



Dallas County Pioneer Association

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P.O. Box 12496, Dallas, Texas 75225-0496

SUMMER 1994

PROGRAM FOR JUNE 2, 1994

President:
Frances James

"This Side of White Rock Creek" will be the subject of our speaker for our June meeting, **Julia Schulz Morris**. Julia is the daughter of our member **Florence Florence Schulz**, and a fifth-generation "Mesquite-O" (her word).

Vice-President:
Nancy McRae

Julia lives in Van Alstyne. She attended SMU and Christian College of the Southwest, and is a member of the Van Alstyne Historical Society and the Grayson County Historical Commission.

Secretary:
Nona Williams

Treasurer:
John Winniford

Julia says, "My true labor of love was participating in research aid in writing Stake in the Prairie, published in 1984."

Her presentation will be aided by slides. Ω

Historian:
Edna Hart

Edna Hart

Program Chairman:
Edna Hart

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dallas County Pioneer Association Committees

Membership Chairman:
Nancy McRae

The By-Laws of the DCPA allow the election of officers and the appointment of Committees as needed by the President.

Telephone Chairman:
Bill McRae

This is where all the members come in. To keep up with the true history of Dallas County takes more warm bodies than just the officers of our organization. In case you are not aware, there is a long list of activities going on in our County that need to be monitored, defended, approved, etc. For example:

Newsletter:
Marjori Sharp

1. Do you care if the large trees that are many years old are cut down by the developers and replaced on some sort of "point" system with new small trees? A group of dedicated people are trying to get the Dallas City Council to adopt a Tree Ordinance that will prevent this wholesale destruction. Would you be interested in attending a few meetings and expressing your views? Widespread support is needed.

Meetings:
Wyatt's Cafeteria
Forest & Marsh Lanes

2. As artifacts are discovered in Dallas County by archeologists there is no place to display them. SMU cannot keep all of them. The Natural History Museum at Fair Park has recently hired an archeologist, but they had planned to display prehistoric artifacts.

Our early settlements around the area are not "old" enough. The money to support the Museum comes from the taxpayers in Dallas for the most part, but we are overlooked when it comes to deciding what we want to save and what they want to display. Several private collections have been sent out of state. Are you interested in Dallas County artifacts?

3. There were plans several years ago to include the Embarcadero Building at Fair Park, along with the Hall of State, to have a Dallas County History Museum. Something happened to those plans and as of May 1994, nothing has been done. I am sure the first excuse would be the "BUDGET" is tight. When the World Cup has faded from view later this year, and Fair Park has been returned to the "locals" once again, this subject should be pursued diligently. Are you interested in a Dallas County History Museum? The Embarcadero Building is already owned by the taxpayers of Dallas County.

4. Our County Courthouse, Old Red, was one hundred years old in 1992. Several years ago there was a plan to celebrate that event. In 1985 taxpayers of Dallas County voted the bonds to restore the building that had been pitifully remodeled in the 1960s. The work has been started, but the building is now empty and closed. Several studies have been made to determine what it could be used for, but the county commissioners are seeking other ideas that will generate a profit. The building belongs to the taxpayers of Dallas County and many of the suggestions so far are ludicrous. It is the only *courthouse* we have. All the rest of the assorted buildings serve several functions: tax collectors, car licenses, administrative offices, marriage licenses, courts, deed records, and jails. Why are not the offices of the county commissioners in Old Red?? Would you be interested in monitoring the plans for the future of Old Red?

5. Now that Volume II of Proud Heritage has been published and well received by all, we need help in marketing other copies of the book. Bill Jacoby was diligent in going to other meetings, locations, genealogical seminars, etc., to "peddle" Volume I. He is no longer physically able to do that. Mattie Hughes also

faithfully attended all day meetings and displayed our books. Would someone else care to be our Marketing Person and attend, deliver, or keep the supply of books before the public? We have a display at one Half Price Book Store and they are giving us the full \$35 for any sales made. Perhaps other booksellers would be interested in a special arrangement for us (since we are special!). Is there a volunteer for this project?

