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Abstract: **Tim and Hal Husbands**

Brothers, Tim and Hal Husbands, joined their classmates at their high school class' 50th reunion. They share stories of their unique life and adventures living at the Central Prison unit in Sugar Land. Their dad was the Warden of the Central Prison unit while the boys were in school in Sugar Land.

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Interview Summary

People (in alphabetical order)

Bobby Borowski – friend

Junior Harkins – family friend

Bob Husbands – brother

Hal Husbands Sr – paternal grandfather

Jeff Husbands – Tim’s son

Jonah Husbands – Tim’s son

Marjorie Meyer Husbands – Tim’s spouse

Blackie – prisoner & farrier

Charlie Kamp – friend

Lester Wayne Nelson – prisoner

Col. H R Schwecke – maternal grandfather

Madelyn Schwecke – maternal grandmother

Buddy Wheeler – friend

Places / Businesses

Brazos River

Central Prison Unit – Sugar Land

Dulles High School

Greenville, Texas

Hull Field – Sugar Land

Refugio, Texas

Events

Tim and Hal share stories of growing up on the property of the Central Prison in Sugar Land. They had prisoners cook their food, clean and press their clothes, do household chores, and lawn maintenance.

In fact, they got to be friends with some of the long time prisoners who worked in and around their house.

Both tell stories about their Dad’s handling various situations regarding prisoners including Blackie, the farrier who “thought” about getting on a horse and escaping but didn’t. And Lester who was an excellent mechanic and repairman who saved the day by keeping equipment in top running order.

They also share some stories about friends in high school and that many are still close friends today – 50 years later.