



Dallas County Pioneer Association

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NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 1990

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 7, 1990, 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 speaker at our June 7th meeting will be Rick Bibby, the artist preparing the tile map showing the early Peter's Colony landscape, settlements and trails in today's Irving Historic District Area. This will highlight the new Irving Transit Facility, and will make an educational and cultural contribution to that part of 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. 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 66 registered members and guests at our March 1st Meeting, and a few always seem to miss getting registered due to late arrival. PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER. Your support is needed and again urge you to attend as many meetings as you possibly can. 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 GREAT GROUP!

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SYMPATHY TO: The DCPA members extend sympathy to the family of MARY NELL CULLUM CLAMPITT, who died April 6th after a lengthy illness. She was a charter member of the DCPA, but could not attend due to a stroke she suffered years ago, but despite that handicap she remained a strong supporter of this and similar organizations. She was the daughter of T.M.Cullum, who came to Texas as a small child with his father Rev. M.H.Cullum in 1873. He was a Dallas City Councilman, Rotary Club President, Oak Lawn Methodist Church leader, and founder of Cullum & Boren Company, pioneer southwest sporting goods business. Together with her husband Maxwell Clampitt, Mary Nell established the Clampitt Paper Company, still a leader in the southwest business world. She was a graduate of North Dallas High School and the SMU Law School, and a dedicated historian and preservationist, largely responsible for saving the famous Magnolia Building and its historic Flying Red Horse. She has been honored by the Junior League, Texas Historic Commission, Dallas Heritage Association and Southern Methodist University. We have been honored to have her as a member of the DCPA.

NEW MEMBERS: Alexander (Alex) Burr, Jr., 11015 Ferndale Road, Dallas 75238, Phone: 341-0955; Lonnie Morrow, 2705 Walnut Street, Garland, Texas 75042, Phone: 276-4524; Mary Allene Jones, 7929 Royal Lane #107, Dallas 75230, Phone: 691-3854; Graham Landrum, 2115 Edgemont, Bristol, Tennessee 37620; Mahala Cullum, 1905 Meadowcreek, Plano, Texas 75074, Phone: 881-9169; Louise Hughes Bocquin, 6326 Rincon Way, Dallas 75214, Phone: 373-7907.

Past Presidents

Col. John C. McCoy	1875	Col. Epps G. Knight	1910	Dr. William B. Baird	1980	William F. Jacoby Jr.	1984
Maj. John H. Brown	1887	Col. Murrell E. Buckner	1943	Eloyd Miller	1981	Edna J. Hart	1986
Capt. E. Alex Rawlins	1895	John R. Nelms	1979	Col. Earl G. Cullum	1983	Sara H. McGee	1988

THE FOLLOWING DATA IS FROM NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FORMS: Alexander (Alex) Burr, Jr. of Dallas is a retired banker and the widowed father of four children. He is the son of Alexander Burr, Sr. (1875-1954) and his wife Bessie Cammack (1876-1928); and grandson of Ammon Burr (1829-1879) and wife Phebe Elizabeth Beaumont (b. 1855). Both were born in Mississippi, lived on "Burr's Lane" in New Orleans, and came to Dallas in 1873. Here Ammon Burr operated the early "Dallas Nurseries".

Mary Allene Jones nee Ingram descends from Benjamin Franklin Frost (1800-1883). who came to Texas in 1846 and occupied a land grant on present Shiloh Road. He is buried at Big Spring Cemetery in Dallas County. His daughter Martha Ann Frost (1833-1916) came with him, and was married in Dallas County in 1854 to William Sasche (1820-1899), buried at Sasche Cemetery in Dallas County.

William Sasche came from Prussia to the Republic of Texas in 1845, and owned over 5,000 acres of land around the present town of Sasche in Northern Dallas County. Their daughter Missouri Ann Sasche (1863-1942) married in 1878 William Worley Ingram (1857-1934). Their son Francis Marion Ingram (1901-1971) married in 1921 Kibbie Iona Herring, born in 1903, and they are the parents of our new member, who is also a member of the Sasche ("Saxey") Historical Society. The story of this family has already been submitted for "Proud Heritage, Volume II".

Janecia June LaRoe nee Bell, of Garland, descends from Baxter Manton Bell (1823-1880) and his wife Louisa Spurgin (1829-1875). They came from Tennessee and purchased 330 acres for \$990.00 in gold, in Dallas County in 1870. He was a cabinetmaker and had a mule-powered gin on the waters of Duck Creek. Their son William Baxter Bell (1864-1959), a farmer on the same land, was married to Mary Green Blankenship (1867-1934). Their son Luther Kemp Bell (1902-1974), a Garland native, was married to Mallie E. Anderhub (b. 1904). Their daughter, our newest member, was born at McKinney but lived most of her life in Dallas County. She is a retired nurse, married to Eben W. LaRoe, and has a son and a daughter, both grown and married. Janecia is also a member of the Mesquite Genealogical Society.

Louise Hughes Bocquin, descended from one of the early pioneer families of Dallas County, has finally made official her membership in DCPA. Her great-grandparents William and Ally Carr Hughes came from Tennessee to Peters Colony in the Republic of Texas in 1844, and their six daughters and their husbands spread over much of what became the north part of Dallas County. Daughter Mary married Isaac Webb and established Webb's Chapel. Nancy Jane married William M. Cochran, and as a widow established Cochran's Chapel and raised a family that became prominent in Dallas and Texas. Sarah married Tom Williams who owned much of what became the Oak Lawn Area. Amanda married George Record for whom Record's Crossing was named. Serena married Obadiah Knight who farmed on what is now Inwood Road, and whose large family was prominent in Dallas area history. Daughter Margaret married John Bachman, for whom Bachman Lake was named. Love Field was laid out on land bought from the Bachmans and Cochrans.