6. We have a scrapbook for our organization. Would you like the honor of keeping the prized book up to date with either current events or newly-discovered tidbits concerning our past? This is something that could be done by a member who cannot get out very much but is still very interested in DCPA. Think about it.

7. We are in the process of preparing a brochure that could be picked up by visitors to Dallas who are interested in the Pioneer Cemetery next to the Convention Center. If the sample is interesting enough, perhaps we could get help in having many copies printed so that they would be included in tour material. We know Dallas is great, but what about the tourists? If we prepare the brochure, we know the facts will be straight. If anyone has expertise in this field, we could sure use some help.

Let me or one of the other officers know how you would like to help. Surely this list is versatile enough to fit everyone's specialty. If not, add to the list your concern. Let's keep Dallas County Pioneers alive!

Items about Cemeteries in Dallas County

In a recent newspaper article by Bill Marvel concerning the Pioneer Cemetery in *The Dallas Morning News*, there were several statements that could stand clarification. Either Mr. Marvel misunderstood his source or she was misinformed.

Quote: "will get some long overdue attention". The fact is that the Downtown Improvement District was responsible for two separate contracts in the summer of 1993. These two contracts covered the repair, cleaning, resetting, and even replacement of the dam-

aged stones at the site. The work was completed after the DCPA members had made an inventory of the status of the Cemetery and our members worked very diligently to ascertain this inventory. We were also asked to follow up and see if the work was completed as planned before the final payment was made on the contracts.

Quote: "All that we have left is a piece of the original Masonic cemetery." Fact is that a large section of the IOOF cemetery is still there with stones standing.

Quote: A private non-profit organization dedicated "to the greening of Dallas", the Parks Foundation is one of several groups that have devoted funds and attention to the historic site. Fact is - what have they done? The large trees have been there for many years.

Quote: "spent a couple of days at the library doing research." Fact is the James Butler Bonham Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas are undertaking a comprehensive gathering of information concerning this site. Plans are to place a marker on the headstone of Eleanor Heady Russell, a real daughter who came to Texas in 1830. Other families have already researched their ancestors and added to the early history of Dallas. See Proud Heritage, Volume I and Volume II.

Quote: "many of the buried remains were exhumed and reinterred elsewhere. A number now lie in Freedmans Cemetery." Fact is true that many were reinterred to other cemeteries that have perpetual care - John McCoy was moved to Oakland and the Jewish graves now have a special site at Emanuel Cemetery, with a marker explaining their removal. Some of the children in the Sanger family are among these. Grove Hill Cemetery has records of reburial in old logs they have kept documenting that location. Greenwood was where Sarah Horton Cockrell had her husband moved and her children buried later. I do not believe any were reburied at Freedmans Cemetery, as it was owned and reserved for the black members of the community, or possible other railroad workers.

Quote: "The cemetery overlooked the Dallas stockyards." Fact: there does not seem to be any known documentation of a stockyard at that corner. The early directories mention Elm at the city limits as the site of a stockyard, and Kentucky (near Fair Park). Other records mention stopping the cattle drive near the Trinity River. Before the Convention Center was built, many railroad tracks converged in the area.

So much for newspaper articles. Ω

Frances James

MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 3, 1994

The Dallas County Pioneer Association held its quarterly meeting on March 3, 1994, at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Forest and Marsh Lanes in Dallas. There were approximately eighty in attendance. The following guests were registered: Jimmie Ruth Woodfin, Susan A. Cargile, and Beverly Sewall, guests of Louie-Payne Dyer; Helen Hastings, Nancy Gene Knight Whatley, Betty Moore, Betty Thompson, and speakers Verlana Whiteley Bush and Bob Reitz.

The meeting was called to order by President Frances James. Pledge of Allegiance was made to the flags of the United States and Texas. The Texas pledge was led by new student member, Robyn Bowling, daughter of Shannon Bowling.

