

Dallas County Pioneer Association

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NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 1989

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 1, 1989, 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. Program will be "Find Your Dallas County Ancestors in The Court Records at Dallas Public Library". Cindy Smolovik, Archivist, Dallas Public Library, Texas-Dallas History and Archives Division, will present the program.

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.

SPECIAL THANKS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT: To all those who worked so hard to make our April 15th, our first daytime meeting, such a success. To Marcelle Hull and Lucile Boykin for the program; Mary Cullum for the extra newsletter; Nona Williams and the telephone committee for all their extra calling; to Edna Hart and Nona Williams for "K.P." duty before and after the meeting; and to our speakers, both members and guests, who were so interesting. A very special THANKS to all the ladies who so generously baked such delicious cookies. Many thanks to these very special folks. Our only regret is that more of those of you who cannot attend the night meetings were absent. You missed an informative program and fun fellowship.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FROM ALL OF US TO: Nancy Lennon on her marriage to William D. McRae. How about getting him for a new member?

MEMBERSHIP PICNIC: Please mark your calendars for Sunday, July 16th, Picnic at Dreyfuss Club (air conditioned building), White Rock Lake, 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. Bring your own basket of food. DCPA will furnish drinks. Make your plans now for an afternoon of fun. See Map on Page 3.

SYMPATHY TO: The family of William R. Weston, Sr. on his recent death.

NEW MEMBERS: William David McGee, Jr., 4108 O'Hare Drive, Mesquite, Texas 75150, Phone: 226-1675; Patricia Story, 705 W. Grauwlyer, Irving, Texas 75061, Phone 445-0734; Mrs. Edwina Moseley Dyes, 3723 Northwest Parkway, Dallas 75225, Phone: 373-0103; Juanita Durden Williams, 3922 Sherwood Forest Drive #118E, Dallas 75220, Phone: 353-2706.

NEW HONORARY MEMBERS: Rita Barnes, 2828 Ripplewood, Dallas 75228, Phone: 328-6932; Frances James, 4322 St. Francis Ave., Dallas 75227, Phone: 381-0445.

THE FOLLOWING DATA IS FROM NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FORMS: New Associate Member William David McGee, Jr. (born 1922 of Louisiana parentage) is the husband of DCPA President Sara Jane Hibbits McGee, and is a welcome member of our little organization.

Mrs. (Frances) Edwina Moseley Dyes descends from Henry William von Aldehoff, from Germany, who arrived in Texas the day Sam Houston was inaugurated as Governor. von Aldehoff then translated Spanish Land Documents for Gail Borden's General Land Office. He arrived in Dallas in 1873, taught at the Dallas Male and Female College, Rush High School, and tutored future West Point cadets. He married Rowena Jane Sevier. She died in 1893 and he in 1901, and both are buried at Greenwood Cemetery. Their daughter Florence Caroline Aldehoff (1849-1876) married Thomas Augustus Hurt (1846-1878). Their daughter Florence Augusta Hurt (1873-1965) married Frederick Trabue Moseley (1868-1960)

Their son Ewing Sevier Moseley (1895-1977) married Beatrice Mae Bartley (1897-1986), and they were the parents of New Member Edwina, who married Alvin Berry Dyes.

Juanita Durden Williams descends from Dr. John Cole (1795-1850) and his wife Mary Margaret "Polly" McDonald (1794-1869). They came from Virginia, were in the 1830 Texas Census, and settled the town of Cedar Springs in 1843. Later they lived in the Armstrong-Preston area, and are buried at Greenwood Cemetery. Dr. Cole was in the War of 1812, was the first doctor in what would become Dallas County, and was its first Probate Judge. Their son Calvin Greene Cole (1816-1854) married Elvira Ann Reeder, and their daughter Mary Ellen Cole (1845-1925) was born in Nacogdoches County of the Republic of Texas, the first reported white female born in what would become Dallas County. Mary Ellen married William Thomas Tuggle (1843-1928) and both are buried at Western Heights Cemetery. Their son Dee Wilton Tuggle (1874-1929) married Ella Ciona Kathryn Wade (1887-1961); and they had Esther Alvina Tuggle (1908-1961) who married Ed Durden (1903-1962). They were the parents of our New Member Juanita.

