



Dallas County Pioneer Association

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FALL 1994

PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 1994

President:
Frances James

Historical consultant Jackie McElhaney will be the speaker for our fall program on Thursday, September 1. Her subject will be "The Trinity River: Past, Present, and Future".

Vice-President:
Nancy McRae

Secretary:
Nona Williams

Jackie is a contributing editor of the historical quarterly *Legacies*, and has edited the mid-nineteenth century diary of Dallasite Frances Killen Smith and has written a history of the efforts to navigate the Trinity River. She received her B.A. and M.A. degrees in history from Southern Methodist University, and has assisted the SMU Archeology Research Program, the Sixth Floor exhibition, the Dallas County Heritage Society, the Dallas County Historical Commission, the Frontiers of Flight Museum, the Plano Heritage Farmstead, the Linz Award Committee, and the Landmark Designation Task Force of the City of Dallas.

Historian:
Edna Hart

She is currently writing a biography of *Pauline Periwinkle*, the first woman's editor of *The Dallas Morning News*, whose columns helped the women's club movement in Texas become a potent political force at the turn of the century.

Program Chairman:
Edna Hart

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Membership Chairman:
Nancy McRae

Activities seem to slow down in Dallas County in the summer time. It has been said, "It is not the heat, it's the humidity." I hope we are not all getting lazy!

Telephone Chairman:
Bill McRae

The property for the National Cemetery, overlooking Mountain Creek Lake, has been purchased. It is the area next to the Dallas Baptist University, and in one of the prettiest areas of Dallas County. Plans are being produced for the facilities and landscaping. Several veteran organizations around the County are involved with the advisory committee.

Newsletter:
Marjori Sharp

Meetings:
Wyatt's Cafeteria
Forest & Marsh Lanes

The Dallas Naval Air Station is slated to be phased out next year. The Cities of Grand Prairie, Duncanville, and Dallas are working with the NAS Development Board for future plans for the site. Vought Aircraft Company is still very much alive and well. The ancestors of one of the former members of the DCPA, Terrence Walsh, owned some of the land now occupied by this huge facility. There is a Texas Historical marker on the small Fugitt Cemetery on the Naval Base. Fortunately, this site is not in the main area being considered for re-development.

If you have any suggestions as to what should be considered for the area, that would fit the description as highest and best use (meaning money), please call the Re-Development Office, NAS; 214/266-6892. I went to one meeting on this and the Confederate Air Force had a representative there to ask that they be considered as a tenant.

The City of Dallas owns the land and the government has leased it all these years for a fee of \$1 a year. Inventory of the infrastructure, entrances, and neighborhood consideration are being evaluated first. Also, the FAA has to decide if the air space is sufficient for use as an airport. Can you imagine, it was Hensley Field back before DFW or Allied were even happy thoughts? So goes progress.

An alumni organization of World War II Submarine Veterans is working with Science Place at Fair Park to dedicate a plaque commemorating Medal of Honor winner Commander Sam Dealey and his entire crew, on August 24. Dealey, a native of Dallas, was killed along with the entire crew of seventy-nine on August 24, 1944; therefore, the day the dedication is planned. Sam Dealey was a nephew of George Bannerman Dealey of *The Dallas Morning News*.

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The James Butler Bonham and the William Bennett Chapters of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas are planning a dedication of a DRT marker at the gravesite of Eleanor Heady Russell in the Pioneer Cemetery in downtown Dallas on September 26. Eleanor is said to have molded bullets used at the Battle of Velasco and the Battle of San Jacinto. One of her sons was an attorney here in Dallas and she was living with him when she died in 1890. Her descendants are being contacted, and everyone is invited to the ceremony.

Let's keep Dallas County history alive!

Frances James

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MINUTES OF DCPA MEETING JUNE 2, 1994

-- The Dallas County Pioneer Association held its quarterly meeting on June 2, 1994, at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Forest and Marsh Lanes in Dallas. There were eighty-three in attendance, including numerous visitors.

President Frances James called the meeting to order and pledge of allegiance was made to the flags of the United States and Texas.

