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Abstract: **James Warren Roberts – 2012 & 2013**

Mr. Roberts, a visionary and entrepreneur who provided the leadership behind the creation of Weston Lakes; incorporating Fulshear to avoid being annexed by the City of Houston and obtaining a grant to build a water/sewer treatment facility. Jamie also worked behind the scenes to get a county library built in the City of Fulshear.

Jamie shares stories about his parents' involved in theater and music, his early career as a teacher and sales, raising his family in Fulshear and owning a successful hose manufacturing business, #1 in the world with over 700 employees.

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Interview Summary

People (in alphabetical order)

Joe B. Allen – partner Vinson & Elkins
 Stephen F. Austin – *empresario*
 Bruce Belin – developer
 Carl & Carol Bentley
 Ed Dozier – former Fulshear mayor
 David Freshman – Fulshear city attorney
 Churchill Fulshear – founder of Fulshear
 Rusty Hardin – attorney
 Bill & Hunter Harris – landowners
 John Healey – district attorney
 Ed Helwig – former county commissioner
 Jimmy Hill – landowner
 Ed Huggins – landowner
 John Huggins – horse trainer
 Bob Lutts – county commissioner
 Johnnie Putska – county commissioner
 Dorothy Roberts – deceased sister
 Emmett F. Roberts – father
 Jeff Roberts – son
 Lenora Roberts – mother
 Martha Shipp Roberts – spouse
 Ron Roberts – son
 Troy Roberts – son
 Frances Smart – former Fulshear mayor

Jodie Stavinoha – county judge
 Irene Stern – landowner
 Sarah Thomasson – maternal grandmother
 Guadalupe Victoria – Mexico president in 1824
 Leonard Wallace – paternal grandfather
 Lou Waters – rancher/landowner
 Billie Wendt
 Peren White – landowner

Places / Businesses

Baylor University
 Bob Lutts Library
 Brown Barn – beer joint
 Cross Creek
 Fulshear, Texas
 George Foundation
 George Memorial Library
 Hose Master
 Houston Galveston Area Council
 Houston ISD
 Huggins School
 Lamar CISD
 Texas Education Agency
 Waco, Texas

Events

Jamie Roberts was born in 1934 in Waco Texas. He spent his early career as a teacher but his first love was sales. He sold books and ideas.

As a visionary, he was a leader behind the creation of Weston Lakes, the incorporation of Fulshear, the building of the George Memorial and the Bob Lutts Libraries, and the building of a water/sewer treatment facility.

As mayor, Jamie oversaw the huge land expansion for future growth of Fulshear.

Along with some partners, they started and expanded a hose company called Hose Master into the #1 in the world making over 300 hoses for various industries. His 3 sons now manager the company.