



Dallas County Pioneer Association

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P. O. Box 12496
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NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 1988

Past Presidents

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

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 2, 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 Lee Cullum. She was former editor of D Magazine and presently Editorial Page Editor of The Dallas Times Herald. She is a fifth generation resident of Dallas County, and daughter of Charles G. Cullum, Chairman of Tom Thumb-Page Drug Chain. She will discuss "State of The City."

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.

We had 86 registered members and guests present at our March 3rd meeting, and a few late arrivals did not get registered. PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER. We need your support and urge you to attend as many meetings as possible. We clear our tables, 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 FINE GROUP!

"PROUD HERITAGE: PIONEER FAMILIES OF DALLAS COUNTY" book: Still a few copies on hand - cost \$32.40 if picked up and \$35.10 if delivered. Please be sure your family has a copy.

NEW DIRECTORY: Will be available at the June 2nd Meeting. If we have incorrectly listed an address or telephone number, please advise secretary.

SYMPATHY TO: Family of Gladys Nix Harber, one of our Charter Members, who was buried April 21, 1988.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES: B. Porter & Mary Cochran, 3253 Whispering Oak, Dallas, Texas 75234. Nancy Dieterich Kurrus, 263 Highway 1830, Argyle, Texas 76226. Edward Earl Cullum, 1601 Sherrye Drive, Plano, Texas 75074 Phone: 881-9169.

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER: David Cullum (817) 467-5607 (Metro).

NEW MEMBERS: Lucille Morgan Terry (Mrs. W. S.), 420 Walnut Street, Jefferson Texas 75657, Phone: (214) 665-2767. Robert Marshall Skiles, 309 Scenic Drive, Forney, Texas 75126, Phone: 771-6308. Donna Denise Rudin (Mrs. Alden Henry), 432 Greenridge, Coppell, Texas 75019, Phone: (214) 462-0379.

THE FOLLOWING DATA IS FROM NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FORMS: Charles Edward Campbell descends from great-great-grandfather Robert Fleming Campbell 1804-1881 who married in 1831 Jane David. They arrived in Dallas County in 1851, settled at what became Campbell Road in present Richardson, and are buried at the Jacob Routh Pioneer Cemetery. Their son William Lafayette Campbell 1832-1920 married in 1881 Katherine Rankin 1853-1926 and had a son Robert Earl Campbell 1882-1974. He married in 1905 Ethel Blalock 1883-1939, and they had Robert Edward Campbell born 1906 who married Emma Vay Moore born 1909, Charles' parents. His four Texas Campbell ancestors had average lifetimes of over 85 years.

Robert Marshall Skiles descends from his great-great-grandfather Jacob Clemons Skiles 1802-1880 who in 1824 married Sarah A. Moore 1809-1896 in Kentucky. They brought their seven children to Dallas County in 1852 and settled on a Peters Colony Land Grant southwest of present Arapaho and Plano

Roads in Richardson. Their son Charles William Skiles 1831-1880 married in 1856 Martha A. Rowland died 1899, daughter of Robert Montgomery Rowland and wife Mary A. Kerley who came in 1854. During the Civil War Charles W. Skiles was a sergeant in Company K of the 19th Texas Cavalry. His son Marshall Moore Skiles married in 1895 Fannie Laurence Butler 1871-1931, daughter of Robert Fabius Butler and wife Mary Ann Moss, who came from Kentucky in 1854 and helped organize in 1865 the Mount Calvary Baptist Church, at present Richardson. Marshall and Fannie Skiles had a son Elbert Marshall Skiles born 1904, who in 1922 married Iva Pearl Rippey, and they are the parents of Robert M. Skiles.

