

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### Abstract: **Hattie Mae Branch Bailey**

Ms. Hattie Mae Branch Bailey was born in 1927 in Richmond, Texas. She tells of her life experiences, including life without washing machines, electric irons, electric or gas stoves, running water, electric lights or refrigerators. She describes farming techniques in the days before tractors. Ms. Hattie escorted Ms. Janie Wessendorff, who was blind, from a burning house in 1965, and describes this event.

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## Interview Summary

### People (in order mentioned in interview)

Ed Branch – father  
Helen Gibson Branch – mother  
Mark Gibson – grandfather  
Willie Branch – brother  
Alfred Branch – brother  
James Branch – brother  
J.C. Branch - sister  
Dorothy Branch – sister  
Leonard Bailey - husband  
Ms. Janie Wessendorff  
Mr. Joe Wessendorff  
Blakely Winston  
Joe Oshman  
Edelstein sisters  
Mr. Robertson  
Ruby Dillard  
Ms. Roland Kemp  
Ms. Ernest Hale  
Ms. Maxine Pustka  
Ms. Ethel Thompson  
Ms., Irma Dru  
Ms. Libby  
Joe Clyde and Loise Wessendorff  
Ms. Nita and Mr. Joe Robinson  
Hamp Robinson of Missouri City

### Places / Businesses

Lannie's Resaurant  
Robinowitz Brothers Store  
Polly Ryon Hospital  
Dewalt  
Mount Moriah Church  
Z Bar Grill

### Events

Wessendorff house which burned in 1965  
Pilgrim Journey Church