



DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

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WINTER 2012



Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, December 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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4847 W. Lawther Dr.



The Point is the 3rd building on the left and you
will need to drive just past the building to park.
Dinner \$15.00 per person

DECEMBER PROGRAM

The Merrie Olde Players

The musical ensemble has entertained the DCPA in the past,
will provide entertainment based on the theme, "Meet Me in Dallas."



CEMETERY NEWS

Many good things have happened that I know about these last few weeks -

The large Texas Historical Marker has been firmly placed (in concrete) in the Overton Cemetery. This site is near Illinois and Leatherwood in Oak Cliff. The Overton father and adult sons were among the first settlers to come to the Dallas area in 1844. They built the first grist mill in the county and owned much land. The Overtons were neighbors of William Brown Miller and his family. The Overtons' large home called Honey Springs was used as a hospital for Confederate veterans to recover their health.

On Saturday, October 27th, "National Make A Difference Day" Oakland Cemetery was the object of between 400 and 500 dedicated workers who arrived at 8 AM and mowed, trimmed, cut back overgrown vines and bushes. The second shift worked from 1 PM to 6 PM. These members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints brought their own equipment, trailers, front end loader, mulchers, and you would not believe the sight now! This was under the direction of a landscaping company and they cleaned about one third of this pioneer cemetery that started in 1892 and plan on coming back to finish! This was a well organized project that every body in the county should appreciate. If you should like to write a Thank You send it to:

Mr. Robert Kimball
9209 Westpark
Dallas, Texas 75231

Plans are underway to clean the extremely overgrown Horton Cemetery in Arcadia Park. This will be a major project.

The Cox Cemetery that dates back to 1848 and William Vilbig were on the front page of the White Rock /East Dallas neighbors section of the Dallas Morning News Friday October 26, 2012. A wonderful write up about the Cox Cemetery Foundation, Bill and his efforts and the McCommas family who were among the first who came and stayed.

Submitted by Frances James



The Fourteenth Annual *Legacies* History Conference will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at the Hall of State at Fair Park.

The steering committee for the 14th Annual *Legacies* Dallas History Conference has announced the program for the event, whose theme is "Transforming Dallas." Thomas H. Smith will speak on the coming of the railroads to Dallas in the 1870s, probably the single most important event in the city's history. Pierce Allman will speak on the founding of the Town of Highland Park in 1913, a carefully planned community about to celebrate its Centennial. Jann Patterson Mackey will speak on modernist architect Howard Meyer, who designed 3525 Turtle Creek, the first luxury high-rise apartment building in Dallas, among many other buildings. And Carol Roark will talk about legendary Dallas ad man Sam Bloom, who helped Dallas navigate racial integration with his "Dallas at the Crossroads" film. The last hour of the conference will be devoted to a panel discussion, moderated by Stephen Fagin, associate curator of The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, with eyewitnesses to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963. Time will be set aside for audience members to share their memories of that day.

The conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, January 26, 2013, at the Hall of State in Fair Park. The Dallas County Pioneer Association is a sponsor of the history conference, along with eleven other local historical organizations and libraries. Members will receive a registration brochure in the mail in December, and online registration will be available at www.DallasHeritageVillage.org later this fall. For more information, please contact conference director Dr. Michael V. Hazel at 214-413-3665.



FINAL FAREWELLS

Sadly, we report the loss of Pioneer members this year.

John Carrick Winniford July 25, 1917 - November 5, 2012

John Carrick Winniford was born in Dallas on July 25, 1917, the son of Charles E. and Elizabeth Lowrey Winniford, and was a fourth-generation resident of Dallas County.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Mary Alice Jones Winniford, also a native Dallasite, by his brother Charles E. Winniford, Jr., and his sister Sarah Ann Summar.

He is survived by wife Mary Irene Sullivan Winniford, daughters Kathy Jackson and husband John, Nancy Jane Ashby and husband Ronnie, and Ann Winniford; grandsons, Winn Jackson and wife Emily, Paul Jackson and wife Melanie, Michael Clarke, John Clarke and fiancée Nikki, as well as six great-grandchildren, all of Dallas. Also survived by stepsons John Sullivan of Biloxi, MS, Patrick Sullivan of Winston-Salem, NC, and their families, and beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

John graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School and attended Southern Methodist University. He enlisted in the US Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet the day following Pearl Harbor. He received his wings in 1942 and achieved the rank of major. For many years he was a partner at Cockrell-Winniford Lighting Co. After selling his interest, he invested in real estate ventures. He was a member of Dallas County Pioneer Association, Exchange Club of East Dallas, Brookhaven Country Club, and Coterie Dance Club. His special interests were traveling, hunting, relaxing at Hidden Hill and Wauhillau Outing Club, and studying the history of Dallas and his family. John loved and faithfully served his family, his church, and his dear friends. He was a longtime member of Preston Hollow United Methodist Church. The family offers sincere thanks to the caring staff at Caruth Haven Court. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cochran Chapel Cemetery Association, 1901 N. Akard St., Dallas 75201, or a charity of your choice.



BOOK RAFFLE



Two vintage historical volumes will be raffled off at the meeting.

\$2.00 Raffle tickets will be \$2.00 each or per chance. Best deal in town. \$2.00

Buy as many chances to win as you want.

They are duplicate copies of books held in the DCPA Library.

Bring your \$\$\$\$\$ and buy tickets.... Some of the books are out of print and may be quite valuable.

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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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