



Dallas County Pioneer Association

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NEWSLETTER
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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 6, 1990, Wyatt's Cafeteria, Northlake Shopping Center, Northwest Highway at Ferndale. Eat 6:00 P.M. EATING ARRANGEMENTS AS IN THE PAST: Go through cafeteria line for your food, pay for what you select, stamp your ticket (this has been requested), pay cashier and sign attendance register when stamping food ticket. Program begins at 7:00.

Our program will be presented by Mrs. Vivian Castleberry, Womens Editor of the Dallas Times Herald for 28 years. Her general theme will feature "History of Dallas County as told and lived through voices of women." She retired in 1984 and has been writing. She has made three trips to the Soviet Union as a grass roots citizen. In 1988 she Chaired the International Womens Peace Conference at S.M.U. for one week. This conference drew one thousand delegates from 62 countries. She is a native East Texan, graduate of S.M.U. where she was editor of the student newspaper, named an S.M.U. Distinguished Alumnus, and inducted into The Texas Woman's Hall of Fame in 1984. This fascinating lady has been given so many honors, that it would be impossible to list them in this limited space. She is the mother of five grown daughters and has ten grandchildren. She and her husband now reside in Chandler, Texas.

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING NAMES IN YOUR NEW ROSTER: 1. Cammack, Robert B. & Glenda Sutherland, 1117 Kenshire Lane, Richardson, Texas 75081, Phone 644-3004; 2. Howell, Dr. Roy P. & Mrs. Joan D., 3518 Armstrong Blvd, 75205, Phone: 528-6532; 3. Lusk, Fred, 1435 Cardinal Creek, Duncanville, Texas 75137, Phone: 296-5008; and 4. Ward, Carole Jean (Elam), 3826 Falls Drive, Dallas 75211, Phone: 337-7674

Article IV, Sec. 2 of Constitution and By-Laws reads as follows:
"Annual dues shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) and shall be assessed for the calendar year. Dues notices shall be distributed not later than the first week of December each year, and dues shall be delinquent if not paid by the first week of the following March. Honorary members shall pay no dues." This was published in DCPA Newsletter for December 4, 1986. This was voted on and approved by the General Body of DCPA. Dues need to be paid on time so that the Secretary can begin typing on new roster by middle of March.

CORRECTION CHANGE IN NEW ROSTER: Telephone/Transportation Committee Chairman should be Edwina Dyes instead of Nona Williams.

TELEPHONE CHANGE: Dr. Mabel E. Maxcy, 2215 N. Locust Street, Denton, Texas 76201, New Phone NO. (817) 382-2078.

ADDRESS CHANGE: B. Porter Cochran, 3223 Whispering Oak, Phone: 241-8679 (New)

SYMPATHY TO: Martha C. Henderson & Family on the death of her 101 year old mother June 15, 1990, and to the family of Edward Charles Riek on his recent death in California.

NEW MEMBERS: Linda Vilbig Allen, 4418 Sexton Lane, Dallas 75229, Phone: 352-7269; Lloyd D. Bockstruck, 3955-C Buena Vista, Dallas 75204, Phone: 522-1302; Pat B. Randolph (Mrs.), 9898 Hollow Way, Dallas 75220, Phone: 369-6925; Mark C. Mueller, 7310 Brennans, Dallas, 75214, Phone: 821-5801. A WARM WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS!

"PROUD HERITAGE VOLUME II": The Association acknowledges additional

Past Presidents

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

submissions William Caruth, T. A. Cullum, D. M. Hooe, J. F. Merrifield, T. E. Nix and P. J. Offutt. This brings to 32 the submissions received.