New Member Family Backgrounds have been condensed in DCPA Newsletters since early 1987, but many earlier members have never had theirs published. To provide a backlog of data for those to be printed as space permits in the future, Members and Associate Members are requested to complete one of the new 8 1/2 x 11 Application Forms (much easier to condense for newsletter). Mark it "Existing Member - New Data Sheet" and furnish it to the DCPA Secretary. Forms will be available at the next meeting.

AHAB BOWEN: (1807-1900) was born in Tennessee, descended from Moses Bowen who came from Wales to Pennsylvania in 1698. Ahab's father John Bowen married Sarah Bean, whose father William Bean (1745-1825) built historic Bean's Station in Eastern Tennessee in 1764, and was a Revolutionary War Militia Captain.

Ahab married Mary Lyon Easley (1812-89) and moved to Missouri in 1837. There his hotel became the first stop of the Butterfield Stagecoach run to San Francisco. His three sons served in the Confederate Army, and Ahab and his family had to flee Missouri during the war. They went to Arkansas, Indian Territory (Oklahoma) and finally to Dallas County, arriving in 1863. Later Ahab owned a grocery store on the town square in Dallas, and land which included present Bowen Street south of Turtle Creek. Ahab and his wife are buried at Greenwood Cemetery, and many descendants live in Texas and Oklahoma. Their daughter Sarah married W.C.C. Akard, and lived on Akard Street at the site of the later Federal Reserve Bank Building.

ONE OPINION: This little organization is now entering its second decade, due solely to its members enjoying meeting together and hearing interesting speakers. We may not all fully agree with every speaker's remarks or opinions, but we have the courtesy to listen to what they say. Quite naturally we insist that our guests do likewise.

Each of us believes our grandpa was the greatest, but we also realize he acted within the thinking of his day, not ours. Thus he thought it right to hang a person, or to send men into battle advancing in neat lines, to be slaughtered by entrenched cannon and musket fire, a la Gettysburg.

We still haven't learned to avoid wars or deaths in battle, but even facing better weapons, our generation has had better chances to survive, so we have made progress, and we admire grandpa for many things, but also are understanding of the few. Contributed by Earl O. Cullum.

MARCELLE HULL: General John Eisenhower recently returned to the Library of the University of Texas at Arlington to thank Marcelle Hull and to give her an autographed copy of his new book on the Mexican War. He did a lot of research at that library for the book, and of course Marcelle was the best person he could find to assist him in that work. CONGRATULATIONS, MARCELLE!

MEMBERSHIP PICNIC

Sunday, July 16, 1989, 1:00 to 5:00
P.M. Dreyfuss Club, White Rock Lake. Bring
food - DCPA will furnish drinks.

From Buckner Blvd. Southwest on Lake
Highlands about a block. Jog left past
Dreyfuss Club sign. Then you can't
miss it!

CORRECTION: There was an error made on
the slips of paper handed out at last meeting
on the Texas Flag Pledge. It should read as
follows: HONOR THE TEXAS FLAG. I PLEDGE
ALLEGIANCE TO THEE. TEXAS, ONE AND INDIVISIBLE.

SICK BAY: Coye Hawpe, John Emerson Collins
Russell Surles and Jackie Jacoby. Keep these
loved ones in your prayers. Please keep us
advised of any illnesses.

SYMPATHY TO: Family of Nancy Cockrell O'Reilly who passed away April
11, 1989, in Glenview, Illinois. The DCPA membership also extends sympathy
to the family of Mrs. Adelene McNab McMahon, who died recently at Malakoff,
Texas. She descended from Obadiah Knight, one of the early settlers of
Dallas County; and from Gabriel A. Knight, one of the charter members of
Oak Lawn United Methodist Church.

