



Dallas County Pioneer Association

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President:
Nancy McRae

CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1997

Vice-President:
William D. McRae

Family Hall, Royal Lane Baptist Church

6707 Royal Lane (Royal Lane & Hillcrest Road)

Secretary:
Marcelle Hull

\$7 per person 6 p.m.

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We are having a Christmas catered dinner and reservations will be required. If you do not care to eat, just come for the meeting at 7 p.m., but we must have a "head count" for the caterer. The serving line will be open from 6 to 6:30 so that the program can start at 7. Please make reservations no later than Monday, December 1 (earlier, if possible). It would be helpful if you mailed your check, payable to DCPA, to Bill at 3500 Dartmouth, Dallas 75205. You will also be called by the Telephone Committee. If you make a reservation and cannot come, you will be expected to pay. You may enter from Hillcrest or from Royal Lane. If you enter off Royal at Thackery (west side of complex) you can park right by the Family Hall and enter through the glass door. (See Mapsco 25G.)

Our program will be presented by our own Frances James, who will be speaking on "Texas History Holidays". We always love a warm, inspirational, knowledgeable presentation by Frances. Don't miss this!

We will also have the induction of Frances James into the Roll of Honor and election and installation of officers for the coming year.. Ω

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since this is my last "Message from the President", I want to express my appreciation for the honor of serving as president of the Dallas County Pioneer Association, and also my thanks to all who willingly volunteered and contributed the time, money, talent, and expertise necessary to keep our organization moving forward. There is no way I could name everyone—but you certainly know who you are!

We are particularly sad at the untimely death of **Bernie Coffey**, who was currently serving on the Telephone Committee and, along with his wife, **Millie**, had manned the DCPA table at the recent Genealogy Convention. He was always willing to fully participate in our activities. He will be sorely missed, and our hearts go out to Millie.

Please join me in thoughts and prayers for my cousin and our secretary, **Marcelle Hull**, who is very ill in **Zale Lipshy Hospital** with acute leukemia. Her husband, **Gene**, stays in the hospital with her, so we also need to remember him and their family. She cannot receive flowers or visitors, but cards mailed to her home will be taken to her when appropriate.

While manning a booth at the Genealogy Convention, **Carolyn Seltzer** talked with a gentleman who had a framed print of early Dallas and wanted to know if DCPA would be interested in it. Bill and I met Mr. **G.J. Brittain**, and he will present to DCPA the 1872 **Bird's Eye View of the City of Dallas** at our December meeting. Needless to say, we are delighted to receive this unique piece of history—and to think it depicts Dallas as it was only three years before our organization was formed! We have been offered several items of historical interest from others, pending proper preservation and storage arrangements.

On October 3 **Frances James, Marjori Sharp, Bill** and I represented DCPA at a fact-finding meeting regarding restoration of our Old Red Courthouse. The representatives of historical organizations presented their desires for the use of the building. Marjori has the list of organizations and their representatives in her computer and knows **who's who**. DCPA hopes to have space for a revolving exhibit of Dallas County history.

The Nominating Committee proposes the following candidates for office for the calendar year 1998:

President	William D. McRae
Vice-president	Clare G. Weakley, Jr.
Treasurer	John C. Winniford

Secretary	Mae E. Riek
Newsletter Editor	Marjori Sharp
Historian	Susan Cargile

Do hope to see each and every one of you at our special Christmas meeting! Ω
Nancy McRae

MINUTES OF MEETING SEPTEMBER 4

The meeting of the Dallas County Pioneer Association was held in the Family Hall of Royal Lane Baptist Church on September 4. Dinner was served by Twelve Oaks Catering to seventy persons who made reservations. Sixty-four members and eleven guests signed the register.

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 by President **Nancy McRae**. **Billy Joe Denton** gave the invocation. **Mary Elizabeth Reed** led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag and Nancy McRae led the pledge to the Texas flag.

Bill McRae, membership chair, announced the following new members: **Kathy S. Culver, Anne Lewis Clark, Donna Beeman Elkins, Linda S. Hart, Mary Raye Reed, and Helen J. Sullivan**.

