



Dallas County Pioneer Association

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

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 1987

Past Presidents

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

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 4, 1987, Wyatt's Cafeteria, Northlake Shopping Center, Northwest Highway at Ferndale. Eat 6:00 P.M., pay cashier and sign attendance register. Program begins at 7:00. Mrs. Millicent Hume McCoy will present "A Yankee's View of Dallas in the 1870's". Mrs. McCoy transcribed the 1870-1881 letters of Colonel John Milton McCoy for the book "When Dallas Became a City". Colonel McCoy became President of the Dallas County Pioneer Association when it was first organized in 1875.

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. Dues are \$10.00 initiation fee and \$15.00 per year, or \$150.00 for Life Membership. A couple pays \$15.00 initiation fee and \$25.00 per year, or \$250.00 for Life Membership.

"PROUD HERITAGE: PIONEER FAMILIES OF DALLAS COUNTY" book sales are going well - cost \$32.18 if picked up and \$34.68 if delivered. We have a few copies left and if you or your family have not purchased yours, we urge you to do so now.

We had 79 members and guests at our March meeting. We need your support, so please try to attend as many meetings as you possibly can. 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 fine crowd!

The following data is from Member Application Forms: Pearl Edna Hughes Hawkins descends from Samuel W. Orem and his wife Priscilla Frances Miller, who came from Indiana by wagon train in the early 1870's, and settled east of Dallas. Arthur A. Everts was part of this family and wagon train, and saw one Orem brother adopt the Oram spelling we know today. Another ancestor was William Young Hughes (b.1831), a member of Gano's Confederate Cavalry and for two years a Prisoner of War.

Betty M. White Newberry, daughter of May Ruth Yeargan Griffin, also descends from Isaac B. Webb and his wife Mary H. Hughes, whose son W. D. Webb married Olivia Jane Merrell. We can't get much earlier in ancestor-arrivals than the Webbs, Hughes and Merrells.

Bill Densmore descends from Henry Caster (b.1791 N.C.), a blacksmith/silversmith who came to the Irving area during the 1850's. His son Daniel Caster (1826-68), farmer and cattleman, married Nancy Beets (1834-66). Their daughter Rosa Caster (b.1858), married O.P. Dick Bell (1852-1908) who came with his family in the 1850's. Their daughter Netta Bell (1897-1980) married Sam Densmore, and became parents of Bill.

LOUIS E. MOORE, JR. descends from John H. Thomas (1794-1875) who came in the 1840's and was the first Dallas County Judge. He married Hannah Andres (1795-1872), and their daughter Sarah Ann Thomas (1834-1905) married 1853 Francis A. Sayre (1828-1909), a Dallas druggist. Their daughter Lelia Forsee Forman (1881-1964) married Howell Taylor Matthews (1872-1936). Their daughter Blanche Morelle Matthews (b.1908) married 1926 Louis Evans Moore (1899-1966) and they became parents of Louis, Jr.

COMING EVENT: Huffines Reunion, June 14, 1987, 1:00 to 5:00 P.M., Huffines Recreation Center, Huffines Park, 1500 Apollo Road (Park is on Plano Road), Richardson, Texas (10 miles North of Dallas). Contacts: Donald F. Huffines, 414 Fairview, Richardson, TX 75081, (214) 235-7641 or Frances S. Bell, 2113 Vail, Garland, TX 75042, (214) 495-2340.

NOTICE: Ferris Cemetery. Rita Barnes, 2828 Ripplewood, Dallas 75228, is working to re-establish this 1847 Ferris Family Cemetery at St. Frances and San Leandro, opposite the Alex Sanger Elementary School. Encroachment since 1924 has resulted in destruction of parts of it, and immediate action is needed to save what remains. Anyone interested in helping should contact Rita promptly.

SICK BAY: We were sorry to learn Mr. David P. Richardson suffered a slight stroke in November and now unable to attend meetings. He is living with his daughter Mrs. Evelyn Hare, R.R. 5, Box 334A, Greenville, Texas 75401. We hate to lose him as a member. We miss Jackie Jacoby and regret she is unable to attend our meetings. Our warmest regards to her. If anyone knows of any illness or deaths in our organization, please advise us.

Please plan now to attend June meeting.

Mary M. Cullum, Secretary



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