

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### Abstract: **Constance Ann Harris Seger**

In this charming interview Constance Ann Harris Seger recalls childhood visits to Fulsher, Texas to be with her grandparents, Hunter Pinckney Harris and Amilee McKithan Harris on their farm. But the interview goes much further than that, relaying her family's long, long history in Texas.

Constance was born on June 25, 1943, in Paris, Texas. She and her siblings considered it a "great treat" to be in the country visiting her grandparents where there was always good food and plenty of room to play in the barn or the very large pasture chasing sheep. They used to catch horny toads on the prairie on the edge of Fulshear and take them back to the metropolis of New Orleans where their friends were horrified.

Many of her ancestors were doctors and some served in the military. They weren't military men but they were called up in a time of crisis,. Her husband's great grandfather was career military and served as an aide to General John "Black Jack" Pershing during the Armistice that ended World War I.

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## Interview Summary

### People (in order mentioned in interview)

Benjamin Floyd Pittenger, MD, – maternal grandfather, Dean of Education, University of Texas, hobbyist painter

Katherine Magdeleine Bickler, – maternal grandmother

Hermann Lungkwitz, – maternal great grandfather, painter

Katherine Lydia Pittenger, – mother

Hunter Pinkney Harris, – paternal grandfather, student, lifelong farmer in Fulshear, TX

Willie Amilee McKithan, – paternal grandmother, school teacher, piano teacher

Robert Locke Harris, – paternal great grandfather, born in 1838 in Charlotte, NC, medical doctor during the U. S. Civil War

Hunter Pinckney Harris, Jr., MD, – father, born 1913, psychiatrist

Evalyn Harris, born 1914, Billie Amilee Harris Wendt, born ~1924 – father's sisters

Hunter Pittenger Harris, Benjamin Pinckney Harris, Laurel Madeline Harris, – siblings

Christian Niles Seger – Spouse

Christian Harris Seger – son, goat farmer (Blue Heron Dairy), Field Store community

Lisa Pearson – Christian's spouse, market's artisenal goat cheese

Katherine Niles Seger Weber – daughter

Andrew Weber – Katherin's spouse, vice-president and COO, MacMillan Publishing

Hunter Joseph Seger – son

Elizabeth Harris Weber – granddaughter

Sarah Ann Weber – granddaughter

John Simonton – brother-in-law to great grandfather's step-spouse whose cousin worked a large ranch in what later became Simonton, Texas

Simonton family – moved to the Richmond area in 1853

Fanny Huggins Harris – married Robert Locke Harris, traveled with Simonton families in 1853

Eugene Augustus Harris – son, doctor

Robert Dudley Harris – son, doctor

Emma Quinn Harris – Robert Locke Harris' second wife, died in a gun accident two years after marriage

Thomas S. Harris – son

Sally Bright Holiday – Robert's third wife,

Edward Dimmitt Harris – son

Yarborough Harris – son

Hunter Pinkney Harris – son (Constance's fgrandather)

Francis Wilson Harris – son

Titus Holiday Harris – son

Tennessee Margaret Harris – daughter

John Huggins Harris – son

Sally Bright Harris – daughter

Joy Mary Harris – daughter

Richard Petri – brother-in-law, painter

The Old Thee Hundred

Stephen F. Austin

Sam Houston

Judge Carl Bentley

**Places / Businesses**

Fulshear, Texas

University of Texas, Austin, Texas

LaGarde Army Hospital, New Orleans, LA

Galveston, Texas

New Orleans, LA

Austin, Texas

Fulbrook

Weston Lakes Village, Texas

Houston, Texas

Waller, Texas

New York City, New York

Board of the Fulshear Cemetery

Simonton, Texas

Transylvania

Navasota, Texas

West Mount Olive Baptist Church,  
Fulshear, TX**Events**

Constance Ann Harris was born in Paris, Texas,, on June 25, 1943.

Connie's enjoyed visiting her grandparent's 4,000 acre farm in Fulshear and their big house with the tiny bedrooms. They raised sheep on the farm had many other animals including chickens, cows, cattle, and the horses required to work the cattle.

Several of Connie's ancestors are buried in the Fulshear Cemetery. The oldest relative buried there is probably Tennessee Ann Crawford Hunter who was born in 1843.

Although her ancestors were not considered military men, they served when called up in the War of 1812 (her relative, John Crawford), the U. S. Civil War, and World War II. Her husband's grandfather served as an aide to General John "Black Jack" Pershing towards the end of World War One.

Relatives in Fulshear were overwhelmed by mosquitoes and fled to Galveston where offshore winds pushed the mosquitoes inland so it was more comfortable. They later survived the 1900 Galveston Hurricane in a two-story home when all the buildings around them were destroyed.

Her grandfather bought land when he could including portions from the John Randon League, which were land grants given to the "Old Three Hundred", Stephen F. Austin's Colony, which were the first American settlers in Texas.