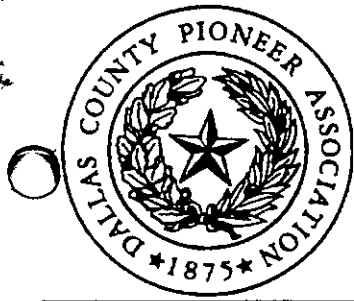




Dallas County Pioneer Association

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FALL 1998

President:
William D. McRae

FALL MEETING

Vice-President:
Clare G. Weakley, Jr.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1998

Location: Family Hall, Royal Lane Baptist Church, corner of Royal Lane and Hillcrest Avenue

Secretary:
Mae Riek

Time: 6:00 p.m. for dinner and fellowship
7:00 p.m. for the program

Treasurer:
John Winniford

Program: Gerry Cristol, author of *Light on the Prairie*, the 125-year history of Temple Emanu-El

Historian:
Susan Cargile

Dinner reservations are required. Call **Bill McRae** at 214/521-8654 or DCPA Call Notes at 214/969-0926. Dinner cost will be \$7.00. Payment prior to the meeting will be appreciated.

Membership:
Clare G. Weakley, Jr.

Gerry Cristol, archivist and exhibit curator at Temple Emanu-El since 1973, has made time for historical and art community service, a husband, two daughters, four grandchildren, and now a book about a beloved Dallas institution just a tad older than our own Association at 125 years.

Program:
Nancy McRae

Mrs. Cristol has been a board member of the Dallas Historical Society since 1994, which she has served as Historian and as Chairman of the Collections Committee. She also has served as vice-president of the Dallas Jewish Historical Society, is a member of the Women's Council of Dallas County, and a docent at the Dallas Art Museum. Her thesis topic for her Master of Arts degree from SMU was "The History of the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts".

Telephone:
Faye Evans

This native of Massachusetts is married to **Charles Cristol** and is the mother of **Freda Toppel** and **Amy Cristol**.

Sunshine:
Nona Williams

We look forward to this program on a landmark of our Jewish heritage. Ω

Newsletter:
Marjori Sharp

FROM THE PRESIDENT

My thanks to **Clare Weakley** for doing such a good job at the June meeting! I have heard so much about his leadership, and it is always nice to know there are many who can pitch in and get the job done. Our trip to the Baltic capitals and St. Petersburg, Russia, was great. We noted in each place we visited that the historic buildings, sites, and relics, were always the most interesting for tourists and the things the guides most loved to talk about. Our Dallas County political leaders should get a clue from this and start rigorously saving and restoring our historic landmarks!

On October 24, **Frances James** will be the tour guide for a Dallas Historical Society-sponsored tour of old cemeteries in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas. The tour is completely sold out and there is a waiting list. This is a great testament to Frances and the interest she has generated for cemeteries in Dallas County. Call the Historical Society for information.

Prior to her death, **Sara McGee**, a past president of the DCPA, requested that Frances complete the research for a historic marker to be placed at the Cox Cemetery on the west side of White Rock Lake. This was one of Sara's top goals and she left several boxes of collected materials toward the completion of the project. Our members are asked to contribute to the cost of the marker as a memorial to our former president. Anyone wishing to contribute should mail their check payable to DCPA and marked "Cox Cemetery Marker" to either **John Winniford** or **Bill McRae**.

The DCPA Executive Committee has approved a proposal to seek permanent quarters for our records and historic memorabilia at Old City Park. **Marjori Sharp** will be leading this effort. We will keep you posted on developments. Space in the refurbished "Old Red" Courthouse is considered to be impossible to obtain and the parking available there is scarce and costly.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Nona Williams**,

our Sunshine Chair, whose husband, **Rayburn Williams**, died on July 22, and also to Executive Committee member **June Shipley**, whose husband, **Wayne**, is recovering from extensive cancer surgery. **Bill McRae**

MINUTES OF MEETING JUNE 4

Vice-President **Clare Weakley, Jr.**, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. He said President **Bill McRae** and his wife, **Nancy**, were in Copenhagen and on their way to Oslo. The Invocation was given and the pledges to the American flag and to the Texas flag were recited. Then Clare announced the passing of two members, **Ruth Carnes** and former President **Sara McGee**. He said we will miss them but will see them again someday in the Lord. Sixty members and guests were present.

