



Dallas County Pioneer Association

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NEWSLETTER

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The Hawpes

DEDICATION

This Newsletter is dedicated to the memory of George A. Hawpe, Jr., who descended from the earliest pioneers of this community, served his fellow citizens in Dallas County for many years and labored long and hard to make this Association what it is today.

The entire Dallas County Pioneer Association Membership extends its deepest sympathy to Coye and her family in the loss of their husband, father and grandfather.

We too shall miss him.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 1, 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 "Neighbor To Neighbor". Realizing the wealth of family history each of us possesses, Marcelle Hull has arranged a series of brief talks by our members, to show how each family interacted with another family. Lucille Boykin will be our moderator, and will show the location of each story on a county map. Each family should come PREPARED to participate. By keeping the stories brief, we will have time for everyone. Let's make this the best program of the year.

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.

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

SYMPATHY TO: May Ruth Griffin on the death of her son and to her daughter Betty M. Newberry.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF SPELLING: Huffines should be spelled Huffhines. Sorry it is misspelled in our new Roster.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Mrs. Clytes A. Cullar, 2623 Langdon Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75235 - Phone: 352-4571.

UNDERSTANDING POSTAL RATES: The recent directory mailings gave us a new insight into how postal rates don't work. Our little directories could be mailed First Class for 45 cents, but it would cost 90 cents under the "Book Rate" Postal Classification.

A SALUTE TO A GREAT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Past President Bill Jacoby has

made the DCPA known throughout Dallas County, by his tireless efforts, contacts, and attendance at meetings of various related organizations. He began this Public Relations work when he was President, and continues it as Committee Chairman. We all owe him a hearty "well done" for his outstanding efforts.

NEW MEMBER " Mildred Louise Collins, 1931 Ferndale, Dallas, Texas 75224, Phone: 339-9245. Welcome! Please add her to your new roster.

THE FOLLOWING DATA IS FROM NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FORMS: Mrs. Lucille Morgan Terry descends from Dr. LaBaume Elliott 1822-1901, who came from Tennessee in 1849 and married Frances Ann Burnett 1834-1884. Their daughter Minnie Belle Elliott 1856-1896 married in 1882 Howard C. Burlew 1855-1926. Their daughter Frances Mary Burlew 1886-1957 married Charles Lewis Morgan 1880-1959, and they were Lucille's parents.

Mildred Louise Collins nee Brannon descends from her great-great-great grandfather Dr. John Cole (1795-1850) who married Polly McDonald (1794-1869). He was a Virginia veteran of the War of 1812, and moved to Cedar Springs Creek in then Nacogdoches County in 1843. He bought land from William Grigsby and established a log cabin store and medical practice at Cedar Springs; and became the first Probate Judge of Dallas County. He and his wife are buried at Greenwood Cemetery. Their son Calvin Cole (1816-1854) married Elvira Ann Reeder and came in 1844. He received a 640-acre Peters Colony grant and bought much more land near Turtle Creek. Their daughter Mary Ellen Cole (1845-1928) married 1865 William Thomas Tuggle (1843-1925). Their daughter Cora Elnora Tuggle (1879-1937) married John Wesley Brannon (1873-1945). Their son William Thomas Brannon (1898-1965) married 1921 Emma Vernon (b 1898), and they became the parents of Mildred Louise.

Mary Lucile (Bergen) Cochran descends from her great grandfather Harry Valentine McGregor, a former Confederate Soldier who came from Tennessee in 1870. He was a building contractor who shipped the first five carloads of lumber to Dallas on the T&P Railroad. He erected buildings at Terrell, Lancaster and throughout the Dallas area. His daughter Zuma McGregor married at Dallas in 1884 Stonewall W. Bergen, a T&P Railroad Engineer who came from Kentucky, and they were the grandparents of Mary. She is married to B. Porter Cochran, a past vice-president of DCPA.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES: The following changes have been approved for presentation to the membership, to be voted on at the September Meeting. They are designed to eliminate the title "Associate Member" in our Association, and authorize use of the title "Descendant Member".

Article III, Sec. 1 - Last sentence pertaining to direct descendant of ancestor here before 1880 is changed to read: "shall be designated a Descendant Member".

Article III, Sec. 2 - Last sentence pertaining to person NOT a direct descendant of ancestor here before 1880 is changed to read: "shall be designated a Member". (Thus the word "associate" is eliminated).

Article IV, Sec. 9 - "Any member so qualified may use the title 'Descendant Member' as he or she desires". (Thus eliminating repeated use of that two-word title unless the member desires its use beyond it being noted on the association roster).

Article V, Sec. 1 - Fourth sentence is changed to read "Any member in good standing....". (Thus eliminating Associate Member).

The first sentence of each of the following sections is changed to read as indicated (thus eliminating the word "Associate"):

Article III, Sec. 2 - "....shall be eligible for membership provided".

Article III, Sec. 5 - "Each member in good standing including Descendant Members may vote upon all questions".

