



DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

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FALL 2012



Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, September 6, 2012

The Point, Center for Arts and Education

Campus of C. C. Young

4847 W. Lawther Dr.

Room Opens at 5:30 Dinner at 6 PM

Meeting Begins At 7 PM

Dinner \$15.00 per person

For Dinner Reservation

call by the Tuesday before the meeting.

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NEW MEETING LOCATION

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**The Point is the 3rd building on the left and you
will need to drive just past the building to park.**

See enclosed maps for directions.

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

The Rotary Club of Dallas

A Century of Service 1911-2011



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Dallas stood at a grand crossroads. The year was 1910. For decades, the city had been viewed as a western outpost and agricultural center. Cattle, grain and cotton reigned as the kings of the Blackland Prairie. Cowboys, outlaws and horse-drawn carriages remained common sights on city streets.

With a population nearing 100,000, Dallas embraced a more modern way of life that would change its landscape forever. The city made a leap into a new cosmopolitan era of electrification, commercial development and mechanization. During the first 10 years of the century, electric lights quickly spread from downtown into the suburban areas. Dallasites embraced automobiles as the county paved over dusty streets.

The city shook off its reputation as an agriculturally focused town by gaining a foothold in industries from drugs and books to jewelry and wholesale liquor. Then, Dallas expanded into the markets that still offer the city strength today: banking, insurance, retail and more.

In 1910, the city purchased its first automobile ambulance, with police patrol wagons and fire engines becoming motorized soon after. Natural gas replaced artificial gas, and Dallas led cities its size with nearly 3,000 automobiles on the streets. Dallas County boasted the finest highway system in the South, with 420 miles of improved roads. In 1914, the Federal Reserve Bank passed over larger cities in the region and chose Dallas as the location for its 11th regional branch.

That same year, Dallas insurance executive Price Cross made trips to San Francisco and New Orleans, and in each city he visited a Rotary club meeting. Upon returning to Dallas, he discussed the Rotary idea with some of his associates. The group invited 100 possible members to a meeting at one of the city's leading hotels.

On April 20, 1911, 39 business, professional and community leaders gathered at the restaurant of the Oriental Hotel to form the Rotary Club of Dallas ("the Club") – the first in Texas, the second in the Gulf States, and the 39th in Rotary.



PRICE CROSS
FATHER OF ROTARY
Price Cross is considered the
Founding Father of Rotary for
Dallas and all of Texas.



SAVE THE DATE

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CONGRATULATIONS TO FRANCIS JAMES

Preservation Dallas presented their 13th Annual Preservation Achievement Awards in May. The ceremony was held at the historic Majestic Theatre; more than 300 attendees applauded outstanding development of Dallas' historic buildings and places, as well as the people that contribute to the city's preservation.

Dorothy Savage began the Historic Preservation League over 40 years ago saving the historic Swiss Avenue area homes. The League is now Preservation Dallas. The Dorothy Savage Award recognizes significant and ongoing contributions to the preservation of Dallas' neighborhood and urban core. This award goes to an individual dedicated to outstanding achievements in community revitalization and historic preservation.

Francis James was awarded the Dorothy Savage Award at the May banquet. We all need to congratulate Francis on this accomplishment and honor.

NEW MEMBERS

Any person who is interested may apply for membership.
Be sure to welcome the following new members in 2012

Earl Leonard Copeland
Don Featherston
Lewis Ben Haskins
Robert Lasater Hay

Joseph McAllister
Penny Metker-Lawhorn
Amy Lynn Mueller



GREAT PROGRAM IN JUNE 2012

Bert N. Shipp and son Brett reminisced with anecdotes and excerpts from "Details at 10 - Behind the Headlines of Texas Television History" as the presentation.

David Vilbig, Bert Shipp and Brett Shipp



CEMETERY NEWS

Since it has been so hot not too much going on outside but here goes:

At our wonderful June meeting several people were interested in a large binder that I had assembled with La Reunion treasures in it. We were closing down and I told them I would bring the book back to the September meeting. It will be on the table for people to look at.

Storm Water Run Off is still a budget item for the City. Of the fifteen or more city and state employees who we have been in contact with in the last ten years - all have stopped returning calls, answering letters, again. I have now written Dallas City Manager, Mary Suhm to see if she can help. Only some of the over two hundred cemeteries in Dallas County are paying this fee and that is not right! I told Mary that it does not even make sense when this is the second year of a drought and the cracks are six inches deep. Nothing is going to run off!

