

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### Abstract: **Melba Marguerite Votaw Gupton**

Born in Arizona, Ms. Gupton moved to Texas in 1935 where her parents farmed. She married John Walter Gupton and moved to Richmond in 1949. She recalls meeting her husband and describes his war duties as a PT Boat crash medic. He was also an innovative and beloved veterinarian who ran Richmond Animal Hospital for 32 years.

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## **Interview Summary**

### **People** (in order mentioned in interview)

Melba May Clegg – mother, worked at the Tax Department

Palmer Brooks Votaw – father, carpenter and Districe court Bailiff

William Travis Votaw - brother

Thomas Wayne Gupton - son

John Samuel Gupton - son

Ronald Alan Gupton - son

John Walter Gupton – husband

### **Places / Businesses**

Texas A&M

Richmond Animal Clinic - run by Dr. Gupton for 32 years. Sold to Dr. Mandola who still runs it.

St. John's Methodist Church

### **Events**

Description of Richmond in 1935

Lived in Brazoria with parents

Panama Canal driving drilling machine for dynamite holes

PT Boat crash medic

Camp Wallis Naval Discharge Center

Texas A&M Ring Dance

Married in 1949 and moved to Richmond

Auctions at the Fort Bend County fair