The program was begun early at the request of the speaker, Verlana Bush, who has done considerable research on Frank Reaugh, early Dallas artist, who is noted for his paintings depicting Texas longhorns, bluebonnets, and Texas landscapes. She was assisted by Bob Reitz, also a Frank Reaugh enthusiast.

The two researchers presented an informative biography of Reaugh, who was born in 1860 and came to Texas as a two-year old with his parents, George and Clarinda Reaugh. In 1877 Frank met Temple Houston, son of Sam Houston, and travelled extensively with him throughout the West, thereby gaining the knowledge of Texas scenery which influenced his

paintings. He was also exposed to **David Guion**, composer of "Home on the Range".

In 1891 Reaugh was living on Elm Street in downtown Dallas. By 1896 he had exhibited paintings in most major cities in the U.S. He later established a studio in Oak Cliff, where it was estimated that he did more than 7,000 paintings.

Much of the information regarding his later years came as a result of letters written to **Oscar Griffith**, which have been preserved. He died at Parkland Hospital in Dallas at age eighty-five.

Frances James made several announcements of interest:

The entire organization has been invited to attend a reunion of the descendants of **John Thomas** on **June 18** at **Brookhaven Country Club**, in commemoration of the 200th birthday of Thomas, first Dallas County Judge. Descendants include such names as **Jenkins, Cochran, Lively, Jones, Thomas, and Armstrong**. Contact member **Louis Moore** for details.

Frances advised that work on Old Red has been put on hold. A dignified practical use for the historic building has not been found.

SMU has agreed to become the depository for archeological artifacts from Dallas diggings, according to **Vic Armstrong**.

There has been a Nominating Committee discussion regarding the "recruiting and training" of officer material. Anyone interested in becoming an officer is requested to make himself/herself known to the Executive Board.

Frances advised the financial condition of DCPA is in good shape and in the black, following the publication of *Proud Heritage, Volume II*. **John Winniford**, treasurer, will provide further information on request.

The president extended condolences from DCPA to

several of our members who have lost loved ones the last quarter, including **Earl Cullum**, who lost both his wife and son, and **Frances**, who lost her husband. Also included were announcements of the deaths of **Mike Kingston**, editor of the Texas Almanac, and **Barrot Sanders**, author and historian.

Rosters for 1994-95 were distributed to those present; out-of-town members will receive theirs by mail. Dallas members please call **Marjori Sharp** or **Nona Williams** to receive a Roster by mail.

John Winniford accepted dues for the current year.

Mattie Hughes and **Irma Janicek**, assisted by **Irma's** granddaughter, **Mary Elizabeth Reed**, student member, distributed pictures submitted to be included in *Proud Heritage, Volume II*. Contact **Mattie Hughes** for your pictures.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Ω

Nona Williams



Sara McGee wants to be counted right when she stands up, so please make this correction in your Roster (sorry, Sara): **Sara J. Hibbits & Wm. David McGee, Jr. (CP)**

DCPA BOOK DONATIONS TO LIBRARIES

From stock of **William D. McRae**:

Volume II

1. **Mary Sutherland** 5/4/94 for presentation to **Garland Library**

2. **Richardson Library** 5/4/94. Presented by **Nancy McRae**

3. **Plano Gladys Harrington Library** 5/4/94. Presented by **Nancy McRae**

4. **Grand Prairie Memorial Library**, Attn: **Kathy Ritterhouse**. Mailed 5/9/94 by **WDM**

5. **Irving Library System**, Attn: **Sara Vance**. Mailed 5/9/94 by **WDM**

Note: Presentatin to **Lancaster Library** delayed because of tornado damage

Volume I

Plano Gladys Harrington Library, Attn: Sandra Gillman. Mailed 5/9/94 by WDM

From stock of others:

Volume II

1. Dallas Eric Jonsson Library, Texas/Dallas History Department, presentation by Edna Hart

2. Dallas Eric Jonsson Library, Genealogy Department, presentation by Edna Hart

3. Mesquite Library. Presented by Sara McGee Ω

EARL PROPOSES BYLAW CHANGES

Dallas, Feb. 6, 1994

Dear Nona:

