



# DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

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## SPRING 2012



### Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, March 1, 2012

Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church  
Meeting Room

9027 Midway Road at Northwest Highway

Room Opens at 5:30 Dinner at 6 PM

Meeting Begins At 7 PM

Dinner \$20.00 per person

For Dinner Reservation  
call by the Tuesday before the meeting.

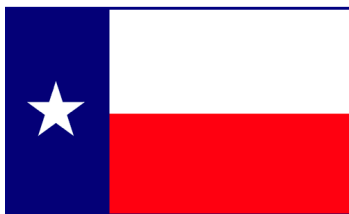
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## MARCH PROGRAM

**SPEAKER - MARK RICE**

Presenting a program on R. L. Thornton: Embodying the Spirit of Dallas



Next quarter at the June 7, 2012 Meeting in addition to the program, DCPA wants to show case the heritage of LaReunion Colony. A special table to display treasures and history will be set up. If you have any historical memorabilia bring it to show and share.



## Profile of Pioneer Member Joe T. Fox

Our Pioneer Association member, Joe T. Fox is a native Texan, born here in Dallas. He can trace his family back many years. His great grandfather, August Fox, Sr. was born in Germany in 1838. He immigrated through New Orleans with his wife from Germany, Louisa Muller.

They lived in Jefferson, Texas and then after the Civil war they moved to Dallas where they established their home. Their house was located in the area now known as Griffith Street and Stemmons Freeway. As their family grew, homes were built in that same area for their four children.

Joe T. Fox, born in 1926, attended Hogg Grade School and earned his degree from SMU in 1949. Joe married Mary Glascock in 1946 and they had one daughter, Ann.

Joe participated as an engineer with the City of Dallas from 1947-55. He changed careers and worked as the First National bank. Later he served as CEO of Bruton Properties which developed land along Stemmons Freeway. He concluded his career as an investment advisor.

In his spare time, Joe enjoyed traveling with his family and he fondly recalls playing tennis for many years. The Pioneers are proud to have a member of such a longtime Dallas family in their Associations.

*submitted by Pat Randolph*

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## MEMBERSHIP ROSTER for 2012

Please look for the insert for supplemental updates to the membership roster for 2012. In order to reduce operating costs rosters will be updated with supplements annually.

The roster update is a separate insert to your newsletter so that the information will not be available in the newsletter that is posted on the web to protect the privacy of our members.



## Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge

### “Bridging the Trinity for the Love of the City”

The weekend of March 3-4 is going to be really exciting as the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge over the Trinity River will be formally dedicated. It has been a very long time since a new bridge joining east and west Dallas. There are many plans for an eventful weekend.

At **1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, 2012**, the Parade of Giants will promenade along Singleton Boulevard and across the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge. These "giants" will be oversized, hand-carried figures of individuals who are no longer living and who have a historical connection to West Dallas.

Join Francis James **Sunday afternoon March, 4th about 3:30 p.m.** for a tour of the Western Heights Cemetery



## NEWS

A lot of activity concerning cemeteries and pioneer history in the county:

On Sunday afternoon March, 4th about 3:30 there will be a tour of the Western Heights Cemetery where many of the early settlers of Dallas are buried. Join in that afternoon as the Ft. Worth Ave. Development Group and the Bike Friendly Oak Cliff is sponsoring this event. I am looking up who all is buried here!

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Several of us have started sorting the donations that have been stored in several places through the years. We are sorting through old financial records and only keeping the necessary items. The minutes of DCPA from when it was re-organized with Judge Nelms and others are of course being saved. There are several albums of what all has taken place since the 1970s. Some great photos, too.

If you want to help let Howard Cox, Pat Randolph, Eva Jane or me let us know.

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There is research that shows where many of the Dallas County pioneers came from. The Federal Census can now be viewed for 1930. In 1860 there were over 8000 people in Dallas County and reveals where they were born.! The three Volumes published by DCPA have the stories of many of these families. I have sent letters to the libraries in the states, and mentioned to them that the family stories are in our books. We are offering them to the libraries for \$75.00. If you are into genealogy and know where your family lived before coming to Texas why don't you make a donation of DCPA's books to the county, state or city library. Let them know what happened to these folks who loaded up their wagons and came to Texas! Think about it!

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If you have any memories to share about this section of Dallas we want to know. The area is Ross, Henderson, Fitzhugh, and Alcott. This area would include the Ross Ave. Baptist Church, Merchants State Bank, and was where the Chris and Anna Moser had a dairy. Let me know!

*Submitted by Frances James*



## Dallas History Conference Invites Proposals

The organizers of the Fourteenth Annual *Legacies* Dallas History Conference welcome proposals from both professional and lay historians on topics related to the theme: "Transforming Dallas."

Papers are invited on significant events or people that transformed Dallas in some way, politically, economically, socially, even geographically.

All papers must be based on original research and must not have been presented or published elsewhere. The best papers will be published in a subsequent issue of *Legacies: A History Journal for Dallas and North Central Texas*. Those interested in presenting papers should submit a brief summary of their proposal by JULY 1, 2012, to "Dallas History Conference, 1515 S. Harwood St., Dallas, TX 75215," or by email to: [mvhazel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mvhazel@sbcglobal.net). Those selected will be notified by August 1, 2012.

The Fourteenth Annual *Legacies* History Conference will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at the Hall of State at Fair Park. The Dallas County Pioneer Association is one of a dozen local historical organizations that jointly sponsor the conference each year.

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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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