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Abstract: **Whichard, T. Marshall, Jr. & Mary M.
Whichard**

Marshall and Mary talk about attending Missouri City High School, the activities before, during and after school, the dances and graduation in the school gym, the teachers, and their friends living in a small town atmosphere where everyone knew everyone and folks took care of each other.

Mary's parents owned a rice farm in Missouri City and used German prisoners of war as laborers during World War II. Her parents fed and treated them well. Mary played in the school band and graduated in 1954. She attended University of Texas.

Marshall at 6'4" played football, basketball and ran track under Coach Lawrence Elkins at Missouri City High School. However, he graduated from a high school in Oklahoma and attended Texas A&M University. While serving in the US Marines during the Korean War, he and Mary married.

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Interview Summary

People (in alphabetical order)

T. V. Abercrombie – teacher
 Eloise Addam – family friend
 Sue Brinkman Alston – friend
 J. C. Court – friend
 Bob Davis – classmate
 Sue Dinges – friend
 Lawrence Elkins – coach
 John Ferrro – classmate
 Ms. Frome – teacher
 Hahn, Goldie – cinema celebrity
 Hall, Kenneth – SLHS football player
 Mrs. Haygood – teacher
 Gerald Hines – land developer
 Ms. King – teacher
 Mrs. Lepley – teacher
 Rose Morris – PE teacher
 Ms. Munson – teacher
 Mary Williams Myatt – Mary’s mother
 True Myatt – Mary’s father
 Howard Palmer – coach in Oklahoma
 Vince Petronella – classmate
 Ms. Prater – teacher
 Nanette Robinson – teacher
 Larry Rychlik – classmate
 Mr. Scarcella – band director
 Mrs. Scarcella – teacher
 Fern Stallings – teacher
 Dennis White – classmate

Bobby Williams – classmate

Places / Businesses

Blue Ridge Oil Field
 Fort Bend County Fairgrounds
 Houston, Texas
 Gray High School, Idabel, Oklahoma
 Korean War
 Missouri City, Texas
 Rosenberg, Texas
 Sears & Roebuck
 Stafford, Texas
 Sugar Land, Texas
 Texas A&I University
 University of Texas
 W-K-M Manufacturing Company

Events

Mary attend schools in Missouri City from 1st – 12th grade. Marshall attended from 7th – 11th grade. They were high school sweethearts

Mary and Marshall reminisces about teachers, activities, friends, and living in a small town community.

After high school, while Marshall was in the Marine Corps, they married. Today, they enjoy 60 years of marriage while raising 3 sons. Now they enjoy retirement and being involved with their growing family including 3 grandsons, 1 granddaughter and 3 great grandsons.