In accordance with the C/BL of DCPA, the following changes are proposed for membership decision in June. We cannot meet the thirty-day deadline for decision at March meeting, but preliminary work can be done and action taken if change is approved in June. Thus the president can select appointees and get their agreement to serve, then make appointments as soon as approval is voted. Nominees can also be "invited guests" at May Executive Meeting. **THIS PROPOSAL SHOULD BE PUBLISHED IN MAY NEWSLETTER.**

Article V, Sect 1 - "The officers of the organization shall be the president, vice-president, historian, secretary, treasurer, and newsletter editor....."

Article V, Sect 3 - "The Executive Committee shall consist of Six Officers of the organization, all past presidents who are current members, and not more than three at-large members."

Article V, Sect 11 - (added) - "Three at-large members of the Executive Committee may be appointed by the President, to serve at his/her pleasure for not more than one year. They may then be re-appointed for one additional year in such capacity. They should attend all Executive Committee meetings, take part in discussions, and vote. The experience thus gained should prepare them to serve as officers of the organization."

Article V, Sect 3 states: "Any action taken by the Executive Committee shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present." Therefore, that portion of each of the following sections which states "By the affirmative vote of at least four members" is changed to read "By a majority of the members present:"

Article III, Sect. 3

Article IV, Sect. 4

Article V, Sect. 10

Article VII, Sect. 1

Respectfully submitted (with copy to President). Ω

(signed) Earl O. Cullum

FINAL FAREWELL

Alfred Sloan Jackson, 93, DCPA member and a native Dallasite, died on February 28 and was buried in the Edith Ford Cemetery in Canadian, Texas, where he and his family have lived since 1950.

Mr. Jackson is survived by his widow, Mary Elizabeth (Hooks) Jackson, two daughters and six grandchildren.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in biology and a teaching certificate in 1930, he taught in Texas public schools for ten years, serving as principal and teaching science. At the same time he worked on his master's degree at Texas A&M, which he earned in 1940. He served as a field biologist for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department from 1941 until his retirement in

1966. He received accolades from the Texas chapter of the Wildlife Society, the American Motor Company (for his conservation efforts), and from the Daughters of the American Revolution. He was past president of the Canadian Rotary Club and of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of the Methodist Church for seventy-five years.

We extend our deepest sympathies to his family. Ω



Nell D. Walker of Mabank asks us to make a correction to her entry in our Roster: her correct phone number is 903/887-0628 (last digit is incorrect in the Roster). Nell also says she is enjoying both volumes of *Proud Heritage* and hopes there will be Volume III because she has some family info she would like to see included. Bet you do, too - keep on researching and taking notes.

NEWS FROM SICKBAY

Sara McGee's report from sickbay was so newsy and folksy, we couldn't paraphrase. Here it is in its entirety:

"Friday, the 13th - of May '94

"Just spoke with Mattie Hughes and she is recuperating nicely from her surgery, which was on Friday, April 29. She says she is tired of being required to go at "half-speed" and is - or will be in a short while - ready to get back into the full swing of things. Herbert, however, is still under the doctor's care and will require a bit more time to be "up and at 'em" again. We wish them both a speedy return to full health.

"David McGee (my room-mate) is also much better at this writing. He is still seeing the chiropractor, but hopes to be released after only a few more treatments. The REAL lifesaver was the 'lift chair' that a dear friend brought over for his use. I don't think he could have recovered in half the time, had it not been for her generosity and that chair. We wish him a rapid and full recovery. *

"Thank goodness, we have had no other illnesses or deaths that I know of. May I suggest that you insert a short sentence to the effect that if anyone is ill or know of anyone in our group who is, please give me a call so that we can at least send them a card expressing our concern and wishing them better health and a speedy recovery: 226-1675 - I'm in the book! [How's that for the short sentence, Sara?]