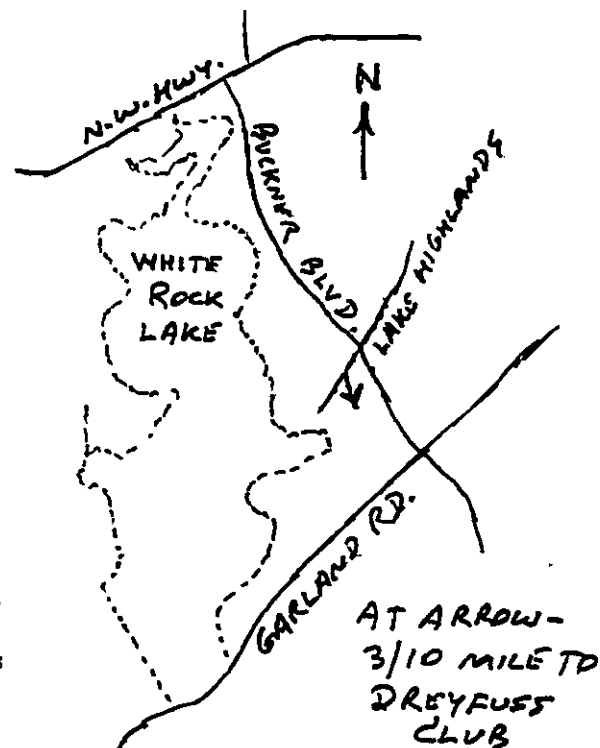
EARLY DATA: Early Dallas County history as recorded by John Henry Brown
and John H. Cochran began in 1837 when Lieutenant Van Benthuyssen's Army
Detachment camped by a creek with many turtles, and named it Turtle Creek.
Then in 1840 Colonel William G. Cooke began surveying a military road from
Austin through the Three Forks area to Fort English and on to the Red River.
Also in 1840 Major Jonathan Bird built a fort to the west, but did not
occupy it.

In late 1841 John Neely Bryan camped on a bluff overlooking the Trinity
River, and in early 1842 built a cabin there. John Beeman and Captain Mabel
Gilbert brought their families from Bird's Fort to join Bryan, and thus a
village was born, to be called Dallas. The Peters' Colony Grant had opened
to the north, in what was then Nacogdoches County of the Republic of Texas.
West of the Trinity River lay Robertson County.

The Webb, Cox, Keenan and Witt families came in 1842; Cochran, Cole, McCommas
and Glovers in 1843; Harwood, Rawlins, Jenkins and Camerons in 1844; and
many more in 1845. Then Texas became a state, and Dallas County was created
in 1846. An election in 1850 made the town called Dallas the County Seat, by
an "overwhelming" majority of just 13 votes over Hord's Ridge across the
river.

Major John Henry Brown (1820-1895) was a Texas Ranger and Indian Fighter,
and a Confederate Officer (preferring that rank of Major instead of Militia
Colonel). He came to Dallas in 1871, and was Herald Editor, Dallas Mayor and
Texas Legislator. He wrote his "History of Dallas County" in 1887. John H.
Cochran (1838-1928) published his history in 1928. He came here as a child
in 1843, and later served as a Private in the Confederate 6th Texas Cavalry.
He was a Texas Ranger, Dallas Postmaster, Texas Legislator and Speaker of the
House.

In 1846 Dallas County Officials included District Judge William B.
Ochiltree; Chief Justice John Thomas; Probate Judge Dr. John Cole; Justice
James J. Beeman; Sheriff John Huitt; District Clerk John C. McCoy; County
Clerk William M. Cochran; Assessor Benjamin Merrill; and Coroner Anson



McCrackin. The first will recorded in Dallas County was that of J.A. Simmons', on July 23, 1846. The first sale recorded was on August 9, of a Negro woman named Jane, sold to John Young. The first land patent was to Samuel Monroe Hyde on September 1, for 640 acres on White Rock Creek. The first land sale was by John Neely Bryan and wife Margaret on November 20, for two lots in the town of Dallas to Henry Harter.

Upon receiving your newsletter, please make your plans to attend the June 1st Meeting. We feel that you will be glad you came and we will be happy to see you.

Mary M. Cullum, Secretary



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