

PIONEER TRAILS

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Our President wanted the meeting time and place for our regular quarterly meeting in a very prominent place in the newsletter, so here it is, first thing!

Thursday, September 1, 1983, 6:30 P.M.

Wyatt's Cafeteria
Northlake Shopping Center
Ferndale and East Northwest Hwy.

As usual, each of us will go through the line and make his/her own selections; however, please go to the meeting room first, register and get your name tag. Then we can line up for the feed bag. Okay?

Our speaker for the evening will be our own member, Georgia Myers Ogle. Her subject will be on the history of the Farmer's Branch and Carrollton areas. Mrs. Ogle is the author of the book, "Elm Fork Settlements; Farmer's Branch and Carrollton", which was published by the Peters Colony Historical Society in 1977. She is very knowledgeable on this subject, and history has long been her "love". I am sure we will all enjoy her talk; I know I shall.

Our last regular quarterly meeting on June 2, 1983 was a whale of a success, comparatively speaking. I guess all we had to do was shake a few of you up! Our attendance was 49; a great improvement over the 13 to 20 which we have had for the last year. We had no formal program, just a get-together session. Each officer outlined what he hoped to accomplish and the aims and goals of the present administration was reviewed. George Hawpe and Walter Bowen both gave brief talks on his own ancestor who first came to Dallas County. I say brief - Earl Cullum was timing them, and he had to allow each of them a few more minutes. There is just nothing like talking about the things dearest to our hearts, is there?

One of the announcements which was supposed to have been in the last newsletter was that if anyone should want to put some announcement in the newsletter (we will be glad to do so) the information must be received by the secretary no later than the 5th of the month preceding the next meeting, i.e., our next meeting date is September 1; therefore our newsletter should be in the mail by the 20th of August (10 days before meeting date). In order to put an announcement in the newsletter (if you had known about it) the information should have reached me by August 5th.

The Association would like to hold a memorial service for those deceased members from our group for the past year. We know of three members lost this past year. If any of you are aware of others, please call or write Bill Jacoby, or Earl Cullum. The three members whose names we have are:

Dr. Tom Cleary
G. Robert Burtner, Jr.
Bobbie Short Hale (Mrs. Nolan G.)

Our new membership roll is included with the newsletter this issue, as are your 1983 membership cards. If any of you have any questions, please call your Secretary, Coye Hawpe, or Treasurer, Walter Bowen. You will note that I am not including telephone numbers - use your roster! I worked too long over it for it to just be ignored!

At our last meeting our president purposely left off the Salute to the Texas Flag, stating that so few of us knew it that he felt it would save us some embarrassment. It is included here and I feel each of us should know it, certainly. Please memorize and be able to join in with the salute at our next meeting. (Shame on all of us -- such a rich heritage from this state of ours and we do not even know our flag salute!!) (Neither do I, but I can read it. So copy it on a card and place in your pocket or purse and have it handy for all our meetings.) The salute is:

"Honor the Texas Flag.

I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas,
One and indivisible."

(That's not hard, is it?)

It has come to the attention of our officers that many of our members do not attend meetings because they do not drive at night, or possibly do not drive. This was discussed at our last meeting and it was decided that we should endeavor to set up a "Share Ride" program.

If you have no transportation or do not drive in the evening, and would appreciate someone picking you up to attend our meetings, please call Jean Reilly, 321-4388, in the evenings or on weekends and give her your name, address and phone and state your problem. Or you may call Marjorie Simpson, 351-1688, in the daytime after 8 o'clock or in the evening, also.

If you would be willing to pick up someone in your area to attend the meetings, you may call the same persons. We will endeavor to match up names and addresses, find those who are conveniently located and try to arrange rides for those of you who have no way to get to meetings. Please understand, we cannot guarantee that we will, but we can certainly try.

It was decided that in this issue of the Newsletter a short story of historical fact which was submitted some time ago by Mr. Brick King would be included. Mr. King is well advanced in years, and I am sure has many memories of things which have long since disappeared or been forgotten. The story he submitted was this:

"My great grandfather came to Dallas area before the Civil War; A. W. Morton, a well-known pioneer. He lived in Dallas for several years on the corner of North Lamar and McKinney Avenue. He had five daughters, one of which died in early life. I do not remember her name. The remaining four were Fannie, Amanda, Mollie (my grandmother) and Sallie, the youngest. Sallie is the one who gave me this bit of history. My Grandpa established an undertaking business while living on McKinney Avenue. Soon after, a young man came to Dallas and went to work for Grandpa. He liked the business so well he bought a half-interest. Meanwhile, Grandpa had acquired a farm out in the Wheatland area and the young man eventually bought the undertaking establishment. This young man was none other than Ed C. Smith. He developed into one of our outstanding funeral directors. As I remember, he had three brothers: Dave, Colby (joined him with the funeral business) and Henry (was in the City National Bank for many years)."

