



# DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

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## SUMMER 2014



**RESERVATION REQUIRED  
IF YOU INTEND TO EAT DINNER.**

**Quarterly Meeting  
Thursday, June 5, 2014  
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**

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call by the Tuesday before the meeting.**

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## JUNE PROGRAM

**Dr. John Carpenter Dealey  
The Carpenter and Dealey Families in Dallas**



Dr. John Carpenter Dealey is the founder of the MasterMind Advisory Councils, a follower of Christ, a businessman, author, business coach and international mastermind expert. John was born in 1948, in Dallas, Texas. He is a long time native Texan, descended from two different prominent pioneer families. His extended family (ies) owns the largest newspaper in Texas (& 19 TV/media properties around the country) and also developed the mini/city business community near the airport and between Dallas and Ft. Worth called Las Colinas. He graduated from SMU in Dallas, and attended Harvard Graduate School. He started his first business at age nine, joined his first Mastermind group in 1972, and was a "self-made millionaire" out of state, in Minnesota before he turned 30. Then he switched industries and "did it again." He has spent nearly four decades helping business owners and dynamic executives, "accomplish their dreams" by focusing on teaching/consulting niche practice using Groups and the Mastermind principle as developed by Andrew Carnegie, and talked about in the international classic book "Think and Grow Rich". Several years ago, this led to his founding the Catalyst Group, which he currently heads. This group actively promotes dramatic change and improvement with "ease and grace" for individuals and companies from its headquarters in Dallas, Texas. Each Mastermind or Advisory Council is made up of presidents, owners and key executives of companies with annual revenues from \$2 million to \$400 million with at least 10 employees. He is also the author of multiple

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## Conflicts That Shaped Dallas -- Sixteenth Annual *Legacies* Dallas History Conference

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

Although "the Dallas way" has often been to avoid conflicts, in fact disagreements—sometimes loud and prolonged—have been central to the growth and development of the city. Debates over the form of city government (commission vs. city manager, single-member districts, etc.); civil rights; expansion of the highway system; development of the Trinity River corridor; liquor by the drink; the status of Love Field; the preservation of historic neighborhoods—these and many more conflicts merit research.

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, 2014, 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, 2014.

The Sixteenth Annual *Legacies* History Conference will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2015, at the Hall of State in Fair Park. The Dallas County Pioneer Association is one of a dozen historical organizations and libraries that jointly sponsor the conference each year.



### Wheatley Park

In 1913 Dallas voters approved a \$500,000 bond issue for seven playgrounds and parks. Immediately in 1914 the black community petitioned the newly formed Park Board to create separate parks for them. To solve the problem the Board provided two parks, one on each side of the Trinity River in 1915. A third park for blacks was purchased through a joint effort with the Board of Education in 1920. This two and three-quarter acre site in South Dallas was named Booker T. Washington.

In 1916 a Dallas Lawyer/Banker Alex Camp whose parents owned thirty-three acres of land in South Dallas offered a new upper class housing addition platted exclusively for black citizens in the vicinity of the park and named it Wheatley Place. Black contractors were encouraged to build these homes. The name chosen, Phyllis Wheatley (1753-1784) a slave, was a young woman who was said to be the first published black poet in America.

A new school was built in 1923 to accommodate these homeowner's families and the Park Board and Board of Education jointly sponsored the play ground and park. In 1946 a multi-use court was added to the park. This was so practical as tennis, basketball and organized games could be played on the asphalt surfaces. Children could play and stay dry when the grounds were wet.

The name of the park was then changed to Wheatley Park when the school was built.

Wheatley Place is a Historic Landmark District in Dallas



## FINAL FAREWELLS

*Sadly, we report the loss of Pioneer members.*



Helen Gilbough Miller Eaton passed away on April 5th. Born on August 19, 1918, she was a fourth-generation Dallasite and descendant of Dallas pioneer William Brown Miller, who built the landmark Dallas Estate Millermore. Helen grew up in the Oak Lawn area of Dallas, attending Holy Trinity School, Ursuline Academy, and S.M.U., where she majored in journalism and was published in *The Southwest Review*. In September, 1941, she married Dallas lawyer Charles H. Eaton, with whom she would have five children. A founding member of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Helen served as secretary and president of the Mother's Club, secretary and president of the Altar Society, and parish representative to the Dallas Deanery, Council of Catholic Women, later being elected president of that organization. She was also a longtime delegate to the National Conference of Christians and Jews. When Bishop Lynch High School opened in 1963, Helen served on its first School Board. She was also appointed to the Boards of the Visiting Nurses Association and the Dallas U.S.O. Some twenty years after her first term as president

of the St. Thomas Altar Society, she took on that responsibility again. In 1996, she was commissioned a "Yellow Rose of Texas" by Governor George W. Bush. Three years later, she received the Marjorie M. Barry Award from the Dallas Deanery for distinguished service. In her final organizational role, she was elected Regent of the Greater Dallas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Helen was preceded in death by Charles, her husband of 48 years, and by her siblings, William B. Miller, III, Barry Miller, and Ann Miller Gonzalez. She is survived by her children C. Barry Eaton, Barbara Eaton Narayan and husband Raghu, Robert R. Eaton and wife Vicki, Gail Eaton Jackson and husband Benny, and Michael W. Eaton, as well as by 9 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.



