



Dallas County Pioneer Association

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PROGRAM FOR MARCH 4, 1993

President:
Frances James

Mike Kingston, of *The Dallas Morning News*, and editor of *The Texas Almanac*, will be our guest speaker for the March 4 quarterly meeting of the Dallas County Pioneer Association, at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Marsh and Forest Lanes, at 7 p.m.

Vice-President:
Nancy McRae

Before coming to Dallas and *The News*, Mr. Kingston had worked as a reporter in Abilene, Breckenridge, and Irving. His book, *Walter Prescott Webb in Stephens County*, has received numerous awards from United Press, Associated Press, United Press International, The Dallas Press Club, and the Texas Historical Commission. He attended Texas Tech University and Texas Christian University. In 1987 he was named a Fellow of the East Texas Association.

Secretary:
Nona Williams

Treasurer:
John Winniford

Edna Hart

Historian:
Edna Hart

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

If you look at Page 3 of the DCPA's membership roster and history you will see four objects of our Association. When I read them over recently I realized that we have a very important job to do this year.

Program Chairman:
Edna Hart

With the publication of *Proud Heritage, Vol. II* in the next few weeks, we have definitely accomplished the No. 1 objective.

**Membership Chair-
man:** Nancy McRae

I feel that activity involving No. 2 and No. 3 is picking up momentum, as I receive calls from all corners of our County from persons who are researching schools, buildings, houses, cemeteries, communities, congregations, and persons. It is still exciting to find a "lost" log cabin, a forgotten-about interurban line that was never built.

Telephone Chairman:
Bill McRae

Newsletter:
Marjori Sharp

Every time we hear the news of one more of our older buildings being subjected to the wrecking ball, it should stir us to do something. Probably everyone can relate to the Cotton Exchange Building, the Cokesbury Book Store, the Busch/Kirby Building. Arlington Hall in Lee Park was the location of the Pioneer Association meeting and picnics for many years. So, No. 4 of our objectives is to use our influence to keep alive important persons, places, and events of the past.

Meetings:
Wyatt's Cafeteria
Forest & Marsh Lanes

So you see, the DCPA does play an important part in preserving Dallas County history. Let's keep up the momentum our ancestors started when they came to Dallas; it's worth fighting for!

Frances James

John Winniford is looking for temporary dry storage space for our new book, Proud Heritage, Vol. II, when it is delivered in the near future. There will be fifty cartons of twenty books each. Once we get them, we hope to find distribution centers in various parts of town. Can you help? Contact John.

MINUTES OF MEETING DECEMBER 3, 1992

The DCPA held its quarterly meeting at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Marsh and Forest Lanes, on 3 December 1992.

The meeting was called to order by President **Mattie Hughes**. The invocation was given by **Herbert Hughes**, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flags of the United States and Texas.

There were fifty-four who registered, with nine visitors: **Polly Wright, Alice Styron, Jennifer Reed, Helen Swint, Doris Halliburton, Robyn Bowling, Curtis Flatt, and Faye and David Evans**. Applications were received for two new members, **Alice Styron and Donald Dorwood**.

Mattie reported that *Proud Heritage, Vol. II*, is in the final stages of processing, but would not be ready for Christmas. Gift certificates are available at \$34, plus \$2.75 postage, as well as a prepublication offer of \$30 plus postage.

New members, **Vic Armstrong** and **Mr. and Mrs. Val Tracy Hicks**, were presented with Membership Certificates. Others will be mailed.

Earl O. Cullum of the Roll of Honor Committee inducted **Isaac Webb** and **Edna Hart** as new members of the Roll of Honor. **Sarah Coursey, May Ruth Griffin, and Betty Newberry** were represented as descendants of **Webb**; **Edna** was inducted in person.

President **Hughes** installed the following new officers for 1993: President **Frances James**; Vice-

President **Nancy McRae**; Treasurer **John Winniford**; Secretary **Nona Williams**; Newsletter Editor **Marjori Sharp**; and Historian **Edna Hart**. **Nancy** and **Marjori** were not present.

