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Abstract: **ALICE DEWALT HAHN**

Ms. Hahn was born in Houston, Texas, in 1944 and shares many stories of visiting her grandmothers, Alice Miller Dew and Margaret Dew DeWalt Beech, as well as numerous aunts and uncles who lived in Houston and Missouri City.

The Dew family were well-respected in Fort Bend County and in Houston and were known to entertain the movers and shakers of the times in high style.

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Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Margaret Dew DeWalt Beech – grandmother
 Dr. Bertner – physician
 Brink Brinkman
 Hugh Lewis Brinkman
 Lily Dew Brinkman
 Alice Miller “Mama” Dew – great grandmother
 Frank Dew – great uncle
 George Dew – great uncle
 Dr. Hugh Dew – great uncle – physician
 Jessie Dew – great aunt
 Jimmie Dew – great aunt
 Ada Cymantha “Mantie” Dew – great aunt
 Walter Dew – great uncle
 Thomas Waters DeWalt – father

Ruth Dew Lalley – great aunt
 Jessie Robinson Maroney – 2nd cousin
 Mae Robinson – great aunt
 Sadie Tribble – cook for Aunt Ruth

Places / Businesses

Bellaire, Texas
 Dew House in DeWalt, Texas
 Dew Mercantile Store
 Fort Bend County Cancer Society
 Houston Livestock & Rodeo
 Houston, Texas
 Humble Oil Company
 Jamail grocery store
 Missouri City, Texas
 Sugar Land, Texas

Events

Although Alice was born and raised in Houston, she shares many stories about the family visits to her relatives: Dew and DeWalt.

Her great aunts, Ruth and Jessie, were famous for entertaining friends and Houston society folks in high style with elegant table settings, silver and china, especially their New Year’s parties.

Ruth Dew Lalley was very active in the community and was a founding member of the Missouri City Women’s Club, the Historical Society and the Cancer Society. She spent her own time and money transporting cancer patients to Houston for treatment.

George Dew was an entrepreneur and a founder of the Houston Livestock & Rodeo. He managed the Dew Plantation business.

Alice attended the farewell celebration in August 2005 when the Dew House was being relocated and eventually remodeled to its former grandeur minus her great Aunt Jessie’s wonderful furnishings.