



DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

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IF YOU INTEND TO EAT!**

**Quarterly Meeting
Thursday September 6, 2018**

**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
Program Begins At 7 PM**

Dinner \$15.00 per person

**DINNER RESERVATION
call by the Tuesday before the meeting.**

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Hangings and Lynchings in Dallas, County Texas 1853 to 1920

Terry Baker is a retired law enforcement officer, and from 1981-1983 he served as captain and commander of the "Old Jail" at Main and Houston in downtown Dallas. The last five Dallas County hangings were held in this jail 1918-1920. The book highlights 28 individuals who were lynched by mobs, vigilantes, or hanged after trials in Dallas County.

Terry has written a book by this same title which will be available for purchase at the meeting. The paperback costs \$20.00, while the hardback will be \$30.00.

Terry is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Quantico, Virginia, and holds the Texas Master Peace Officer Certificate. He retired after 39 years as a sworn deputy sheriff with the Dallas County Sheriff's Department, attaining the rank of assistant chief deputy. After his retirement, he began researching cases of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty to have their names added to memorial walls in Washington, D.C. and Austin, Texas. He was able to research, verify and get approval for 246 officers' names to be added. Many of these cases were during the period of 1850-early 1900s.

Please join us Thursday, September 6, as Terry talks about his book and past history of Dallas County. Make sure you have your dinner reservations by Tuesday, September 4.

Upcoming Programs in 2018

Saturday, December 8 our speaker will be one of DCPA's own members, Susanne Starling. She will be telling us about the Beeman Family.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings,

HELP HELP HELP!

Our group needs your help. We are desperately in need of members to step up and help us with the web page and newsletter. Neither of these jobs requires much time and both are easy to do. Please consider taking on one of these jobs and **HELP YOUR ASSOCIATION THRIVE**. We will help you get started. Kudos to our new Facebook person Dottie Durrett. She is doing an outstanding job with our Facebook page. If you have not looked at it please do so and **Like and Share** it so we can grow the page.

September's speaker is a good friend of mine and is an excellent speaker. Terry Barker has more knowledge of Officers killed in Dallas County in the line of duty than anyone and has written numerous books on law enforcement. He will be speaking on early hangings and lynchings in Dallas County. Great history here.

Please remember to invite your friends and acquaintances to come with you. It's easy to get new members! All you have to do is tell people about our group and if they have any interest in Dallas County history they jump at the opportunity to join.

Our library books remain in storage. We are still looking for a place to display them where they would be available for others to use. If you have any ideas please let me know.

REMINDER, we need your email so make sure and provide it. The Telephone Committee will be calling if we do not have one on file for you. Being able to email the newsletter and other association information will greatly reduce our cost and help balance our budget. Starting next year (2019) we will only be emailing the newsletter. Thank you for your cooperation. You can call, email, or tell our Secretary Marsha Leach.

Please make plans to attend our September 6th meeting and hear Terry. I look forward to seeing you.

Respectfully,
Jim Bookhout, President

HISTORY OF EASTFIELD COLLEGE AND THE MOTLEY HOMESTEAD

Eastfield College opened in the fall 1970, the third campus in the Dallas Junior College District, which changed its name to Dallas County Community College District in 1972.

The first semester, about 4,800 students enrolled in college courses and continuing education classes.

Until 1969, the land on which the college now resides remained under the care and ownership of the Motley family. Zachariah Motley, his wife and children came to Texas from Kentucky in 1856, leading a caravan of more than 30 covered wagons.

They bought the land on which Eastfield College now resides for \$3 an acre, making it their home. The Motley family worked 3,000 acres spread all across Dallas County, from the middle of downtown Dallas to Mesquite. It was on the land in Mesquite that the Motley family built its homestead.

On Sept. 15, 1969, the Dallas County Community College District purchased the land for about \$9,000. A year later, the Motley manor burned down due to suspected arson, however the crime was never proven. Local residents believed the Motley homestead was haunted.

Today the Motley family's influence can be found throughout the area. Motley Drive runs alongside Eastfield. Three Mesquite schools are named for the original family and its descendants – Zacharia Motley Elementary, Ruby Shaw Elementary and the Joe Lawrence Elementary.

The Motley Cemetery, located on the campus, received a state historical marker in 1976, and descendants still maintain it and bury family members there.