A short Christmas sing-along followed, with **Doris Halliburton** at the piano.

Vic Armstrong reported that **Marjori Sharp** has received an Award of Appreciation from the Dallas County Historical Commission for editing their quarterly newsletter, *The County Chronicle*.

Frances reported on the progress of Texas Historical Markers, some having been received and some with applications pending, on the following: **Parrish Cemetery** in **Coppell**, marker dedicated on January 17; **Masonic Lodge** in **Garland**; the **Murphy-Locke House**; the **Cox-Cole Farmhouse**; the **Reinhardt School**; and the **Horton Cemetery** in **Oak Cliff**. **Frances** suggested that the DCPA take on as projects an inventory of the **Pioneer Cemetery** in downtown **Dallas** and assisting in the restoration of our **Old Red Courthouse**.

Gratuity checks were presented to the manager of Wyatt's Cafeteria and to the cashier, **Marie Bewley**.
Nona Williams

It's time to stand up and be counted again! Pay your dues at the March meeting, or send to Treasurer John Winniford, so you won't be dropped from our new Roster - which will be available at the June meeting. Dues are still Single, \$15; Couple, \$25.

HELP STARTED FOR PIONEER CEMETERY

Preliminary plans are being made for the DCPA to inventory the status of the **Pioneer Cemetery** next to the **Convention Center** in downtown **Dallas**. Through the years it has been subject to vandalism and neglect, and attempts have been made to take

over the land for commercial uses.

A committee has been formed to begin the latest survey of the remaining stones and to ascertain the location of a means of identifying the unmarked graves.

Several sources will be used, such as the Conger Book and accompanying map compiled in the 1960s and the 1948 history assembled by Willie Flowers Carlisle, a member of the James Butler Bonham Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. This history was done under the auspices of the Historic Spots Committee of the DRT. All other resources available at the Dallas Public Library will also be used.

This will probably be an ongoing project for the DCPA, as we contact other individuals and organizations for their support. The Dallas Parks and Recreation Department, which has jurisdiction over this site, has agreed to help us, and the management of the Convention Center has also indicated an interest in helping. The planned activity for the area now used as a parking lot just west of the Cemetery is to be improved by the Parks Foundation, and they, too, have indicated an interest in our project.

The expansion of the Convention Center is under way, and many visitors to the Center will be drawn to the Cemetery. Our intent will be that this Cemetery, the last resting place of many of the original citizens of Dallas, reflect the respect we have for our forefathers/mothers.

The plan is to have four teams assembled to inventory the stones as soon as weather permits. If you would like to be included in this project, please contact one of the team leaders. So far, the following members have agreed to serve on the Survey Team: Edna Hart, Nona Williams, Marjori Sharp, Nancy McCrea, Sara McGee, and Frances James.

UPDATE - PROUD HERITAGE, VOL. II

The latest scoop on the status of the publication of our *Proud Heritage, Vol. II*, is very much the same as what we told you last time: some progress, but no publication date in sight.

FINAL FAREWELLS

Mary Louise Schulze, November 27, 1992. Her father, **J. Otto Schulze**, was a cofounder of the City of Irving.

Mary Elizabeth Hart, November 27, a centenarian (101 years), born in Wilmer, was an early pioneer settler in the White Rock community.

Henry Clay "Pete" Sims, December 13, member of a pioneer Southwest Dallas County family.

Coye Jones Shaw Hawpe, December 24. Coye and her husband **George, Jr.**, were long-time very active members of DCPA. George, a descendant of an early Dallas pioneer family, passed away in 1988.

Richard Vickery Works, January 3, was the great-grandson of **Richard Vickery**, who founded the town of Vickery in what is now the upper Greenville Avenue area of Dallas. Streets in Dallas and in Fort Worth are named for the family.

Dixie Crossman, January 15, was the daughter of pioneer settler **Dick Tucker**. Her husband's family founded Crossman Insurance Agency around the turn of the century, one of the City of Garland's oldest businesses.

Among those sworn in January 1 at Dallas County Commissioners Court was our DCPA member John Nelms, new district court judge.

