



# DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

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## SPRING 2011



### Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, March 3, 2011

Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church

Meeting Room

9027 Midway Road at Northwest Highway

Room Opens at 5:30 Dinner at 6 PM

Meeting Begins At 7 PM.

For Dinner Reservation

call by the Tuesday before the meeting.

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## MARCH PROGRAM

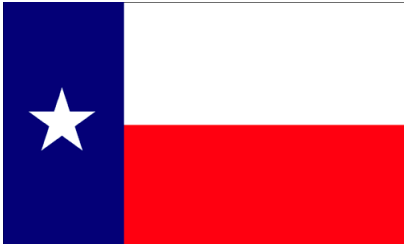
### “Revitalization and Restoration of Fair Park”

Willis Cecil Winters, FAIA

Willis Winters is an Assistant Director with the Dallas Park and Recreation Department, where he directs planning and capital development for one of the largest park systems in the nation. Since 1993, he has been responsible for the ongoing restoration of Fair Park and the historic components of the Dallas park system. Under Mr. Winters’ direction, the Park and Recreation Department has been recognized with over twenty local, state and national preservation awards.

Mr. Winters is active in both the American Institute of Architects and Preservation Dallas. He has been recognized by Dallas AIA with its two highest awards, Young Architect of the Year and the President’s Medal. He served as Vice President of Dallas AIA in 1994 and has served on the Board of Directors of the Dallas Architectural Foundation and the Dallas Center for Architecture. He has been recognized by both Preservation Dallas and Preservation Texas with their highest awards for public service. He has served on the Master of Urban Planning Professional Advisory Council at Texas A&M University and currently serves on the Dean’s Advisory Council at the University of Texas at Arlington School of Architecture. In 2008 Mr. Winters was elevated to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Winters has written extensively for *Texas Architect* magazine since 1988 and currently serves as a Contributing Editor for that publication. He was the principal writer for *The AIA Guide to Dallas Architec-*



March 2, 2011 is the 175 anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence of Texas from Mexico. The Republic of Texas was formed in 1836. David Burnett was named the first interim president.



## Annual Dallas History Conference Seeks Proposals

The organizers of the Thirteenth Annual *Legacies* Dallas History Conference welcome proposals from both professional and lay historians on topics related to the theme: "Defining the Spirit of Dallas."

Papers might focus on an individual who, in the presenter's opinion, personified the spirit of the city, or political or civic milestones, or events related to sports, transportation, or the arts that in some way helped to define the spirit of the city.

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, 2011, to "Dallas History Conference, 1515 S. Harwood St., Dallas, TX 75215." Those selected will be notified by August 1, 2011.

The Thirteenth Annual *Legacies* History Conference will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2012 at the Hall of State at Fair Park. The Dallas County Pioneer Association is among twelve historical groups that jointly sponsor the conference each year.

DCPA member Howard Cox presented a fascinating and informative paper on Dallas dairies at the 2009 conference, which was published in that fall's issue of *Legacies*. It would be great to feature another DCPA member in 2012!



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ture, published in 1999 by McGraw Hill. He was co-author of *Crafting Traditions: The Architecture of Mark Lemmon*, which was published in 2005 by the Meadows Museum and SMU Press. He co-authored *Great American Suburbs: The Houses of the Park Cities, Dallas*, published in 2008 by Abbeville Press. Last year, he co-authored *Transformations: The Architects, Buildings and Events that Shaped Dallas Architecture* for the American Institute of Architects Dallas Chapter. His first solo book, *Fair Park*, was also published in 2010 by Arcadia Publishing. Mr. Winters has been recognized twice for his writing by the Texas Society of Architects with the John G. Flowers Award for Excellence in the Promotion of Architecture through the Media. Currently, Mr. Winters is working on two additional writing projects: *The Buildings of Texas*, for the Society of Architectural Historians and the University of Virginia Press and *The Architecture of Charles Stevens Dilbeck*.



## CEMETERY NEWS

After reading about the La Reunion/Fish Trap Cemetery in the Dallas Morning News and paying a visit to the site, the French Consul General, Pierre Grandjouann, has agreed to come back to Dallas and meet the descendants of the La Reunion Colony. Dallas County Pioneer Association is happy to help sponsor an event to make this happen. When we decide on a place and find a date that he is available we will let all who want to come know. You can call the DCPA telephone number and leave a message (972-270-9334) or e-mail Fred Lusk ([flusk@tx.rr.com](mailto:flusk@tx.rr.com)) or Chris Thevenet ( [caddo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:caddo@sbcglobal.net) ) or Frances James ([fjames@prodigy.net](mailto:fjames@prodigy.net)).

The City of Dallas Park Department has agreed to maintain the site and a work order has been issued to repair the fence.

*Submitted by Frances James*



### Dallas Pioneers Email Distribution

Subscribe to our email distribution list. Emails to members will include meeting notices, reminders, roster updates, cemetery work days, etc. All email addresses will be confidential and email lists will be private.

Send an email with your name to [dcpa1873@gmail.com](mailto:dcpa1873@gmail.com)  
The quarterly newsletters are also available on the web [www.dallaspioneer.org](http://www.dallaspioneer.org)

### 2011 Membership Rosters

**Be sure to pick up your 2011 roster at the March meeting.**



## MEMBER PROFILES

*Let's learn about the Members of our Association*

### Florence Lynn Hall

Florence Lynn Hall has been a member of our Pioneer Association since 2008, along with her mother, longtime member Florence Stone. Their pioneer ancestors include Margaret Beaman, the wife of John Neely Bryan. The Bryan Family's famous "cabin home" is a featured exhibit at Old City Park. Florence Hall was born in Dallas at Florence Nightingale Hospital and grew up in the Garland area of Dallas County. She completed her education with a B.A. in Fine Arts from North Texas State University. Florence and her husband, Doug, whom she said is a Yankee, raised two children: Drew William Grassman and Linda Lynn Grassman.

Florence had a career in Office Management and now is retired. She enjoys reading, walking her dogs, and gardening. Florence and her family represent a fine Dallas Family and she is a loyal member of our pioneer association.

*Submitted by Pat Randolph*

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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.

**New Phone Number 972-260-9334**

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