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Abstract: **Roberta Jean Jester Court**

Jean Court married into a long-standing Stafford family when she married Charles Court. She describes Stafford when she moved here in 1959 and the changes in the town since that time. As she became more and more a part of the community she became interested in its history and has co-written a book on the history of Stafford and also a history of The Holy Family Catholic Church.

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Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

C. V Court came to Stafford in 1919
 Frank Cangelosi
 Cotton Gin
 Allen Military Academy
 J. J. Court
 T. F. Noto
 Charles Vincent Court, Jr. – husband, married in November 1959
 J. C. “Buster” Court – brother in law
 Charles Vincent Court, III – son (called Chip)
 Christopher Jacob Court – son
 Jennifer Catherine Court Hammer – daughter
 Janette Louise Court Keeton – daughter
 Mr. Vaccaro
 Boots Helmcamp
 Ray Anhaizer – musician
 Quail Valley
 J. P. Court – brother in law, Chief of Police, Bellaire, Texas
 Robinson Family
 Brinkman Family

Mayor Leonard Scarcella

Places / Businesses

Court Hardware
 Full Gospel Fellowship Church
 Post Office
 Water and sewer systems early on
 Texas Commerce Bank
 East Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce
 First National Bank of Stafford
 Railroad which separates Stafford
 Churches in Stafford
 Cangelosi Furniture Store
 Cangelosi Grocery Store
 E. A. Jones Elementary School
 Missouri Junior High School
 Strake Jesuit School
 Stafford High School
 M. R. Wood School
 W. K. M.
 Imperial Sugar

Events

Jean moved to Fort Bend County with her family in 1959.

Jean recalled her children playing most of the day in the farmland surrounding them “in the day”. The boys would be gone all day without her worrying about them. But it’s a way of life that’s gone now. Her grown children with families are more watchful of their children nowadays out of necessity.

She doesn’t recall any issues with segregation in Stafford in the 1960s and never felt deprived of medical care for herself or her family.