Above is an excerpt from the Eastfield College New Comers' Guide (con't on page 4)



FINAL FAREWELLS

Sadly, we report the loss of Pioneer members



Howard Joseph Cox, Sr. Born in Dallas, Texas, July 28th, 1924.

Preceded in death by parents Isaac Howard Cox (1882-1968) and Mary Eleanora Harry Cox (1889-1959), son John Thomas Cox (died in infancy 1962), sister Eleanor Jane Joy Cox Giles (1922-1997) and wife of 59 years, Mary Katharine Fisher Cox (1924-2009). Survived by son Joe Cox and daughter in law Ruth Tenison Hogg Cox of Los Alamos New Mexico and daughter Kitty Cox Cunningham of Tyler, Texas; grandsons John Pierce Cox and daughter in law Julia Felder of Santa Barbara, CA, Timothy Louis Cox of Los Alamos, NM, Chip Cunningham of Boston, MA, Austin Cunningham of Nashville TN, and Waylon Cunningham of Maryville, TN.

In his memoir, Mr. Cox wrote that he observed his 13th birthday in 1937 by helping his father and uncle load oats on a horse-drawn wagon at the Cox Brothers Dairy.

After graduation from Carrollton High School, he took speech lessons at the O.D. Woodrow School of Elocution and Physical Culture in 1944 (and still has the pin to prove it).

He graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1949 with honors and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration as a member of Beta Gamma Sigma Fraternity.

He received an Honorable Discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States of America, First Lieutenant INF USAR, Army of the United States in 1953 and was awarded a Bronze Star for action in the Korean War.

Howard and Mary were married at University Park United Methodist Church on June 30, 1950. The family was active at Cochran Chapel United Methodist, until joining University Park UMC in 1971.

He was employed by Southern Provident Life Insurance Company (Treasurer) and later by Machinists Tools & Supplies, both of Dallas. After forty years as a member of the Dallas Chapter, Texas Society of Certified Public Accounts, he was presented a lifetime membership in 1994.

Howard and Mary were members of the Mr. and Mrs. Class at University Park UMC for about 40 years. He had a great tenor voice and sang in the choirs at both Cochran Chapel and University Park. Those who knew him recognized his lifelong faith and commitment to Christ.

He was active in Gideons International, Dallas Central Camp, for four decades and served as State of Texas Treasurer.

Shortly after the death of Mary Katharine, he moved to The Overlook, the new apartment complex on the C.C. Young campus, where he made many friends and thoroughly enjoyed the social life of the community, singing with "The Young'n's."

Having a great love of Dallas history, he was an active member of the Dallas Pioneer Association and the Dallas Historical Society. He wrote and presented articles at conferences and, in 2009, presented "Dallas Dairies", perhaps his favorite research project, at the 10th Legacies Dallas History Conference.

In recent years, Mr. Cox traveled with the family on vacations organized by grandson John Pierce Cox. The family groups traveled to New Orleans, Merida in Mexico, Siracusa Sicily, Islay in Scotland, Paris and Edinburgh. Howard traveled to Edinburgh, Scotland, accompanied by his grandson, Waylon Cunningham, for the wedding of John Pierce Cox and Julia Felder, October 2017.



MORE ON THE MOTLEY CEMETERY

Frances James reminiscences:

The application for the state historical marker for the Motley Cemetery was applied for while I was Chair of the Marker Committee for Dallas County Commission, I was asked by Joe Motley to help. His daughter typed the info - it was not double spaced as Texas Historical Commission required- and the daughter had to retype the document. Joe is now dead and I never did meet the daughter personally.

Kathy Ann Reid reminiscences:

As a child of the early 1960s, I had the privilege of playing pioneer on the Motley Farm land along with my brother Brad and childhood friends Judy and David. We called it the “the wilderness” and had great adventures. Judy and David are siblings who grew up in a residence very near the Motley Farm land. Last time I spoke with Judy she continued living in the same house and worked for Eastfield College. I was pleased to find the article in Eastfield College new comers’ guide *EASTFIELD experience*, published for Fall 2018 through Summer 2019.