THE FOLLOWING DATA IS FROM NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FORM: Linda Vilbig Allen descends from Amon McCommas (b 1804 Ky) and his wife Mary Brumfield (b 1805 VA), who came from Missouri in 1844 and settled five miles northeast of John Neely Bryan's cabin, the sixth family to settle in Dallas. Amon was a farmer and minister, and preached the first sermon in Dallas. He was one of the first County Commissioners and Judges. He was President of the first Dallas Fair, and was a charter member of the Dallas County Pioneer Association in 1875. Both Amon and Mary died in 1877, and are buried in Cox Cemetery. Their son Elisha McCommas (b 1830 Ohio) in 1850 married Rhoda Ann Tucker (b 1835 Mo.). Their son Wallace Elisha McCommas (b 1869 TX.) married Julia Lillian McDaniel (b 1874) of the Scyene Community. During his lifetime Wallace spelled the name McComas. Their daughter Doris Margaret McCommas married Charles A. Vilbig, and had a son William A. M. Vilbig. He married Lynne Bothwell and they became the parents of our member Linda, who is also a member of The Dallas County Genealogical Society.

Mrs. Pat B. Randolph is a longtime Dallas resident with a keen interest in Area History, and has become a DCPA Member because she likes the group and its programs. She is a writer and a member of the Historic Preservation League and the Dallas County Historic Commission. We are delighted to have her as a member.

New Member MARK C. MUELLER, a Dallas Attorney, is a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Dallas County Historical Society. He descends from Augustus Mueller (1842-1908) and wife Lena Schulthess, who came from Switzerland to Illinois where he was an organ builder. They came to Dallas and bought land on present Ross Avenue, and he was a successful contractor and builder. Both are buried at Greenwood Cemetery. Their son August Conrad Mueller (1876-1937) married Freida Moser (1883-1917). She was the daughter of Christian Moser (1845-1893) and his wife Anna Buhner (1857-1938), both born in Switzerland. He operated a Dallas dairy farm at present Ross and Henderson. Herman August Mueller (1905-1989), son of August Conrad and father of new member Mark C. Mueller, married Hazel Dean Hatzenbuehler (1913-1970). She was the daughter of George Washington Hatzenbuehler (1875-1957) and wife Nannie Lou Hawpe (1877-1945), both buried in Grove Hill Cemetery. Nannie Lou was the daughter of George T. Hawpe (1852-1914) and wife Laura Sybert. George was the son of Trezevant G. Hawpe (1823-1863) and his wife Electa Ann Underwood Bethurum (1820-1876). They came in 1848 and Hawpe was Dallas County Sheriff (1850-1854). They are buried in Masonic Cemetery in Dallas.

DEDICATION OF HISTORICAL MARKER: The City of Richardson will receive the State Historical Marker on October 7, 1990. The celebration will be from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. at the Civic Center, Fountain Plaza, Richardson, Texas. Our congratulations to you on this special event.

SICK BAY: Leon James (husband of our member Frances James) has had open heart surgery and doing well. Mary Cullum Nash has had eye surgery recently and will have knee surgery on August 28th. We wish for them, and any others who have illness, a speedy recovery.

SOME INTERESTING DALLAS AREA RESIDENTS OF THE PAST: NICHOLAS HENRY DARNELL was a Tennessee legislator who came to Texas in 1838 and served as House Speaker of the Republic's Congress. He settled in Dallas in 1858, and served as Colonel Commanding the Confederate 18th Texas Cavalry Regiment during the Civil War. He later served in the State Legislature, died at age 78, and is buried in Masonic Cemetery in Dallas.

NATHANIEL MACON BURFORD of Tennessee was a lawyer who came to Dallas in 1848 and served as District Attorney and District Judge. He drafted the new city charter in 1856, then was Colonel Commanding the Confederate 19th Texas

Calvary Regiment in the Civil War. Later he was Speaker of the Texas Legislature, District Judge, and U.S. Commissioner. He died after 1879.