After a short introduction describing his work with the Dallas Historical Society, the Dallas County Heritage Society, his service as editor of *Legacies*, (joint publication of these two societies), the Dallas County Sesquicentennial Celebration, and his continuing interest in the history of Dallas County, a certificate of Honorary Membership was awarded to Dr. **Michael V. Hazel**. Mike is currently a lecturer at the University of North Texas and at Southern Methodist University, and has previously taught at the University of Texas at Dallas.

On a sad note, Chairman McRae reported the death of **John Colyer** on July 16. Comments were made about the good work of the Telephone Committee under Chair **Faye Evans**.

Guests for the evening were recognized, and included: **Curtis Castleberry, Helen Denton, Cheryl Formway, Genevieve Glover, Anna Peters, Piddle Melton, Ikey Spence, Chet Lemon, Chari Singleton, Karlee Smith, and Nancy and Jack Dorie.**

The new DCPA telephone number and "Call Notes" service was announced and the number (214/969-0926) was given to the group.

Mattie Hughes reported on the Genealogical Seminar held at the Hyatt Regency and the effort to sell our books. Several new members resulted from the DCPA participation in this event. Those helping were **Clare Weakley, Irma Janicek, Bernie and Millie Coffey, Carolyn Selzer, Bill Clark, Mattie, and Nancy and Bill McRae.**

M'Layne Murphy, chief assistant to **Bob Phillips**, the "Texas Country Reporter" of TV fame, announced a festival to be held at Old City Park on October 12 in which some eighty persons featured on Phillips' TV programs will be demonstrating their talents during a weekend of fun. The event will be a fund-raiser for OCP. All were invited to attend.

Earl Cullum announced that the Roll of Honor committee has nominated **Frances James** for inclusion in this elite group.

Frances James presented an update on historical community happenings, which included: Work on the ground floor of "Old Red", including the reopening of transoms over the doorways. On September 20, three historical markers will be placed on the graves of **Alex Harwood, James S. Patterson, and John J. Good** at Pioneer Cemetery. Rededication of the Confederate Monument at Pioneer Cemetery following completion of restoration work, on October 12. A canoe trip down the Trinity River on October 18. Pioneer Day at the State Fair of Texas on October 19. Completion of signage for creeks and other tributaries of the Trinity River. The grave of James Patterson has been located.

Our speaker for the evening, **Vivian Castleberry**, was introduced by Program Chairman **Marcelle Hull**. Mrs. Castleberry gave a thoroughly entertaining and informative presentation on some of the outstanding ladies featured in her book *Daughters of Dallas*, which she published in 1994. She pointed out that it was the pioneer woman who brought culture and civility to the Frontier.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by President **McRae**, with the traditional closing of the old pioneers, "God be with you 'til we meet again!" Ω **Bill McRae**, for the Secretary

FINAL FAREWELLS

Our **Bernard (Bernie) M. Coffey** died September 23. He was a regular and faithful member, and he will be greatly missed. Memorial services were held on October 3. Our sincere sympathies to his family and many friends.

Also, **Juanita Durden Williams**, another of our active and faithful died on September 27. Services were held on September 30. Our deepest sympathies to her family and friends. She, too, will be missed by all of us.

SICK CALL

A number of our members are having problems. **Gerard Dickinson** had a heart attack on July 31, but we didn't know until mid-September, and she has had two more since then — all on top of her knee surgery. She is better, or seemed so when we spoke on the 'phone, and is in pretty good spirits. Gerard, take good care of yourself and slow down.

We are also pleased to announce that **Earl Cullum** is — quote: "doing pretty good". Earl, we're all happy to know that. You, too, take good care.

Bill Jacoby has had additional eye surgery and not feeling so good for now. **John Jackson** is mending well. **Florence Schulz** has had several little strokes, but is hanging in there, and **Ruby Ledbetter** and **Dorothy Miller** are improving. **Rayburn Williams** is still ill, but we sure are pulling for him, and for all you folks who are ill.

Our dear **Marcelle Hull** is in the hospital, very ill.

And last, **Nancy McRae** has insisted I give an accounting for my absences at Board and regular meetings for awhile. Well, folks, after smoking for fifty years, I am now "paying the piper". I have C.O.P.D. and am on oxygen twenty-four hours a day. I can get out only rarely, and must use a portable oxygen tank (I call it "R2D2"). It's a struggle — the effort is gargantuan — but, hopefully, one of these days These last four weeks husband **David** and I have had the usual hayfever, allergies, and Fall "crud". We're on the mend, with antibiotics. Thank goodness!

