

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### Abstract: **René Rosenbush Lamb**

Mrs. Lamb's ancestors, John and Randolph Foster, came to Texas in 1822 as members of Austin's Old 300. Her grandmother, Hallie Rosenbush inherited a portion of the Foster land located on FM 359. Her family comes from a long line of farmers and ranchers in the Foster and Simonton areas. There is now a school named after the Fosters and a state marker.

Pecan harvesting was a fun time because everyone helped and the kids received a silver dollar for picking up and bagging the pecans. Her mother had a large vegetable garden and canned the produce for later use. Ms. Lamb was a teacher and counselor during her working career. Her husband, Chuck, owned the well-known Austin Outhouse bar in Austin for about 30 years.

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## Interview Summary

### People (in alphabetical order)

Leigh John Bentley – cousin  
 Gordon Briscoe – cousin  
 Jenny Caldwell – grandmother’s housekeeper  
 Ralph Cowgill – author of *Descendants of John Foster*  
 John Foster – 7th great grandfather  
 Randolph Foster – 6th great grandfather  
 Robert & Sinda Foster – landowners  
 Willie Hall – pecan picker  
 Lucy Ruffin Hunter – wife of Randolph Foster and 6<sup>th</sup> great grandmother  
 Charles E. Johnson – maternal grandfather  
 Ethel Johnson – maternal grandmother  
 Chuck Lamb – husband, Austin bar owner  
 Lida Louise McNeill – family friend  
 Jamie & Zella Parham – family friends  
 Lucy Foster Pattison – paternal great grandmother  
 Brownie Rice – landowner and Foster descendant  
 John “Johnny” Edward Rosenbush – father

Hallie Pattison Rosenbush – paternal grandmother  
 Walter Rosenbush – paternal grandfather  
 Mary Ross – grandmother’s housekeeper  
 Jack & Lucille Sahol – relatives  
 Jess Stuart – relative  
 JoAnn Stuart – cousin  
 Gena Walhs – friend

### Places / Businesses

Bagley Pecan Store  
 Delta Kappa Gamma sorority  
 Foster Community Museum  
 Houston, Texas  
 Lamar High School  
 Richmond, Texas  
 Rosenbush General Store  
 Simonton, Texas  
 Southwest Texas College  
 The Austin Outhouse  
 University of Houston  
 Zero Food Locker

### Events

René Lamb was born in 1947 in Houston but was raised in Fort Bend County.

She comes from distinguished members of Austin’s Old 300 – John and Randolph Foster. Between them they owned over 16,000 acres of prime farm and ranch land. Upon their deaths, the land was divided among descendants, including René’s grandmother, Hallie Rosenbush.

René shares her memories of growing up in Foster, attending school, being involved in many school activities and having lots of cousins around especially during pecan season.

Mrs. Lamb was a teacher and counselor during her entire career at various Texas school districts. She retired from Fort Bend ISD.

Her husband, Chuck, owned The Austin Outhouse, a well-known bar and popular music venue in Austin, Texas, for almost 30 years.

René is a member of the Fort Bend County Historical Commission (FBCHC) and in 2013 she received the FBCHC Heritage Award.

To read more about Judy's descendants, there is a book written by a family member, Ralph Cowgill, titled *The Descendants of John Foster*. It is located at several libraries in Fort Bend County, Waller County, Houston, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Foster High School. Copies may be purchased at the Foster Community Museum.