There will be some items on the bond issue on the November Ballot concerning the Trinity Levees. This is where repair to the levee should be and not to keep using the fee on the cemeteries that are struggling to maintain them! DCPA members - Write a letter - DO Something! Even if your own family spot is not bothered - some others where pioneers are buried are being charged a fee every month.

New fence at Fish Trap/La Reunion is a sight to see! All the grapevines that weighed the six foot fence down are gone. That is too bad as wine making was one of the reasons the Colony came to Texas. The overgrown shrubs are gone, too. If you would like to write a "Thank You" to the Dallas Park Department to let them know how much we appreciate the fence and maintenance they are doing.

McAdams Cemetery is on Brookhaven, south of Illinois and I 35 E. The large trees have broken branches and I had a call from a grandfather about a potential Eagle Scout project at this site. The most interesting thing would be that the Dad of the scout had cleaned it up and repaired some damage for his Eagle project a generation ago!. If this happens it would be the first time I am aware of that a father/son were involved at the same site.

Daniel Cemetery near SMU will be getting more attention as time goes by since it is so near the Bush Library and Museum. The new wrought iron fence is a recent addition and the history of the Daniel family is preserved here.

Emanu El Cemetery is finishing up the new storage and equipment building on Duff Street and that opened up an area for more burials at the Oak Grove side. There was a land trade with the City that took nearly ten years to come about, but it is now better for all concerned. Freedman Cemetery on Central Expressway, Calvary on Hall, Emanu El on Oak Grove and do not overlook the WalMart on Central and Hall are across Hall Street from Greenwood. When the Dallas Historical Society Cemetery Tour took place in May, Greenwood looked better than it ever has!

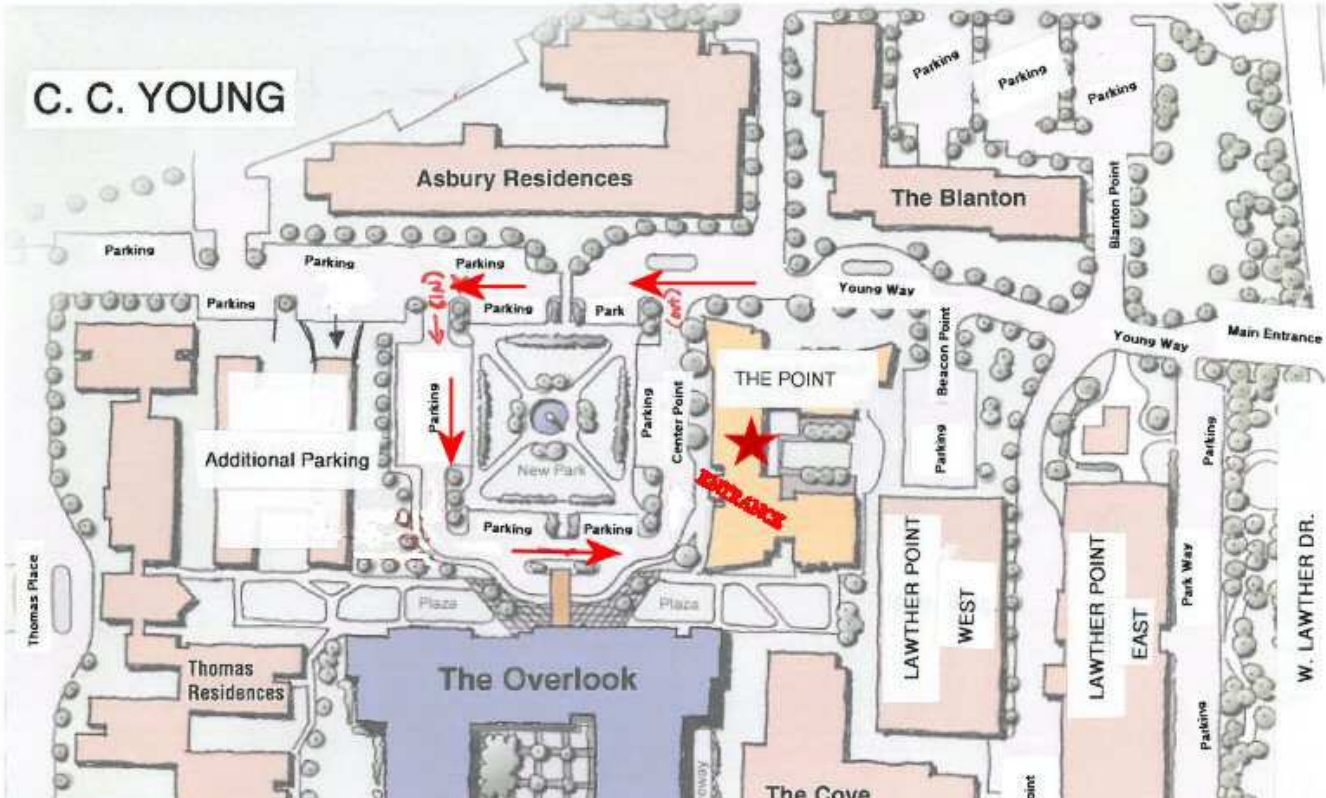
Sharrock/Niblo farm with a cabin and barn area is being considered by the Park Department as a Landmark for Dallas. This site was originally part of the Sharrock Family farm. The treasure here an original structure built ca. 1847 on the original site. The property had been owned by the Grady Niblo family since 1934 It is believed these may be the oldest structures in Dallas County on the original site!.