Please, all of you, keep us all in your good thoughts and prayers — it means a lot to us to know our DCPA family is thinking of us and pulling for us.

Hopefully, next time, there will be far better news to give you. If anyone knows of any others who are being "physically challenged", please let me know.

Thanks from all of us for your concern. Ω
Sara McGee, Sunshine Chair

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

We welcome mother and daughter new members, **Helen Thompson Sullivan** and **Kathy Ann Sullivan Culver**. **Mattie Hughes** signed them up at the **Genealogy Convention**. Helen joined us as a Life member.

Their earliest Dallas County ancestors were **Anna Hunnicutt** and **William Bolin Cox** who married in Illinois and came to the County in 1844 with their young son, **Hartwell Bolin**. (Anna was the aunt of

Margaret Beeman, wife of **John Neely Bryan**.) **Hartwell** married **Louthary Moore** and they had a daughter, **Polly Josephine**, who, with her husband, **Henry A. Cootes**, had a daughter, **Lillie Louthary**. Henry was the son of **George Washington Cootes**, who came to Dallas after the Civil War from Missouri and married **Harriet Coats Johnson**. Lillie married **Howard D. Thompson**, and they became the parents of Helen and grandparents of Kathy Ann. Helen married **Robert Alan Sullivan** and Kathy's husband is **Charles Earl Culver**.

Hartwell B. Cox was the first postmaster of Rylie Prairie (now Rylie, in southeast Dallas County) and **Henry A. Cootes** drove one of the first mule-drawn streetcars in the City of Dallas.

Helen is a member of the Dallas Genealogy Society and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. She lives at 8339 Waterwood Lane, 75217, telephone 214/398-8531.

Kathy Ann's address is 8446 Huttig Avenue, 75217, and her telephone number is 214/391-5651. Ω

THIS'N THAT FROM FRANCES' NOTES

• *The Dallas Morning News* for November 4 had headlines referring to projects along the Trinity, the Trinity River Bonds. Many citizens have spent hundreds of hours meeting to discuss what will be included in the bond package. It is not a done deal by a long shot, because there are individuals and groups pro and con on several of the issues. For instance:

1. The toll road to be built on the levees.
2. How to access the parks and lakes from the toll road.
3. Will the toll road actually relieve the congestion on Stemmons and the "canyon".

• Time is running out on what to do with the facilities at the Dallas Air Station. The entire site belongs to the City of Dallas; it is adjacent to Grand Prairie, and

What does or does not happen, impacts that city, too. The person in charge at the moment stated that an appraiser had been hired to come up with a potential figure, as Dallas wants to turn the entire project over to some other entity to operate. He said there were five large companies looking at it, as the shops and up-to-date facilities are in excellent condition. He mentioned a jet engine repair business.

Ruthe Jackson, a city councilperson from Grand Prairie, says there is a beautiful structure built in the 1920s that has been the home of the commander for many years. Along with this home is another slightly smaller, same decade, as well as the chapel on the Base that could be used for something interesting. She mentioned a museum of memorabilia pertaining to the Base and the Navy during this last seventy years. This was started as Hensley Field in 1928. Aviation has always been a vital business in Dallas. We have the land and the weather!

Push has come to shove concerning the first high school in Dallas! A representative for the unknown developers appeared before the City of Dallas Landmark Commission on November 4. The developers who had attempted to get a demolition permit were required to appear before Landmark, as the building is one of the protected sites in Dallas. The entire site is listed on the National Register and is eligible for Texas Historical Marker and Landmark designation. One more protection is the State Archaeological Site review, which may come up in January.

The investors have no name or address. They tried to tell us their address was 2218 Bryan—which is the address of the vacated school building! Do you smell a mouse?? The last three or four school superintendents and several of the elected board members have shown little concern about the historical significance of this site. Correspondence and conversation is ongoing as to how to best preserve the building.

DISD placed a small notice in the legal section of the paper, with a very short time to close out. Other large local investors who would have attempted to save the original structure were unaware of the pending sale.

