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Abstract: **Lauraine Ognoskie**

Lauraine was born June 24, 1930. In May, 1974 she went to work for the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office as a clerical clerk at the jail typing reports, affidavits, warrants and jury notices. She also escorted female prisoners to a mental health facility in Austin or other locations when necessary.

As a wife and mother, she and her husband Albert Lee owned a farm raising various crops and cattle. After his death in 2005, she eventually sold the cattle and gave her farm to her children.

Lauraine shares stories of working at the jail during her 18 years in the Records Division.

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Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Joan Jankowiak – coworker

Jeff Braun – FBC Emergency Coordinator

Joe Thorpe, Herb Owens, A. J. Ramos, John Farrer – FBC Sheriff's Office investigators

Jerry Clements – Texas Ranger

Danny Rich – FBC sheriff's Office investigator

Jean Pochyla – coworker

Park Slott – FBC sheriff's deputy

Joe Wayne Gold – FBC Civil Warrants Officer

Betsy McInvale – FBC Civil Warrants Officer's clerk

Albert Lee Ognoskie – spouse

Places / Businesses

Needville High School

Austin, Texas

East Texas

Needville, Texas

Events

Lauraine worked as a Teacher's Aid at Needville High School prior to working as a clerk at the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office for almost 18 years.

Typing investigation reports can be tedious but there were a few tense episodes such as the time a man came in with a shotgun, a telephoned bomb threat, and a woman who claimed to have been raped.