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Abstract: **Robert Frank Schumann**

Mr. Schumann's family arrived in Sugar Land in 1915. A natural story teller, Robert Schumann shares tales of growing up in Sugar Land, his family business, his military service in World War II and his career.

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Mr. Robert Frank Schumann died on July 14, 2010. His obituary may be found at:
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/houstonchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=ROBERT-SCHUMANN&pid=144112774>

Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Miss Bahartt and Miss Schumaner – midwives
 Max Albert Schumann -Father – came to Sugar Land 1915
 Paul Schumann - Uncle
 Father Finnegan
 Louie Mayer
 Victor Blaschke
 Herbert Schumann - Brother
 Max Schumann – brother (died July 1965)
 Lawrence Schumann, - brother
 William Schumann – brother
 Rick Schumann – uncle
 Annie MuehrSchumann – mother (born Feb 23, 2856 – died August 1932)
 Hettie Schumann – stepmother
 Rosie Mayer Hinery – Aunt
 Gertrude – black caretaker for children
 Annie and Victor Blaschke – aunt and uncle
 Mr. M. R. Wood
 Mr and Mrs. Paueler - custodians of Sugar Land School
 Emily McCord – piano player
 Miss Lima Johnson – teacher
 Miss O’Neal - teacher
 Miss Henderson - teacher
 Miss Anderson - teacher
 Eisendorf family
 Mr. Varnau – shift foreman
 Mrs. Varnau – home economics teacher
 Dr. Schmidt – Veterinarian, Liver Flukes

Places / Businesses

The Holy Family Catholic Church
 Schulenberg, Hallettsville, Weimer, TX
 Houston Chronicle – delivering papers was first job 1936-1941
 4H
 Teacherage
 Frost Ranch
 Dewalt
 A & M

Events

Orphan Train from New York
 Father grew flowers: Formosa fern, chrysanthemums
 Mexican children at school after 4h grade
 65th Army Infantry division 1944 – on the Monticello cruise ship
 General Patton
 General Reinhart
 La Havre, France
 Saar River
 Berlin
 Rhine River
 Vienna over the Danube
 Linz, Austria
 Nice, France
 Finding brother in the Port of Leghorn