Donna Denise Rudin nee Ward descends from Jesse Elam 1782-1854 who married Rosa Evans died 1864. They came to Dallas County in 1847, bringing son Isaac 1803-1873. In 1827 Isaac married Margaret Lanham 1812-1869, and had a son Benjamin Franklin Elam 1834-1899 who came to Dallas at age 12. Frank married (2) Catherine Jones 1849-1915 in 1872. Both died at Elam Station in Dallas County and are buried at Pleasant Mound Public Cemetery. Their son Guy Elam 1874-1943 married 1897 Rosa Ettie Minx 1880-1922. Son Hugh Allen Elam 1913-1967 married 1934 Pauline Kathryn Bridewell 1916-1981. Their daughter Carole Jean Elam born 1935, now living in Dallas, married 1955 Turner Montgomery Ward 1929-1987. They were the parents of Donna Denise. The Elam land extended from today's Lake June Road along Prairie Creek almost to the Trinity River. They gave their name to Elam Station on the Texas-New Orleans Trunk Line, and today's Elam Road. They are listed in Peters' Colony records and in the 1850 Dallas County Census.

TOM JONES IN THE NEWS: DCPA member Tom Jones recently received wide public recognition for a family snapshot he took nearly 20 years ago. At that time Tom filed the slide away and forgot about it, but not completely. Then about 1980 someone stole the George Mifflin Dallas plaque at the Dallas County Historical Plaza near Main and Market Streets, and recent efforts to replace it finally bore fruit. No one could recall what the stolen plaque looked like until Tom Jones remembered that it appeared in the snapshot he took about 1970. He found the slide and the new plaque resulted and was recently installed to replace the stolen plaque. Now you can again admire the plaque of the Vice-President for whom Dallas County was named. Dallas News Columnist Larry Powell wrote all about it in his March 25th column.

WESTERN HEIGHTS CEMETERY: The historic Western Heights Cemetery at 1600 Fort Worth Avenue in Dallas has been purchased by the Trinity Oaks Church of Christ, which has also established a Perpetual Care Fund for the cemetery. The church plans to fence the old cemetery area, so never again will it become a weed patch and a dumping ground. An Official Texas Historic Marker has been approved and will be installed at a future dedication date to be announced. Persons who have ancestors buried there should notify Juanita D. Williams, Trinity Oaks Church of Christ, 7200 S. Hampton Road, Dallas, TX 75232.

THE PROUDEST GRANDMOTHER: Miriam Cullom Parker is without a doubt one of the proudest of all grandmothers, and if you don't see her at our next meeting, ask Mary Cullum about the latest picture of Andrew Parker Howard.

CAPTAIN RODERICK ALEXANDER RAWLINS: Robert Sears has contributed some interesting history on Roderick Alexander Rawlins, born in Illinois in 1833, came to the Lancaster Area in 1844 and in 1853 married Virginia Bledsoe, who was later on the DCPA Executive Committee in 1888. Rawlins enlisted in Company F of The 6th Texas Cavalry in September 1861 and became First Sergeant. He became Captain and Company F Commander in 1862, and was in the Battles of Corinth, Holly Springs and Thompson's Station, where he was wounded. There were two Bledsoes and seven other Rawlins in his Company, and many others were also Lancaster Area neighbors.

A SALUTE TO A GREAT COMMITTEE: Few of us realize what goes on between our meeting dates, involving a few devoted members who make contact with every Dallas Area member by telephone each quarter period. This committee, headed by Nona Williams, Chairman, consists of the following callers: Mary Bowen, Louise Buhner, Martha Henderson, Marie Brady Hunter, Mary Jacobie, Aleene Jackson, Jean Riek Reilly, Jimmie McSween, Eloise Santerre, Marjorie Simpson, and Mary Sutherland. OUR SINCERE THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

NOTES FROM THE DALLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION NEWSLETTER: "A Guide for Seeing Dallas County History", a DCHC booklet, is now available at \$1.50 per copy at the DCHC Office, 100 S. Houston Street, or the Union Station Information Center, 400 S. Houston.

W. H. Adamson High School recently celebrated its 100th Anniversary. It was Central School in 1888, Oak Cliff High in 1901, and Adamson in 1936.