DISD is whining that they “need” the money. Common sense wonders why the school is not still a school, as hundreds of people are moving back into the inner city—plus, the DART station is at the front door. Some of these families must have children. One beautiful idea was to combine several of the private schools, St. Marks, Hockaday, Ursuline, etc., for a downtown campus for students whose parents have to take them across town or pay a fortune in private bus service. There are many uses associated with the Arts District, also. This will be interesting to watch what develops.

- Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Dallas-Fort Worth Veterans Administration National Cemetery were held on Monday, November 10, at the site near Spur 408 and Kiest Boulevard. Plans have been completed and phase one will begin before the end of the year. We hope that the folks living in that section of our County will keep us informed of the progress. We have been told that it is very near the campus of Dallas Baptist College and not very far from the Alexander Cockrell farm.

- Since 1907, Neiman Marcus has been a household word in Dallas. Even though many of our families could not afford to shop at Neiman’s, we understood their products meant quality. Some even ripped the label out of old things and sewed them into new garments from another store trying to achieve “the look”. For the ninetieth celebration there were several exhibits about early Dallas that were interesting to see: the Frank Reaugh (“Dean of Texas Painters”) Exhibit; Highways in the Air, the history of aviation in Texas; a “Then and Now” look at fashion; and many more about Texas, such as salvaged relics from LaSalle’s *Belle* in Matagorda Bay.

- One more of the people in Dallas who helped make our County what it is, has left us. **Ralph Rogers**, who was so involved with the Camp House and the DeGoyler House at the Arboretum, and many other aspects that were good for us, died November 3. Although he had several serious illnesses in his life and was not born rich, he was quoted as saying that he

had to work extra hard to be able to inspire others to make major contributions. Mr. Rogers did a lot for Dallas!

The application for a Texas Historical Marker has been submitted for the Camp House. It was designed by **John Staub**, an architect from Houston, picked by the Camps.

- **Bernie Coffey** died September 23. None of us knew he was so sick. Native son Coffey was a stepson of **Wesley Cockrell** and was born in the house next door to his own home. He had been affiliated with Boy Scouts for over seventy years! He and his wife, **Millie**, met at a square dance in 1955, and for the happiness this brought them, they organized Coffey's College, three- and four-day events complete with lectures and seminars as well as square and round dancing. The list of organizations he supported included the DCPA. We shall miss Bernie.

- The Great Trinity Forest is one of the beautiful attributes to our County. Trees that were here before any settlement began are being recognized. If you know of a large old tree that needs careful scrutiny, tell the "tree people". Dr. **Mary Ellen Bluntzen** is giving of her time and spending great effort to help us all protect our trees. There are Indian Marker Trees (did you see the great picture in the House & Garden section of *The Dallas Morning News* of November 7?), large Bur Oaks, all worth saving. The tree ordinance for the City of Dallas is rather silly: if you cut down a large tree, you are required to replace it with a like amount of trees, somewhere else. For instance, a tree with a trunk diameter of one foot, would require the planting of twelve one inch diameter trees. Of course, you will not get shade from the teeny, tiny sticks, nor will they clean the air with their few leaves. What a joke! Ω

FROM TENNESSEE TO TEXAS

The Alamo Hero Davy Crockett came from eastern Tennessee and "ended up" in San Antonio, Texas.

Many of us have visited the Alamo where he fought and died, but few of us have visited his birthplace (in 1786) in Tennessee.

DCPA member **Earl Owen Cullum** visited the Alamo in a baby buggy in 1914 and on later occasions, and now in 1997 he has "completed the circuit", and visited the Crockett birthplace.

On this trip to see his new great-grandson, **Owen Burkard**, of Arlington, Virginia, Earl also visited former homes and burial places of numerous ancestors.

He is proud of a snapshot showing Colonel Cullum of Texas at the Crockett Birthplace Cabin, saluting the memory of the hero, Colonel Crockett of Tennessee and Texas. Ω

WE ARE LEFT WITH THE MEMORIES

"Woolworth Legacy Fading with Store Chain". This was the headline on an article in the business section of *The Dallas Morning News* on October 20. The last four hundred Woolworth stores, including the Flagship Store in New York, closed in October, after 118 years of service, seventy-eight years after the death of their founder.