Frances James introduced five guests of the evening and we are pleased to have them with us. Clare asked that anyone who has not paid their dues to please do so and mail them to Treasurer **John Winniford**. He also asked that everyone try to promote new membership in our Association to keep it strong. He then reminded the membership of our Scrap Book: it is kept by **Susan Cargile**, and he requested anyone having articles or other things of interest to mail them to Susan.

Faye Evans, chairman of the Telephone Committee, said she would love to share her duties and requested anyone interested to please call.

We are happy to welcome back **Earl Cullum** and **Marcelle Hull**; both have had serious health problems. Marcelle thanked everyone for their cards, letters, and prayers.

Clare asked if anyone knew what the blue and white flag hanging in front of the head table represented: it is the Dallas County flag. He also told us that Dallas has a secret: it is the Palmetto Swamp, which he feels is worth saving.

Frances James brought us up-to-date on happenings of interest. She told us Mr. **Harlan** had the first permanent building in the Farmers' Market and it is scheduled to be torn down. She called and had it stopped. Mrs. **Margaret Elaine Harlan** has written a book on the history of the Harlan Building.

Frances said the buildings at the Buckner's Orphan Home are being taken down so they can build more "home-like" structures that will be more suitable for the children. The bodies of former workers are being moved to Hillcrest Cemetery; however, the bodies of children who died at Buckner's are in another area and will remain.

"Old Red" does not have a room for the DCPA. The money voted in the bond election of 1985 is being used to return the lobby to as near the original as possible. Frances continued, Tech High School Building has not been taken down yet and if all the alumni work together, perhaps it can be saved. The Wilson Building downtown is being made into lofts. The building has been stopped on Greenwood Cemetery. A Texas Historical Marker has been placed on the Camp House at the Arboretum.

Frances introduced the speaker for the evening, **Suzanne Starling**, who has written the book *Land Is the Cry!*. The book is about **Warren Angus Ferris**, an early pioneer who did the survey for Dallas County. A part of the old Ferris Cemetery near Alex Sanger School has been saved and now has a Historical Marker. Suzanne Starling gave an interesting talk on Warren Ferris.

Carolyn Selzer, representing the DCPA, presented **Mae B. Riek** a cake honoring her on her 100th birthday, which was May 28.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m., with Vice-President Weakley saying, "God be with you 'til we meet again." Ω

Mae Riek, Secretary



Mae B. Riek was surprised with a cake honoring her 100th birthday at the June meeting of DCPA. Flanking her are daughter Mae E. and son George. Daughter Jean Riek Reilly was also present, but missed the photo session.

FINAL FAREWELLS

We are deeply saddened by the death of **Rayburn H. Williams**, husband of our former longtime secretary and newsletter editor and current Sunshine Chair, **Nona Williams**.

Rayburn passed away on July 22 after a long illness. He was a charter member of Carrollton Masonic Lodge, and Masonic graveside services were held on July 24 at Hillcrest Memorial Park. A veteran of World War II, he earned two Bronze Stars during his service.

Rayburn was a direct descendant of Dallas pioneer settlers **James P. and Mary Ferguson** and he and Nona were Charter Members of the DCPA. He is survived also by two children, seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

Mackie Dealey and her brother, **Clarence Cockrell**, have suffered another loss in their family, niece **Ruth Wilson Melton**, who passed away in June. Mrs. Melton was a sister-in-law of Congressman **Sam Johnson**. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family. Ω

WE APPRECIATE CAROLYN

We need lots of help and, thank goodness, we get lots of help, for which we are forever grateful. We have one person, though, who contributes something to every newsletter we put out and never really expresses herself in print, never gets a byline.

Carolyn Selzer apparently thinks "DCPA" constantly: she clips and mails to us every printed item she sees that might even remotely have interest for our members; she and her husband keep their camera at the ready for the newsletter and the scrapbook; and she calls to suggest events and people who you want to read about. And she commemorates special birthdays. We thought you'd like to know.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

We welcome **Cheryl Leach Formway**, another descendant of early Dallas pioneer **John Beeman** (who arrived in Dallas County in 1841), making her a seventh generation Texan and Dallasite.

John and his wife, **Emily Hunnicutt**, were the parents of **John Scott Winfield**, who married **Elizabeth B. Merrifield**. Their daughter, **Sarah Katherine**, and her husband **Robert Lee Herrin** had daughter **Ethel**, who married **Decker Lee Barnes**, and they became the parents of **Robert V. Barnes, Sr.** Robert and his wife, **Doris C. Haffen**, were the parents of **Marsha Carol**, who married **Carl Michael Leach** and gave birth to Cheryl.

