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Abstract: **Sandra Wade Janik**

Ms Janik was born Sandra Wade in 1950. She grew up in Fulshear, played first chair bass clarinet in the Lamar High school band but switched to Katy school system in her senior year, graduating in 1968. She loved working with horses and cattle on the family farm. Following her education at Dallas Merchandising college, she and her mother, Betty, opened a successful dress shop called Jean's Fashions in 1970 and she later worked as an interior decorator for 12 builders. Today she works as an author, writing 'Forever Auburn', to be released October 25, 2018 on Amazon and Barnes and Nobles.

Sandra shares a great deal of family history beginning in 1823 starting with her great-grandparents who came to the Fulshear area with Moses Austin. She talks about her grandparents, parents, siblings and other ancestors who lived in Texas and Mississippi. Many are buried in the Fulshear cemetery, and the historical state 'Wade' cemetery.

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Interview Summary

People (in alphabetical order)

Ethel Kelly Davis – aunt
 Dozier Family – friends
 E. V. “Sonny” Foy – former spouse
 James Wade Foy – son
 Minnie Briscoe Bentley Gibson – cousin
 Dorothy Kelly Harrell – aunt
 Kathryn Bell Wade Hoker – aunt
 Dolly Hyatt – high school twirler
 Delbert Janik – spouse
 Charles Kelly – maternal grandfather
 Charles Herbert Kelly – uncle
 Mary McDonald Kelly – maternal grandmother
 Roy Kelly – uncle
 McCann Family – local rancher/farmer
 Hilmar Moore – family friend
 Milton Rabinowitz – family friend
 Dorothy Wade Short – aunt
 Peggy Wade Thurn-Valsassina – sister
 Mildred Kelly Upton – aunt
 Betty Kelly Wade – mother
 Hulda Ennis Stuart Wade – paternal great-grandmother

James Hall Wade – paternal grandfather
 James Henry Wade – father
 Louise Meosmer Wade – paternal grandmother
 Lucretia “Lucy” Wade – aunt
 Mary Louise Wade – “Aunt Muff”
 Stuart Wade – uncle
 William Wade – paternal great-grandfather
 Dr. Walt Wendtland – band director

Places / Businesses

Brookshire, Texas
 Dallas Fashion Merchandising School
 Fulshear, Texas
 Gulfport, Mississippi
 Heights
 Houston, Texas
 Jean’s Fashion Dress Shop
 Katy, Texas
 Round-Up Coliseum, Simonton
 Ug’s Gulf Station, Fulshear

Events

Sandi provides names, relationships of the who’s who of Fulshear starting with her great-grandparents who came to the area in 1823 with Moses Austin.

She talks about the various farming/ranching families and the land they bought and sold as well as the idyllic life growing up in the small community of Fulshear. She loved working with her horses and cows.

After graduating from Katy school and Dallas Fashion Merchandising, she and her mother Betty opened "Jean's Fashions" Dress Shop. They were successful for many years. Sandi later worked for 12 builders as an interior decorator.

Reading Sandi's oral history will give you an appreciation for the early pioneers and a good biography of the Wade family history dating back to King James of England and Mary, Queen of Scotland.