The following members and their guests were asked to rise and introduce themselves: Dianne Reed, granddaughter of Irma Janicek; Edna Hart's twin granddaughters, Valerie and Kristen Hart; Marilyn Miller's nephew, Justin Bowling; Frank Schulz, Jr.; Johnny Rogers; Inez Criddle; Jennifer Vilbig; Betty Moore; DeLora Lewis; Wayne Shipley; Brenda Dorward; David and Marjorie Bays; Deborah Parsons Franklin; Jeanette Franklin; Robert Dixon, guest of Marie Hunter; William E. "Bill" Clark; Susan Gilbert; Rod Gilbert; and our speaker, Julie Schulz Morris, daughter of Florence and Frank Schulz.

Frances extended congratulations to Herbert and Mattie Hughes, who celebrate their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary on this date. Herbert is not well.

June Shipley reported that the Lancaster Public Library received 90% damage to the Library and its books in the recent tornado. Donations are being accepted to help with expenses. Also, Marie McMahan handled raffle tickets which were sold with proceeds going to the Library.

According to the Constitution and By-Laws of DCPA, the proposed amendment regarding the addition of the new office of Newsletter Editor was put to a vote before the membership. Earl Cullum moved that the amendment be adopted; Sara McGee seconded the motion, and the "ayes" carried.

The following amendment is added to the existing by-laws under Article V, Section 1: The officers of the organiz-

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ation shall be the president, vice-president, historian, secretary, treasurer, and newsletter editor.

Article V, Section 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, Section 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 reappointed 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, Section 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 affirmative vote of at least four members" is changed to read "By a majority of the members present":

Article III, Section 3.

Article IV, Section 4.

Article V, Section 10.✓

Article VII, Section 1.✓

(The foregoing changes have been attached to the Constitution and By-Laws Handbook and recorded in the secretary's Minutes book with the date "2 June 1994".)

Membership Certificates were awarded to **Jim Terry, Jimmie Ruth Cargile Woodfin, Kenneth Lee Woodfin, and Susan Alice Cargile.** Certificates will be mailed to **Juanita B. Butler, Nancy Whatley, Betty Thompson, and Myra Best Glass.** That of **Robyn Bowling**, student member, will be presented at the next meeting.

Julie Schulz Morris presented an interesting, informative, and nostalgic program on the area east of White Rock Creek . . . Scyene, Lawson, Mesquite, and New Hope (now Sunnyvale). The program included reminiscences of old settlers, the **Hawpes**, the **Beemans**, and **W.H. Bennett**, who said, "We had to leave our horses in Honey Grove and come by oxen to Dallas because the Indians gave us so much trouble." The slides depicted homes, buildings, and conveyances of a bygone era. Some of these buildings have been restored, or are in the process of being restored, and have received historical markers. Julie had first-hand knowledge of the Florence Homestead, which was donated by her family to the City of Mesquite for restoration.

Frances made the following announcements of "What's Going On in Dallas":

"SOS - Save Open Space annual meeting will be held Saturday, June 4, at Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak. On the agenda is 'This Swale ain't Swell'. This is about trees in the Trinity River State Park. All are invited; the meeting begins at 2 p.m.

"Remember - Descendants of **John Thomas**, first Chief Justice of Dallas County, reunion at Brookhaven Country Club, June 18. We are all invited. Lunch 10-4 at Cochran Chapel; dinner 6:30 at \$15. Call for reservations.

"Watch for - **Vivian Castleberry's** book should be available soon - *Daughters of Dallas*.

"Finally - Oakland Cemetery trustees are compiling information for a Texas Historical marker for this special place. Many early movers and shakers of Dallas are interred here. Beautiful statues, much history - if you know of some family secrets about ancestors here, let us know: we will just use the good part!

"Ongoing - Central Library seeking funds to expand the eighth floor Genealogical Department. One of the tourist attractions in Dallas.

"Dedicated March 27 - Texas Historical marker for the Munger Avenue Baptist Church - one hundred years old.

"Can you believe? - Landmark Commission and City Council considering changes to the West End ordinance to allow more 'entertainment'; will be renamed Historic and Entertainment District - anything goes? Can you believe a dinosaur?

"Participate - Alumni from Crozier Tech seeking a Texas Historical marker for the first high school in Dallas - participate in the process and keep the building from being boarded up after the new magnet high school is completed in Oak Cliff.

"It is ready! - have school - send students. Titcher-Goettinger/Joske's building will now be adaptively used as the Dallas Education Center. Five participating universities are cooperating on having classes in downtown Dallas.

