



Dallas County Pioneer Association

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P. O. Box 12496
Dallas, Texas 75225

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 1987

Past Presidents

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

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 3, 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. **SURPRISE!** Dallas Historical Society Volunteer STARS will portray characters that we have read about in Texas History. If we do not recognize them from costumes and portrayal, they will explain who they are. Should be a fun evening for all.

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.

REMINDER: Our book "PROUD HERITAGE: PIONEER FAMILIES OF DALLAS COUNTY" would make a delightful Christmas Gift. The books are \$34.94 per copy (which includes \$2.44 Texas Sales Tax and \$2.50 postage and handling). Get yours while we still have a few copies left.

We had 86 registered members and guests present at our September 3rd meeting. We need your support, so please make an effort to attend as many meetings as possible. We clear our tables and pay our bills before the program, and invite guests and new members to our meetings. We do not smoke up our meeting room, or talk when others are listening to the speaker. We are a great group!

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES: Clytes Cullar, 3723 W. Clarendon Drive, Dallas 75211, Phone: 330-9374. Marie Caillet, 1216 Cedar Pine Lane, Little Elm, Texas 75068, Phone: (214) 292-1154.

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NEW MEMBERS TO ADD TO YOUR 1987 ROSTER: WELCOME! Terence G. Walsh, 6924 Kenwhite Drive, Dallas, Texas 75231, Phone: 349-0135; Jan Grantham, 6242 Del Norte, Dallas, Texas 75225, Phone: 691-7499; Jerry M. Flook, 306 S. Bois D'Arc Street (P.O. Box 596), Forney, Texas 75126, Phone: (214) 552-2433; Lee R. Slaughter, Jr., 3510 Caruth Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75225, Phone: 368-6804. **RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP:** Gail Meletio Madden (Mrs. Wm. B.), 4520 Belfort, Dallas, Texas 75205, Phone: 526-7635.

PLEASE NOTE: December meeting room will be available at 5:00 P.M. for eating, visiting, so come early if you can for fellowship and getting better acquainted.

THE FOLLOWING DATA IS FROM NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FORMS: Terence G. Walsh descends from Jeremiah M. Hayes who came from Farmington, N. H. and married Julia Maria Gibson at Austin, Texas, in 1863. They settled in Dallas in 1874 and lived at 945 Commerce Street. He opened a boot and shoe store at 716 Elm Street. He later practiced law and was a U.S. Commissioner. Julia was organist at St. Matthew's Cathedral. Both are buried at Greenwood Cemetery. Their son Mason P. Hayes married Ervina Rust, daughter of Elbridge G. Rust, printer for the Dallas Herald in 1875 and publisher of the Dallas Mercury in 1882. Elbridge married Margaret Ann Rose, who arrived in 1875 and lived at 118 Live Oak Street. Mason and Ervina had daughter Margaret Julia Hayes,

who married Herbert C. Walsh, son of James I. Walsh and wife Anna Cora Chase, who arrived in Oak Cliff in 1888.

Lee R. Slaughter, Jr. is the grandson of John W. Slaughter (1858-1949), who came to Dallas from Alabama in 1874 and served as a Dallas County Commissioner 1920-1931. He was a major church builder in Dallas, and erected both the Oak Lawn Methodist sanctuary in 1911-15 and adjoining Educational Building in 1928-29. His name is on the bronze plaques in both these buildings at Oak Lawn and Cedar Springs Road in the heart of the historic Oak Lawn Community of Dallas.

Joe Anna "Jan" Moore Grantham descends from John Prigmore (1809-62) who came to Texas in 1844 with his wife Mahala Dixon (1810-86) and son Benjamin Prigmore. Joseph followed the gold rush to California and then returned to Dallas County. Benjamin (1830-1901) served in both the Mexican War and the Confederate Army. He married Nancy "Lucy" Jackson (1833-1904) in Dallas County. Their daughter Texas Anna Prigmore (1866-97) married Samuel Lain (1861-1939), son of Lee Thomas Lain and wife Mary Reddick of Dallas County. Elsie Mae Lain (1892-1981), daughter of Samuel and Texas Anna, married Joseph Cobb Moore (1890-1981). Their daughter "Jan" Moore was married to Clifford Streetman (deceased) and Von Grantham (divorced).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: The following nominees have been selected for 1988 officers: Edna J. Hart, President; Sara J. McGee, Vice-President; Marcelle Hull, Historian; Mary M. Cullum, Secretary, and John C. Winniford, Treasurer; however, nominations can be made from the floor prior to election at December Meeting. Past Presidents Earl O. Cullum 1983 and William F. Jacoby 1984 will follow the usual custom of serving on the Organization's Board of Directors and William F. Jacoby will continue to serve as Public Relations Officer.

HISTORICAL DATA: After Dallas County was organized and officers were elected and installed, a crude courthouse was erected on the square. Dallas was part of the Nacogdoches Judicial District, presided over by Judge William B. Ochiltree. At the first census in 1850, Dallas County had less than 3000 residents. The town layout was a half-mile square. When the town was chartered in 1856, all the shops and stores faced the courthouse square. When the last vacant lot was filled, the people considered the town finished. An acre of ground sold for less than \$200.00. Compare all the conditions of 130 years ago with today - Were they "Good Old Days"?

