

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Abstract: **Shirley Ruth Borden & Alford Renfrow, Junior**

Both Renfrows are Texas born, Shirley in 1936 and Al in 1934. Their families were in the grocery business. These are their memories of growing up in Houston and Fort Bend County and attending schools in both regions.

They dated in high school but went off to separate colleges. Each married another person, had children and divorced. They met again at a school reunion and dated 18 years before getting married.

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## Interview Summary

### People (in alphabetical order)

Sue Alston – Shirley’s classmate  
 Claude Joseph Borden – Shirley’s father, school board member beginning in 1953  
 Hiram Burford – Al’s uncle  
 Bobby Davis – football player  
 Eugene Dinges – football player  
 Lawrence Elkins – basketball coach  
 John Ferro – Al’s classmate  
 Ethel Frome – Shirley’s 1st grade teacher  
 Kenneth Hall – Sugar Land HS football star  
 E. A. Jones – school principal  
 Glenn Johec – Al’s classmate  
 Roland Mason – Shirley’s grandfather  
 D. P. Morton – manager of Palm’s Theater  
 Inez Praytor – teacher  
 Alford Renfrow, Sr. – Al’s father  
 C. B. Renfrow, Jr. – Al’s uncle  
 Clyde Burns Renfrow – Al’s paternal grandfather  
 Gerald Rivette – football player

Nanette Robinson – teacher  
 Louis Rychlik – Al’s classmate  
 Leon Scarcella – band teacher  
 Fern Stallings – Al’s 7th grade teacher  
 Coach Wade – football coach  
 Marshall Whichard – Al’s classmate  
 Mary True Whichard – Shirley’s classmate  
 Pooch White – Al’s classmate  
 Bobby Williams – Al’s classmate  
 Bill Scanlin – Al’s classmate

### Places / Businesses

Fresno, Texas  
 Houston, Texas  
 Houston Cattle Company  
 Missouri City, Texas  
 Sugar Land, Texas  
 University of Houston  
 University of Texas  
 Annie Wilcox Elementary School

### Events

Shirley and Al grew up together, attended some of the same schools, dated in high school and went off to separate colleges.

Separately, they got married, had a family and divorced. At a school reunion, Shirley and Al got together again and dated 18 years before they married.

Together, they share memories of living in a small town, attending a small school with lots of friends and their school adventures.