That is the "F. W. Woolworth Five and Ten Cent Store", founded by **Frank W. Woolworth** in Watertown, New York, in 1879. Born in New York in 1852, Woolworth died in 1919 at age sixty-seven after his chain of stores had grown to number 2,100 throughout the world. The Associated Press article in *The News*, with a photo of Woolworth, stated that he had built a Methodist church in New York in 1915, with a trust fund to keep it going, even unto today.

This "merchant prince" altered forever the retail business world. His red-and-gold store signs were recognized in even the smallest communities far and wide, where his most enthusiastic customers were children with a few cents to spend in Woolworth's

“Wonderland”. Displayed in store windows and on counters along the aisles were everything we could want in shopping for gifts or for ourselves: toys, books, candy, sewing supplies, gardening needs, articles of clothing. And there was even a lunch counter, with a ham sandwich and cherry coke for less than a quarter.

Many of us had our first-ever shopping experience in a local Woolworth, as starry-eyed small children. A writer in *The News* on November 1 said it well: “It must be a human trait not to appreciate things in our lives until they are gone. . .the conveniences of modern life and the institutions we have grown up with.” She said Woolworth gave her her first shopping experience as a child and her first job as a teenager. Some of us remember taking our nylons over to Woolworth to be mended during WW II (yes, mended. The first nylon hose wore like iron, a pair lasting for years. It paid to have a run mended).

Shopping malls, discount centers, outlet stores, and even grocery stores selling shoes and socks and small appliances, have replaced Woolworth, but many of us raised in Dallas County and all over the world will never forget the Woolworth “Five and Ten”. Ω

The following reprint from *The Register*, the Newsletter of the Dallas Historical Society, continues a recap of the history of the DHS.

The Gambrell Era, 1940-1976

After an enthusiastic beginning in 1922, the Dallas Historical Society faded from public view until its renewal by G. B. Dealey in 1934. With new energy and interest caused by the Texas Centennial, the Society ended the 1930s with a new commitment and a new home—the Hall of State.

Moving into the Hall of State enhanced the Society’s prestige, but it exacted a price as well. The building honored the history of Texas, not merely Dallas. As a result, the Society expanded its mission to include Texas history.

While some Society members had reservations about the new focus, others embraced it. Dr. William E. Howard of Dallas donated part of his fantastic Texana collection. Including rare books and documents, his gift set the Society on par with the best historical archives in Texas. Another member, Summerfield G. Roberts, established a fund so that the Gambrells — Herbert as director of the museum and Virginia as archivist — could purchase items not otherwise available.

The Society mourned the death of G.B. Dealey in February, 1946. In 1948, Herbert became head of S.M.U.’s history department. No longer able to attend to day-to-day activity at the Hall of State, he became director of the Society, while Virginia became director of the museum. Thus placed, they operated the museum, archives, Hall of State, and most of the affairs of the Society itself for a quarter-century.

The Hall of State in the 1940s and 1950s was “no inert monument [but] a sort of people’s university [with] students ... from 9 to 80.” During this period, the Society not only mounted short-and-long-term exhibits on Texas and Dallas history, but also sponsored lectures on history, politics, and “the American Way of Life,” and made the Hall of State available to community groups for meetings and for “worthy” civic events.

The Gambrells and their staff created a set of activities whose purpose was to foster patriotism through exposure to the best of Dallas and Texas history. The Society earned a wide reputation for its excellence. Virginia became a leader among museum professionals nationwide (though some scholars still tell of her often arbitrary decisions as to who should and should not, have access to the Society’s materials).

The successful program wore thin over time. Lectures were curtailed as attendance dropped. Teachers tired of the same educational offerings. Long-term displays were seen by visitors not as reminders of a proud heritage, but as symbols of a group uninterested in change. As an institution, the Society was mired in a

comfortable pattern of behavior that would not easily be altered.

A new era began early in 1975, when the City of Dallas received full possession of the Hall of State from the State of Texas through a bill sponsored by Representative Chris Semos, but an era ended later in the year when Virginia and Herbert offered their joint resignation due to Virginia's failing health. They retired on January 1, 1976, remaining trustees until her condition prevented even that.

