

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Abstract: **Joe Falsone**

Mr. Falsone was born in Sugar Land in 1931. He is one of 5 children in the family. His father was part owner of a cotton gin in Stafford, a Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 from 1937-1952 with a break for WWII. He also served on the Missouri City School Board prior to consolidation.

Joe and his brother were cotton farmers until 1979. He shares stories about his dad, the Dew family, the Cangelosi family and growing up in the early days of the county with dirt roads.

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## Interview Summary

### People (in order mentioned in interview)

Anthony James Falsone – father, business man,  
elected Fort Bend County Justice of the Peace,  
Precinct 3, 1937-42, 1949-52

Carlos Cangelosi – local business owner

Tony Cangelosi – local business owner

Lena Roppolo Falsone – mother

Jim Falsone – brother

Nick Falsone – sister

Mary Falsone – brother

Pauline Falsone – sister

Frank Cangelosi – local business owner

Franklin D. Roosevelt – US President

Percy Foreman – Houston attorney

Mrs. Scarcella – school teacher

Henry Dew – local land owner/rancher

Johnny Davis – friend

Mr & Mrs Delate – owners of local cafe

### Places / Businesses

Sugar Land Hospital, Sugar Land, Texas

Steel Store, Texas

Highbank, Texas

Stafford, Texas

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas

### Events

Joe was born in Sugar Land in 1931 and has resided in Stafford his entire life.

He and his brother were cotton farmers until they sold the land in 1979.

Richmond Court House, Richmond,  
Texas

Italy

Missouri City, Texas

Washington, D. C.

Rosenberg, Texas

DeWalt, Texas

Holy Family Catholic Church

Liberty, Texas

Houston, Texas

Beaumont, Texas

Storlin Bros Dairy

Missouri City School District

Fort Bend County

Clodine, Texas

Harris County

Alief, Texas

Arcola, Texas

Houston Cotton Exchange

Gang Busters – national radio show

Montgomery Ward department store

Pearland, Texas

Houston Packing Company

Blue Room Cafe

Joe shares story after story of life in and around Stafford. Gun fights, lawsuits over roaming cattle, walking almost everywhere, and driving on dirt roads that turned to mud during the rainy season.

His dad was a Justice of the Peace, Pct 3 from 1937-1940 and 1949-1952. He was also part owner of a cotton gin and was known as a peacemaker/mediator.