Cheryl and her husband, **Keith Forrest Formway**, have one son, **Kyle Forrest**, and they make their home at 3511 Mayhew, Dallas 75228, telephone 972/686-1924.

Katherine Cox Sullivan has joined us from Connecticut, giving us another member from the Nutmeg State. Katherine's earliest ancestor in Dallas County was **Cornelius Cox**, who arrived in 1846 and settled around Scyene Road. He and his wife, **Catherine Jackson**, became the parents of **George Henry**, who married **Mary Ann Tucker**, and their child was **David Silvester**. David and his wife, **Rosa L. Cloud**, were the parents of **Harley William**, who married **Ruby G. Carroll** and they became the parents of Katherine.

Cornelius and Katy Cox came to Dallas from Monroe County, Indiana. He was the grandson of Solomon Cox, a North Carolina Quaker, who signed the North Carolina Patriot Association Test.

Katherine belongs to the New England Historical & Genealogical Society, the Delaware Historical Society, and the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society — and to the Dallas County Pioneer Association!

She and her husband, **John B. Sullivan**, have two daughters who were born in Texas. They live at 180 Homestead Lane, Fairfield, CT, 06430, telephone 203/255-9228. We welcome this family to our family. Ω

NEWS ABOUT THE CEMETERIES

by Frances James

The McAdams Cemetery (N.O. McAdams was the sheriff of Dallas County 1862-1866) near Illinois and RLT was cleaned up by a large group of young people from the Dallas East Stake Youth Committee, a church in Lake Highland. They started arriving about 8:30 on a Saturday morning and with the help of some leaders and dads with chain saws, they cleaned a huge pile of trash and debris from the site. These strong young people stood up the stones that had been overturned years ago. Either all the descendants of this family are dead or moved away from Dallas, as none of them has ever come forward when contacted

through the years. I even received a Thank You note from the boys for "letting them help"!

Another cemetery being shown some attention is the McCree Cemetery. Some of the stones are being reassembled, after being knocked over by vandals. This is the project of another Boy Scout working on his Eagle Badge. Hard, heavy, dirty work, but lots of interest in the grave stones.

Hope this pleases **Mary Sutherland**, as she and others have tried for many years to keep up this interesting cemetery, which is behind the Telephone Company on Audelia.

The Garvin Cemetery on Northwest Highway has been thoroughly cleaned up again and is getting a new fence across the front! This Boy Scout is one of our future entrepreneurs! He decided the fence needed to be replaced and called around until he found a store that would donate the necessary material. We shall

watch for this project to proceed!

The fight is on again about the huge illegal trash pile being allowed in front of the entrance to the Horton Cemetery in the Arcadia section of Dallas. As soon as it cools off, I believe another person will attempt to clean up this site again. The Boy Scouts have done it several times, but the trailer park nearby allows (or encourages) those residents to pile their bulky trash out by the Cemetery! The manager even told the party that questioned him that he owned the property. **NOT TRUE: in cases such as this one the people who are buried there own this site! This is the Horton Family and neighbors from 1850!**

I am trying to focus my attention on history in Dallas County — but— I have been called about the big Pioneer Cemetery in Rockwall. A really wonderful site, as it starts on the highest point of a hill and gently slopes on down toward Lake Ray Hubbard. Of course, when the Cemetery began, this was merely the East Fork of the Trinity River! Many families in Rockwall have close ties with Dallas pioneers, also.

I am in contact with the Texas Historical Commission in Austin. They are attempting to place all cemeteries in all counties (254 counties) on maps. The estimate is that there are 40,000 in Texas. I keep telling people that there is plenty of land in Texas, but stay off the cemeteries! With the help of some friends, we are trying to locate some of the lost sites in Dallas County. I may be calling on some of you to go by a certain site and see if there is anything there.

That is all for now. Ω

WHOIZIT???

Did you recognize "Mr. Thirty" in our Summer newsletter? That set square jaw, those penetrating eyes, that military bearing haven't changed: **Earl Owen Cullum**, who turns eighty-five in September, also still has that razor-sharp mind for researching and writing, especially about family, church, and Dallas history.