Article IV, Sec. 1 - ".... fee for all members shall be".
Article IV, Sec. 2 - "Annual dues for all members shall be".
Article IV, Sec. 3 - ".... may become a Life Member and thereby....".
Article IV, Sec. 4 - ".... may grant a Life Membership to a person
above age 70".

Article IV, Sec. 7 - ".... may become Life Members and thereby".

Article IV, Sec. 8 - "The application for membership shall be".

CONGRATULATIONS: The Dallas Genealogical Society's 1988 Book Awards winners were: Jeanne Tabb and Margaret Ann Thetford for Bishop Garrett's Journal, Texas 1875-1890 and Terence G. Walsh for James Joseph Walsh: From The Liffey to the Mississippi and Beyond. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!

A NATIONAL REGISTER LISTING: The Oak Lawn Methodist Episcopal Church South, now known as the Oak Lawn United Methodist Church, located at 3014 Oak Lawn Avenue, was entered in the National Register of Historic Places on March 16, 1988. The church is also a City of Dallas Landmark and has an Official Texas Historical Marker.

ANOTHER NEW MEMBER TO ADD TO YOUR ROSTER: David A. Vilbig, 10259 Gooding, Dallas, Texas 75229, Phone: 352-1325. Welcome aboard, David. We have seen you at several of our meetings.

EARLY DCPA MEMBERS: Although many early members appear to have lived outside the town called Dallas, the following were listed in the 1883 Dallas City Directory:

William H. Beeman, Mechanic, residence: 619 Commerce
John Henry Brown, land agent, residence: 40 Pearl Street
Nathaniel M. Burford, U.S. Commissioner, 313 Main, Res.: 1110 Akard
Charles C. Bryant, residence: 113 Ross
Arch M. Cochran, grocer, residence: 404 Griffin
Z. E. Coombes, attorney, 407 Main, Residence: 832 San Jacinto
Charles B. Gillespie, County Collector, Courthouse, Res. 103 Ross
John J. Good, attorney, Residence: 114 Good Street
Alex Harwood, residence: Swiss Avenue
Mrs. Julia Hensley, Residence: 1108 Commerce
Rev. William H. Hughes, Pastor, Methodist Church, Res. 219 Live Oak
Eliza C. Jones (c), Residence: Patterson Avenue
Richard D. Martin, carpenter
John C. McCoy, attorney, 208 Commerce, Residence: 303 Lamar
Mrs. Virginia A. Randall, Residence: Caruth Street
Henry M. Smith, clerk, Residence: McKinney Road
Oliver Thomas, Residence: McKinney Road
J. W. Webb, jeweler, 601 Main, Residence: 307 Live Oak

QUOTES FROM EARLY SETTLERS: In Judge William Ochiltree's Court, the jury gave Mrs. Dalton a divorce from her husband. That same day she married the jury foreman, Henderson Couch....The town of Dallas burned July 8, 1860. The fire started at the drugstore on the west side of the square. The whole town burned, including Alex Cockrell's three story brick building, the largest in North Texas....Tom Crutchfield built a hotel on the Northwest corner of the square. It burned several times....The first courthouse in 1844 was an 18-foot square one-room building made of post oak logs. It burned down....The first ferryboat on the Trinity was built of cottonwood logs. There was no rope, so buffalo hair was twisted into a tow rope. It was at the foot of what became Commerce Street....The first gristmill in the county was a horse-mill. It ground about 100 bushels a day. The first bushel of wheat was ground for John Cole. People brought grist from 100 miles away. Twenty-seven wagons have been waiting in line at one time. Before that people ground their own corn and wheat in mortars, hand mills or coffee mills. The Beemans built the second house in Dallas County, four miles east of Dallas. They dressed in buckskins and moccasins. Then they picked cotton

which the women used to weave and make shirts for the men. They ate wild meat and bread. They raised corn, wheat, watermelons and pumpkins. Game was plentiful. They used the "Texas Redback" money of the Republic. In November 1845 they voted for or against annexation with the U. S..... Calaway Patrick came down the trail (later McKinney Avenue) to John Neely Bryan's log cabin at the foot of later Main Street. He bought eight quarts of whiskey at 25¢ a quart from Bryan, who had 1½ barrels of whiskey, a keg of tobacco, and some lead, powder and caps which he hauled from Shreveport....M.D.L. Gracy drove a team hauling freight from Shreveport and Houston to Dallas. He charged \$5.00 per 100 pounds. He brought 6000 pounds a trip, using bois d'arc wagons with iron axles, drawn by five or six yokes of steers. Each trip took four to six weeks. (Our 1988 arithmetic shows that gave him less than \$10.00 a day for salary, living expenses, food for 10 to 12 animals, upkeep of wagon, etc.). (All from "Biographical History of Dallas County").

SICK BAY: Mary Lucile Cochran has been incapacitated with an eye problem for a few weeks. Mary, we wish you a speedy recovery. We always send our love to Jackie Jacoby. We miss you, Jackie.

We hope to see you September 1st.

Mary Cullum, Secretary



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