CEMETERY REPORT

CEMETERY REPORT #6

1. This is an update on the KEENAN-FARMERS BRANCH CEMETERY at 2570 Valley View Ln. The cemetery is now cared for by the City of Farmers Branch.
2. In April, 2018, a monument was installed at the BRICKYARD CEMETERY located in Mesquite in the 400 block of Peachtree Rd. next to the railroad track. This monument was made possible by the City of Mesquite, NAACP and local historians. The monument marks the vacant lot as a Historic Texas Cemetery. Forty-two people who were buried there are named on the monument and artifacts from the cemetery were placed inside.
3. The GARLAND PIONEER CEMETERY on Miller Rd. at the end of Saturn Rd. was the victim of a traffic accident. Fortunately, there was no damage to any tombstones but a portion of the chain link fence was taken out.

UPDATE ON OUR ENDANGERED CEMETERIES.

Thanks to the hard work of Tim and Michael Durrett the DURRETT FAMILY CEMETERY has been located. In a field south of Lancaster, they were able to find two of the three tombstones. They met with the land owner who has been there 20 years and never knew the cemetery was there. In the future they hope to clean up the area, make repairs, erect a fence and Michael will make a sign. The following cemeteries will be removed from the endangered list:

SNYDER KENNEDY CEMETERY in Carrollton (See Cemetery Report #5 in the Summer 2018 newsletter for details)

MOBLEY CEMETERY in Cedar Hill – This cemetery is accessed by a dirt road between 731 and 765 Mobley Road.

The family still maintains it. There is a chain link fence with a sign on the gate stating “Private Family Cemetery”. There was a burial there in March, 2017. There is a shaded area with benches outside the fence.

BULLOCK CEMETERY in Coppell – This cemetery has been surrounded by a new housing development. It has a nice wrought iron fence, gate and arch with the name of the cemetery. There is a Historical Marker that was put in place by the Bullock Family descendants. The grounds have beautiful yellow irises.

PARRISH FAMILY CEMETERY in Coppell – This cemetery is at 746 Cardinal Lane. It is in a very nice neighborhood. There is a wrought iron fence, gate and arch with the name of the cemetery. There is a Historical Marker and the cemetery is cared for by local Coppell firemen.



Cemetery Report Con't

CEMETERY REPORT #7 – 08/05/2018

1 The MC ADAMS CEMETERY located at the end of Brookhaven Dr. south of Illinois Ave. is a mess. The location is listed in the 2017 MAPSCO and a metal sign on a pole marks the spot. What once looked like a cemetery in a vacant lot, now looks like a cemetery in a jungle. It is completely overgrown and there is a lot of poison ivy. The fence seems to be there. The gate was not locked. I could barely make out three large tombstones.

2 The MILLER FAMILY CEMETERY is located on an alley next to 2907 King Cole Dr. It is in very good condition. The chain link fence looks good. The gate was standing open. There is not a sign with the cemetery name on it, but there is a stone place at the entrance. It says "Historic Texas Cemetery William Brown (1807-1899) Minerva (1822-1856) Emma (1840-1899) Miller Came to Texas in 1846 Sponsored by Historic Churches and Cemetery Association of Dallas County". It is listed in the 2017 MAPSCO.

3 The HONEY SPRINGS CEMETERY located at 4000 Bulova St. is well cared for. In the 2017 MAPSCO it is called the BULOVA/HOMECOMING CEMETERY even though all the plaques say Honey Springs Cemetery. The area is fairly large although there are only a few visible tombstones. The limestone wall marking the entrance has eight plaques listing the names of fifty-seven people who are buried there.

4 The OVERTON FAMILY CEMETERY at 3599 Leatherwood St. looks cared for. It is completely surrounded by trees except where the gate is. The gate had a lock on it. The Historical Texas Cemetery Marker is still in place.

5 The KINNARD FAMILY/SMITH FAMILY CEMETERY has had some improvements. It sits at the intersection of E. Illinois Ave and Mayforge. The Smith Family has installed a black chain link fence enclosing a much larger area than the old fence that just surrounded the tombstones. A monument has been placed in the center of the area listing the people buried there. (The business that took over the old Wilmer Hutchins School Administration Building has apparently gone out of business. The building looks abandoned.)

Submitted by Marsha Leach

DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President	Jim Bookhout
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Newsletter Publisher	Open

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 on the first Thursday of each March, June, September, and on the first Saturday of December.

Visitors are welcome.

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