Earl responded to John Nelms' call to reactivate the Dallas County Pioneer Association in 1979, attended that first meeting and became a charter member of the revived DCPA. In 1983 he took office as president and brought new vitality to a once-again sagging, barely functioning organization. It has since continued to flourish, due in no small way to the continued leadership of Earl and his late wife, **Mary Cullum**.

Mr. Thirty is descended from William the Conqueror and was born to lead: at North Dallas High School he was a football letterman, ROTC Regimental Commander, and founder and first editor of the school paper, *The Compass*. He attended Texas A&M and NTAC, and earned his law degree at Chicago School of Law. His service in the Dallas Police Department prepared him for his tenure with the FBI in Indiana, Oklahoma, and North Texas, and for his wartime tour of duty commanding the 159th MP Battalion in the China-Burma-India Theater.

His service comes in multiples of thirty: thirty years as Oak Lawn Methodist Church historian (they gave

him this title); thirty years with the FBI; and thirty years with the US Army, retiring as Colonel from the Reserve in 1967.

Earl is made of the "right stuff": he is the great-grandson of the Rev. **M.H. Cullum** who came from Tennessee in 1873 and founded Oak Lawn Methodist Church in 1874, and he comes from that family of Cullums who established the early model grocery stores we have come to consider our birthright. Ω

OLD CITY PARK OFFERS A FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Change is constant at Old City Park. We speak, of course, of exhibits and events offered for our entertainment and enlightenment presented in the lovely historic structures and on the grounds of our Historical Village of Dallas.

This summer saw an innovative new program called "Third Saturdays". Each month, May through August, a special theme was selected and carried out by the crafts people working at their specialties, along with the log cabin cook, the blacksmith, the potter, and the printer. There were educational tours and "make and take" activities. Themes included Tea Party, Victorian Bride, Back in Time in the Summertime, and in August, Back to School.

This program was made to order for kids trying to fill vacation days, and surely will be repeated next summer.

The next big event on the Park's calendar is the "Eight Country Reporter Reunion", to be held on Sunday, September 20, 12 noon to 5 p.m. For this annual occasion **Bob Phillips** brings lots of interesting people from around the State whom he meets through his television program.

In October comes "Art in the Park" on Saturday the 11th and Sunday the 12th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Then the best time of all for many of us, "Candlelight at Old City Park", taking us back through time to the kind of Christmas celebrated by our pioneer ancestors, illuminated by the soft glow of hundreds of hurricane lamps throughout the Park. Dates for Candlelight are December 5, 6, 12, and 13.

We need to visit Old City Park at least each season throughout the year (better, monthly) to get our share of all they have to offer. Ω

Here we go again...borrowing from the neighbors:

GOOD NEWS OF HELP FOR YOU TEXAN GENEALOGISTS

Thanks to **Lloyd Bockstruck** and his FAMILY TREE in *The Dallas Morning News*. He keeps us informed of all the resources for searching out our history and tracing our roots. The headline on his column of April 18 was "As a Republic, Texas Produced Lots of Records", and we excerpt it here:

"If you are descended from a settler of Texas prior to the last days of the Republic of Texas, you have a distinct heritage that relatively few other individuals enjoy. Your forebears' contributions have made possible the quality of life we enjoy today. . . The Republic of Texas faced a number of difficulties, not the least of which was financing the cost of government. The auditors of the Republic processed some 11,500 claims for military and civilian purposes. . . The vastness of the Republic of Texas (which until 1850 included parts of Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming) made it difficult for Texans to handle such claims in person. Thus, powers of attorney were common. . .

"The audited civil and military claims of the Republic of Texas are one of the richest sources for identifying early Texas ancestors. These records have recently been microfilmed by the Texas State Library. The Bybee Foundation made a contribution to enable the Dallas Public Library to acquire this important resource for Texas genealogy and history. The records comprise 130 rolls of microfilm. Taking time to let these pioneers speak to you through these records is one of the joys of history." Ω

AN A.C. GREENE WW II ACCOUNT

(From his column "Texas Sketches", *The Dallas Morning News* May 31, 1998)

In June 1943, I was on my way to the U.S. Navy, along with half a dozen college buddies. We stopped in Marshall heading for Kansas State Teachers College at Pittsburg and the Navy's V-12 program.

