Ike Tacker
 Bridget Marie Johnson Temple –
 daughter
 Troy Thompson – raised as a child
 Jewel Tolly – aunt
 Manual Tolly – aunt
 Wanda – cousin
 Nancy Woods
 Marion Wright – father’s store helper

Places / Businesses

Albrights Casing Tools
 Arcola, TX
 Bay City, TX
 Borden Milk Co.
 Brinkman Egg Farm
 C&A Tobacco
 Denver Harbor
 Dew House/Plantation
 DeWalt, TX
 Ellis Water Works
 Fresno, TX
 Hamburger Lake
 Houston, TX
 Johnson Store
 Lake Olympia
 Murphy’s Tomato House
 Phillip 66

Prudential Insurance Co.
Scanlon Cleaners
Seniors Dairy Farm
Stafford, TX

Sugar Land, TX
Rosenberg, TX
Tang City Mall
Texas Packing House

Events

Ms. Johnson still lives by the old Johnson store near DeWalt.

Her family started the first grocery store on the east end of the county near McKeever Road by purchasing land for \$7 an acre. They also had the first beer joint and BBQ restaurant in the area located in front of Senior Dairy Farm.

Her mother, Billie Louise Night, grew up in Stafford with the Cangelosi, Scanlan and Court families.