John C. Freemont and his engineers surveyed the Texas & Pacific Railroad line through Corsicana, but Dallas provided \$100,000 and brought the railroad here instead. The Houston & Texas Central was building from the south, and arrived at Dallas in 1872. The T&P reached Dallas in 1873, and other lines later created a railroad hub here. The palatial Crutchfield House was the finest hotel in Texas, at the northwest corner of the courthouse square. Boarders paid \$2.50 a week, and ate ham and eggs, pork and beans, bacon and greens, rich milk and fresh country butter. The first trains to arrive brought names such as Sanger, Marsalis, Garlington, Schneider, Davis, Rogers and others who became the leading merchants of Dallas. Many lived in tents until their new homes and stores were erected.

The Dallas Weekly Herald in 1875 printed: "The people are losing confidence in the courts and justice. We are living in a community where the courts and juries set no higher value upon human life, to feel that any day you may be shot down without cause. There is a sure remedy, the stern and unfaltering execution of the laws".

About 1880 the residents of Hardscrabble (now Lancaster) became frantic at the approach of a large band of Indians, but the Redskins camped peacefully along Ten Mile Creek, and gave the settlers no trouble.

The 1880 census showed 33,466 people in Dallas County, as follows:

Dallas 10,433	Grand Prairie, Lisbon, Eagle Ford
Oak Lawn area 1,891	Jimtown, Five-Mile Church 2,127
Fair Park area 2,697	
Cedar Hill 1,074	Lancaster, Prairie Valley, Hutchins
Grapevine School House,	Wesley Chapel 4,043
Stults S.H. 1,540	
Farmers Branch, Carrollton,	Mesquite, Scyene, Haught's Store,
Richardson, Poolville,	Cravens S. H., Hickory Creek
Cold Spring 3,500	S. H. 2,499
	Pleasant Valley, Lower Duck Creek,
	Worthington S. H., Long Creek
	S. H., Bale's S. H. 3,732

From 1883 Dallas City Directory: "Dallas temperatures range from -3 degrees to 106 degrees, the coldest days in late December and early January. In 1879 the Trinity River froze over on the coldest day in memory. The weather can change 30 degrees in an hour when a norther blows in".

The soil is black, drained by the Trinity River. County cotton production is 20,000 bales a year (in 1883), with compresses at the T&P and H&TC rail-yards. The city has five banks, and telephones and electric lights are coming into use. Water is obtained from Browder Springs and the Trinity River, and wood sells for \$2.50 a cord. There are morning and afternoon newspapers, and the City Hall is on the northwest corner of Commerce and Lamar Streets. The street railway line runs from the courthouse up Main Street to the fair-grounds. A feeder line runs out Ross and San Jacinto to Shady View Park (where early Pioneer Association gatherings were held). Another feeder line runs out Ervay to City Park.

Among the many structures erected in Dallas in 1881-82 were the following:

W.H. Flippen res \$12,000	Padgett Bros. factory \$15,000
J.E. Schneider res \$10,000	G.H. Schoellkopf factory \$15,000
Mayer Summer Garden \$18,000	Dallas Car factory \$70,000
Presbyterian church \$18,000	Ed C. Smith Mortuary \$14,000
Flippen, Adeau Bank \$20,000	Kain & Campbell Store \$25,000
Oliver & Griggs Bank \$12,000	Schneider & Davis Store \$20,000
County Courthouse \$32,000	Weir Plow Co. Store \$15,000
County Jail \$31,000	T&P Depot \$35,000
Catholic Convent \$40,000	W. H. Prather Store \$15,000

Among listings in 1883 Dallas City Directory were the following:

John Bookhout, Attorney, 507 Main St.
Dallas Brick Works, Alamo St.
Anheuser Busch Beer, 708 Main St.
Budweiser Beer, 506 Elm St.
Mayer Beer Garden, 931 Elm St.
Payne Blacksmith, 1013 Elm St.
City National Bank, Elm & Lamar
Flippen Bank, 616 Elm St.
Exchange Bank, 600 Main at Lamar
Blakeney Bakery, 838 Main St.
Hodges Boarding House, Swiss & Pacific
Dallas Candy Company, 712 Elm St.
C. R. Miller, Carpenter, 936 Main St.
German Lutheran Church, 111 Live Oak
Crowdus Drugs, 828 Elm St.
Eisenlohr Drugs, 816 Main St.
Duncan Detective Agency, 609 Main St.
John Seegar, Dentist, 502 Elm St.

PLEASE NOTE: Completed Membership Certificates are available for the following members. Please attend our next meeting and get yours. If you cannot attend, please send \$1.25 to the secretary to cover cost of mailing tube and postage. She will mail it to you. Thanks.

John Noel Harris, Jr.
Mary Genevieve Taylor Harris
Margarita Bohny O'Brien
Linda C. Shaddock Rogers

Judith Pace Shoecraft
David Exall Stewart
Christopher Benjamin Thevenet
Deborah Anne Welch Thevenet

This is our last meeting for the Year 1987 and we hope that you will plan to attend. Many of you have not missed a meeting all year and we are proud of you. We realize that it is not possible for some of our members to attend. We hope to see you December 3rd.

WE WISH FOR YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON AND A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF EVERYTHING GOOD LIFE HAS TO OFFER.

Mary M. Cullum
Secretary

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