The cemetery on Hay Market Road will be going through the procedures to become a Landmark for the city next month. When I was asked what makes this one unique and I said I thought that it was because the nearby white folks protected it from development and the black folks had lent their little church to the white folks to use while the white folks new church was being built. Seems a complete reversal of what usually happens.

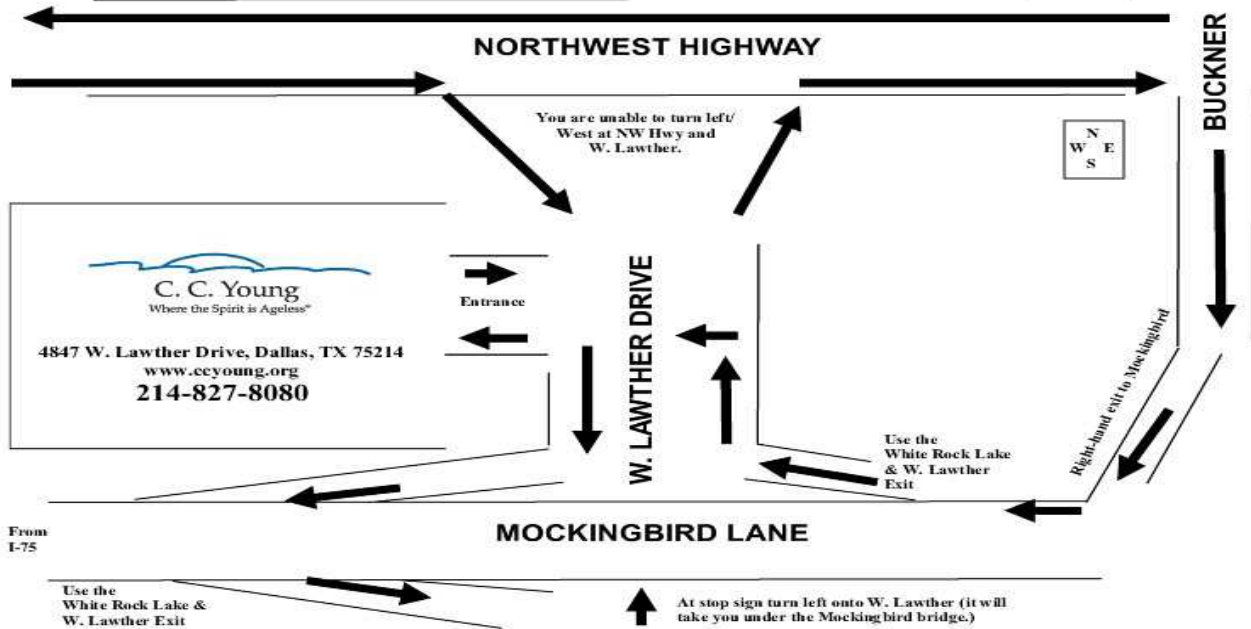
Submitted by Frances James



**DIRECTIONS TO
The Point Center for Arts and Education Campus of C. C. Young**



- We appreciate your patience while TxDot completes the construction project at NW Highway and W. Lawther.
- Note: GPS systems are not picking up this construction.
- You may now turn right onto W. Lawther if you are traveling East on NW Highway.
- You may now turn right onto NW Highway from W. Lawther to travel East.



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NEWSLETTER



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The Dallas County Pioneer Association is dedicated to preserving the history of Dallas County and those who settled here before 1880. Any person who is interested may apply for membership regardless of when they, or their ancestors, came to Dallas County. Contact any officer for an application.

Membership Dues

\$20	Per Year	\$200	Life Membership
\$30	Couple	\$300	Couple Life Membership

The Association meets quarterly for dinner and a program at 6:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each March, June, September, and December. The meeting room opens at 5:30 p.m. for fellowship and dining. The program starts promptly at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

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