



# DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

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## SUMMER 2011



### Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, June 2, 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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## JUNE PROGRAM

### “The Caruth Brothers’ Impact on Dallas in the 1800s”

presented by Kirk Dooley

Kirk Dooley is a graduate of HPHS and is the author of six books. He writes a weekly column in The Dallas Morning News about life in the Park Cities. He is the creator of the Texas Trivia board game, Texas Taxi Limousine Service, and Park Cities People. For 12 years he oversaw all the Dallas Mavericks publications and for the past 18 years has published Scots Illustrated, the HP game program. In 2006, he published Coach Randy Allen's book, Coaching by The Book. Mr. Dooley is currently working on two books, The History of Tex-Mex and The History of Highland Park Football. He and his wife, Charlotte, own and publish Creede Magazine, based in Creede, Colorado. While not writing, he oversees the youth ministry program at Christ the King Catholic Church and spends time with his daughter, Maggie and son, Kellis.



## 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!



## Remembering the La Reunion Colony

Many of the DCPA members attended a reception to honor the descendants of La Reunion Colony and Honorable Pierre Grandjouan, the Consulate General of France. A special thank you to Frances James and Claire Heymann, the proprietors of Hotel St Germain.

La Reunion Materials at the Texas/Dallas History & Archives, Dallas Public Library Collection: Scope and Contents "The Santerre and Cretien Families were among the original settlers of La Reunion. When the colony failed they moved to Dallas. This collection contains personal family correspondence, ship tickets, stock receipts, and photographs, plus several fascinating French historical documents probably from A.J. Santerre, as a commander of citizen army during the First French Republic (1793- ). A portion of the materials are the notes and research materials from White Cliffs of Dallas written by George Santerre, 1955." **Title:** Santerre and Cretien Families Collection **Dates:** 1793-1890, 1955-1965 **Quantity:** 7 Boxes **Language:** The records are in French and English.



## FINAL FAREWELLS

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

### Marie Brady Hunter

Helen Marie Brady Hunter, one of DCPAs "pioneer pioneers" died April 14, 2011 in Waco. She had moved to Waco a few months ago to be near her daughter Loy Burgess. Marie was born in 1905 and was 105 and four months old!

In DCPA's Volume II of Proud Heritage on page 134 is the story of her life and her family's life in early Dallas. (Also an article in Volume I) Marie was buried April 20, 2011 at Greenwood Cemetery next to her mother and father. Camden Brady was a hide dealer in Dallas.

Marie went to Travis Elementary school, Bryan High School until North Dallas High School was built, where she graduated in 1924. She attended University of Texas in Austin, hoping to become an interior designer. She attended Baylor Girls School in Belton specializing in oil painting and home economics. She came back to Dallas and obtained a position with Metro Goldwyn where as Helen of Hollywood she spoke from the Baker Hotel on Dallas first radio station, WRR.

While in New York in 1928, television had just been invented, and was being presented to the public for the first time, Marie was interviewed and shown on TV at the first public show! For her funeral Marie was wearing the same dress as is in the picture on page 134. This was a graveside service and hymns were sung plus the Star Spangled Banner and Texas our Texas!



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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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