

FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

ORAL HISTORY COMMITTEE



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Abstract: **Willie Ann Frels McColloch**

Ms. McColloch was born in 1929 in Glen Flora, a small town in Wharton County where her father managed the cotton gin and where her mother was raised. She graduated in 1950 at age twenty with a degree in Chemistry from Texas Woman's University. In 1953 she married Tom McColloch, a Richmond rice farmer and they had two children.

Only wanting a temporary job as a Librarian, Willie Ann spent twenty-seven years in that position at Lamar CISD retiring in 1990. She served as a Cub Scout den leader, was a sponsor for the Needville pep squad and an excellent seamstress. Now she is involved with the Fort Bend County Historical Commission and received the 2010 Heritage Award for her contribution.

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Interview Summary

People (in alphabetical order)

Jacob Blasdel – Scout Master
 James Boone – Needville School Supt
 Bob Crosser – FBC Historical Commission
 Freddie “Tombstone” Davis – friend
 James Elliott – builder
 Alice Schmidt Frels – Mother
 Annie Weigel Frels – Grandmother
 Earl Bernard Frels, Sr. – Father
 Earl Frels, Jr. – brother
 William Henry Frels – Grandfather
 Juan Garcia, aka “Taco” – student
 Bonnie Greenwald – friend
 Tommy Greenwald – friend
 Arthur Guerrero – Spanish Cub Scout
 Franklin Herndon – Lamar Supt
 Louis Ludwig – Needville Principal
 Gary Lukas – Son-in-Law
 Jonathan Lukas – Grandson
 Matthew Lukas – Grandson
 Noah Lukas – Grandson
 Bobby McColloch – Son
 Ira McColloch – Landlord (purchased property from Miss Tilly Harper)
 Tanna McColloch Lukas – Daughter
 Tom McColloch – Spouse
 Bailey Phillips – friend
 Elsie Phillips – friend
 Tom Phillips – Lamar CISD Choir Director
 Sara Roiz – Friend
 Virginia Scarborough – Friend

Charles Louis Schmidt – Grandfather
 Susan Halyard Schmidt – Grandmother
 Alma Slawinski – friend
 Joe Slawinski – friend
 Guy Traylor – Lamar Principal
 Ted Turner – entrepreneur
 John Walker – FBC Historical Com
 Billie Wendt – friend
 Jack Wendt – friend
 Jimmy Wearden – Gristmill Employee
 Monsignor Glen Wearden – Cousin

Places / Businesses

Amistad Lake, Del Rio, Val Verde County
 Caney Creek, Matagorda County
 SYSCO Food Distribution Company
 Columbus, Colorado County
 Frelsburg, Colorado County
 George Ranch, Richmond, Fort Bend County
 Gillett, Karnes County
 Glen Flora, Wharton County
 Ganado, Jackson County
 Needville, Fort Bend County
 Richmond, Fort Bend County
 San Antonio Legal Aide Services
 Sweeney, Brazoria County
 Texas A & M University
 Texas State College for Women
 Texas Woman’s University
 US Air Force Reserve
 Vermejo Ranch, Ruidoso, New Mexico

Events

Willie Frels McColloch was born in Glen Flora in 1929 and graduated from high school at the age of 16. She graduated from Texas State College for Women at age 20 with a degree in Chemistry.

Willie married Tom McColloch, a rice farmer in 1953. They had two children, Tanna and Bobby, and three grandsons.

Willie taught school for 3 years but quit to stay home to raise children. A temporary job as a Librarian became a full-time position for 27 years at Lamar CISD.

Willie was active in scouting, pep squad, and thespians as well as an accomplished seamstress. She supported her children's interests as they progressed through school.

Willie has lived on the same lot in Richmond since 1953.