These six sisters had a younger brother William Holmes Hughes (1828-1916), a Methodist preacher who came in 1850 and was Presiding Elder of the Dallas District before the Civil War. This grandfather of Louise H. Bocquin married in 1849 Zuleika Ruth Kittrell (1828-1901). They lived at 2911 Oak Lawn Avenue and had a front-yard croquet court which attracted great Dallas historic names such as Robert S. Hyer, first President of SMU, and cousin Epps G. Knight, longtime DCPA president. When Rev. Uncle Buck" Hughes died, his funeral overflowed the new brick building at nearby Oak Lawn Methodist Church. He and his wife are buried at Greenwood Cemetery.

Their son William Reddick Hughes (1850-1942) came to Dallas County as an infant, and in later years continued the front yard croquet sessions.

He married in 1887 Isabel Davis Gilbert Linthicum (1862-1921) and they too raised a family prominent in Dallas Area history. Will and Isabel are buried at Oakland Cemetery. Some of our DCPA members admired Louise as a pretty young lady, and admire her even more today as a lovely lady and one of our newest DCPA members. Her father, grandfather and great-grandfather were all here by 1850.

New member Graham G. Landrum, who teaches at King's College in Bristol, Tennessee, descends from Andrew Jackson May (1818-1865) and his wife Mary Ann White May (1823-1908) who came to Dallas in 1852 and owned a large farm north of Dallas. Their home overlooking Turtle Creek near present Reverchon Park burned about 1865, and a smaller home replaced it. A. J. May had attended the McKenzie Institute at Clarksville, Texas. He died of pneumonia contracted while serving in the Confederate Army at age 47. Mary A. May was a charter member of Oak Lawn Methodist Church in Dallas in 1874, and later lived on Swiss Avenue. Both are buried at Masonic Cemetery. Their son Davis White May (1861-1945) married Hattie Medora Hawkins (1866-1958). Their daughter Anna Belle May (1889-1973) married Lynn W. Landrum (1891-1961), a widely-read writer for the Dallas Morning News for many years, and the father of our new member, a Dallas native.

New Member: Mahala Ann Cullum of Plano is a Fannin County Native, recently married into the Cullum Family and thus expected to spend all her spare time working on Pioneer Association assignments.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: DCPA member Marjori Sharp, editor of the Dallas County Historical Commission "County Chronicle" newsletter, who has been nominated for the Texas Historical Commission's "Outstanding Committee Chairman Award". She is the great-granddaughter of Ishom Bell Browder, for whom Browder Springs was named. Thus at the site of the Cedars and the first Browder home, she has been a volunteer at Old City Park for 14 years. She is also active in the Heritage Society, Historic Preservation League and Dallas Historical Society.

DUCK CREEK IN THE NEWS: For years in early Dallas County, the Duck Creek Community was well known; then after it was named Garland, the name Duck Creek was little used outside the immediate area. Then on April 16th, a storm and flooding hit the area, and the name Duck Creek flashed across TV screens and the newspapers. The DCPA extends sympathy to all affected by the Duck Creek flooding.

ANNOUNCEMENT: At the June Meeting Steve Butler will tell you briefly about his recent article on Dallas County's veterans of the war with Mexico.

CONGRATULATIONS: The Dallas Pioneer Association congratulates Woodrow Wilson High School, which recently celebrated its 61st Birthday and its new designation as a Texas Historic Landmark. It was built in 1928 as the 7th high school in Dallas. It has had 24,000 graduates, including 14 members newly inducted into the school's Hall of Fame. It is the only high school in the United States to have produced two Heisman Trophy winners - David O'Brien of TCU in 1938 and Tim Brown of Notre Dame in 1988.

CEMETERY NEWS: DCPA member Elizabeth Hittson and husband Jack are working to clean up the abandoned Millwood Cemetery in nearby Collin County. Anyone with an extra rake and interest in outdoor exercise will be welcome.

The annual gospel music picnic at Old Oak Cliff Cemetery May 20th featured speakers A. C. Greene, Dr. Mamie McKnight, Judge Newton Fitzhugh and David Perry. Sponsored by The Dallas Historic Preservation League, according to a Margaret Ann Thetford Column. This cemetery, at 1300 E. 8th Street, was once known as the William Beatty Cemetery, and contains the oldest known marked grave in Dallas County.

NEWS BIT: Murrell L. Buckner, General Supt. of the Union Terminal Company, made a talk to the Dallas Rotary Club on August 9, 1917, on "The New Six Million Dollar Dallas Union Station".

PLEASE NOTE: The new Rosters will be available at our June 7th Meeting.
Please make your plans to pick up your copy.

SICK BAY: We are happy that Jackie Jacoby is doing better and riding with Bill on some of his errands. Past President Earl O. Cullum and DCPA member Martha Henderson are both recuperating nicely from recent surgery.

WELCOME TO: Our speaker's wife and parents, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bibby.

REMEMBER TO: Report to the Secretary any news items that you wish to have printed in our Newsletters; any change of addresses, telephone numbers, illnesses, etc. We do not wish to overlook anyone.

We are looking forward to seeing you on June 7th.

Mary M. Cullum
Secretary



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