



DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

FOUNDED 1875, REORGANIZED 1979

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WINTER 2014



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

**Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, Dec. 11, 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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DECEMBER PROGRAM

**Program "A Short History of The Dallas County Criminal Courts Building"
presented by Charles Stokes**

The Dallas County Criminal Courts building opened in 1915 at the corner of Main and Houston Streets with a jail, sheriff's office, district attorney's office, hospital, operating room, court rooms, barber shop, and jailer's quarters.

Charles Stokes is starting his second term as a member of the Historical Commission. Charles lives in Rowlett and was appointed by Commissioner Mike Cantrell. Charles is a third generation member of the Commission. His Father, Judge Charles Stokes, and Grandmother, Winifred Stokes were both members of the Commission. He has taken an active role in the Commission producing the newsletter as well as photography. Charles has an interest in history and preservation. He believes in environmental conservation via re-using and preserving historical buildings. Charles is a Computer Science Major at Baylor University.

**WINTER MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2014
PLEASE NOTE THE DATE IS THE SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH.**



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

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.

FINAL FAREWELLS

Sadly, we report the loss of former Pioneer member

Eloise Santerre (1919 - 2014)

Eloise was born February 10, 1915 in Dallas, Texas, to George and Adele Santerre passed away September 23, 2014 in Dallas, Texas. She graduated from Highland Park High School and SMU. She taught in elementary schools in the DISD. Eloise was an avid reader and enjoyed sharing stories with the children in her classes. After retirement she traveled all around the country and shared her adventures with others. Eloise was a long time member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church and was responsible with establishing the churches first library. In her later years she became a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church. She was an active in the Ladies of Charity Society for many years and also furnished many books and DVD's for the Veteran's Hospital. Eloise had a special place in her heart for all the children that she taught and knew. Survivors include: cousins, Peggy Upham, Steve and Clare Upham and family, Ruth Stewart and Jean Adams.



BOOK RAFFLE

One book will be raffled off at the meeting.



\$1.00 Raffle tickets will be \$1.00 each or per chance. Best deal in town. \$1.00

Buy as many chances to win as you want.

Thank you to Marilyn Kosanke who donated three books to DCPA.

Two of the books are being held in the DCPA library.

***Dallas Dish*, a Junior League of Dallas collection of recipes will be the raffle prize.**

Meeting Schedule for 2015

Membership rosters will be available in March 2015, so please send any additions or corrections to dcpa1875@gmail.com.

March 5, 2015

September 3, 2015

June 4, 2015

December 10, 2015



Cemetery News

Several other groups have become interested in the recently found broken headstones in the Pioneer Cemetery in downtown Dallas. DCPA is collecting donations in the cemetery fund for that site. If you have access to the Dallas Morning News archives look at May 20, 1928 the Feature Section. There is a long article and several pictures! We are working with these other groups.

The surrounding land around the Smith/Kirnwood Cemetery on Illinois has changed hands and the descendants who do not live in Dallas are concerned about that site. They have kin also buried at the Lisbon Cemetery and the Overton Cemetery.

The Warren Ferris Cemetery is in the Forest Hills Neighborhood near White Rock Lake. Benjamin Dye owned the land adjacent to Warren Ferris and they agreed on the cemetery site. Benjamin Dye is buried here. Vandals and Developers have removed all the head stones. Some members of the Texas Branch of the War of 1912 descendants ordered a headstone for Benjamin Dye who was a veteran of that war when he came to Texas in the 1840s. They have secured a marker in concrete at the site and there will be a formal dedication on January 24, 2015. If you know of other veterans of that war let me know as they are interested in marking there graves also.

Watch all cemeteries in your neighborhood as we have been contacted by friends who are telling us about interested developers looking for undeveloped (??) land and do not respect pioneer cemeteries. Some even claim they own them! They may own surrounding land - but - the cemeteries are not bought and sold!

Submitted by Frances James

DeGolyer Library To Exhibit George Cook Collection

Many DCPA members will remember George Cook, who died in 2012. During his life, George amassed a huge collection of material relating to Dallas history, including postcards and photographs, ephemera (such as advertising blotters, matchbooks, and yardsticks), and curiosities (such as a carved wooden horse's head that once hung in the old Meyer's Garden saloon on Elm Street). George left his collection of some 20,000 objects to SMU's DeGolyer Library, which will open an exhibit based on it January 30, 2015.

Patrons of the 16th Annual *Legacies* Dallas History Conference will get a preview look and private tour of the exhibit at a reception on Thursday evening, January 29. Valet parking and refreshments will be provided. All DCPA members will receive invitations in late December.

The History Conference itself will be held Saturday morning, January 31, at the Hall of State at Fair Park and will feature four papers on the topic, "Conflicts That Shaped Dallas," as well as a conversation with former Mayor Wes Wise, conducted by historian Darwin Payne. Registration brochures will be mailed in late December.

By Michael V. Hazel

D Magazine & Research Pioneer Families

Thank you... Thank you...

D Magazine editors have been reviewing the submissions and documentation. The proposed article has been pushed to Spring of 2015. The list will be comprised of descendants of Pioneer Families that arrived in the Dallas area before 1875.

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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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