Early Dallas County Residents arrived here nearly 4,000 years ago. The recent excavation near the Dallas County Administration Building (old Schoolbook Depository) revealed at lower levels (back to 2,000 B.C.) several man-made spear points. Perhaps those men were transient hunters, but at least they were "Three Forks Area" residents while they were here.

COMING EVENT: "A COUNTRY JUBILEE", Saturday, May 21st, 5 P.M. til 8 P.M., Florence Ranch Homestead, 1424 Barnes Bridge Road, Mesquite, Texas. A Barbeque Dinner with all the fixings; Music by the Lightcrust Dough Boys. This benefit is sponsored by the Mesquite Historical Commission. Your \$12.50 per person will help to Preserve the Historic Past of the Mesquite Community for the Future Generations to Enjoy.

Notice: The Trinity River Navigation Company on July 19, 1894 issued ten shares of capital stock valued at \$25.00 each, under Certificate No. 206 to Gillespie & Cullum, a real estate partnership. Thus the heirs of Charles B. Gillespie and Jacob D. Cullum are notified to stand by for distribution of the earnings from this stock, whenever navigation of the Trinity River is opened.

For the newer members of the DCPA, the following is a capsuled history of the organization from early 1979. Attorney John R. Nelms established the reconstituted DCPA, inactive since 1952, and served as its president to December 1980. One Thousand Dollars was given to the essay contest winners. Dr. W. D. Baird and Lloyd Miller followed as presidents 1980-1983. Earl O. Cullum became president and the "revived" DCPA moved to Northlake Wyatt's in March 1983. William F. Jacoby followed as president, and made DCPA known throughout Dallas County. Then Edna Hart became president, and is now in her second year in that office.

John Huitt and his brother Rowland came from North Carolina to Cedar Springs in Dallas County in 1843. In 1846 John was elected the first Dallas County Sheriff. Rowland became the first Constable, and also served as Deputy Sheriff. John died in 1847 and Rowland became Sheriff to finish the two-year term in 1848. (From O'Bierne Cox history).

Dallas County Sheriff Trezvant Calhoun Hawpe was born in Georgia in 1820 and came to Texas in 1845. His home was on Hawpe Lane which is now Junius Street. He was the third elected Sheriff of Dallas County and the only one in the first 30 years to serve two full terms, from 1850 to 1854. He became Sheriff at age 30, and this period witnessed the first legal hanging in Dallas County, of a woman axe-murderer. Hawpe organized and was Colonel of the 31st Texas Confederate Cavalry Regiment, which fought in Arkansas and Missouri. Hawpe was wounded and returned to Dallas, where at age 43 he was stabbed to death in an argument, in 1863. He is buried at Pioneer Cemetery. (O'Bierne Cox history).

Dallas County Sheriff Norval Robertson Winniford, the grandson of a soldier in the American Revolution, was born in Kentucky in 1823 and came to Lancaster in 1845. He went with a wagon train to California in 1850, struck gold, and returned to Dallas in 1853. He owned a 640-acre land grant

and much more property, and during the Civil War he drove ox teams hauling cotton to Mexico. At age 44 he became Sheriff of Dallas County and served 1867 to 1870. He died of cancer in 1885 at age 62. (O'Bierne Cox history).

QUOTES FROM EARLY SETTLERS: "Ham Rattan was killed by Indians while bear hunting on Elm Fork. He was buried at Bird Fort 20 miles west of Dallas.. A treaty was held with the Indians at Grapevine Prairie in 1843....Once Indians stole 18 horses just across the Trinity River from Dallas, and disappeared into Wise County....At Cedar Springs a hired woman split a man's head open with an axe while he was asleep. It was the first murder trial, in 1853, and the first legal hanging in the county."

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES: Several new certificates are now ready for distribution. If you have not received yours, please ask Mary Cullum, Secretary, about yours.

Upon receiving your newsletter, please make your plans to attend our June 2nd Meeting. You will be glad that you did and we will be happy to see you.

Mary M. Cullum, Secretary



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