Someone snapped a picture of four of us standing on the Texas & Pacific Railway depot steps. Behind us were the long train sheds where passenger trains were accommodated. We were rather formally dressed for this day and time: In the photo, I'm wearing a high-priced (\$55) woolen zoot suit, the pants waist coming halfway up my chest and the cuffs several inches smaller than the full trousers. We traveled in style and pride; we had joined up, not been drafted, and we already tended to look down on the soldiers on the train. (How quickly that changed!) Our stay was not lengthy, but there will always be a part of me marked "Marshall".

We had caught the T&P at midnight in Abilene. There were 14 of us from the various Abilene colleges. It was a dramatic moment, the headlight of the big steam locomotive visible to us from more than a mile west, the rails forming a glistening pathway — and the silent question all of us asked: Will I get back? But as the train steamed to a halt and we boarded, there wasn't a tear or a fear visible. We were keyed up. Nobody slept. Nobody talked much. We watched the night, thinking private thoughts.

We stopped at Fort Worth and Dallas. But those were familiar places. Then we came to Marshall, and that, for this crew of West Texans, was impressive territory. Being a history major, as well as a rail fan, I knew that Marshall was the oldest, most important site on the Texas mileage of the T&P. This was history! And in my photo, one can see exaltation at being in Marshall, at the T&P station, the long sheds behind, changing trains for the great unknown of Kansas.

Passenger service ended on the T&P (now Union Pacific) more than 30 years ago, and the 1912 Marshall passenger depot was closed. I almost cried when I passed through recently aboard Fred and Dale Springer's "Vista Canyon" car pulled by the Amtrak train.

But there is reason to cheer. D. Eugene Strahan has sent a brochure on the groundbreaking for remodeling the T&P depot into a museum based on Marshall's role with the T&P. The three galleries (basement, main floor and first floor) will cover such topics as The Marshall Yard, Iron People (employees), Riding the Eagles, a model railroad, a facility for hobbyists and digital narration on the story of Marshall and the railroad. There will also be an old-time telegraph key to send and receive messages between the Children's Room and another gallery.

Perhaps I can reclaim that part of me that remained at the Marshall depot.

The following letter, which we borrowed from our local newspaper, raises a small ray of hope that many more thinking people feel as she and we do about what we are leaving for our children.

Thursday, May 14, 1998

The Dallas Morning News



The old St. Paul Hospital in Dallas was razed years ago.

Our disappearing past

My 12-year-old son, who is a history buff, is always asking me questions about the past. After I give him basic information, he usually researches the subject at the library. Along with his modern-day heroes and posters, his room is lined with historical pictures of events such as the American Revolution, the Alamo, and a poster with photos of all the American presidents.

Of course, there are some historical events that are difficult for him to find, so I have made an effort to teach him so that he could pass them on to his children. Because we are of Mexican ancestry, he knows a lot more of his own history than most children his age. I also have some family photos that are almost 100 years old. He knows that he will also have to preserve them and pass them along to his own children.

The only problem is that there is little evidence of history that he can relate to as a third generation Dallas native. When he asked me what hospital I was born in, I told him that it was St. Paul Hospital on Ross and that it was torn down years ago. When he asked me where his grandparents were married and where they baptized all their children, I told him that it was the original Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Little Mexico and that it was also torn down. When he asked me where I made my First Communion, I told him that it was the original St. Teresa Catholic Mission Church on Bedford Street in West Dallas. Before I finished my statement, he said to me, "I know, they tore it down."

Modern-day development is losing some very important history. The history that is important to the status quo is sometimes not the same history that is important to people who have roots in many of Dallas' old neighborhoods and communities.

In an effort to leave our children some history, please preserve historical structures such as St. Ann's School in Little Mexico, Crozier Tech High School in downtown Dallas, and old neighborhood theaters such as the Texas Theatre in Oak Cliff.

JULIA SOTO CABRERA,
Dallas

EARLY ACTIVITIES ON THE TRINITY

by Frances James

It depends on which early map of what is now Dallas County is used, but one shows a settlement called "Warwick" in 1840. **Warren Angus Ferris**, surveyor for Nacogdoches County who laid out the boundaries of Dallas County in 1850, was involved in this plan, which was thought to be one the Southern Land Company of San Augustine drew up with a proposed plan to have a city on the Trinity River by that name. Warwick did not ever exist except on this map. This was thought to be near the site that later became Dallas. [We had an excellent program on this part of our history at our last meeting: **Suzanne Starling** brought us a review of her biography of Ferris, *Land Is the Cry!*.]