Sara McGee is researching the Cox Cemetery on Dalgreen Road. Contact her if you know of anyone who has family members buried there.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Donald Allan Dorward is descended from Meriwether Lewis (b. 1841) and Emma Jane Sparks (b. 1852) Crawford, who arrived in Dallas in 1870 and lived on Masten Street. They are buried in Greenwood Cemetery. Their daughter, Catherine, b. 1879 in Jefferson, married Allan Morton Vaughan in Dallas in 1907. She is buried in Greenwood Cemetery and he in Five Mile Cemetery. Their daughter, Margaret Crawford Vaughan, b. 1908, married Maurice Donald Dorward, and their son, Donald Maurice, b. 1929, married Barbara Ruth Hilton, and they became the parents of Donald Allan Dorward. He lives at 742 McLean Avenue, Dallas, 75211-5065, 214/331-5658.

Alice Cochran Styron descends from William M. and Nancy Jane Hughes Cochran, who came to Farmers Branch in 1843, moving shortly to Bachman Creek, where they established Cochran Chapel Methodist Church, which is now at Midway Road and Northwest Highway. Their son, James Monroe Cochran, married Harriett Bowlin, and their son William Rhea "Bolie" Cochran and Dorothy B. Shaw, who married in 1921 became the parents of Alice. All of the Cochrans are buried at Cochran Chapel Cemetery. Alice's address is 3757 Weeburn, Dallas, 75229, 214/350-8571.

Polly Ann Wright is also descended from William and Nancy Jane Cochran, and the family history reads the same down to James Monroe and Harriett Bowlin's daughter, Hattie Louise Cochran, b. 1899 in Dallas, who married William Carl McDaniel, b. in Tennessee. They became the parents of Polly Ann, and are buried in Cisco. She lives at 8600 Skyline Dr. #1071, Dallas, 75242, 214/340-9475.

Eva LaDoris Doughty Weber descends from Thomas M. Williams, b. 1816 in Virginia, and wife Elizabeth Lynn, who came to Dallas about 1856. (His second wife was Mary A. Laird.) He died in 1892 in Garland. Their son, John H., who was born in 1836 in Kentucky, married Mary A. Foster, and after he died in the Civil War she married Fred A.

Coomer and lived in Dallas County. Her daughter, Virginia Alice Williams, b. 1858 in Kentucky, married John Albert Ketchum, b. 1849 in Mississippi, in Dallas. Their daughter, Mattie, b. 1875 in Garland, married Alfred L. Farmer, lived in Abilene, and died in Blair County, Oklahoma. Daughter Eva Mae Farmer, b. 1914 in Oklahoma, married James Marvin Doughty, and they were the parents of LaDoris. Rt. 1, Box 130, Schulenburg, TX 78956

CONCERNING MIKE KINGSTON,

Isn't it fitting to have a quote from Mike Kingston's column "ALMANAC FACTS" in *The Dallas Morning News*? This is from the 1990-91 *Texas Almanac*.

Q: I'd really like to know where the name "Deep Ellum" came from. Is it a corruption of "Elm" caused by the propensity of Texans to add syllables to words, i.e., "athalete", "arthuritus", etc.?

-- Mavis Malarek, Plano.

A: "Deep Ellum" became the local slang term referring to the east end of Dallas' Elm Street as the result more of evolution than of linguistic corruption. Early Dallas (in the mid-1800s) covered about one square mile near today's county government complex. When the railroads came through Dallas in the early 1870s, a depot was built where the Texas & Pacific Railway tracks crossed those of the Houston & Texas Central near present-day Pacific and Central Expressway. There wasn't much between Akard Street and the depot except open fields, so when people referred to the depot area on the far end of Elm Street, they would speak of "Deep Elm", much as Dallasites today speak of the south end of Greenville Avenue as Lower Greenville.

A primarily black enclave had developed in the area from the nucleus of a freedmen's town that formed there after the Civil War. From the black dialect of the day, "Deep Elm" eventually became "Deep Ellum".