Coffey, Mildred (Millie) A native Dallasite, Millie was born at home in the Oak Lawn area of Dallas on October 4, 1922 and left this great world on April 27, 2014. Millie attended Stephen J. Hay Elementary School and graduated from North Dallas High School and Draughon's Business College. After two years of short term employment, she spent fourteen years with a Certified Public Accounting Firm followed by thirty-eight years with the various business entities of W. R. Hawn. While enjoying her total of fifty-one years working in downtown Dallas, her favorite duty without a doubt was keeping the records of the Hawn thoroughbred race horses located throughout the world. Millie and Bernie met at a Square Dance in 1955 and married the following year spending their honeymoon at the National S/D Convention in San Diego. In appreciation for the wholesome happiness Square Dancing brought them, they organized Coffey's College, two and three day events complete with lectures, seminars and ample time for Square and Round dancing. During the formative years of Coffey's College, they often danced six nights a week and

Sunday afternoon. These sessions extended from Galveston, Texas to Hutchinson, Kansas, most being sold out a year in advance and attracting up to 500 dancers from three to seven states. With their approval and blessing a European College was started in 1964 in Germany and still exists today in various locations. However due to the health of their parents and the heavy work load involved with all of this done while each held full time jobs, Coffey's College was sold after twenty-eight years. Their love of Square Dancing never diminished. Millie and the entire Cooper family were long time members of Greenville Avenue Christian Church where she had taught Classes for High School credit in the DISD. She remained actively involved for many years working on the Church annual Reunions. She moved to Garland for health reasons in 1998. She joined the First Christian Church in Garland in 1999 and has been an active member of the Ruth Mix class. Scouting was a vital part of the Coffey's busy family life. Becoming involved with the Boy Scouts of America when Wesley became of age, she received her 40 year recognition in the spring of 2009. (This was short of Bernie's 70 years of recognition.) With the loss of her husband and son (both Eagle Scouts) she has remained active in the Circle Ten Council and has always been grateful for the pleasure and enrichment of their many Scouting experiences and life-long friends made. She attended three training sessions at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico and two at the Scout Sea Base in the Florida Keys. She has completed her Doctorate in the College of Commissioner Science and is the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, Wood Badge trained and charter member of the Silver Scouters. Millie Coffey and her friends enjoyed their volunteer involvement each evening after work which was intensified during WW II by being active in five different divisions of the American Red Cross, showing movies on the T. B. wards at the Veterans Hospital in McKinney and also volunteering at Baylor University Medical Center. She was a charter member of the unique and special Red Bird Singers. The bond of friendship within this group ran deep and she treasured the fourteen years with them until moving to Garland. For five years she served as secretary to the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Cockrell Hill and was a two year member of the Park Planning and Beautification Committee there. A member of the Dallas Genealogical Society, North Dallas High School Alumni Association, Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse, Cockrell Hill Reunion Group, Dallas County Pioneer Association and Garland Senior Center Activity programs. Before moving to Garland she treasured membership in the Lecture Luncheon and Top O'The Cliff Club.





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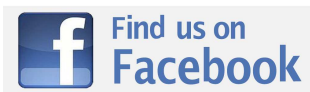
Nancy Jane Powers, loving wife of DCPA member Charles Powers, mother, sister, grandmother, and aunt, peacefully departed this life in her home on February 23, 2014. Nancy was born in Electra, TX on September 6, 1924. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Agnes Sanderlin, first husband Alfred Julius Jeager, son Gregory (Pat) Powers, son-in-law Stacy Smith, and sister Fern Thompson. Nancy was a teacher and facilitator in the Dallas Independent School District for 20 years. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church since 1955 and served the Lord in many ways through her involvement in numerous church-related groups and activities. Nancy touched the lives of many with her caring and loving concern not only for her family but also for her friends. Nancy possessed an uncanny knack for making people with whom she came into contact feel as if she had known them for years. Her warmth and selfless concern for others along with her sweet sense of humor will always be remembered. Nancy is survived by Charles Powers, her husband of 62 years, daughter Carol Smith, son David Powers and wife Liza, daughter-in-law Carolyn Powers, sister Evelyn Roberson, brother Clayton Sanderlin and wife Dorothy and grandchildren.

