

FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

ORAL HISTORY COMMITTEE



This oral history is copyrighted 2015, by the Fort Bend County Historical Commission. All Rights Reserved. For information contact: Fort Bend County Historical Commission, Attn: Chairman-Oral History Committee, 301 Jackson St., Richmond, TX, 77469.

Terms and Conditions

This file may not be modified or changed in any way without contacting the Fort Bend County Historical Commission.

This file may not be redistributed for profit.

Please do not 'hot link' to this file or repost this file.

Abstract: **Ruth Isabel Blasdel Werner**

Ms. Werner is an active member of St. John's United Methodist Church in Richmond, Texas. She spearheaded the effort to get the Church a State marker in the early 1980's. It is the oldest congregation in Fort Bend County. Since this interview was taken the Church has been placed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

In this interview Ms. Werner tells how her ancestors got to Fort Bend County and reminisces about growing up in Richmond.

9 Pages

⇓ *Scroll down for Key Words from the Interview.* ⇓

Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Jacob Blasdel – father (mail carrier)

Ruth Blasdel - mother(homemaker)

John Blasdel - Uncle

Jewish citizens - Smith, Mellon, Daily, Rinkie Oshman, and Edelstein

Places / Businesses

Jane Long Elementary School

Lamar Consolidated School District

Richmond High School

Southwestern University

Freedman Town (North of the tracks on Baptist Hill)

Shops on Morton Street

Community swimming pool

City Hall

Old Richmond Bridge

St. John's United Methodist Church

Events

Born St. Joseph's hospital in Houston

Father's family came to Fort Bend in 1905

1913 Flood

Comments on race relations in her day

State Marker and National Registry of Historic Places for St. John's United Methodist Church