Just after the turn of the century, the east end of Elm Street became the entertainment center of Dallas. It lured an eclectic mix of merchants, entertainers and clients. By the 1920s and '30s, Deep Ellum was firmly established as the wide-open, anything-goes center of action in Dallas.

Deep Ellum became nationally known as the birthplace of a certain style of blues music, performed by the likes of Blind Lemon Jefferson, "Leadbelly" (Huddie Ledbetter) and Alex Moore. (Thanks to Rose Biderman of the Dallas Jewish Historical Society for contributing to our answer to today's question.)

Mike Kingston,
editor

We lifted this entire story from *The Dallas Morning News*, February 22, 1993. It came from Associated Press:

LLANO COUNTY HAS OLDEST POPULATION

LLANO, Texas - Some suspect a hidden elixir of youth in the waters of the Llano River.

But there are other reasons why residents of Llano County, about 60 miles northwest of Austin, live to be so old.

According to U.S. Bureau of Census figures for 1990, the median age of people in Llano County was 55.4 years, meaning that half the residents are older than that and half are younger.

For whatever reason, Llano County, which until recently merely laid claim to be the deer-hunting capital of Texas, officially has the oldest population of any of the 3,141 counties in the United States.

Put another way, in 1990, when the county's population was 11,631, census takers recorded 520 residents younger than 6 but found 1,692 older than 74.

"Everybody here works hard. They work hard until they retire, and then they find out they ain't got enough money to get out," Marion Crow, 67, quipped to the guffaws of his coffee-drinking buddies at the Dairy Queen.

Bexar County, where San Antonio is located, had a median age of 30 in 1990, a kindergarten by comparison.

Even renowned retirement centers such as Pinellas County (St. Petersburg), Fla., median age 42.1, and Sierra County (Truth or Consequences), N.M., median age 51, are middle-aged compared to Llano.

"The American Legion post I belong to in Kingsland still has four or five World War I veterans," County Judge Howard Coleman, 65, told the *San Antonio Express-News*.

Still, Mr. Coleman said, the county is in the midst of

a youth boom, relatively speaking.

"In the 1980 census, we were a little older. Our median age has dropped about four years since then," he said.

Mr. Coleman said that presiding over a county with an aging population occasionally poses special demands.

"I hear several hundred (will) probate cases a year, including a lot of guardianships," he said.

To seat a jury to hear a criminal case, he has to dig deeply into the local pool.

"For a six-person jury I've got to call 80 people, because you have an automatic exemption if you want if you're over 65. So only 25 or 30 will show up," he said.

But, he said, overall the county's older population is conservative, self-sufficient and undemanding of the local government.

In the past three decades, vibrant retirement communities such as Kingsland, Sunrise Beach Village and Horseshoe Bay have sprung up at Lake Buchanan, Lake LBJ and Lake Nix.

AT LAST --THE WPA DALLAS GUIDE

If you didn't get your copy the day it hit the book stores, you are waiting for the next printing of *The WPA Dallas Guide and History*, written fifty years ago but just published.

Another victim of World War II, the *Guide* was put together by a group of unemployed writers during the Depression, but funding for its publication has just been made possible by the University of North Texas Press. The first printing was for only 2000 copies, but this best history of Dallas pre-1940 will soon be available at your favorite book store, so look for it.

The DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION is dedicated to preserving the history of Dallas County and those who settled here before 1880. Anyone interested may apply for membership regardless of when their ancestors came here.

Membership dues are: Individual, \$10 initiation fee and \$15 per year, or \$150 for a Life Membership; and Couple, \$15 initiation fee and \$25 per year, or \$250 Life Membership. If interested, please contact: Membership Chairman, Dallas County Pioneer Association, P.O. Box 12496, Dallas, TX 75225-0496 for brochure and member application.

The organization meets for dinner and a program at 6:00 p.m. the first Thursday of each March, June, September, and December. Currently these quarterly meetings are held at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Forest Lane and Marsh Lane in Dallas.

Visitors are always welcome. The meeting room is open at 5:30 p.m. for dining and fellowship. Program starts promptly at 7:00 p.m.

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