"Family still involved - **David O. Eisenlohr** and nephew are participating in D-Day events in France: The first Eisenlohers had a drug store in Oak Cliff and **E.G. Eisenlohr** was an artist who helped the first Art Institute in Dallas. He was a contemporary of **Frank Reaugh**. David O. is one of the interested parties who oversees the care and maintenance of Old Oak Cliff Cemetery - also known as Beatty Cemetery.

"Had you noticed? In an article Sunday, May 29, **Carol Roark**, archivist at Central Library, was highlighted by **Robert Miller**. She mentioned that one of the most fascinating collections on the seventh floor involved that of **R.M. Williamson**. The history of this family is written up on page 272 of *Proud Heritage III*! We helped sort the collection in a hot attic in August!

"Long time coming - **Jim Wright**, senior columnist of *The Dallas Morning News*, has announced the new National Cemetery overlooking Mountain Creek Lake will be opened in 1997 or 1998. As you might expect, this took a long time to get to this stage; the owners of large perpetual care cemeteries (in the area) were not willing to share all the 'business' with a project that would be free to veterans.

"Pioneer Cemetery - several families are working to replace grave markers which have disappeared from Pioneer Cemetery sites. One family is from the LaReunion Colony. Markers for veterans will be provided by the Veterans Affairs Department; the only expense being the placement of the markers.

"Prevention is cost effective - Texas Historical marker for Freedman's Cemetery, Lemmon and Central, was dedicated Memorial Day. So far, \$7 million has been spent to locate and rebury hundreds of remains. When Central Expressway was built back in the 1940s, the powers that were ignored the Cemetery as they planned the widened right-of-way through the long-existing Cemetery. We have to pay for it now with our tax dollars. The same thing happened in Manhattan!

"Unique - the **Scott** family came to Dallas in 1858. This was a large family and they brought many slaves. One article says they doubled the population of Dallas when they arrived. A descendant of **Oceola Scott** has surfaced and is now living in West Texas. This is unique - burials in this white family cemetery are intermingled with the black families after the Civil War. The cemetery is located near the crossroads of Preston and Beltline, surrounded by large apartment complexes. **Coit, Turner, Wells, Keller, Tarpley, and Bonner** families are buried there, as well as Scotts. A Texas Historical marker for this site is being applied for.

"Spread the word! Have you considered purchasing a copy of *Proud Heritage I and II* and placing them in your church library? Several have been donated already. People are interested, even if they are new to Dallas."

Meeting was adjourned.

Nona Williams

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Daughters of Dallas by Vivian Castleberry is now available in our book stores.

FINAL FAREWELLS

We extend our sincere sympathies to **Gail Meletio Madden** and her family on the death of her father, **John E. Meletio**, who passed away on August 14.

Mr. Meletio, who was born in Chicago, was chairman of the board of Meletio Electric Company, Dallas' oldest electrical supply company, which was founded by his father in 1920. He married **Betty Cochran**, daughter of a pioneer Dallas family.

Also related to Mr. Meletio were **John and Mary Alice (nee Cochran) Winniford**.

John and Mary Alice lost another member of their family on May 24 (too late for our last newsletter): **Mae Cochran Haney**. Other nieces of "Aunt Mae" are **Polly Ann Wright**, **Mary Ellen Burtner**, and **Alice Cochran Styron**.

Gerard Dickenson's youngest son, **Pete Dickenson**, died on August 9, after an eighteen months' bout with cancer. This has been an especially hard time for Gerard, who has not been well herself. Our heartfelt sympathies go to Gerard and other members of her family, which includes **Florence Schulz**, a cousin.

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NEWS FROM SICKBAY

Sara McGee reports: "Our current sick list includes **Gerard Dickenson**, who has had a hip replacement; **Edna Hart**; **Jackie Jacoby**; and **Herbert Hughes**; and the many of us suffering from the heat and various allergies. Good thoughts and our prayers for recovery for all, and anyone not well that we don't know about."

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Ellen Jane Trost Sebern (Mrs. Richard). Address: 3163 Josie Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90808; and **Lejeune Wilson**, 7733 Meadowhaven Drive, Dallas 75240, Telephone 214/233-1426.

