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Abstract: **Buddy Blair**

Buddy Blair, born in Sugar Land as Andrew Blair, is a long time Sugar Land resident whose only time away from his hometown was when he served in the Air Force during the Korean War. His career was as an Engineering Draftsman for Imperial Sugar. He served on the second Sugar Land City Council for 16 years. In 2005 he and his wife were in their home when it was hit by lightning. They escaped but the house burned down.

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Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Joseph Eagleton Blair – paternal grandfather, ran lumberyard in Sugar Land
 Athel Vernon Blair – father, carpenter for Sugarland Industries
 Nora Mae McMeans – mother
 Coco Mc Bride – aunt
 Nola McBride Hughes – mother's twin sister
 Amos Jasper McMeans – maternal grandfather
 Billie Elouise Warren - wife
 Adrea Marie Blaire – daughter
 Andy Clinton Blair – son
 Randy Lee Blair - son
 M.B. Etheredge – school teacher
 Louise Stevenson Hall – classmate
 Wayburn Hall - classmate
 Colleen Hall – classmate
 James Vavreka - classmate
 Kenneth Hall
 Jess Pirtle
 T.C. Rozelle
 Don Williams – foreman of power plant
 Bruce Edwards – chief engineer

Places / Businesses

Imperial Sugar
 Humble Camp
 Lackland Air Force Base
 Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, TX
 Chow San Reservoir, Korea
 University of Houston

Events

Served 4 years in U.S. Air Force during Korean War
 Served on Sugar Land City Council for 16 years
 Worked as an Engineering Draftsman for Imperial Sugar
 House struck by lightning and burned
 Family has lived on same land since 1922