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Abstract: William A. Little

Mr. Little came to Sugar Land as a young man in 1957. In this interview he describes his first jobs at Imperial Sugar and his transition to working for Sugarland Industries. He became the second Mayor of Sugar Land in 1961. With humor and unique detail Mr. Little shares his memories of life in a small town.

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Interview Summary

People

Mary Little - wife

George Andre

Bill Louvier, Jr.

Bruce Edwards

Dr. Slaughter

Dr. Kuykendall

Dr. Knowles

Dr. Wheeler (DDS)

Henry Steincamp - surveyor

Charles Kelly

Vigil Mott

Leo O'Neal

Gerald Hines

Jack Kamin

David Searles

Stewart Morris

Harris Kempner

Mr. Cousins

Luke Cordemelian Family

Brooks Family

Ulrich Family

Guenther Family

Ernest Brown - Moroni Bysler investment

bankers, Houston

Ted Harman – first Mayor of Sugar Land

Iess Pirtle - Alderman

Melvin Pincole – Alderman

Mr. C. McFadden – Mgr. Marshall Canning

Company

Minnie Ulrich

Johnny David - Garbage collection

Bernard Johnston - Comprehensive City

Plan

Dr. Leslie Wheeler – School Board

Kenneth Landine - School Board

Herbert Shelton - School Board

Bruce Edwards - School Board

Tony Ariago - Stafford.

Tony Cangelosi - Stafford

Pat Rogers – Superintendent

Ed Mercer

Lawrence Elkins

M.R. Woods - Dulles High School

Haywood Davis - Union President

Denny Kempner – grandson of I.H.

Kempner

Neil Pickett - Federal Housing

Administrator

Ted Kossa – Home builder

Aline McLemore - Mayfield Park

Bob Armstrong

Bob Hanna

Places / Businesses

Sandusky, Ohio

Laura Eldridge Hospital & Association

Sugar Land State Bank & Frost Bank

The Hill

Belknap Realty Corp

Venetian Estates

Guenther Street, Sugar Land

Brooks Street, Sugar Land

Oyster Creek, Sugar Land

Belknap Court, Sugar Land

Windstream

Sugar Creek

Pecan Grove

Ford motor Credit Corporation

Royal Dutch Pension Plan

Sugar Land Telephone, Alltel

Stewart Morris Company

NASA Bay Development

Ocean Sweeny Telephone company

Sugar Land Cattle Company

Volunteer Fire Department

Stafford ISD

George Foundation

Federal Housing Administration

Mayfield Park

The Quarters

University of Houston – Sugar Land

Wharton Junior College

Events

Korean War

Company provided housing

Purchase home on Cleveland Lake Drive

Medical care in Sugar Land

Selling and surveying Company homes

Hurricane Carla

Demise of the Company stores

The development of First Colony

Southwest Freeway expansion to Sugar

Land

Sugar Land Incorporation – Dec. 1959

Sugar Land City Charter

Second Mayor of Sugar Land

ACLU Law Suit

Desegregation in Sugar Land

Sugar Company nepotism policy

Elections in Sugar Land & first voting booth