



Dallas County Pioneer Association

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NEWSLETTER

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The quarterly meeting of the Dallas County Pioneer Association is scheduled for Thursday, March 7th at 7:00 P.M. in the meeting room of Wyatt's Cafeteria in Northlake Shopping Center at the intersection of Northwest Highway and Ferndale. The meeting room will be open at 6:00 P.M. to allow members to eat and visit prior to the meeting. The program will be presented by Mrs. Marcelle Hamer Hull, Archivist with the Texas/Dallas History and Archives on the seventh floor of the Dallas Public Library; Mrs. Hull is one of our members. She will speak on "Paper Trails Along Coit's Road". This is an opportunity to learn much about this area.

Carolyn and Paula Selzer are seeking photographs taken by Adolphe Gouherant, the first photographer in Dallas (during the 1850's and 1860's); they are doing research on him so if you have any photographs or information, contact them at 327-0473.

A special meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, April 21st at 2:30 P.M. at S.M.U.'s DeGoyler Library (at the west end of Fondren Library which faces the fountain in front of Dallas Hall) to learn about the contents of that archive. A partial list of their collections include extensive collections of Everette Lee DeGoyler, Homer L. DeGoyler, Isaac Webb's original diary, The Colophon Collection, The Fondren-Clampitt Texana Collection, and many more. This library is not open on Sunday but through the kindness of it's director, they are opening it especially for this meeting; help show our appreciation by providing a large turn-out.

An Executive Meeting was held on February 10th, which was attended by all the 1985 officers plus Earl Cullum and Russell and Emily Surles, to review the 1984 operations and plan the 1985 programs and projects. It was noted that our organization contains a wealth of pioneer descendants which could provide much additional information to the literature of early Dallas County. Russell and Emily Surles accepted the appointment as co-chairpersons of a committee to compile information for inclusion in a book on the early families. It would be a bonus to have it published by 1986, the Sesqui-centennial Celebration of Texas Independence. The Surles are designing a program to produce this book which will require much assistance from volunteers to execute; **YOU WILL BE NEEDED !**

We have had a number of members who have been ill; there have been so many that to list each one could result in omitting someone so let this serve as our wish for each member who has been ill will have a speedy recovery.

The year 1984 has blessed our organization with several opportunities to become more involved in the historical and cultural activities of Dallas County. For your information, a summary of events which were listed in the PRESIDENT'S REPORT are being included in this newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1984

- 5 Jan. A joint meeting of the 1983 Officers and the 1984 Officers and invited guests of Lucile Boykin, Marcelle Hull, and John Nelms convened. The 1983 Officers presented their reports and the 1984 Officers presented and discussed their program plan for the year.
- 21 Jan. Earl Cullum prepared a summary of pioneer families currently represented by their descendents in the association. He did his usual thorough report and it is a valuable summary which should be used in some way.
- 19 Feb. A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at Bill Jacoby's which was attended by Porter Cochran, George Hawpe, Nancy Lennon and Earl Cullum; a quorum was present. The revision of the by-laws was brought up but not discussed or addressed in any manner. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that Lucile Boykin be made an Honorary Member of the Dallas County Pioneer Association. The matter of a permanent address (a post office box) was brought up and those present voiced the opinion that the President could handle that matter without a vote.
- 1 Mar. The quarterly meeting was held at Wyatt's Cafeteria in Northlake Shopping Center. Yvonne Norfleet reviewed a book about music in early Texas and Dallas County.
- 14 Apr. Fourteen members of DCPA met in Walnut Hill United Methodist Church for a GOALS FOR DALLAS meeting to express this Association's goals to the Goals For Dallas Central Committee.
- 7 Jun. The quarterly meeting was held at Wyatt's Cafeteria in Northlake Shopping Center. Judge Newton Fitzhugh presented a program about pioneer life, problems, methods, and hardships.
- 28 Jun. The Dallas County Pioneer Association was added to the list of civic organizations included in the Dallas Public Library's computer directory.
- 7 Jul. Thirty-five members of the DCPA met on the seventh floor of the Dallas Public Library, TEXAS/DALLAS HISTORY AND ARCHIVES and were given information on their extensive material from our own Lucile Boykin and Marcelle Hull. Dallas is fortunate to have such a superior facility so competently staffed.
- 20 Jul. DCPA obtained Post Office Box 12496, Dallas 75225. This is located in the Preston Station at 8604 Turtle Creek (north of Northwest Highway).
- 4 Sep. The quarterly meeting was held at Wyatt's Cafeteria in Northlake Shopping Center. Carl W. W. Sorenson presented a very informative and entertaining program on Norwegian colonization in Texas and around the world.
- 28 Oct. Nine members of the DCPA attended a meeting with the Dallas Historical Society in the Hall of State in Fair Park. They were treated to an exceptional tour of their facility by Casey Green, showing some excellent examples of their holdings.
- 7 Nov. The Dallas Heritage Council held a half day meeting at the Oak Lawn United Methodist Church to discuss the questionnaire answered by twenty-four organizations involved in Dallas preservation programs. Bill Jacoby represented DCPA.
- 10 Nov. A CITIZENS GOAL SETTING CONFERENCE held an all day meeting at the Anatole Hotel to summarize, by rank of importance, the goals of the organizations represented. Bill Jacoby represented the DCPA.
- 6 Dec. The quarterly meeting was held in Wyatt's Cafeteria in Northlake Shopping Center. Gerald Saxon presented a very timely, interesting, and informative talk on ORAL HISTORY, SOME PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS. At the meeting, the Nominating Committee of John and Sylvia Nelms, Russell and Emily Surles, and Porter Cochran nominated Bill Jacoby, President; B. Porter Cochran, Sr., Vice President; Sandy Neal, Secretary; George Hawpe, Treasurer; Nancy Lennon, Historian. There were no other nominations.

Thanks Earl Cullum for his frequent input, to Robert Sears for his input, to Lucile Boykin and Marcelle Hull for their help, and to all officers for doing a good job.

COMMENTS: The Dallas Heritage Council workshop listed the program areas of preservation interests and the DCPA was the only one with emphasis on the family impact on Dallas County history; The Dallas Genealogical Society, Texas/Dallas History and Archives, Dallas Historical Society, and Dallas County Historical Comm. are participating organizations but their emphasis is not family oriented. DO YOU THINK WE ARE FULFILLING OUR OBLIGATION TO DALLAS COUNTY ?