

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### Abstract: **Eugenia Virginia Brown**

Ms. Brown, known as Jean, was born in Houston in 1935. She and her sister were adopted by their mother's oldest brother and his wife and raised in Fulshear. She is still saddened by the early death of her only sister as well as growing up during segregation. Her stories of how "coloreds" were treated in her early years compared to her adult years, indicates changing times.

Jean raised a daughter and retired from Texas Instruments in Stafford after 21 years. She still gets together with her T. I. friends; volunteers at church, and enjoys her grandson.

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## Interview Summary

### People (in order mentioned in interview)

Nora Louise Brown – birth mother  
 Willie L. “Bill” Brown, Jr – adopted father  
 Maggie B. Clay Brown – adopted mother  
 Mitch Mays – farmer/land owner  
 Mariah Brown – grandmother  
 Willie Brown, Sr – grandfather  
 Mr. Hanes – principal, Mt. Pleasant School  
 Miss Daisy Flemings – teacher  
 Mr. Flemings – educator  
 Alice Brown – sister  
 Gloria Rae Woods – classmate  
 Rev F J Thomas –Pastor Pleasant Hill Church  
 Bill Grady – Fulshear business owner  
 Leonard Weiner – businessman  
 Jacqueline Brown Booker – daughter  
 Jordan Booker – grandson  
 Leon Booker – son-in-law  
 Willie B. Woods – teacher  
 Miss Eferneil – teacher  
 Veronica Summers – teacher

### Places / Businesses

Houston, Texas  
 Jefferson Davis Hospital, Houston  
 Fulshear, Texas  
 Schultze's Store, Foster  
 Foster, Texas  
 Mt. Pleasant School, Fulshear  
 Fort Bend County

Mt. Pleasant Church, Fulshear  
 Polly Ryon Hospital, Richmond, Texas  
 Oak Bend Hospital, Richmond, Texas  
 A. W. Jackson High School, Rosenberg,  
 Texas  
 Montgomery Ranch & Farm, Fulshear  
 Walker Store, Fulshear  
 Meyer Store (the big one), Fulshear  
 Dozier's Store, Fulshear  
 Tyler, Texas  
 Erma Hughes Business College, Houston  
 Leonard's Clothing Store  
 Texas Instruments  
 Sugar Land, Texas  
 Lamar High School  
 University of Houston  
 University of Texas, Arlington, Texas  
 Prairie View University  
 Baytown, Texas  
 Goose Creek Independent School System  
 Fort Bend County Fair Parade  
 Fulshear School  
 Greater Zachary Church  
 World War I  
 Hurricane Carla  
 Hope Well Baptist Church, Houston  
 Mount Vernon Baptist Church  
 Pecan Grove, Texas  
 Fort Bend Church

## Events

Born in Houston in 1935, Ms. Brown and her sister were adopted by her birth mother's oldest brother Willie Brown and his wife Maggie.

Her adopted father was a sharecropper and much of her childhood was spent on the Montgomery Ranch on Bois D'Arc Lane in Fulshear.

Jean shares many stories, which sadden her today, regarding growing up during segregation.