



Dallas County Pioneer Association

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MEETING PLACE CHANGE !

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NOTE CHANGE!!!!!! - NEXT MEETING: The Dallas County Pioneer Association will hold its next meeting 5 December 1991 at Wyatt's FOREST LANE CAFETERIA at 3630 FOREST LANE at MARSH. Eat 6:00 P.M., get ticket stamped DCPA, pay cashier, and sign attendance register. Program begins 7:00 P.M.

PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER MEETING will be a musical presentation by Larry McCommas and Company featuring Christmas songs and selections from turn-of-the century music.

VISITORS: Visitors are always welcome to our meetings which are held the first Thursday in MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER and DECEMBER.

The September meeting was called to order by President Mattie Hughes. The invocation was given by David McGee, followed by Pledges of Allegiance to the flags of the United States and Texas.

There were approximately 75 present at our last meeting with 14 registered visitors: Visitors were asked to introduce themselves: Paul Stallings, Fred Longmore, Bill Pulte, Alexander M. Troup, James C. Conner, Billy Turner, Johnny Rogers, Don Kagay, Katheryn Loupot Lee, Bill Morgan, George & Dorothy Berger, Brenda Wharton, and our speaker Dr. Mamie McKnight. Please come again.

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES will be mailed to those new members not present at the meeting.

The president recognized and thanked Mary Sutherland and her co-workers for reminding the membership of our meeting following the Labor Day Holiday.

Vice-President Edwina Dyes and Marie Brady Hunter attended a luncheon at Fair Park sponsored by the Dallas Historical Society where a time capsule is being prepared for burial to be opened in the future.

DCPA was represented at the dedication of the Sarah Horton Cockrell Children's Store at Old City Park by Mattie Hughes, Edna Hart, John Winniford, Nona Williams, and Marjori Sharp. Barney Jones, and Mackie Cockrell Dealey are both descendants of Mrs. Cockrell. Honorary Member Lindalyn Adams introduced the speaker and numerous children who were descendants of Sarah.

Sarah Horton Cockrell is considered to be the first female entrepreneur in Dallas. She owned property, a hotel, and operated the first toll bridge and ferry across the Trinity River after her husband was shot and killed.

The Children's Store is housed in a refurbished bungalow, formerly a guesthouse, or servant's quarters, of 1911 vintage, and sells toys, dolls, candies, etc. popular at the turn-of-the century.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The president announced the appointment of the Nominating Committee for the coming year: Sarah Jane McGee, Chairman, Terence Walsh, and Marie Brady Hunter.

The following slate of officers have been nominated for the coming year and will be voted upon at the December meeting.

President - Mattie Hughes, Vice-President - Nancy L. McRae,
Treasurer - John C. Winniford, Secretary - Nona Williams
Historian - Frances James.

COVENANTS ON THE PRAIRIE: Bill Morgan, artist and writer, has compiled a 1992 calendar depicting 12 historic churches in the Dallas area with a history of each. The calendar is a wall-hanging variety and suitable for gift-giving. It may be obtained at the churches depicted and at some Dallas-area bookstores. Churches shown are: Grace United Methodist, Gaston Avenue Baptist, First Church of Christ, Scientist, St. Paul Methodist, First Baptist, Wheatland United Methodist, St. Matthew's Episcopal, Roman Catholic Cathedral Santuario de Guadalupe, First Presbyterian - all in Dallas, and Sacred Heart Catholic in Rowlett, First Presbyterian in Lancaster, and First United Methodist in Cedar Hill.

Virginia Stallings called our attention to the recently published book, **HIDDEN CITY**, a book on Oak Cliff focusing on old families and houses, which should be of interest to several of our members who have roots in that area.

One of our guests, Brenda Wharton, asked if any of us have information on the **MILLER FERRY CROSSING** in far South Dallas. She is researching the Miller-Overton families of that area.

Frances James, Historian, who says she is called "the cemetery lady", made several informative announcements of on-going activities at various cemeteries including the return and replacement of a 14-year old tombstone that had been removed from the grave of a Coit baby. Research is also being done on the Fugat Cemetery at NAS Grand Prairie.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: Frances James introduced our speaker Dr. Mamie McKnight, who spoke on Education in Dallas, Past and Present, a timely topic. Dr. McKnight is a well-known Dallas educator and historian. She attended North Texas State and holds joint degrees

in mathematics and science. She also studied at U. T. Austin and received her doctorate in counseling from the University of Wisconsin. She currently is Facilities Program Director on the Chancellor's staff of the Dallas Community College District. She has been project director of two books on Black Dallas, and is working on the third.