Both Mrs. Sebern and Mr. Wilson descend from **Amon McCommas, Sr.**, and **Mary Polly Brumfield**, who came to Dallas in 1844, and are buried in Cox Cemetery. Their son, **Amon McCommas, Jr.**, married **Nancy Seals** in Dallas in 1870. He is buried in Kaufman County and she in San Angelo. Their daughter, **Birdinia**, born 1875 in Scyene (Dallas County), married **Willard Filmore Wilson** in 1893. He was born in Tennessee in 1865 and died in Lubbock in 1935 and she in Fort Worth in 1923. She is buried in Dallas.

Zimri Hunt, a student at SMU, descends from **Zimri Hunt** who was born in 1820 in North Carolina, and who married **Fannie L. Springfield** in 1866 in Belleville, Texas. They came to Dallas in 1875 and resided at 215 Cottage Lane in 1895. Their son, **Zimri**, born 1868 in Belleville, married **Leta A. Wortham**, and they died in 1921 and 1943, respectively, in Dallas. Their son, **Zimri**, born in 1902 in Riesel, Texas, married **Margaret Roberts**. He died in 1967 in Houston and she in 1985 in Slaton. Their son, **Zimri** born 1940 in Shreveport, married **Claudia E. Clark**, born 1942 in St. Louis. She died in 1975 and he in 1983 in Houston. Their son, **Zimri**, born February 11, 1969, in Houston, is our new member and the fifth generation to carry that name.

Zimri's address is 6370 Shadybrook, #2211, Dallas, 75206. His telephone number is 214/987-0168.

Leila Inez Criddle descends from Samuel Moore Sylvester Beeman, born 1795 in North Carolina, who, with his wife, Mary "Polly" Smelser, born 1798 in South Carolina, arrived in Dallas in 1846. He died in 1877 in Dallas and she in 1883. Their son, John Smelser Beeman, born 1817 in Illinois, married Isabella Boirum, born 1825 in Illinois. He died in 1890 in Dallas. Their son, Samuel Moore, born 1841 at Bird's Fort, married Susan Katherine Chambers, born 1844 in Mississippi and lived in Tennessee, Texas, and New Mexico. Their daughter, Rosetta Mae, was born 1882 in Rio Vista, and married Isaac Ely Boyce, born in Burnet in 1881, in 1908 in Big Spring. They both died in Hagerman, New Mexico. Their daughter, Alma Sue, born in 1920 in New Mexico, married Charles H. Criddle, born in Utah in 1902, and they were the parents of Leila Inez.

Her address is 4815 Westgrove Dr. #105, Addison 75248-2501, telephone 214/250-0666.

Julia Schulz Morris, as you will remember, was speaker at our meeting in June and became a new member. She is descended from John Hicks Florence, born 1817 in Georgia. He and his wife Martha E. "Patsy" Walker, born 1817 in Georgia, came to Texas in 1856 and to Dallas County in 1871, settling in the vicinity of Town East Mall. Their son, David Walker, born in 1848 in Alabama, married Julia S. Beaty, born 1850 in Arkansas. Both are buried in Mesquite Cemetery. Their son, Emet David Florence, born 1885 in Mesquite, married Perle Curtis, born 1889 at New Hope in Dallas County. He died in Memphis, Tennessee, and she in Dallas in 1976. Their daughter, Florence Florence, born 1909 in Mesquite, married Frank Schulz, Jr. in Mesquite in 1945, and they are the parents of Julia. Julia's address is Route 1, Box 173E, Van Alstyne, telephone 903/364-5622.

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EARL'S PEARLS

Another little jewel from Earl Cullum's exclusive Dallas County archives

At 10 p.m. April 10, 1878, the Texas & Pacific Railroad train stopped at its depot in Mesquite, Texas. Suddenly, several masked men with pistols appeared and ordered the engineer and fireman to get down from the cab. Other bandits were firing all along the train, but otherwise, the twenty-five passengers were not molested. Conductor Julius Alford shot one bandit from a coach platform. Then Alford was hit in the left arm and quickly ceased his resistance.

The train's messenger and guard quickly shut and locked the door of the mail/express car as soon as the shooting started. The bandits poured coal oil on the car and threatened to set it afire, but the messenger, Kerley, refused to open the door. The bandits set fire to the coal oil and Kerley and the guard opened the door and came out. The fire was quickly extinguished and the bearded and masked bandits rifled the mail and express shipments. They obtained \$152 in cash and some mail, but missed thousands of dollars in cash hidden in the car.

