

FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

ORAL HISTORY COMMITTEE



This oral history is copyrighted 2018, by the Fort Bend County Historical Commission. All Rights Reserved. For information contact: Fort Bend County Historical Commission, Attn: Chairman-Oral History Committee, 301 Jackson St., Richmond, TX, 77469.

Terms and Conditions

These oral histories do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the County Historical Commission or Fort Bend County. This file may not be modified or changed in any way without the express written permission of the Fort Bend County Historical Commission. This file may not be redistributed for profit. Please do not 'hot link' to this file or repost this file.

Abstract: **Georgia Kovar Sury**

Ms Sury was born in 1918 near Damon, Texas, to a Czech farming family. As a child, she walked to school, rain or shine, hot or cold, along narrow dirt paths. She and her husband Arnold married in 1940 and raised 7 children on their farm.

Georgia talks about life on a farm in a small rural town of Needville, Texas. Work was from sun up to sun down with family gatherings, attending church, and church bazaars to liven up the days.

11 Pages

¶ *Scroll down for Key Words from the Interview.* ¶

Interview Summary

People (in alphabetical order)

Elizabeth Kovar Barta – sister
Charlie Dybala – cousin
Henrietta Bartosh Kovar – sister in law
Joseph Kovar – father
Joseph Kovar Jr. – brother
Mary Kovar – mother
Rosie Kovar – sister
Annie Kovar Stavinoha – sister
Frances Kovar Stavinoha – sister
Mary Kovar Stavinoha – sister
Arnold Sury – spouse
Cathy Sury – daughter
Donnie Sury – son
Genevieve Sury – daughter

Jerome Sury – son

Jimmy Sury – son

Robert Sury – son

Thomas Sury – son

Places / Businesses

American Legion Hall
Blaise Store
Brazoria County, Texas
Czechoslovakia
Dailey Brothers Store
Damon, Texas
Fort Bend County, Texas
Rabinowitz Brothers store
Needville, Texas
Zero Market

Events

Born into a Czech family in 1918, the farm did not have electricity, refrigeration, indoor plumbing, or a telephone. Georgia describes life in rural Needville, Texas, with her parents and 6 brothers and sisters.

She walked about a mile to school sometimes in mud over her boots. Bathing was in cold water from the outdoor water pump and the bathroom was in an outhouse. Georgia talks about the excitement of getting electricity in 1941 and a faucet on the back porch for water.

Georgia married Arnold Sury in 1940 and raised 7 children on their farm. She made all their clothes often from sacks of flour because the material was strong. They raised corn, cotton, and vegetables along with fruit trees. She made dozens of quilts, many donated for church fundraisers.

Arnold passed away in 2005 after 65 years of marriage. Today, she still attends church and spends time with family.