John Crain became director of the Society in 1976, a year when many Americans became excited about history again. He inherited an organization strapped for funding and largely ignored by Dallasites. Once more, the Society had to be re-invented. Ω



WHO IS THIS HANDSOME YOUNG SOLDIER??
Clue: he appeared in this journal once before
tasting yummy baked products at the Fair.

"OLD RED" COMMITTEE SELECTS MUSEUM CONSULTANT

The long-awaited restoration of Dallas' Old Red Courthouse took a giant step forward with the selection of a nationally-prominent consulting firm, Staples & Charles, Ltd., to coordinate a vision for the building. **Barbara Charles**, who will head the team of local citizens, spent several days in Dallas in October and met with members of the Friends of Old Red Steering Committee and the Master Plan Committee in a joint meeting called by **Lindalyn Adams**, chair of the Friends.

Various concepts regarding use of the old Courthouse were discussed, including: a countywide center available for media conferences with satellite hook-ups and for ambassador and dignitary receptions; rental space with catering kitchen available for seated dinners, large public meetings, private, corporate or civic functions; Museum of Dallas History; a seven-day-a-week downtown visitor center. Important to everyone was replicating the original clock tower.

It wasn't part of the discussion, but a bid was made for a room the DCPA can call its own, a place to collect, exhibit, and make available to the public the many treasures this Association now has scattered throughout the County. As you will recall, the first meeting of the original pioneers was held in the courthouse on this same square of ground.

Barbara Charles posed the question, to each participant: "How do you envision the proposed Museum of Dallas County History?" There couldn't have been a better way to get a view of what this County is looking for; she received an enthusiastic response from each one. She stressed her eagerness to research all over the County before tackling space allocation and design; she had already spent three days touring the area and meeting with community leaders.

Lindalyn Adams expressed the consensus of the meeting of the members of these two groups: "It is important that there be cooperation between communities, development of suitable controls on usage and design, and creation of endowments for major maintenance of projects. If Hill County can restore their county courthouse after a devastating fire, Dallas County can restore their county courthouse, stairway, and clock tower, as well." Ω

DUES

1998 dues are now payable. Please bring to our meeting on December 4, or mail to:

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Single membership \$15.00

Couple membership 25.00

NEW BOOK ON LIFE OF WARREN FERRIS

Land is the Cry! is the story of **Warren Angus Ferris**, a New York Yankee who could be called the "Father of Dallas County", according to a blurb in a catalog from The Texas A&M University Press.

Ferris was the surveyor who entered the Three Forks area of the Trinity in 1839, while Texas was still a republic, some years before **John Neely Bryan** came. As the official surveyor for Nacogdoches County, which then included Dallas County, he and land speculator **William P. King** drew up the map of the area which showed "Warwick" on the spot which became Dallas. (There never was a town named Warwick in Texas, but apparently the two planned to found one.)

Surveyor Ferris was also a fur trapper and a farmer. His classic, *Life in the Rocky Mountains*, was a diary he kept of his adventures working as a trapper and fur trader for six years. He then followed his brother **Charles** to Texas and his surveys of the Dallas area determined the line of streets and roads that shaped the future county. Then he settled down to farming east of White Rock Creek. He was also a prolific letter writer and much of his correspondence has been preserved.

These letters and other family materials helped **Susanne Starling**, a historian and former teacher at Eastfield College reconstruct the life and times of Warren Ferris in *Land is the Cry!*, which should be in book stores by December 1.

Frances James had a note from the author telling her of the pending publication and saying, "You are acknowledged in the book for your help and encouragement which have meant much to me over the years. Thank you." Ω

THE CARROLLTON CHRONICLE MICRO-FILMS

The Peters Colony Historical Society of Dallas County, Texas, has had the privilege to microfilm the donated newspapers of *The Carrollton Chronicle*, which is no longer in publication. This was done with permission from the Harte-Hanks newspaper.

The papers cover the early history of Carrollton, beginning with January 3, 1913, through December 28, 1967, with many interesting facts and photos through these years. The information to be obtained from this vast collection is invaluable for anyone interested in the history of the area or seeking information on their ancestors.

The films can be accessed at the Carrollton Public Library, Frankford Village Branch, located at 3030 North Josey Lane, in Carrollton. Ω

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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