The Sam Bass Gang was blamed for this and several other Dallas County train robberies about that time. Soon a citizens' posse would be on their trail, and Sam Bass would be shot and killed at Round Rock, Texas.

(Extracted by Earl O. Cullum from the booklet, "From Ox-teams to Eagles, the History of the Texas and Pacific Railroad".)

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I, personally, would like to thank the following for their help in the preparation and mailing of the new advertising brochure for *Proud Heritage, Volume II*: Sara McGee and Ric, Edna Hart and Andy, Frances James, Ann Williams Woodgate, Marjori Sharp and Lee Smith, her nephew.

Nona Williams

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The Lancaster Genealogical Society thanks the Pioneers for their interest in the Lancaster Library's destruction due to the tornado.

My appeal at the June meeting brought donations of \$257 for much-needed books from various members.

I personally thank each of you.

/s/ June
June Anderson Shipley

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NEW DALLAS PLAN

by Frances James

How many of you have already attended a meeting where the "New Dallas Plan" has been discussed? The plan is to be presented to the Dallas City Council in a few weeks. A bond election is slated to be voted on after that and many of the items will be to cover the agenda on the New Dallas Plan.

Supposedly, the Plan has evolved from the ideas accumulated from the suggestions that citizens recommended at this series of meetings. I attended one meeting and it was mostly complaints about what the City was not doing.

To have long-range goals and make plans to achieve them is absolutely vital in running a home, a business, or a city. This has been proven many times. Dallas has had many plans. Dallasites have taken the time and worked for years to follow these goals. One statement mentions the Kessler Plan, 1911. It was the first one of note and had the backing of *The Dallas Morning News*, the Chamber of Commerce, and a Plenary Committee of the City Council. George Kessler of Kansas City was hired to beautify Dallas and make our quality of life better. He died in 1923.

Next came the Ulrickson Plan, 1927. The main thrust of this Plan was to financially implement the ideas included in the Kessler Plan. Mayor Louis Blalock appointed a committee to sort through all the proposals for a bond issue. This committee was composed of Charles Ulrickson, Alex Weisberg, Frank L. McNeny, Leslie Stemmons, and Harry Olmstead. The implementation of levees on the Trinity River was part of this Plan. This was also the year Dallas finally got a Planning Department.

When the Bartholomew Plan was released in 1943, it was called the most comprehensive. Twelve reports were prepared by Harland Bartholomew and Associates to enhance the City's competitive position in attracting economic growth. It projected the anticipated population and employment problems and opportunities to the year 1970. One of the reports was on rapid transit and cautioned against the removal of streetcar lines. So much for city planning.

In the mid-1950s a committee of local businessmen and faculty members from SMU prepared a report on the future role of the Central Business District. These Business Research Committee Recommendations in 1956 included two major problems: circulation within, into, and out of the CBD; and blight. So now in 1994 we have Dart on Pacific, the Project on Main Street from Lamar east is finally completed, the activity around the Farmers Market is finally completed, and progress is being made on widening Central Expressway. Speaking of blight, we no longer have the homeless living under the downtown bridges. This report did recommend an organization representing CBD businessmen and property owners. This has happened: we have the folks who support the Downtown Improvement District.

(To be continued in the next - December - newsletter)

DALLAS AND THE CATTLE INDUSTRY

by Frances James

Have you noticed lately the number of articles pertaining to cattle in Dallas? From time to time there are dissenting people who do not understand that Dallas was very involved in the cattle industry. Usually, these remarks are from people who do not want to see longhorn steers near the Convention Center.

If one is only interested in cowboys as depicted on film (both still and the movies) we probably never did look like Dodge City, Kansas, but cows, leather, ranches, and a cattle trail were included in our Dallas County history. Here are a few items I have found from various sources:

Many early maps of Texas refer to the "Old Preston to Austin Trail". This road was opened in 1840 from Coffee's Trading Post to Austin, while Texas was still a republic.

A.C. Greene believes the so-called Shawnee Trail came through Dallas. Like most cattle trails, the Shawnee Trail had many branches and splits, but it was the principal cattle route north from the 1840s. The Trail, chosen by Indians long ago, is now Preston Road.

