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Abstract: **Fred Green, Jr.**

Mr. Green was born and raised in Fort Bend County and except for 2 years spent in Korea during the war, he remained working and raising a family in the county. Fred worked for Imperial Sugar for 42 years beginning salary of \$1.23 per hour and retired making \$14.16 per hour.

He describes living and working on his parents sharecropping farm raising cotton and corn, chickens and hogs. He explains how sharecropping works where the farmer gets a cut of the profits and the landowner receives a share.

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Mr. Fred Green, Jr. died on March 4, 2013. His obituary may be found in the March 9, 2013 edition of the Fort Bend Herald newspaper. There is no online obituary.

Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Emma & Tom Green – grandparents
 Caroline & Fred Green – parents
 L. D., Louis, & Robert Greer – uncles
 Anthony & Tommy Green – uncles
 Matilde Green, Rachel Green, Savannah Green,
 Dorothy Mae Green, Classi Green, and Pearlie
 Green, Poetry Green – aunts
 Hildi Greer, Louis, Greer, and Robert Greer –
 uncles
 Margaret Hreer, and Ruby Greer – aunts
 Roberta Elson – cousin/playmate
 Robert Lindsey – cousin/playmate
 Rev. Jake Sanders – pastor
 Mary Briscoe – landowner
 Annie Briscoe
 Maurice Green – spouse
 Lenora Jones – teacher
 Miss Lee – teacher
 Anthony Green – son
 Fred Green – son
 Homer Green – son, preacher
 Andrea, Marla, & Xavier Green – grandchildren

Places / Businesses

Fort Bend County, Texas
 Wharton, Texas
 Imperial Prison Farm, Sugar Land
 Sugar Land, Texas
 Montgomery County, Texas
 Willis Branch Baptist Church
 Foster Museum
 Korean War
 Humoli, South Korea
 Pam Mun Jon, south Korea
 Seoul, South Korea
 Imperial Sugar Company, Sugar Land
 Rosenberg, Texas
 Sears and Roebuck
 Jones Creek School
 Houston, Texas
 Galveston, Texas
 Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church,
 Rosenberg
 Blue Run Missionary Baptist Church,
 West Columbia, Texas

Events

Born and raised in Fort Bend County on the Briscoe property, Fred spent his life in the county except for 2 years in South Korea during the Korean War.

He and his wife Maurice married in August 1953 and raised 3 sons. Fred worked for Imperial Sugar Company for 43 years until retirement.

His favorite memory is going to the Junior/Senior prom with his future wife and neither knowing how to dance. They just stepped on each others toes.

He enjoys the fact that he can ride the bus, go to a movie, visit a doctor's office and not have to go through a door marked "Colored."