



Dallas County Pioneer Association

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NEWSLETTER

SPRING 1987

Past Presidents

John R. Nelms	1979
Bill Baird	1980
Lloyd Miller	1981
Earl Cullum	1983
Bill Jacoby	1984

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 5, 1987, 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. Mrs. Dorothy Garland and Mr. Jim Pratt will give a talk and slide presentation on "Old Red" restoration.

1987 DUES: Are due now. If you have not paid yours, please do so at once so your name will be in our new roster. Dues are \$15.00 per year or \$25.00 for a couple. (Consider Life Membership now. One-time payment of \$150.00 per person or \$250.00 per couple).

The DCPA 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. Tell your friends and invite them to our meeting. The secretary has Application Forms.

"PROUD HERITAGE: PIONEER FAMILIES OF DALLAS COUNTY" book will now be \$32.18 if picked up and \$34.68 if delivered. These prices have been adjusted due to change in tax rate.

We had 92 members and guests at our December Meeting, and still growing. We clear our tables and pay our bills before the program, and invite guests and new members to our meetings. We don't smoke up our meeting room, or talk when others are listening to the speaker. We are a great crowd!

Digest of Association By-Laws: Copies of the newly-amended DCPA By-Laws were distributed to the new officers at the December Meeting, and they will furnish copies or extracts to all committee chairmen. Copies will be available to any member desiring same, but experience has shown that most members prefer only a condensed highlights version such as the following:

The organization is historical and non-political, and tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2). Membership is open to any person of good moral character interested in the pioneer history of the Dallas area. Dues are \$10.00 initiation fee and \$15.00 per year (due by March 7), or \$150.00 for Life Membership. A couple pays \$15.00 initiation fee and \$25.00 per year, or \$250.00 for Life Memberships.

Five officers are elected and installed each December. These plus the active Past-Presidents form the Executive Committee. The Vice-President presides over the Membership Committee and the Telephone/Transportation Committee. The Historian presides over the Education Committee. The Secretary presides over the Publicity Committee, and the Treasurer over the Finance Committee. The Audit and Nominating Committees report directly to the President.

Regular meetings are held the first Thursday of March, June, September and December, with special meetings as called by the President. Suggested By-Law amendments must be submitted at least 30 days in advance, published in the newsletter, and voted on by the membership at its meeting.

Sympathy To the William R. Weston, Sr. family on death of Dovie Weston in December 1986.

President Edna Hart is grateful to George Hawpe for graciously accepting responsibility for the flags.

David Alford Hoeft, Box 312, Eastport, Michigan 49627, is seeking information on General George E. Alford who was in Dallas in the early 1890's, age 55 to 60, possibly involved in mining in Mexico.

Those members interested in Oral History should be aware that since 1966 a society has worked on standards and information exchanges, and served as a source for Oral Historians. Write to the Oral History Association, P. O. Box 926 University Station, Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0025. Our Historian has this organization's booklet.

A copy of an 1857 French Diagram of "La Reunion" Colony at Dallas has been found in Paris and sent to Barney Jones by his friend Bruno Verlet. It is being placed in our DCPA Historian's files. Thanks, Barney and Bruno.

SAVE PHONE BOOK COVERS? Many have saved "Historical Dallas" covers, and now copies are being placed in our Historian's files. We have Downtown Dallas, Reunion Area, West End, Central Library, Stemmons Freeway, Cotton Bowl, SMU, Cowboy Stadium and DFW Airport. Others would be welcome.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome! Mrs. May Ruth Griffin, 2325 Sunnyvale Road, Grand Prairie, TX 75050, Phone: 660-5130; Mrs. Betty M. Newberry, 2325 Sunnyvale Road, Grand Prairie, TX 75050, Phone: 660-5130; Mrs. Mary Sue McDonald Rogers, 3470 Janlyn, Farmers Branch, TX 75234, Phone: 247-2829; Bill Densmore, 4027 Santa Barbara, Dallas, TX 75214, Phone: 827-0465; W. Glenn Williams & Wife, Ann Gracey, 913 Parkmount, Garland, TX 75041, Phone: 278-2663; Dorothy E. Miller, 2940 Rosedale, Dallas, TX 75205, Phone: 363-1217; Louis E. Moore, Jr., 6507 Churchill Way, Dallas, TX 75230, Phone: 239-1854; Linda C. Rogers, 401 Kimberly, Mesquite, TX 75149, Phone: 288-8642. ADD: Aleene Jackson, wife of John W. Jackson to your roster. ADD: Margaret Thetford, 3725 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX 75205 as an Honorary Member. CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Morris Hicks, 50 Burnt Hill Road, Farmington, CT 06032.

The Following Data is from New Member Application Forms: Irma Carsey Janicek descends from Christophre Desire Frichot (from France) and his wife Suzanne Boll Frichot (from Switzerland) who arrived in Dallas in 1856 to join the French Colony at LaReunion.

Herbert Gilbert Hughes descends from William Young Hughes who was in Dallas County in 1862 when he enlisted in the 7th Cavalry Regiment. His farm was at Mockingbird and Hillcrest.

