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Charles 'Chuck' Kelly 08/26/2023

Many Fort Bend residents know Chuck Kelly as an avid student of history, whether its local, state-wide, national, or beyond. This transcript is the first of a two-part interview. In this part, Chuck describes how his childhood environment and family attachments sparked this interest into a life-long avocation. He elaborates with anecdotes about his family, growing up in Sugar Land, the rapid change in Fort Bend County, and his professional career as a consultant.

The second part of his interview will focus on the historical organizations and activities in which he has participated over the years.

His overriding intent in these two interviews is to spark a general interest, so others understand the events that shaped today's world and learn from them.

Interview Summary

People

Family

Charles E. Kelly, Jr. and Sally Rachuig Kelly (parents)
 Bruce Kelly (brother)
 Charles E. Kelly, Sr. and Mary Victoria Salter Kelly (paternal grandparents)
 Herbert A. Rachuig and Mamie Adams Rachuig (maternal grandparents)
 Ryan Kelly and Lauren Kelly Arnold (nephew and niece)
 Mayme Rachuig Hause (aunt)
 Bob Bass, Becky Bass Gallimore, and Bridget Bass McWilliams (first cousins)
 Nelson I. Bass, Jr. (aunt's first husband)

Others

Daniel Stavinoha (salutatorian Dulles High Class of 1968)
 Dorothy Syblik (valedictorian Dulles High Class of 1968)
 Charles Lindbergh (1927 barnstorming tour)
 Steve and Beth Weakley (Rice University friends)

Activities/Organizations

Arthur Andersen (consulting)
 Independent consulting (various locations)
 Mrs. Boyer's Kindergarten, Sugar Land, Texas
 Sugar Land Elementary, Sugar Land, Texas

Activities/Organizations (cont.)

Sugar Land Junior High School, Sugar Land, Texas
 Dulles High School, Sugar Land, Texas
 Rice University, BA History, Houston, Texas
 University of Houston, MBA, Houston, Texas
 Fort Bend County Historical Commission
 Sugar Land Heritage Foundation, Sugar Land, Texas
 USAA, San Antonio, Texas

Locations

Chilton, Texas (home of Adams maternal family line)
 Clifton, Texas (home of Rachuig maternal family line)
 College Station, Texas (Texas A&M)
 Denton, Texas (maternal grandmother student at North Texas State Teachers College)
 Fairfield, Texas (home of Salter paternal family line)
 Galveston, Texas
 Great Britain
 Houston (Rice University and University of Houston)
 Lufkin, Texas (Lufkin Industries)
 Rusk, Texas (home of Salter paternal family line)
 Sugar Land, Texas (childhood hometown)
 Wall Street, New York City, New York