"I spoke to Florence Schulz, whose daughter, Julie Schulz Morris, is giving our June program, last night. Edna should have Julie's "bio" in just a few days and will be in touch with you when she receives it.

"I don't have any other newsworthy items to report - and in my case, that is a blessing, for everyone!"

*P.S.: Another kidney stone - back into the emergency room at dawn Saturday morning - home now (Sunday, 1:30 p.m.). But more lythotripsy next week (oh, woe!)" Ω

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Nancy Gene Knight Whatley is descended from Obadiah Woodson Knight, who was born March 1, 1808 in Virginia, and his wife Serena Caroline Hughes, born September 30, 1822. They arrived in Dallas in 1846 and lived on the Obadiah Knight Farm in the present vicinity of Inwood/Lemmon/Cedar Springs. He died in 1868 and she in 1914, and they are buried in Cochran Chapel Cemetery. Their son, Epps G. Knight, born 1858 in Dallas, married Fannie Louise Patton (born in 1865 in Alabama) in Dallas in 1887. He was president of DCPA for thirty-three years, and died in 1943. Their son, William Hughes, born 1891 in Dallas, married Ruth DeWitt, who was born in 1898 in Paris, Texas. Their daughter, Gloria Gene Knight, born 1927 in Dallas, married Julius Jones Whatley, Jr., born 1923, and they were the parents of Nancy.

Nancy lives at 5818 Townshire Road in Garland, 75044. Her telephone number is 214/414-9761.

Betty Jean Thompson is the widow of our former member **Walter H. Thompson**, and she joins us as an associate member. Her address is 1318 Northlake Drive; Richardson 75080, telephone 214/234-3723.

Juanita B. Butler, called "Nita", descends from **Harry Bogue** and **Leotta Hice**, who married in Montana in 1916 and caught a train the next day for Dallas where he worked for the government. Nita was born in Dallas and married **H.G. Butler**, with whom she had two sons, **John B.** and **Grady B.** She is a retired secretary.

Her address is 6905 Chevy Chase, Dallas 75225-2416, telephone number 361-0226.

Jimmie Ruth Cargile Woodfin, new associate member, descends from **Robert Augustus Slack**, born 1851 in Little Rock, Arkansas. He married **Thirsey Alice Hickey**, born 1859 in Hill County, and they came to Dallas in 1917. She died in 1930 and he in 1941 and they are buried in Grove Hill Cemetery. Their daughter, **Susan Ruth Slack**, born 1894 in Comanche, married **Junius "Jim" Marshal Cargile**, born 1893 in Mt. Pleasant. They also are buried in Grove Hill. They were the parents of **Jimmie Ruth**, who married **Kenneth L. Woodfin**.

Kenneth L. Woodfin, new associate member and husband of **Jimmie Ruth**, descends from **James Calvin Woodfin**, born 1869 in Virginia, who came to Dallas in 1911 and served nineteen years with the Dallas Police Department. His first wife was **Mattie Lee McNutt** of Beaumont. She died in 1907 in Beaumont and he in 1954 in Dallas, and both are buried in Grove Hill Cemetery. Their son, **William Lee Woodfin**, born 1902 in Beaumont, married **Ila Marie Scott** of McHenry, MS, in 1922. She is buried in San Antonio and he at Grove Hill. They were the parents of **Kenneth**.

Their address: M/M **Kenneth Woodfin**, 6146 E. University Boulevard, Dallas 75214-2136, telephone 363-4071.

Susan Alice Cargile is a new associate member, sister of **Jimmie Ruth Cargile Woodfin**. Their ancestor, **John Henry Dillard** (grandfather of **Alice Hickey Slack**) and **Daniel William Cloud** (**Robert A. Slack's** great uncle), both were killed in the Alamo in 1836.

Susan lives at 7416 Wild Valley, Dallas 75231-7342, telephone 341-7482.