I had not known who Mr. King was until I received the application of a new mem-

ber, Barney C. Jones, just recently. Mr. King's grandmother, Molly, was left a widow just before Mr. King's father was born. Mrs. Molly King married James Horton, Sr., another one of the early pioneer families of the area. Mr. King's father's name was not given, but his mother's name, Shulia M. King, 1871-1907, was given. She was buried in the Horton Cemetery. Mr. Brick King could probably tell us many tales of early Dallas.

Another of our members who has sent a very brief family history is Doc Miller. His family was famous in my husband's family, so I chose this story to tell, also. Doc Miller's ancestors who came to Dallas were Abraham and Caroline Dysterbach. They came from Poland and Prussia. They settled on Elm Street in Dallas. This family was in merchandising. The children of Abraham and Caroline were: Sallie, Sam, Amelia, Rose, Sylvia. Doc is descended from Sallie. However, the story that I have heard about my husband's grandmother, Laura Sybert Hawpe, was that if things were not bought at "Sam Dysterbach's store" they were not first quality merchandise. Only Sam Dysterbach had the quality which Grandma wished for. It looks as if Doc is carrying on the family tradition of fine merchandise, doesn't it?

This is the most fascinating business. Reading the family histories of all you people and putting them together with things which I have heard from my husband and his mother. I quite often let out a peal of glee when I am reading because here is something which I know something about! Though I am not a native Dallas "person", nor do I have any ancestors who settled here ages ago, I still enjoy all this, and I am trying very hard to be the next best thing to a native Dallasite!

Another Miller who has sent in his family history and with whom we're all familiar, is Lloyd Miller, our immediate past president. Lloyd and Doc are not related, however. Lloyd is descended from that bunch of Miller's who built Millermore, and I know that all of you know about Millermore. Lloyd's ancestor was William Brown Miller who came to Texas from Alabama in 1849. He purchased 1284 acres of land which was located on present Bonnie View Road near Kiest. It was on this land he built Millermore. William Brown Miller had eight or nine children by three marriages. Lloyd's ancestress was Emma. Emma had four children: W. B., Jr., John Hickman, Charles and Minerva. Lloyd is descended from John Hickman.

John Hickman Miller married Flora Bell Melone ca 1880, had four children, three of whom died at early ages. The one child which grew to adulthood was Lloyd Melone Miller, born May 12, 1895. Flora Bell died ca 1900. Then John Hickman Miller married Flora Bell's sister, Kathrine Melone in 1904. For a wedding present he built her a house at 3506 Cedar Springs. John died in 1933; Kathrine lived in that house until her death in 1970 at age 93. They had no children.

Lloyd Melone Miller, Sr., married Adilene Vandenbark in 1926. They had one son, Lloyd Melone Miller, Jr., born January 15, 1931. Lloyd Miller, Sr., and Adilene both died in 1964. Lloyd Miller, Jr., married Anne Smith in 1952 and they have one son, Mitchell Lloyd Miller.

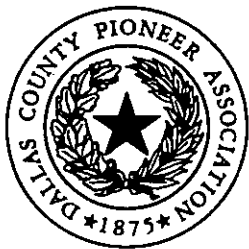
John Hickman Miller was a partner in Fife and Miller, a buggy sales agency located at the corner of Elm and Record Streets. About 1915 Henry Ford asked them to be a dealer for his new automobile; however, they didn't think it would sell, so the offer was refused! A few years later (after the buggy business went bust, I guess), he went into real estate and insurance. His son, Lloyd Miller, Sr., was an agent and later branch manager for Southwestern Life. Lloyd Miller, Jr., owns and operates Lloyd Miller Insurance Agency.

John Hickman Miller and Kathrine are buried at Oakland Cemetery. Lloyd Miller, Sr., and Adilene are buried at Restland Cemetery.

Now, you have had three success stories and one love story. And they say that history is dull!

If any of you would like your family history included in the newsletter, just send in the information. Although we have a lot of information which has not yet been put in the newsletter, we will always accept more!

DON'T FORGET - September 1, 1983 - 6:30 P.M., Wyatt's Cafeteria, Northlake Shopping Center, Cor. Ferndale Rd. and E. Northwest Hwy.



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