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The last quarterly meeting of the Dallas County Pioneer Association was held at J's Cafeteria, 3068 Mockingbird Lane, on Thursday, December 3, 1981. Our program was a slide presentation, "An Armchair Tour of Oak Cliff", put together and presented by Ruth Chenoweth of the Oak Cliff Preservation League. We all "took another look at beautiful Oak Cliff" with first hand information. Even those of us who live in Oak Cliff learned a great deal about the lovely homes and spots hidden in Oak Cliff.

New officers for the year were elected. The new slate of officers is:

Lloyd Miller, President
Gus Letot, Vice President
Doc Miller, Treasurer
Coye Hawpe, Secretary
Lucille Boykin, Co-historian
Kippy Jagoe, Co-historian

Our new president mentioned that one of his goals for the year is increasing membership and building up interest in the Association. We do want to repeat the thanks offered by Earl Cullum to our outgoing president, Bill Baird, and our past president, John Nelms, for the contributions which they have made to the organization. If John Nelms had not been unable to sleep one night about three years ago, the re-organization of the Dallas County Pioneer Association would never have been accomplished. He is responsible for such a great deal of work we should all be especially grateful to him.

We have had wonderful response from all of you to our request for information on individual family histories. It was feared that there might not be anything to put in this first newsletter, but now a decision must be made as to which family to use first. It was decided that the REVERCHON/CAILLET family would be "done" in this issue. Marie Caillet and her sister, Louise Caillet Dieterich, sent a generous amount of interesting and colorful information on their family.

REVERCHON/CAILLET

JACQUES MAXIMILIEN REVERCHON, born 16 Nov 1810 in Marcigny, France, married to JEANNE FLORINE PETE' of Lyon, came to Dallas, Texas with the La Reunion colonists in 1855. His wife did not accompany him on the trip and she fell ill and died in France before she could follow. Two of his five children came with him and a third followed in 1871. He believed in the principles upon which La Reunion was founded; he was a well-educated man, and a world traveller. The Reverchons were wine makers in France and he had a farm after he came to Dallas. He died on his farm at La Reunion in August 1879 and is buried in the old French Cemetery there.

The three children of the Reverchon family who came to America and Dallas were Jacques Julien Reverchon, Louise Reverchon (they came with their father in 1855), and another daughter, Eugenie, came in 1871. The two sons who remained in France were Paul Anthony and Elisi; one was a doctor and the other a botanist.

The son, JACQUES JULIEN REVERCHON, born in 1837 at Diemoz, France, married Marie Henry, daughter of Paul Henry, on 24 July 1864. They had two children, Michel Jean, born 31 May 1865, and Maximilien Paul, born 28 April 1867. Both children died in Dallas in 1884.

Julien Reverchon was a well-known naturalist. There is a collection of his work and letters at the Shaw Botanical Garden in St. Louis, Missouri. He taught at Baylor Medical School. He died in Dallas on 30 December 1905.

One of the daughters, LOUISE REVERCHON, born in 1836, probably at Diemoz, married Pierre Girard. They had one child, Louise, who married Virgil Archer.

The second daughter, EUGENIE REVERCHON, born in 1840 also probably in Diemoz, came to Dallas in 1871. She also married in 1871 to George Caillet. They lived at La Reunion for several years but later settled on a farm at the present southwest corner of Inwood and Lovers Lane. This land remained in the family until 1947. They had four children. She died in 1892 and she and her husband both are buried in the Catholic Cemetery on Hall Street in Dallas.

Children of George Caillet and Eugenie Reverchon Caillet:

Fleury Paul Reverchon Caillet born 31 Oct 1871

Eliza Caillet born 1876 died 1953 (had three children)

George Caillet born 1877 (had eight children)

Eugenie Caillet born 1883 (had three children)

Fleury Paul Reverchon Caillet was born at La Reunion in 1871. He married Laura Lena Reihn on 25 December 1899. He died 31 August 1939. Buried at Keenon's Cemetery in Farmers Branch. He was a contractor and also ran a small farm. The F. P. Caillet Elementary School was named for him.

Laura Lena Reihn came as a small child with her parents to Dallas County from Chicago (her birthplace) about 1880/82. They settled near Farmers Branch. She was Lutheran and her husband was Catholic, but both became Presbyterian. She was a charter member of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church. She owned a commercial iris garden (Dallas Iris Gardens) until her death. She died in 1942 and is also buried at Keenon's Cemetery. The Caillets bought land at Lake Dallas in 1929 and two of their daughters, Shirley Caillet Welch and Maria Caillet both own homes and live on this land today.

Children of Fleury Paul Reverchon Caillet and Laura Lena Reihn Caillet:

Louise Toy Caillet born 23 Sep 1901

Married Arthur F. Dieterich 3 Sep 1924, lives in Denton, Texas. They have three children: Arthur Fredrick, Shirley (m Lusk), Nancy (m Kurrus). They have twelve grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Shirley Lucas Caillet born 8 July 1903

Married Clyde W. Welch, lives in Frisco, Texas. Has no children.

Otto Rene Caillet born 16 Oct 1904

Married Elizabeth Perry. They have four children: Paul, Kay Lee, Elizabeth Ann (m McCollough) and Julien.

He was an eminent Dallas physician. He died in 1980.

Margaret Marion Caillet born 7 Sep 1915

Married Hal R. Swann. Lives in Nashville, Tennessee. They have three

children: Susan (m Sutherland), Mark, and Laura Louise (m Peterson).

Marta Marie Caillet born 7 Sep 1915

Unmarried. Lives in Frisco, Texas and Lafayette, Louisiana.

In looking over the information received I feel so pleased. If any of you have not sent your sheet back to me, please do so. I am not sure that I can get them all in this year's newsletters, but the information will be there for future newsletters. I do hope some of you realize that I will have to revise and reduce some of the information I receive, but I assure you that the most important things will be included. Thanks to all of you so much, Coye Hawpe, Secretary, D.C.P.A.

Alas and alack, just as we felt that we had found the ideal spot to have our meetings and had decided by vote at our last meeting that we would return to J's Cafeteria for future meetings, the place closed! Somehow, it seems that we are not intended to have the way made easy. This would surely be a minor thing to those ancestors of ours who came to Dallas County to make new homes out of a wilderness - they would have just stopped the wagon and spread the meal on the ground. When spring really comes (not this false spring we are enjoying now), we should have a picnic.

If any of you know of a cafeteria in the central area of Dallas which has a meeting room and has no conflicting meeting scheduled for the first Thursday in each quarter, please let Lloyd Miller know. He exhausted every possibility and finally went back to our original meeting place. He really needs some help - some of you who have time to spend on the telephone, try some calling for him to various cafeterias. I believe that the membership has agreed that we do like that type dinner best, but finding the place is a task.

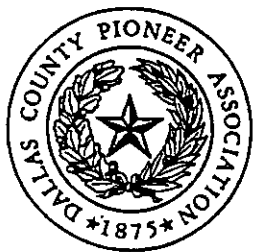
Our next meeting will be:

Lucas B & B Restaurant
3520 Oak Lawn
6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 3, 1982.

The cost will be \$8.95, payable at the door, for a chicken dinner.

Our speaker will be Elizabeth Enstam and her subject will be, "Texas' and Dallas' Women". I am looking forward to hearing her. Somehow, I missed all the lectures and programs on leading women of Texas during the recent celebrations at various places in Dallas, and perhaps this will help make up for that.

See you next Thursday!



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