



# DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

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## WINTER 2015



**RESERVATION REQUIRED  
IF YOU INTEND TO EAT!**

### Quarterly Meeting

**Saturday December 5, 2015**

**Dallas Heritage Village**

**Browder Springs Hall**

**1515 South Harwood Street**

**Room Opens at 11:00 am Lunch at 11:30 am**

**Program begins at 12:15**

**Lunch \$15.00 per person**

### LUNCH RESERVATION

**call by the Thursday before the meeting.**

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Dallas Heritage Village

Join us for our December meeting at Dallas Heritage Village. **Parking is free and admission to the park is free.** Please let the ticket office know that you are with the Dallas County Pioneer Association. A box lunch will be served with coffee, hot chocolate or bottled water.

Please note that the Annual Christmas Parade in downtown is the same day so plan your route and drive time accordingly.

## DECEMBER PROGRAM

**“Pioneer Homes of Dallas: Style, Aspirations and Harsh Reality”**

**Presented by Dr. Evelyn Montgomery**

Evelyn is the Director of Collections, Exhibits and Preservation at Dallas Heritage Village at Old City Park, where she has worked in the curatorial department for 14 years. Her education in history, architecture and interior design serves her well at this facility, where she is in charge of the historic structures and the exhibits inside them. Her research interests include Victorian and frontier life, the history of houses and domestic life in America, and historic preservation. Though not a native Texan, she left Connecticut for TCU at 17 and is now a Dallasite, with a family, an old house in disrepair, and many volunteer commitments to local preservation efforts and historical groups.



## Cemetery News

The land for the Old Calvary Cemetery in the 2400 Block of Hall Street was purchased in 1875 by Reverend Father Joseph Martiniere according to the wishes of Bishop Claude Marie Dubois the Bishop of Galveston. His name is on the title for the seven acre site. Dallas was not even a Diocese then and had no Bishop yet.

The friends of "Find A Grave": have diligently listed each known person in this cemetery. Other Friends of Calvary are encouraging the company that does the maintenance for all of the Catholic cemeteries in Dallas to level the stones, trim the trees and shrubs and cleanup the corner where the homeless have tried to take over.

Gina Hansen of Roses and More Florist has agreed to give the flowers she has left each week to the friends and these beautiful flowers are placed on the graves in the circle reserved for the sisters and clergy.

Oakland Cemetery south of Fair Park has a new life! This large thirty acre perpetual cemetery was dedicated in 1892. The Pioneer Cemetery in downtown Dallas was running out of space and was not a perpetual care cemetery. The lots were being sold for \$30.00 each and twenty-five percent was set aside for the endowment fund. Some graves were moved to this site because it did have perpetual care.

There is now a new sexton and maintenance force and the site is beautiful again. The Dallas Historical Society" sponsored two tours the last weekend in October with Paul McLin, member of DCPA, as guide. Over seventy interested people took advantage of these tours to learn about early Dallas "movers and shakers." Some of the most impressive headstones in Dallas are in this site.

An application has been sent to the Texas Historical Commission for a Historic Texas Cemetery for the Ferris Cemetery located in the Forest Hills area near White Rock Lake. Under the newest rules the Commission says it may be 12 to 18 months before we will hear here if it has been accepted. Susanne Starling, the author of "Land Is The Cry" published in 1998 prepared the application and sent it to Austin We shall be looking forward to this designation for this very important site. Susanne has recently joined DCPA and is acquainted with many of our members already.

An application has also been sent to Austin for a Historic Texas Cemetery designation for the McCree Cemetery on Audelia behind the Telephone Company property. This site has recently received a grant to help maintain it. Preservation Dallas is involved with this site and is watching for any problems.

We are still in hopes of getting a link to a Web Page so the stories about our Pioneers in our cemeteries will be available to all.

*Submitted by Frances James*

## NEWS AND MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2016

Officers nominations for 2016 –17 are currently open. A full slate of officers will be presented at the December meeting. If you are interested in an officer position, please contact Sally Veazey the nominating chair.