Robyn Lynn Bowling, student member, joined DCPA at the December meeting. She is the daughter of **Shannon Bowling**, so of course shares her ancestry, which begins in Dallas with Greengrocer **Martin V. Miller**, who arrived in Dallas in 1892 or 1893.

Robyn's address is 1540 Hilltop, Garland 75042, telephone 494-1717. Ω

VOLUNTEERING PAYS OFF FOR NONA WILLIAMS

Richards-Smith-Yeargan

When our president, **Frances James**, asked for volunteers to help research some of the names at Pioneer Cemetery, I had no idea that in so doing I would find some of the very things I was looking for in relation to my husband's family, who, to my knowledge, had no involvement with the Pioneer Cemetery, but had lived variously on Turtle Creek, the George West farm, and the Jack Cole place.

By chance I met Mr. and Mrs. **Albert Hendricks** of Dallas. I had known **Albert** when I was barely a teenager in Oak Cliff. **Albert's** wife, **Mary**, commented that he had ancestors buried at the old Cemetery by the name of **Richards**. I remembered seeing the rather imposing obelisk at the Cemetery with the name **RICHARDS** because it had a very legible inscription stating that **Thomas W. Richards** was a member of **White Hart Lodge #10** in Clayton, Alabama. On the other side of the marker was the name of **Temperance Smith Richards**, his wife.

It was tradition in the Hendricks family that Thomas W. Richards did not return from the Civil War and had died in a Union prison camp, so I set out to verify his service from Dallas County. Surprise! He did not serve from Dallas, but from his hometown of Clayton, Alabama, where his wife lived through 1870. His wife's family apparently erected the monument upon her death in Dallas in 1874. So, Temperance Smith Richards was the Dallas County pioneer, and possibly some of her brothers of the name Smith also came to Texas.

Thomas and Temperance were parents of a number of children born in Alabama, the youngest being Susan Arabella, who married Edmond Davis Yeargan (born 1859 in Dallas) in 1886. Edmond was the seventh child of Nathan A. Fletcher Yeargan.

The patriarch of the Yeargan family, N.A.F., came to Dallas in 1854 from Tennessee, lived here a short time, and moved to Johnson County near Cleburne. The Comanches were so bad that he moved his wife, Charlotte Sears Davis, and five children back to Dallas in 1855. They rented what was called "a double log house from Jack Cole on the site of what is now Ben Milam School on the corner of Fitzhugh and McKinney. It was nearer to the settlement of Cedar Springs than to Dallas. Their nearest neighbor was a relative, Billie Edmonson."

The above information is taken from an article in *The Dallas Times Herald* in 1929, written by John H. Yeargan, brother of Edmond (who married Susie Richards), and continues:

The father purchased 220 acres from George Granbury, "through which Maple Ave. now runs. Our farm adjoined the farm of Obadiah Knight, the father of Epps G. Knight. Our next neighbor was George West. His land ran nearly to the SMU property and has been subdivided into what is now Highland Park West. John Fields bought the addition about 1865. Calvin Cole owned a large body of land which now embraces Oak Lawn. His dwelling was on Turtle Creek near the present home of Col. J.T.

Trezevant. James Cole's farm, which came next, extended to Exall's Lake. Mart and Jack Cole lived between Exall's Lake and town. Jack Cole's home was where the Cole Park is now." Ω

Nona Williams

NEWS FROM THE NEWS IMPACTING OUR INTERESTS

Some of us don't read *The Dallas Morning News* every day, so we miss a lot of items of interest about what is happening to some of the things near and dear to us. Here is a smallish summary of some of the stories the *News* has brought us in recent weeks (mostly gleaned by Frances James, with her eagle eye for things historic):

- "When residents talk tough about rebuilding and going on after the April 25 tornado, they are continuing a tradition that has helped keep Lancaster and its history alive for 142 years." Consider the disastrous fire in 1877 and another in 1889, another just after the turn of the century that gutted four blocks, one in 1918, and a catastrophic windstorm in 1936 that knocked out the town's electricity, telephone service, and water supply. Volunteers in 1994 are salvaging bricks for rebuilding the historic town square. Because the square has been an official historic district since the mid-1970s, reconstruction will have to be in keeping with the character and style of the period, which is the mid- to late-1800s.

