

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### Abstract: **Duane Bentley Peck & Carole E. Bentley**

Ms Peck and Ms Bentley are sisters-in-law and share stories of life in the early years in the quiet, little community of Fulshear, Texas. Duane was born and raised on a farm in Fulshear while Carole moved to Fulshear when she married into the Bentley family whose family ancestors arrived in the area as part of the Old 300 before Texas became a republic.

Duane's father, Carl Briscoe Bentley, was a farmer/rancher. His father also served in the US Army on Okinawa during World Wars II and as Justice of the Peace in Fulshear from 1955-1984 while her mother took care of the family. Duane and Carole discuss the booklet written about their pioneering ancestors which led to naming the newest high school, Foster, after their ancestor who was a scout for Stephen F. Austin.

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## Interview Summary

### Duane's People (in alphabetical order)

Carl Briscoe Bentley – father  
 Charles Bentley – paternal grandfather  
 Minnie Briscoe Bentley – paternal grandmother  
 Stella Kennelly Bentley – mother  
 Amanda Peck Borrel – daughter  
 Lucretia Amanda Briscoe – 2g grandmother  
 Bubba Dozier – friend  
 Ed Dozier – store owner  
 Joe Dozier – friend  
 Mimi Dozier – friend  
 Randolph Foster – scout for Stephen F. Austin  
 Melinda Peck Gardiner – daughter  
 Phillip Owen Gibson – step grandfather  
 Cathy Grady – friend  
 Suzanne Helwig – friend  
 Judy Kennelly Hudeck – aunt  
 Sally Kennelly Jones – aunt  
 Ella Mae Kennelly Kersten – aunt  
 John & Inez Kennelly – maternal grandparents  
 Frances “Faffy” Walker Meier – Gilbert’s spouse  
 Gilbert Meier – grocery store owner  
 Ione Kennelly Newman – aunt  
 Alfred “Tad” Peck, Jr. – son  
 Fay Kennelly Pugh – aunt  
 Lucretia Foster Wade – 3g grandmother  
 Susan & Doug Wade – friends

### Carole's People (in alphabetical order)

Lee John Bentley, Jr. – son  
 Lee John Bentley, Sr. – spouse

Burdine Wright Ehlert – maternal grandmother

Theodore & Matilda Ehlert – paternal grandparents

Dr. Dan Ives – Lamar CISD superintendent

Rene Lamb – friend

Elizabeth Bentley Massie – daughter

Janet Bentley Montgomery – daughter

JoAnn Sturrock – friend

### Places / Businesses

Austin County, Texas

Briscoe, Harris & Huggins Store

Brookshire, Texas

Dozier's Grocery Store

Fort Bend County, Texas

Foster, Texas

Fulshear, Texas

Fulshear Methodist Church

Houston, Texas

Huggins Elementary

Kennelly's Grocery Store

Pattison, Waller County

Texas A&I University

Walker & Meier Grocery Store

### Events

Duane and Carole share stories about life in the quiet little community of Fulshear. Their family history goes back to Stephen F. Austin and Randolph Foster, a scout for Austin. The family are descendants of Old 300 pioneers.