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Abstract: **Sidney Mellon**

Sidney, Harry, and Rochelle were the children of Polish immigrants Sam and Cecile Seltzer Mellon (originally Melinsky). Sam and Cecile started a grocery business in Rosenberg then Richmond for 30 years, until 1962. In this interview, Sidney tells about growing up in the grocery business, his mother's real estate business, he and his brother's home building business, and his sister's desire to be in movies. Sidney shares stories and photos of his family growing up in Fort Bend County.

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Interview Summary

People (in alphabetic order)

Cecile Seltzer Mellon –mother
Harry Mellon – brother
Rochelle Mellon – sister
Sam Mellon – father
Sharon Mellon – spouse
Isaac Seltzer – maternal grandfather
Rebecca Seltzer – maternal grandmother

Places / Businesses

Booth Ranch
Fort Bend Board of Realtors
Houston
Jane Long Elementary
K&M Home Builders
Lamar Jr & High Schools
Mellon Grocery Store
Richmond

Rosenberg

University of Houston

Events

Born in 1949, Sidney and his brother and sister lived in Fort Bend County where their parents owned a grocery store for 30 years.

Sidney describes an average day of school and working in the store. His parents owned a cattle ranch near Booth, Texas. After his father died, his mother went into the real estate business and started the Fort Bend Board of Realtors.

Sidney and his brother, a well-respected photographer, own K&M Homebuilders in Houston.

His sister, Rochelle, and her husband owned a horse ranch in California where they also worked for a movie studio. After his death, Rochelle moved back to Houston to care for her ailing mother.