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Abstract: **Robert Glendell Gilmore**

This was Glen Gilmore's second interview conducted only a few weeks before he died of a terminal disease. He wanted to discuss his tenure as Financial Director and City Manager for the City of Richmond and the United States' longest serving mayor – Hilmar Moore; who served in that elected position from 1949-2012. Glen had the unique opportunity to work for only one mayor for 25 years until his retirement in 2013. Prior to his employment in Richmond, he enjoyed a 31-year career with Western Electric (aka AT&T). He shared stories of Hilmar Moore as a rancher, politician, domino player, and hunter.

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Mr. Robert Glendell Gilmore died on April 1, 2016. His obituary may be found at:
<http://www.tributes.com/obituary/show/Robert-Glendell-Gilmore-103451268>

Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Hilmar Moore – Mayor, City of Richmond
 Grace Louise Sink – mother
 Glendale Gilmore – father
 Glendale Gilmore – son
 David Gilmore – son
 Edward Gilmore – son
 Brian Gilmore – son
 Mary Hallmark Gilmore – spouse
 Moe Iba – High School basketball player
 Hank Iba – Oklahoma A&M basketball coach
 Jack Tyler – former City Manager, Richmond
 Mildred Hallmark – great aunt of wife
 George Wingate – Richmond City Commissioner
 E. G. Guerrero – Richmond City Commissioner
 Bum Phillips –Houston Oilers Coach
 Ross Perot – Texas Businessman
 Evalyn Moore – Mayor, City of Richmond
 Barack Hussein Obama – 44th U. S. President
 Terri Vela – Finance Director and current City Manager, Richmond
 Ray Moore – Friend of Hilmar Moore
 Milton Rabinowitz – Local businessman
 Mark Skiba – friend of Hilmar Moore

Wessendorffs – community leaders

Marvin Zindler – TV reporter

Places / Businesses

Richmond, TX

Reed-Roll Bit – Houston, TX

Pampa, TX

Duncan High School, Duncan OK

Oklahoma A&M (name changed to Oklahoma State in 1960)

Stillwater, Oklahoma

Chicago, Illinois

Weingarten Bakery, Houston

Maryland Club Coffee processing plant, Houston

Katy, Texas

Sugar Land, TX

Rosenberg, TX

Fort Bend County Club

King Ranch

A. D. Eversole Barber Shop, Richmond, TX

George Foundation – private charitable trust

George Ranch

Western Electric/Bell Labs/AT&T

Events

Moved with his parents to Pampa, TX, and Duncan, OK when his dad was a sales person in the oil industry.

Robert remembered playing basketball at Duncan High School and guarding Moe Iba, the son of the nationally renowned coach at Oklahoma A&M, Hank Iba.

Robert worked for 31 years with Western Electric (AT&T) in Houston. After retirement, he was hired by City of Richmond Mayor Hilmar Moore to serve as Finance Director and City Manager. He served in that capacity for almost a quarter of a century establishing the first city computerized financial management system.