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Abstract: **Mary Helen Whitlow**

Ms. Whitlow reminisces about growing up in the small town of Richmond; living with her grandmother and mother; going to school and playing in the marching band; working for Southwestern Bell Telephone company for 20 years; working for the Fort Bend County Treasurer's office and raising her daughter.

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Interview Summary

People (in alphabetical order)

Emily Bardow – classmate
Miss Henson – friend
Mr. Hogue – band director
Mr. Huette – teacher
Ada Francis March – classmate
Mr. Mervel – operated drug store
Mr. Muller – operated drug store
Miss Scott – teacher
Mary Jo Whitten – best friend
Virginia – friend
Liz Williams – county treasurer

Places / Businesses

Edelstein Department Store
Fort Bend County
Henke's Grocery Store
Joseph Grocery Store
Leavy's Grocery Store
Red & White Grocery Store

Richmond

Rosenberg

St. John Methodist Church

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company

Events

Mary Helen Whitlow was born in Houston in 1924 and raised in Richmond. She lived with her mother and grandmother.

For 25 years Mary worked for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and later went to work for the Fort Bend County Treasurer's office where she retired.

She married in 1946 and purchased a house in Winston Terrace where her daughter was born. Her daughter now resides in Corpus Christi.

Mary talks about living in a small town, riding her bike and making friends. She has fond memories of marching in her high school band playing the saxophone.