Rosters will be printed the first quarter of 2016, so please send your updated information to an officer. We want to make sure that

**March 3, 2016**  
**June 2, 2016**

**September 1, 2016**  
**December 3, 2016**



## FINAL FAREWELLS

*Sadly, we report the loss of Pioneer members*



**Archie Eugene "Gene" Gaddy Jr.**, born on July 10, 1927 in Dallas, Texas, passed away on September 19, 2015 in Dallas. Son of Archie Eugene and Virginia Hanna Gaddy, Gene graduated from Highland Park High School in January 1945. He received National Honor Society (Blanket) Award. Gene served in the United States Coast Guard during World War II. In 1950, Gene received degrees in Civil Engineering (with honors) and Business Administration from Southern Methodist University. While at S.M.U, Gene was a member of Phi Delta Theta, Tau Beta Pi (Sigma Tau, chapter president), Blue Key, Student Council, Pi Sigma Alpha, Alpha Kappa Psi and Phi Eta Sigma. After graduation, he was employed for two years as a civil engineer with the City of Dallas. In 1952, with C.I. Loven, he organized the consulting civil engineering firm, Gaddy & Loven. He was president of the firm until it was sold in 1974. The firm was a consultant for many area real estate developments including Northwood Hills, Prestonwood, White Rock North, Forest Meadows, and The Village Apartments. From 1974 to 2007, Gene was an independent real estate development consultant. Other business activities have included Gaddy & Loven Investments and various real estate properties. As a lifelong member of the Church of the Incarnation (Episcopal), Gene served as Church Vestryman, Junior Warden, and Treasurer. He was on the advisory board of Episcopal Cathedral Gardens and is a founding supporter of Trinity Episcopal Church in Dallas. Gene was involved in the following community organizations: member and past President of the White Rock Rotary Club, Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow, served on various Rotary District committees and as District Secretary. He was also a member and past President of the Park Cities Philatelic Society, charter member of the Collectors Club of Dallas, Life Member of the American Philatelic Society, member of the Texas Postal History Society and Texas Philatelic Association. Gene formed a major Dallas County postal history collection and had many articles published on the subject. He took an active part in many area stamp shows, including TEXPEX. In 2006, he received the TEXPEX Service to Philately Award. Gene served on the Board of the Dallas County Pioneer Association for eight years and was Treasurer of the organization for six years. Other memberships have included the American Society of Civil Engineers, Sons of the Republic of Texas (Hopson Burleson), Sons of the American Revolution (Rev. John DeBow), Society of Mayflower Descendants (John Alden), Sons of Confederate Veterans (Enoch Wesley Gaddy), and the Park City Club. Gene and his first wife, Mary Louise Coull, were married in 1952. Mary Louise died in 1965. Gene subsequently married Sheryl Ann Metters in 1987. Gene and Sheryl's worldwide travels have taken them to over fifty countries. Preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mary Louise Gaddy; brother, Sam Hanna Gaddy; and sister, Mary Virginia Gatewood. Gene is survived by wife, Sheryl Metters Gaddy; son, Edward Gene Gaddy, his wife, Yaani-Mai, and their sons, Ansel Eugene and Austin Tye, all of Coppell; son, William David Gaddy, and his wife, Randi and their sons, Brett David and Blake William, all of Plano; step-son, Derek Shane Recer, his wife, Denise, and their children, Peyton and Preston, all of Orlando, Florida; and numerous extended family and friends.

## **17th Annual Legacies Dallas History Conference**

### **"Breaking the Mold"**

**Saturday, January 30, 2016 at Hall of State, Fair Park**

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual *Legacies* Dallas History Conference will take place Saturday, January 30, 2016, at the Hall of State at Fair Park. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., with the first session starting at 9:00. The conference will conclude at 12:30 p.m.

The theme of this year's conference is "Breaking the Mold." DCPA members will be especially interested in Susanne Starling's presentation on the so-called "Hedgecoxe War," the incident in 1852 when colonists raided the offices of the Peters Colony agent. John H. Reagan, John J. Good, B. Warren Stone, John M. Crockett, and James W. Throckmorton were among the pioneers who participated. Other speakers will consider the unanticipated consequences of Dallas city plans, desegregating Dallas parks, and recent additions to the region's religious tradition.

A special feature will be a conversation with Anita Martinez, the first Hispanic elected to the Dallas City Council and founder of the Anita Martinez Ballet Folklorico.

The DCPA is one of thirteen historic organizations and libraries that sponsor the conference. DCPA members will receive registration information in the mail in late December. Online registration will also be available through Dallas Heritage Village's website: [www.dallasheritagevillage.org](http://www.dallasheritagevillage.org).

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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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