



Dallas County Pioneer Association

Founded 1875, Reorganized 1979
P. O. Box 12496
Dallas, Texas 75225

Past Presidents
John R. Nelms 1979
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NEWSLETTER

FALL 1986

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 4, 1986, at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Northlake Shopping Center, Northwest Highway at Ferndale. Eat at 6:00 P.M. Pay cashier and sign attendance register. Program begins at 7:00 P.M. PROGRAM: Talk and slide presentation "History of Dallas", Mr. Jim White, a native of Dallas, speaker from The Dallas County Heritage Society. Bring guests and new member prospects.

The new "Pioneer Families" Book being published by the DCPA is now scheduled for Fall delivery. Orders are now being accepted at the Pre-publication price of \$25.00 plus \$1.53 tax per book. When they arrive, books can be picked up at a central location to be announced. Add \$2.50 postage and handling costs for books to be mailed. All orders should be sent to DCPA, P. O. Box 12496, Dallas, Texas 75225.

We hope you didn't miss the DCPA picnic at White Rock Lake on August 3rd. Twenty attended and a good time was had by all. Thanks, Mae Riek.

Mark your calendars for next meeting December 4th. The President's Nominating Committee will meet before that, and you can nominate and elect our new Association Officers for 1987 installation. Don't miss this most important meeting.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Joan L. Dobson (Mrs. John E.), 6511 Lakewood Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75214; Phone: 821-0736. Mark this on your roster!

FROM THE PRESIDENT: The Famed Dallas County "Old Red" Courthouse was built in 1891, just 95 years ago. The original slate roof lasted 61 years, and was replaced by a composition roof which lasted 15 years before it leaked and damaged the structure and contents. It is now time to re-roof again, and \$50,000.00 has been set aside for another composition roof.

The Dallas County Historical Committee wants to re-roof with slate, and is raising \$200,000.00 for this purpose. If you want to help our Sister Organization with a Tax-Deductible Contribution, send it to: "Friends of Old Red" Fund, c/o Communities Foundation of Texas, 100 South Houston Street, Suite 116, Dallas, Texas 75202. /s/ Bill Jacoby.

Our Association is dedicated to preserving the History of Dallas County and those who settled here before 1880. Anyone interested may join, regardless of when your family came. Fees are \$10.00 initiation; \$15.00 a year dues, or \$150.00 Life Membership. A couple may join for \$15.00 initiation, \$25.00 a year dues, or \$250.00 for Life Memberships. Tell your friends about us. The Secretary has Application Forms.

Submit changes or corrections to roster and/or mailing list; and suggested By-Laws/Procedure Changes. Submit names and addresses of prospective members we should invite to join. Know a good speaker? Tell us. At next meeting, thank the good members around you who clear the table after they eat, pay their checks before the program, and bring visitors/new members with them. They don't smoke up our room, or talk when we are listening to the speaker. We love them!

On November 10, 1837 a small detachment of the Infant Texas Army was attacked by approximately 150 Indians, on the West Fork of the Trinity River Northwest of the later site of a Town called Dallas. They lost all their

horses, and a week later Lieut. Van Benthuyssen and his dozen survivors had reached a creek where they camped overnight. They named it Turtle Creek because of the many turtles along its banks.

The next night they camped near a spring on a bluff overlooking the Trinity River, where John Neely later built his cabin. After resting here, they finally reached the settlement to the South.

As the village called Dallas began to grow, Indians continued their raids and random killings of white settlers in the area. In November 1846 a "Minuteman" Group of settlers pursued an Indian Raiding Party, and killed and scalped two Indians on the "Grand Prairie" near Dallas. (Thanks, John Henry Brown's "History of Dallas County").

DCPA members are starting to think about a 150th Anniversary Celebration of the naming of Turtle Creek. This can be a picnic in the Fall of 1987, at Lee Park overlooking the Famous Creek, with appropriate publicity and program.

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND OUR SEPTEMBER 4TH MEETING! Will look for you.

Mary M. Cullum, Secretary



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