CHANGES TO ROSTER - Please change address of Lindalyn Adams to 4440 Westway Ave., Dallas 75205-4631 & Tel. 521-0689.

M/M Alfred S. Jackson, 323 Panhandle St., Canadian, TX 79014-2527.

Mary Allene Jones' new address is #10 Carmarthen Ct., Dallas, TX 75225-2457.

Please add the following new members to the roster:

James C. Conner, Rt. 2, Box 94A, Anna, TX 75409-9802.

Betty Troutman (Mrs. Geo. H.), 619 Clear Cove Dr., Granite Shoals, TX 78654-2612.

Sam V. Akins, 1408 Glenbrook, Irving, TX 75061-4504.

NEW MEMBER PROFILES: New member, Mrs. Louie-Payne Currie Dyer, descends from Col. John Wade Payne, "Citizen of the Republic" and his first wife, Nancy McCanse, who were married in Dallas in 1854. Their daughter, Lula Payne, married 1879 in Dallas, Thomas Benjamin Salmons, whose parents, J. M. and Susan Gardner Salmons, had arrived in the 1860's in a wagon train from Missouri. Louie Gardner Salmons, daughter of Thomas Benj. and Lula Payne Salmons, married John Wilbur Currie and had Louie-Payne Currie.

SHANNON L. BOWLING & MARILYN MILLER both descend from Marvin V. Miller and Louisa J. Hinman who came to Dallas between 1891-94. Their son, Isaac Nelson Miller, Jr. married 1895 in Dallas County to Jessie Pearl Montgomery. She is buried in Garland. Their son, Robert Nelson Miller married Lillie Jean Pirkle. Both buried Restland Cemetery.

WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS JAMES C. CONNER OF ANNA, TX.; MRS. BETTY TROUTMAN OF GRANITE SHOALS, TX.; and SAM V. AKINS OF IRVING.

JAMES C. CONNER descends from John A. Conner b. 1830 Henry Co. KY., married Agnes A. McIntyre and patented land in Dallas Co. in 1856. He d. 1891 in Dallas. She d. 1920 Dallas. Wm. O. Conner, b. 1869 Ill., son of James A., d. 1934 Dallas. He married Phoebe A. Packwood, b. 1889 Dallas and is buried Pleasant Mound Cem. Their son, Wm. H. Conner, b. 1890 Dallas, married Pearl E. Curry, b. 1892 Dallas. She d. 1938 Dallas. Their son, James Wm. Conner, b. 1917 Dallas, m. Vida Lee Little b. 1918 Dallas.

William M. McIntyre, father of Agnes, was b. 1819 Ky.; came to Dallas about 1871. He married Permelia Lindsay, b. 1889 Dallas. She died 1901 and is buried Cox Cemetery in Dallas.

BETTY TROUTMAN descends from Isiah Park b. 1806 KY; d. 1850 in Dallas Co. Isiah, with a Peters Colony Headright, located his land

where the LBJ-Valley View Mall now stands. His son Daniel G. Park, b. 1832 MO, died in CW. His daughter, Annie Elizabeth Park Young b. Bexar Co. TX in 1858; d. 1933 San Antonio. Her son John Archie Young, Sr. was born 1896 Wilson Co. TX; d. 1984 Victoria, TX

Wm. M. McIntyre, father of Agnes, was b. 1819 Ky. and came to Dallas about 1871. Married Permelia Lindsay. He is buried in Denton Co.; she d. 1904 and is buried Cox Cemetery in Dallas.

CORRECTION TO NEW MEMBER PROFILE IN FALL NEWSLETTER - Mrs. Alfred S. Jackson writes there was an error in transcribing the profile of Alfred S. Jackson. It should read:

John Jackson, from Tenn., arrived in Dallas 1845, wife, Elizabeth (Eliza) Brown. Son, Andrew Sloan Jackson m. Elizabeth Dye. Their son, John (Jack) Hays Jackson m. Mildred Ann Elizabeth (Bettie) Nash. Their son, Andrew Sloan Jackson m. Ora Lee Huffman b. 1877 Dallas, dau. of Abe C. Huffman and Emma Christian Tooley. Abe C. was the son of Michael L. Huffman who d. 1861 Dallas. Emma Christian Tooley was dau. of Richard Henry Tooley who d. 1891 Dallas, and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Powell who d. 1880 Dallas. This second Andrew Jackson was the father of Alfred S. Jackson b. 1901 in Dallas.

