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Abstract: **Mason Briscoe II**

General Parmenas Briscoe of Mississippi had nine boys. Every time one of them got into trouble, he was sent to Texas. FIVE of the sons settled in Fort Bend County. Thus begins the interview of Mr. Mason Briscoe. In this interview he tells the story of his ancestors' settling in Texas and their lives. He also tells of his own life, including a gripping tale of his time in Italy during World War II.

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Mr. Mason Briscoe II died on March 18, 2011. His obituary may be found at:
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/houstonchronicle/obituary.aspx?pid=149507624>

Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

General Parmenas Briscoe of Mississippi
 Mason Briscoe - uncle
 Aunt Suzie - married Frank Williford
 Aunt Georgie - married Dolph Briscoe
 Frank Briscoe - brother, Air Force, District Attorney in Harris County
 Bill Briscoe - brother, Merchant Marine & Special Texas Ranger
 Billie Lee Dungan Briscoe - wife
 Mason Briscoe - son
 Dee Briscoe - daughter
 Christopher Briscoe - grandson
 Sheryl Briscoe - granddaughter
 Sam McCullough - best friend
 Frank (Chip) Briscoe, Jr. - nephew
 O.B. Ellis - Huntsville Penitentiary
 Lawrence Dube - Purina salesman
 Junior Hartlage

Places / Businesses

Texas A & M
 Sartartia Plantation
 Fort Sill, OK artillery headquarters, OCS
 North Africa
 Switzerland
 Southern France
 Munich, Germany
 Sugarland Industries
 Needville Feed Store
 Pleak, TX.
 Foster Community School
 Richmond State School
 Family Cemetery

Events

World War II - Navy
 Sicily to Rome, Italy September 1944
 Battle at Anzio
 Battle of the Bulge
 Harris County - Asst. Agricultural Agent
 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo,
 Assistant Superintendent of the
 Brahman Cattle, Poultry, Dairy
 County Agent in DeWitt County
 Matagorda County Agent, Bay City