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Abstract: **John Frierson**

Born and raised in Sugar Land, Mr. Frierson's father managed the farming operation at the nearby state prison for 23 years. It was the largest farming operation in the state. The crops mainly fed the prisoners as they worked the land. John describes growing up in prison housing for employees and having prisoners as cooks and helpers in his house.

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Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Coach Dzierzanowski

O. B. Ellis – Director of Texas Prisons

Buck Flanagan – former prison warden

Travis Gandy – classmate

Hal & Tim Husbands – twin friends

Mr. Husbands – prison warden

Chuck Kelly – classmate

Joan Maresh – classmate

Sam McJunkin – classmate

Wayne Newton – classmate

Rudy Valdez – classmate

Woodard – prison trusty cook

Places / Businesses

Palm Theater

Sugar Land Schools

Sugar Land Prison System

Events

John shares memories of growing up on the Sugar Land Prison, living in prison housing, and having prison trustees as helpers and cooks.

He attended Sugar Land schools and still has many classmates residing in the city.