

FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

ORAL HISTORY COMMITTEE



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Abstract: **Robert Crosser**

Bob Crosser is Chair of the Cemetery Committee for the Fort Bend County Historical Commission. He and the committee locate cemeteries, plot the area on a map, take photos, document any headstones, and when necessary, file the appropriate paperwork with the County Clerk and the State Historical Commission. Bob also works with the County Attorney's office when a landowner proves difficult in accessing a cemetery or there is illegal activity involving a cemetery.

In this interview, he discusses the names, location and history of various cemeteries throughout the county.

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Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Taylor Gates – worked for Armstrong family
 John Walker – FBC HCO team member
 Gene Dinges – resided near prison cemetery
 Danny Ryan
 Joe Fenn
 T J Waller
 Sandi Denton, Susan Alford – Sienna Plantation HOA representatives
 Franklin Schodek - land surveyor
 Bert Bleil – FBC HCO team member
 Bruce Harrison
 Jim Bruseth – Director, Archaeology Division, THC
 Deaf Smith – scout for Sam Houston
 Hilmar Moore – former mayor of Richmond
 Mr. Kruse – alleged owner of Dickson-Murphey Cemetery (FB-C069)
 Virginia Scarborough – FBC HCO team member
 Liz Stamey – resident near Duke Cemetery (FB-C139)
 Mary Broussard – land owner
 Claude Broussard – land owner, deceased
 George Foster – FBC County Judge, deceased
 Dick Lane – FBC HCO team member
 Blaisdel family – former FBC residents
 C. F. Voskamp – worker on George Ranch

Ed Gearke – worker on George Ranch
 Polly Branch – died in 1896
 Louise Hearn – FBC HCO team member
 Willie McColloch – FBC HCO team member
 Mr. Herring – landowner

Places / Businesses

Fort Bend County Historical Commission
 Fort Bend County George Memorial Library, Richmond, Texas
 Needville, Texas
 Fenn Plantation
 Texas Department of Criminal Justice
 Fort Bend County Road & Bridge Department
 Sienna Plantation Home Owners Association (HOA)
 City of Stafford, Texas
 Archaeology Division, Texas Historical Commission (THC)
 Fort Bend County Museum
 City of Richmond, Texas
 City of Richmond Water Department
 Houston, Texas
 Sugarland Industries
 Imperial Farm

Events

Bob describes in detail the effort it takes to locate a cemetery, gain access to the property, document the location, and prevent destruction of known burial sites.