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Abstract: **Blanche Pater**

Ms Pater was born in 1934 in Ellinger Texas. She taught school until 2006 when she retired because she would not use a computer. Blanche has fond memories of teaching in LaGrange, Wharton and Fort Bend. For 26 years she taught 3rd grade at Jane Long Elementary. As a dedicated teacher, she made her courses interesting and her students always passed. Often times, she took them on field trips around the county to learn its history.

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Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Mr. Graeber – Richmond School District
superintendent

Kathy Graeber – friend

Carrie Nation – American temperance advocate

James Winston – Jane Long’s grandson

Pat Parmer – teacher

Marvin Zindler – TV investigative reporter

Places / Businesses

Calvary Private School

Ellinger, Texas

Houston, Texas

LaGrange, Texas

Richmond, Texas

Rosenberg High School

Weingarten’s

Wharton, Texas

Events

Blanche taught at Jane Long Elementary for 26 years until retiring in 2006 at age 72. Never one to learn to use a computer, she maintains that she was an old fashion teacher who made sure her students learned their lessons and passed all tests. She was a stickler for following rules and ingrained that into her students.

Blanche often took students on walks around Richmond to learn its unique history. She also taught the gifted and talented students. Each year she and her class put on an annual production at the school’s first PTA meeting for the school year. She did that for 20 years