Edward Earl Cullum descends from Rev. Marcus Hiram Cullum who came from Tennessee in 1873 and founded Oak Lawn Methodist Church in 1874.

Nancy Steele Cockrell O'Reilly descends from Alexander Cockrell who arrived in 1845 from Kentucky, and his wife Sarah Horton Cockrell who came in 1844 from Virginia with her father Enoch Horton. Alex bought the Dallas townsite from John Neely Bryan and built early Dallas. Sarah Cockrell established the first ferry and built the first Trinity River bridge, the first hotel and the first sawmill in Dallas.

Joan Foley Dobson joined DCPA as an Associate Member, after moving to Dallas in 1979. She is a librarian and brings us a great wealth of knowledge about our heritage.

Morris Anthony Hicks descends from John W. Merrifield and his wife Elizabeth Foreman Merrifield who came from Kentucky before 1869, and lived in Oak Cliff area. Morris resides in Farmington, Connecticut, but joined DCPA due to his interest in his Dallas area heritage.

May Ruth Yeargan Griffin descends from Isaac B. Webb (b. 1802) and his wife Mary H. Hughes, and May Ruth has a copy of the Isaac Webb diary. Their son W. D. Webb married Olivia Jane Merrell; thus from among the earliest 1840's arrivals, the famed Webb Chapel, the early Hughes and Merrell families, and the Webb Chapel and Merrell cemeteries, we have more early area history added to our membership.

Mary Sue McDonald Rogers descends from Rev. Abner Keen (b. 1799), a Peters Colony settler and early Methodist preacher in the area now known as Garland. His son John Winford Keen married Nancy Turner in 1848, and their marriage license was issued by County Court Clerk William M. Cochran (who himself married one of the Hughes sisters, and whose name continues today in the Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church). John and Nancy Keen later bought land from a man named John Neely Bryan.

Lorraine Barker and Ruth Carnes both descend from Jacob Nussbaumer, who came from Switzerland in 1854 and settled at LaReunion. He later owned the first butcher shop in Dallas, and married Dorothea Boll, daughter of Henry Boll and wife who also came from Switzerland. Nussbaumer gave several acres to the T&P Railway for its Dallas Depot and shops. Lorraine and Ruth also descend from Sam Peterman, who owned the largest cotton gin in Dallas, and served on the city council in 1887.

New members of the DCPA are bringing more and more great history with them. Many of our members have continued to gather family information since they submitted their original application form. They should obtain a new form and submit all the updated and original data on one form, to replace the earlier form. Applications should go first to the Association Secretary and then to the Historian.

THE "OTHER" BRYAN FAMILY: A full page 1976 clipping from an unidentified (Cedar Hill?) newspaper tells of John Neely Bryan's brother James B. Bryan who came to Dallas during the 1840's, joined the 1849 California "gold rush", and never returned here.

His son James Bracken Bryan, born in 1843, was left in Dallas, and once barely escaped from a bear when he went to the Trinity River for water. He joined the Confederate Army at age 17, and fought in the Louisiana and Arkansas battles of that war.

In 1870 James Bracken Bryan married Sue Ellen Merrifield of Cedar Hill, and Mrs. Alexander Cockrell helped them build a log home there. The Cedar Hill Methodist Church and Merrifield home had been destroyed by a tornado in 1856, but the families survived and continued to haul cotton by ox-cart to Groesbeck to the south.

The J. B. Bryan's had 12 children, in a two-story house at Cedar Hill, including sons Arthur (1882-1964), Samuel (1887-1968), Walter (1889-1968), Preston (born 1892), and Robert (1894-1976). J. B. Bryan died in 1920 and Sue Ellen in 1945 at age 94. Both are buried in Little Bethel Cemetery at Cedar Hill. The clipping is in the possession of the DCPA Historian.

ATTENTION! IMPORTANT REQUEST! The new roster will go to press soon. Any necessary changes must reach the secretary by March 15th. Please check your listing now and be sure everything is in order. THANKS.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN FOR YEAR 1987: President: Edna Hart; Vice President: Sara McGee; Treasurer: John Winniford; Secretary: Mary Cullum; Historian: Marcelle Hull; Audit Committee: Robert Sears, Chairman; Membership: June Shipley; Telephone/Transportation: Nona Williams; Education: Lucille Boykin; Public Relations: Bill Jacoby; Finance: Robert Sears.

Completed Membership Certificates are available for the following members. Please attend our next meeting and get yours. If you cannot, send \$1.25 to the secretary who will mail it to you.

Donna Garrison Christensen
John Noel Harris, Jr.
Mary Genevieve Taylor Harris
Pearl Edna Hughes Hawkins
Margarita Bohny O'Brien
Mary Sue McDonald Rogers

Judith Pace Shoecraft
May Beth Watson Smith
David Exall Stewart
Christopher Benjamin Thevenet
Deborah Anne Welch Thevenet

We are looking forward to seeing you at the first 1987 meeting. Plan now to be present. Mark your calendars.

Mary M. Cullum
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