

Dallas County Pioneer Association

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

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 1988

Past Presidents

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

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 3, 1988, 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. The Program will be presented by Retired Chief Deputy O'Byrne Cox of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office. He served for 38 years in all departments, and prepared a book on the History of the Sheriff's Office. He will discuss "Law Enforcement in Early Dallas County".

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Reminder: If your 1988 dues are unpaid, give check to Treasurer or mail it. Don't let yourself be dropped from mailing list and roster. We need your support! Fees are \$10.00 initiation; \$15.00 a year dues, or \$150.00 for Life Membership. A couple may belong for \$15.00 initiation, \$25.00 a year dues, or \$250.00 for Life Memberships. If you are not a member (or have let it lapse), we invite you to join or rejoin. Secretary has Application Forms. Please give us any address or telephone changes for new roster.

"PROUD HERITAGE: PIONEER FAMILIES OF DALLAS COUNTY" book: Still a few copies left - cost \$32.40 if picked up and \$35.10 if delivered.

RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP: Welcome back! Sandy Neal, 3814 Chicosa, Garland, Texas 75043, Phone: 278-8076.

NEW MEMBERS TO BE ADDED TO YOUR 1987 ROSTER: Welcome! Grady McMahan, 4229 Longleaf Drive, Garland, Texas 75042, Phone: 276-3739; Shearer Huffines, 414 Fairview, Richardson, Texas 75081, Phone: 235-7641; Gordon Randall Dysart, 3413 Cornell Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75205, Phone: 521-4446; Raymond L. Story, 705 W. Grauwylar, Irving, Texas 75061, Phone: 445-0734; Robert D. Franklin, 6 Turtle Creek Bend, Dallas, Texas 75204, Phone: 528-5945; Charles E. Campbell, 3501 Dartmouth, Dallas, Texas 75205, Phone: 522-7062.

SYMPATHY TO: Robbye Jeanne Jaggi on the death of her husband December 20, 1987.

DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION "ROLL OF HONOR": This was established by the membership at December Meeting. Initial names were selected. In the future, one original (1875-1952) member or couple, and one current (1979-) member or couple will be added each year, to be nominated (with description of services) at September meeting, and elected in December. The basis for selection will be exceptional DCPA service only, and a spouse will not be included just because he or she is a member. Appropriate publicity will be given to these elections. This Roll of Honor shall be displayed at each DCPA meeting. The following Roll of Honor names were selected by the membership in December:

COL. JOHN C. MCCOY, the first president of DCPA (1875-87), who was also a prominent legal figure in early Dallas.

NANCY JANE COCHRAN, the first Vice-President of DCPA, whose descendants have continued active down through the years.

COL. EPPS G. KNIGHT, president of DCPA for 33 years (1910-1943), who was also a leading churchman, civic official, etc.

MAJ. JOHN HENRY BROWN, the second DCPA president (1887-95), who also recorded the early history of Dallas County (to 1887).

HONORABLE JOHN R. NELMS, a prominent attorney who re-organized and reactivated the DCPA, and served as its president 1979-81.

WILLIAM F. JACOBY, JR., 1984-87 DCPA president, who traveled throughout Dallas County making our association known to everyone.

GEORGE & COYE HAWPE, who served a total of 8 years as DCPA officers, and as active members since its 1979 re-organization.

COL. EARL O. & MARY CULLUM, He helped re-organize DCPA, revived it when it sagged, and served as president 1983-84. Mary lends her skills as our "professional" secretary.

1988 OFFICERS ELECTED AT DECEMBER MEETING: Edna J. Hart, President; Sara J. McGee, Vice-President; Marcelle Hull, Historian; Mary M. Cullum, Secretary, and John C. Winniford, Treasurer. Earl O. Cullum and William F. Jacoby, Past Presidents 1983 and 1984 respectively, 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.

THE FOLLOWING DATA IS FROM NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FORMS: Jerry M. Flook descends from Lewis M. T. Flook (1848-1923) who came from Maryland to Duck Creek about 1875 with his wife Mary Bechtol (1849-1923) and her parents Daniel (1824-1905) and Mahala Biser (1824-76) Bechtol. Lewis Flook's son Charles D. Flook (1880-1941) married Crotia Griffith (1881-1967), daughter of James M. Griffith (1853-1912) who came from North Carolina about 1877. James married Frances Baggett, whose father Seborn Baggett (1825-85) and wife Mary Robinson (1826-1901) and his parents Uzziel and Elizabeth Collins Baggett came from North Carolina to Dallas County about 1844. Jerry Flook's mother descended from Thomas L. Anderson (1829-64) who is buried in a Confederate trench grave in Louisiana. Thomas and wife Naomi Jones (1842-94) came to Dallas County about 1853 with his parents William Anderson (1785-1858) and wife Celia Ann Lair (1791-1859), from Virginia.

