

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### Abstract: **Mason Briscoe II**

General Parmenas Briscoe of Mississippi had nine boys. Every time one of them got into trouble, he was sent to Texas. FIVE of the sons settled in Fort Bend County. Thus begins the interview of Mr. Mason Briscoe. In this interview he tells the story of his ancestors' settling in Texas and their lives. He also tells of his own life, including a gripping tale of his time in Italy during World War II.

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Mr. Mason Briscoe II died on March 18, 2011. His obituary may be found at:  
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/houstonchronicle/obituary.aspx?pid=149507624>

## Interview Summary

### People (in order mentioned in interview)

General Parmenas Briscoe of Mississippi  
 Mason Briscoe - uncle  
 Aunt Suzie - married Frank Williford  
 Aunt Georgie - married Dolph Briscoe  
 Frank Briscoe - brother, Air Force, District Attorney in Harris County  
 Bill Briscoe - brother, Merchant Marine & Special Texas Ranger  
 Billie Lee Dungan Briscoe - wife  
 Mason Briscoe - son  
 Dee Briscoe - daughter  
 Christopher Briscoe - grandson  
 Sheryl Briscoe - granddaughter  
 Sam McCullough - best friend  
 Frank (Chip) Briscoe, Jr. - nephew  
 O.B. Ellis - Huntsville Penitentiary  
 Lawrence Dube - Purina salesman  
 Junior Hartlage

### Places / Businesses

Texas A & M  
 Sartartia Plantation  
 Fort Sill, OK artillery headquarters, OCS  
 North Africa  
 Switzerland  
 Southern France  
 Munich, Germany  
 Sugarland Industries  
 Needville Feed Store  
 Pleak, TX.  
 Foster Community School  
 Richmond State School  
 Family Cemetery

### Events

World War II - Navy  
 Sicily to Rome, Italy September 1944  
 Battle at Anzio  
 Battle of the Bulge  
 Harris County - Asst. Agricultural Agent  
 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo,  
 Assistant Superintendent of the  
 Brahman Cattle, Poultry, Dairy  
 County Agent in DeWitt County  
 Matagorda County Agent, Bay City