JOHN JAY GOOD of Mississippi came to Dallas in 1851. In the Peters Colony Rebellion of 1852, called the "Hedgcoxe War", a mass meeting of settlers was held at Dallas to protest new Texas legislation and resulting land claims procedures enforced by Land Agent Henry O. Hedgcoxe. One Hundred armed men were chosen from the group with J. J. Good as Captain, to go north and stop Hedgcoxe. He fled to Bonham, and the men seized his papers and brought them to the County Court Clerk at Dallas, but committed no violence. At its next session the Legislature passed a compromise bill. During the Civil War Good was a Confederate Captain in command of a Confederate Artillery Battery known as the "Dallas Light Artillery". He was wounded at Elkhorn Tavern; then became a Colonel and Presiding Judge of Confederate Military Courts in Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. After the war he became a District Judge, but was removed by Gen. Philip H. Sheridan's Reconstruction policy. Good then practiced law, became Dallas Mayor in 1880, and died in 1882 at age 55. He is buried at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Dallas.

RICHARD MONTGOMERY GANO of Kentucky was a Medical Doctor who came to Texas, fought Indians, and served in the Legislature. He became a Confederate Brigadier General and later a Church Minister. He died in Dallas at age 83 and is buried here.

B. WARREN STONE during the Civil War was a Colonel Commanding the Confederate 6th Texas Calvary Regiment, organized at Dallas in 1861. It fought in Indian Territory, Arkansas and Mississippi as part of Brigadier General Lawrence Sullivan "Sul" Ross' Cavalry Brigade. Ross was later the longtime President of Texas A&M College.

TREZEVANT HAWPE during the Civil War was a Colonel Commanding the 31st Texas Cavalry Regiment which fought in Arkansas, Missouri, Indian Territory and the Red River Campaign.

WILLIAM LEWIS CABELL of Virginia was a West Point graduate and a Confederate Cavalry Brigadier General who helped design the Confederate Battle Flag. He was captured and finished the war in a Yankee Prison Camp. He then became a lawyer in Arkansas and came to Dallas in 1872. Here he was a 4-term Mayor, U. S. Marshal for four years, and Vice-President of the Southern Pacific Railroad. He died at age 84 and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

"BACHMAN CREEK": A mini-history of the Dallas area still exists along Bachman Creek, in a rustic area bounded by Midway Road, Lovers Lane, Lemmon Avenue and Northwest Highway in North Dallas. Here, set between historic Cochran Chapel Methodist Church, a great modern airfield dating back to the "Jennies" of World War I, Bachman Lake which once supplied all the Dallas water needs, and a bluff and hill set with comfortable wooded homesites, can be seen a meandering little creek which has on a few past occasions become a fearsome raging flood torrent.

Many years ago wandering Indian hunting parties camped along what we today call Bachman Creek. Wildlife teemed there, and even today squirrels and raccoons flourish throughout the area. Beautiful old trees still dominate, and a picnic grounds and around-the-lake walkway welcome visitors. There is even a great old tree described by earlier residents as a one-time "hanging" tree. Bluff View was once a favorite site for viewing the scenic land to the north, and even a trysting place for young and perhaps older lovers. Here the creek through countless generations has cut into the hillside to create the abrupt bluff, still changed little in the memories of today's Dallas County residents. Nearby Cochran Chapel and the old Midway Road to the north remind us of Nancy Jane Cochran, the gallant pioneer widow whose Hughes sister was part of the Bachman family on a nearby farm.

During the 1920's a younger Oak Lawn resident enjoyed spending a day with his family in the woods beside lazy Bachman Creek. His children played

in the clear water and built little rock dams to deepen the shallow pools. The Boy Scouts of Troup 22 often camped here, but these occasional visitors did nothing to change the rustic scenery of the beautiful area.

Earl W. Cullum continued to love Bachman Creek, and in later years built many beautiful homes along its banks, on Shorecrest Drive between Midway Road and Lemmon Avenue. His daughter Elizabeth and son-in-law Herman Lee Downing also lived here, and their children and grandchildren also played along the creek banks. Now the water isn't as clear as it once was, but a new fifth generation of this family is still enjoying visiting Bachman Creek.

We will never know how many generations of Indians enjoyed this area before the settlers came, and we should know more about the early residents here, but we rejoice in the happiness this one family has found in this little area, still lovely even though now completely surrounded by a great city.

Please make your plans now to attend our September 6th meeting. You will be glad that you did. We hope you have had a good summer.

Mary M. Cullum, Secretary

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