Gordon Randall Dysart descends from Major William Gregg Randall (1825-86) who came to Dallas with the H&TC Railroad in 1872, and his wife Elizabeth Augusta McConnell Randall (1843-1913). Randall built the St. George Hotel in Dallas and donated Randall Park. He and his wife are buried at Greenwood Cemetery. Their son William Gordon Randall (1861-1910) married Eunice Warren (1864-1945) and had daughter Alice Randall (born 1899 Dallas) who married Leland Thornton Dysart (1894-1971). Their son Gordon also descends from Johnston Dysart of McKinney who enlisted in the 6th Texas Cavalry in 1861.

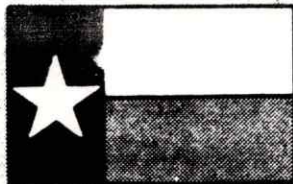
Raymond L. Story descended from Jonathan Story (born 1825 Illinois) who married Sophronia Hunsaker and came to Dallas in 1855. Their son Thomas C. Story (1850-1900) married Helen Clark and had a son William C. Story (1874-1958) who married Fanny Farine (1878-1970), Raymond's parents. Fanny was the daughter of Nicholas Farine (born 1825 in France) who came to La Reunion, where he married (2nd) Lucinda Jane Mills, born in Missouri in 1845.

Robert D. Franklin descends from James T. Keirse (born 1832 Tennessee) and wife Martha J. Senter (born 1842 Missouri) who came to Dallas County prior to 1868. Their son William D. Keirse (1868-1911) married Mittie J. Collins. Their daughter Vivian Keirse (1899-1955) was born in Indian Territory and married Sam Franklin of Mead, Oklahoma. Their son Sam Franklin, Jr. (born 1917 Oklahoma) married Frankie Gooding and became the parents of Robert

A WORD FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: Please encourage the younger generation to join this organization.

Texas Flag Pledge

Honor the Texas flag.
I pledge allegiance to thee,
Texas, one and indivisible.



Texas, Our Texas

Texas, Our Texas! All hail the mighty State!
Texas, our Texas! So wonderful, so great!
Boldest and grandest, withstanding every test;
O empire wide and glorious, you stand supremely blest.

Chorus

God bless you, Texas! And keep you brave and strong.
That you may grow in power and worth, throughout the ages long.

Refrain

Texas, O Texas! Your freedom single star,
Sends out its radiance to nations near and far.
Emblem of freedom! It sets our hearts aglow.
With thoughts of San Jacinto and glorious Alamo.
Texas, dear Texas! From tyrant grip now free,
Shines forth in splendor your star of destiny!
Mother of Heroes! We come your children true.
Proclaiming our allegiance, our faith, our love for you.

— Words by Gladys Yoakum Wright and William J. Marsh. Music by William J. Marsh

NOTE: Our President Edna Hart requested this be placed in our Newsletter so we could memorize it and have better response to our Pledges of Allegiance to our flags.

A discussion at the June Pioneer Association meeting indicated some early military titles were unofficial and only "honorary", thus creating questions about the authenticity of all of them. Six DCPA presidents have used or been referred to by military titles, whether these were military-related or not. The first Colonel John C. McCoy (1819-87), is described in detail in the Handbook of Texas, but there is no mention of military service or title.

Major John Henry Brown (1820-95), was wounded while a Sergeant in the Texas Army, and was later a Colonel of Texas State Militia. He served as a Confederate Army Staff Officer, and appears to have preferred that wartime title of Major instead of that of Colonel of Militia (Handbook of Texas).

Captain R. Alex Rawlins (1833-1910) and Colonel Epps G. Knight are described in Pioneer Heritage, but there is no mention of military service or title for either of them. Colonel Murrell L. Buckner is not described in that volume, only mentioned as an officer and president of the DCPA.

Colonel Earl O. Cullum appears to be the only one of these who was appointed by the President of the United States. Cullum became a Lieutenant Colonel in the China-Burma-India Theater in World War II, and a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1957 (Where I Came In, a World War II history).

Some additional listings from the 1883 City Directory:

Sanger Bros Dry Goods, 509 Main Street
E. M. Kahn Company, Dry Goods, 602 Elm Street
Dallas Electric Light Company, Austin & Carondelet
Billington Furniture, 639 Elm Street
Livingston Fish Company, 611 Main Street
Cone Feed Company, 1451 Elm Street
Dallas Fire Station, Commerce & Lamar
East Dallas Fire Station, 1444 Elm Street
Cockrell Flour Mill, Pacific & Broadway
Lyne Grocery, 1321 Elm Street
Marsalis Grocery, 803 Main Street
Dysterbach Grocery, 1424 Elm Street
Ott Gunshop, 513 Elm Street

This is our first meeting in the New Year 1988, and we hope you will plan to attend. Let's all strive to have one hundred per cent perfect attendance this year. Many of us did have perfect attendance last year, and we hope many more will join us in that endeavor this year.

We are looking forward to seeing you March 3rd, so plan to be there to get us off to a great start.

Mary M. Cullum
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