BOOK COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairman Earl Cullum reports the receipt of a total of 108 entries to date. We need your story by the end of the year. Latest entries are the following:

Reynolds M. Lemmon	Love Field Airport	Wallace R. Mercer
Sanger Brothers	George N. Walker	John S. Hatfield

GRAND PRAIRIE NEWS: For those of you who did not see the front page article in the Grand Prairie Weekender, the photograph of our member, May Ruth Griffin, and her two year old great-grandson, Justin Heber, turning the handle of an ice-cream freezer, it brought back a bit of nostalgia of family get-to-gathers usually at "grandmother's house". The smallest children would sit on the padded top of the old wooden ice-cream freezer while some of the older ones would take turns turning the crank. When it got too hard to turn, the elders would take over. After it "set" awhile, the salt water was carefully poured off, and the argument began as to who would get the paddle to lick. Remember?

May Ruth Griffin and her daughter, Betty Newberry, are descendants of Isaac Webb, early settler in the Farmers Branch Community.

SICK BAY - Our best wishes for a speedy recovery for Marie McMahan who suffered a neck injury in an automobile accident recently.

Edna Hart and Nona Williams visited Coye Hawpe at the Juliette Fowler Home. Although Coye is bed-ridden, she says she enjoys having visitors.

ANCESTOR SLIPS - Our thanks to all of you who have sent in

your clippings on your earliest Dallas County ancestors. To those of you who have more ancestors than there are lines, just attach a separate piece of paper. The information will be transferred to computer, or permanent index file.

BELATED CONGRATULATIONS - to Louie-Payne and Rev. Norman Dyer on their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

JUNE ANDERSON SHIPLEY has been teaching a Beginner's Genealogy Class at the Cedar Valley Campus since September. You might want to contact her to see if the classes will continue in January.

"DALLASITE SEEKS TO EASE SOVIETS' BURDEN" reads the headline in the Dallas Morning News 23 September 1991. Our recent new member, Clare G. Weakley, Jr., asks that we dig in our closets, basements, attics and garages, for small appliances, blankets, linens, small radios, coats, shoes, etc., that the Soviet people could use. The merchandise would be sold at wholesale prices to small Soviet shopowners, "mom & pop stores", who would in turn resell them to the Soviet people. Mr. Weakley says he believes he has the connections in Moscow and St. Petersburg to get the enterprize going. If anyone wants to help, please call him at 214-373-7691.

EARLY WHITE ROCK SETTLERS - As Dallas celebrates its sesquicentennial, we are reminded of our ancestors, some of whom were not always "firsts", but who nonetheless helped to promote the growth of our city and county, and transformed this wilderness, criss-crossed by streams feeding the Trinity River, into the present sparkling metroplex.

When John Beeman and his kin came to the White Rock area in 1842, he is quoted as saying it was the prettiest place in all of the county. His nearest neighbor was his friend, John Neely Bryan on the Trinity.

In 1843 George W. Glover, a single man from Alabama, came to Dallas to locate his headright. He must have liked the White Rock area so much that he sold his unlocated headright, and married Matilda, the widow of S. C. Stockton, and established her claim abutting the Beemans, John, James J., John S., Samuel, Wm. A. Pruitt, Wm. C. Hunnicut and the large Thomas Lagow tract.

Meanwhile, other settlers were arriving, the Robert Bethurms, the Silkwood heirs, the Joseph A. Thomas', and the Rays, to name a few. A community evolved; the creek and its village taking its name, White Rock, from the white shale deposits of a by-gone era.

The White Rock postoffice was established in 1848 in James J. Beeman's log house, said to be at the present intersection of Hume and Piedmont streets. (-Stake in the Prairie - Mesquite). When Beeman left in 1849 to follow the gold rush, George W. Glover assumed the position of postmaster. He was succeeded by John A. Leonard and then Joel Roberts.

When James J. Beeman returned, the name of the settlement was changed to Prairie Creek, and a few years later, in 1854, to Scyene. A newspaper account in the Dallas Morning News implies that Sam A. Fisher, who bought the John A. Leonard tract south of the Beemans, was the one who named the settlement Scyene.

Scyene became a trading-post on the stage coach route from Jefferson and Marshall to Dallas, via Tyler, Athens and Kaufman.

Since this will be our last newsletter this year, we want to extend a Happy Holiday Season to each and every one of you.

I, personally, would like to thank all of you who have sent in items of interest for the newsletter, and for bringing to my attention the illnesses among our members.

Respectfully submitted,

Nona Williams, Secretary



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