## DCPA Represented at DAR State Conference In Dallas, Texas

The Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution met at the Dallas Hyatt Reunion March 5-March 9 for their 115<sup>th</sup> State Conference. Lloyd Bockstruck, an Honorary member, gave a presentation on "The Name is the Game". He's known for his many years in the Genealogy Department at the Dallas Public Library. And on Saturday, Rose-Mary Rumbley spoke at the luncheon on La Reunion.

At the Awards Dinner Friday evening, Lindalyn Adams was awarded the Historic Preservation Award for her work on the Sixth Floor Museum. She was sponsored by the Old Chisolm Trail chapter based in Duncanville. She is pictured with Martha Ann Hartzog, Historic Preservation Committee State Chair on the left and State Regent Pamela Rouse Wright to the right of Mrs. Adams.

Some of the DCPA members attending the Conference were Jane Beaver, Leola Searles and Sally Jacoby Veazey. Other members of the DCPA are also members of DAR but they were not in attendance at State Conference.



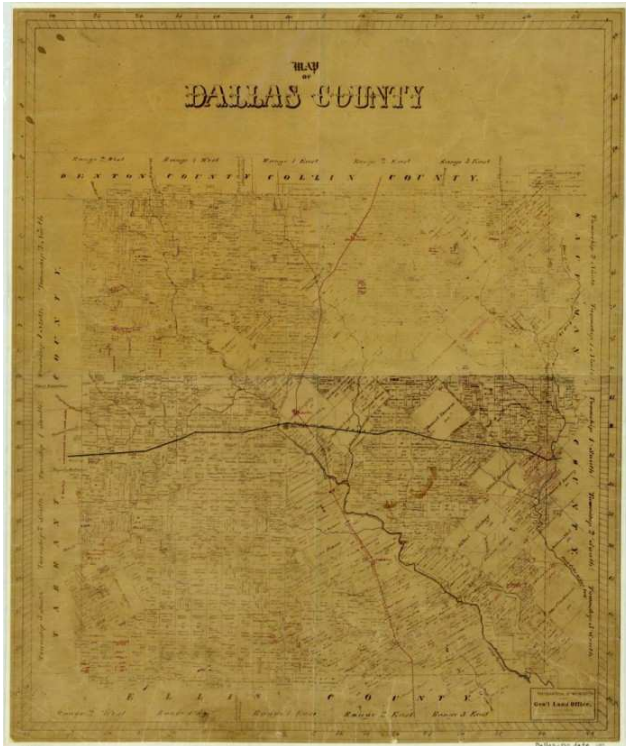
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## D Magazine & Research Pioneer Families Arrived in the Dallas Area before 1875

The Dallas County Pioneer Association (DCPA) project to identify 100 of the early and first settlers in the Dallas County, Texas area who still have descendants living in the area is underway.



Map of the Prairies and Lakes region covering  
Dallas County, Texas. ca. 1871  
Texas General Land Office Historic County Maps

The DCPA's understanding is that D Magazine will select a handful of descendants to personally interview for the headline articles in the multi page spread about descendants of early Dallas pioneers. The article is scheduled to appear in a Fall 2014 issue of the magazine.

If you are interested in helping on the project or are a descendant of some of the pioneers who arrived in Dallas before 1875 (note this is a revised date).

Go to [dallaspioneer.org](http://dallaspioneer.org). The details are on the main page under "News." Click on "more" go to the Google form that is being used to gather the information.

Several of those who have submitted information have found it helpful to put the requested portions that are most wordy in a Word document, then cut and paste into the form. If you are not comfortable working with a Google form, please ask someone who is familiar to assist you.

Please note the revised date for the Pioneer Family arrival in the Dallas area. Your descendants may now be eligible to make the list, if they arrived in the Dallas area before 1875.

**The deadline is approaching, responses due  
by July 1, 2014.**

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books and one series entitled "Words That Have Changed Lives". His mission in life is to be of service to people and their "honorable designs". He is dedicated to both helping people solve their problems and helping them recognize and take full advantage of opportunities they have available to them. John has won many awards and accolades. For over 10 years, on a volunteer basis, was responsible geographically for 1/3 of the United States for National Multiple Sclerosis, a major national health care organization. He has served on 40+ different Boards of Directors (small, public, private, associations/organizations, public companies, charities/non-profits {local and national}, in various capacities [Chairman, President, member-only, committee head, etc...]). He is a 1982 graduate of Leadership Dallas and three different organizations have named him Man of the Year. He is also a voracious reader and former state handball champion. John has two wonderful grown children and is happily married to his beloved Niki. For more information about John's MasterMind Advisory Councils, go to [www.DealeysAdvisoryCouncils.com](http://www.DealeysAdvisoryCouncils.com).

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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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