- The Age of Steam Railroad Museum at Fair Park will stay open during the World Cup soccer tournament, keeping its regular hours except on dates when games are scheduled. Closing, which was suggested for security reasons, would have meant canceling dozens of scheduled tours and visits of children attending summer camps, as well as the usual tourists and visitors for the World Cup. The Railroad Museum is one of the major attractions for visitors to Fair Park.

- The historic Cathedral Santuario de Guadalupe in downtown Dallas is growing. Construction will begin this summer on a 40,000-square-foot parish center

next to the almost-100-year-old Gothic cathedral. The architectural style of the new building will complement the cathedral, modeling the Gothic arch windows in a contemporary style, using the same basic red brick and the white accented stone. The church has been so crowded for the last five years it has rented space in another nearby church and still has had to turn away hundreds of people for Sunday morning education classes. It serves 5,000 persons each weekend.

- Dallas is committed to reviving its downtown. At a meeting in March city and county officials participated in a workshop to show prospective business investors the benefits of coming back down. Some major tax incentives offered to those who renovate landmark buildings for new uses are: a ten-year exemption from city property taxes if renovation costs approach 75% of the building's appraised value; an abatement of county taxes if the structure is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and at least \$2 million is invested in renovation; and a 20% federal tax credit on the cost of rehabilitating a building in Dallas' federally-designated historic district. Also, the Dallas City Center will provide an improved locale for retail development; the Downtown Education Center, located in the old Joske's Building, will be a magnet for new restaurants and residential housing; and the city's in-town housing program offers financing to developers who will convert some of the older buildings for dwellings.

- The Dallas City Council has a new argument going: tree preservation or tree replacement. The proposal endorsed by the City's zoning ordinance and environmental health advisory commissions is geared more toward preserving existing trees, making it illegal to remove any tree with a trunk at least eight inches in diameter from commercial or multifamily housing property or single-family lots larger than two acres. Violators could be fined up to \$2,000 per protected tree. The other proposal calls for hiring a city forester

and establishing a fifteen-member city "tree board" and seeks to ensure that any trees removed are replaced. The argument isn't confined to a matter of aesthetics: Dallas is under federal orders to rid its air of pollutants and big trees are great air cleaners. (How many of us would live to see the replacement of our historic oaks and elms with little two-inch diameter trees?) Ω

PENN FARM

Penn Farm, a case study in pioneer history, sits on a bluff overlooking Joe Pool Lake at Cedar Hill State Park. State workers have been restoring the Penn Farm bit by bit since the early 1990s. They hope to finish the reconstruction by autumn, 1994, then open the forty-acre historical area to the public. The exhibit will concentrate on the period between 1920 and 1950.

The site is named after the Penn family, who lived in the area from 1854 until 1970. John and Nancy, their six unmarried children and one married son and his family moved from Illinois to the Cedar Hill area in 1854. In 1859, one son, John Wesley Penn, married Luncinda Moore and built a crude, tiny home now known as the Old Penn House. As the years passed, the Penns and their progeny added barns, cobbled extensions onto existing structures and even built another house in 1876.

When the Army Corps of Engineers bought the land, it submerged most of the old farmstead under Joe Pool Lake. But as part of the land purchase, the federal government pledged about \$1 million to restore the farm buildings and add support facilities. There is a nonprofit organization, Friends of Penn Farm, which is raising funds for the center. Ω

From "The Way They Were: Penn Farm a no-frills study in Texas pioneer history", The Dallas Morning News, March 19, 1994.

Frances offered us seven opportunities (on pages one and two) to provide much needed support to DCPA. Which one(s) fits your special interest(s)? Give Frances or one of the other officers a call and help keep Dallas County Pioneers alive!

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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