

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### Abstract: **Gilbert Hellmuth “Herc” Meier, Jr.**

Mr. Meier was born in 1958 in Wharton County but was raised in Fulshear where he lives and works today. His mother’s side of the family, the Walkers, came to Fort Bend County with Austin’s 300 as a guide to the Briscoe family. Meier’s father was a US Military Policeman guard the proceedings during the Nuremberg Trials.

Known by his nickname “Herc”, he attended college for a brief period before working in his father’s meat market in Fulshear. Later, he attended paramedic and fire school and became Fire Chief of Fulshear. A position he still holds 38 years later. Herc and his wife, Vickie, raised 3 children in Fulshear and all of them reside and work in Fort Bend County.

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## Interview Summary

### People (in alphabetic order)

Lee John Bentley – Fulshear Fire Chief  
Briscoe family – Old 300 family  
Kenneth Crowe – friend of Vickie  
Jim Dozier – friend of Herc  
John F. Kennedy – US President  
LeBlanc brothers – farmers  
Adele Meier – paternal grandmother  
Gilbert Hellmuth Meier – father  
Hellmuth Meier – paternal grandfather  
Georgia Frances Walker Meier – mother  
Hilda Meier – sister  
Penny Meier – half sister  
Terry Meier – sister  
Kenny Seymour – Fulshear Police Chief  
Vickie Walker Meier – spouse  
Ms. Viola Randle – neighbor  
Bill Shamle – uncle  
Mary Frances Walker Shamle – aunt  
Volchkov – Russian prosecutor  
Flos Gates Walker – maternal grandmother  
Paul – cousin  
Seth Walker – maternal grandfather  
W. J. Walker – Vickie's uncle  
William Joseph Walker – maternal grandfather  
Ms Zearlene – neighbor

### Places / Businesses

Alfred's Cafeteria  
Austin County, Texas

Blinn Junior College  
Brazoria County, Texas  
Brenham, Texas  
Brookshire Royal  
Brookshire, Texas  
Casey Pope Properties  
Colorado  
Crockett Elementary School  
John Deere Dealership  
Exxon Service Station  
Fort Bend County, Texas  
Freeport, Texas  
Fulshear Methodist Church  
Fulshear, Texas  
Lamar High School  
Lamar Junior High School  
Jane Long Elementary School  
Jennings, Louisiana  
Montana  
Paris, France  
Ray's Grill  
Sealy, Texas  
Sharpstown  
Simonton, Texas  
Sugar Land, Texas  
Texas A&M University  
Travis Elementary School  
Wharton, Texas  
Wyatt's Cafeteria

## Events

His ancestor, Seth Walker, was a scout for the Briscoe family and came to Fort Bend County in the 1820's. He was a cattle inspector and was assassinated. Another great grandfather, named Seth Walker, was a county commissioner from 1866-1869.

His maternal grandfather was a rancher/farmer on Bois d' Arc Road as well as owned a general merchandising/tractor store in Fulshear. He died just after Herc was born.

A cousin, Paul, was about age 6 when he was killed by a stack of hay falling on him. This left a lasting impression on Herc and may have been the reason he became a paramedic.

During WWII, his father, Gilbert Meier, was the personal body guard for Russian Judge Alexander Volchkov during the Nuremberg Trials. Volchkov was the Russian prosecutor who later prosecuted Gary Powers.