Wayne Gard, a western historian, deals at length with this subject in his definitive book, *The Chisholm Trail* (1954, University of Oklahoma Press). Bill Withers, member of Dallas County Historical Commission, has reviewed Gard's book in depth and believes this book verifies that cattle was important to Dallas.

In August 1990 Kent Biffle quoted Charles Scruggs, an Austin resident and president of Torado Ventures, a cattleman for forty years and a student of trail-driving history, on this subject. Included in this article is a map of the various trails north through Texas. Two of the trails passed through Dallas.

In a history of Illinois, the first cattle drive from near Austin through Indian territory past Hannibal, Missouri, took place in 1854. George Jackson Squires and his wife Emeline (who was sick and rode propped up in the covered wagon most of the time) arrived in Illinois with five hundred cattle.

Starting in the 1920s a series of articles were written by W.S. Adair. These columns were mostly interviews with early Dallas pioneers who were still alive, and the interviews appeared in *The Dallas Morning News*. The subject of some of the articles included their memories of different aspects of the cattle industry in Dallas.

In a copy of the Joint Annual Meeting of the Dallas County Pioneers Association and the Times Herald Half Century Club, held at Oak Lawn Park on September 22, 1932, is an article of happenings in Dallas in 1874. Quoting from this program: "June 9, 1874, Saturday and Sunday were big days for driving cattle through this City. Upward of 8,000 passed through during these two days."

The cattle pens in downtown Dallas before the railroads came caused the downtown merchants to complain loudly. When the H&TC railroad arrived in 1872 and the T&P in 1873, Dallas was the end of the line for three years. It took several years for the railroad companies to raise more funds to extend the lines. Finally, enough money was raised and a bridge was built over the Trinity River and Eagle Ford became the end of the line. This village became a typical cattle town when all the trappings of crime and fancy ladies gathered there. The population grew from seventy souls to over three thousand in a few months.

When the Tarrant County residents decided they wanted the railroads to be extended farther west, these citizens laid the track themselves. The men worked at laying the rails and the women took picnic lunches out to them. I think this is what various government entities are calling public/private participation. The extension of the tracks to Fort Worth caused Eagle Ford's population to decline and the small community in West Dallas did not recover until the cement plants were built in 1907.

(To be continued in the December newsletter.)



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NEWS RELEASE:

***Exploring Community History* Symposium to Emphasize
Historians as Detectives**

Are you interested in your community's history? Do you welcome the challenge of discovering and interpreting its past? If so, then you will not want to miss a one-day symposium, *Exploring Community History*, which will be held at the University of Texas at Arlington on Saturday, October 15, 1994. According to Richard Francaviglia, Director of UTA's Center for Southwestern Studies, "*Exploring Community History* will provide local historians with information that will enable them to better identify, research, and interpret important aspects of their community history." Gerald Saxon, Director of UTA's Special Collections, adds that "this, to our knowledge, is the first opportunity for all local historians in our region to meet with academic historians in order to better understand the past; both seasoned and aspiring local historians in our region will want to attend it." The program includes the following presentations and speakers:

The Local Historian as Detective

(A. C. Greene - Salado, Texas)

Reading the Landscape for Community History

(Richard Francaviglia, University of Texas at Arlington)

Historic Buildings: Researching Historic Properties

(Kate Singleton, Historical Preservation Consultant)

**What's in a Picture? Photographs as a Tool for
Understanding Local History**

(Carol Roark, Dallas Public Library)

Lunch & Keynote Speaker

The World of Community History

(Mike Campbell, University of North Texas)

Object Lessons: Learning from Material Culture

(Peter Mooz, Texas State Museum of History)

Oral History: Listening to the Past

(Gerald Saxon, University of Texas at Arlington)

The Paper Trail - Archival Records

(Darwin Payne, Southern Methodist University)

Integrating Historic Research -- Panel Discussion

Exploring Community History is sponsored by the University of Texas at Arlington, the Summerlee Foundation of Dallas, and the Texas Historical Commission. It will be held from 9 to 5 p.m. in the 6th Floor parlor of the UTA Main Library, and will cost \$15.00 to attend. For more information, contact the Center for Southwestern Studies, Box 19497, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas 76019, or call (817) 273-3997.

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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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