The Peters Colony map was another early one which shows townships, range east, west, and base lines. This map also names a few creeks (it even shows Turtle Creek on the east side of the settlement of Dallas) and only a few of the surveys. Some of the surveys shown were on the west side of the Trinity, which was formerly in Robertson County. Dated 1852, the original of this map is in the General Land Office in the Stephen F. Austin Building in Austin. The town of Trinity City is shown near the bend in the River where the Dowdy Ferry crossing was twenty years later, and is depicted as being larger than Cedar Springs and Dallas together. The town of Trinity City also was a settlement which never materialized.

Trinity Farms was one of several large farms in the Trinity flood plain before the levees were built. A farm of over 3,000 acres, it was owned by a consortium of three men: **E.P. Harwell** of Tulsa, OK; **C.H. Clark** of Wichita Falls; and **T.H. Harbin** of Waxahachie, and operated from 1916 to 1941 in the general vicinity of the LaReunion colony. The West Fork and the Elm Fork of the Trinity joined just below this land, and a large segment of Trinity Farms can be identified on Sam Street's map as Turner's Ranch. An agricultural levee was built to protect the crops, and a community consisting of houses, schools, a store, and

farm offices was in the flood plain. There was a school for black children and one for others which included the children of Mexican workers. A complete history of Trinity Farms and the cemetery for the workers is available.

The Dallas Hunting and Fishing Club was incorporated in 1885, some on **Alanson Dawdy's** land. Part of the Club land was purchased from **Albert Vining**, who had built a mill and gin in Hutchins and had built a dam, perhaps to have Dallas County's first private lake, called Hutchins Lake and used for recreational purposes. Nearby was another facility called the Fin and Feather Club, organized in 1893. The 1900 City Directory describes the Dallas Hunting and Fishing Club as having about six hundred acres, on which was situated five clubhouses and two lakes, one of 160 acres and one of 300 acres, and forty-three members. The members were the movers-and-shakers of Dallas. In this same vicinity was a wedge-shaped piece of property called Bois d'Arc Island, which was the favorite hunting spot of **W.H. Gaston**, who said the deer were "as numerous as sparrows", even in the 1870s. (For an excellent history of the DHFC, read *The Dallas Hunting and Fishing Club* by our own Veep, **Clare G. Weakley, Jr.**)

The name of the community of Joppa is derived from a port on the Mediterranean, the chief port in the Holy Land. Material from Lebanon was floated down to this port for the building of Solomon's Temple; the cedars of Lebanon were mentioned in several early sources as having magnificent wood for building.

Joppa is south of the City of Dallas, on the west side in a bend of the Trinity River. The Houston and Texas Central Railroad bypassed this area in 1872, isolating the community from further expansion. On Sam Street's map ca. 1900 there are several owners listed: **N. Allison, W.A. Harrell, J. Goerman, A. Henry, West, and F. Pierce**. All of these names are followed by (c) denoting black owners in this small area. Although the area is now included in the boundaries of the City of Dallas, the children go to school in Wilmer/Hutchins.

There is a story concerning one early farmer of the area who owned ten acres of land. **Ben King** had been born in Kentucky before the close of the Civil War. His family was separated when his mother was sold to another plantation and Ben was given to a family named Shoziers who came to Texas and settled in Clarksville. At the age of fourteen he had completed the fifth grade, which was considered high school for blacks at that time.

In September 1882 Ben rode to Dallas with a farmer who came to sell his cotton. Seeing the tall buildings, all of three stories high, Ben decided to stay in Dallas. He immediately found work with the **E.M. Kahn** family in south Dallas taking care of the horses and yard. This proved to be a good job, for several reasons: **Laurence Kahn**, son of the founder of the store which was to bear his name for ninety-eight years, E.M. Kahn, noted Ben's eagerness to learn and started spending evenings working with him, acquainting Ben with books and studies of which he had never heard.

Another good thing for Ben came from this particular job: Ben became friends with Hattie, the cook for the Kahn family and she told him about her younger sister, Mary, who still lived at home in Fallis, Oklahoma. Ben eventually met Mary and they married on December 24, 1897, and their first home was ten acres of land in Joppa.

The railroad tracks still isolate the community — if a train was on the siding and blocked the main street and a structure caught on fire, the entire community would burn, as the only other entrance would be a roundabout way down Loop 12 and back up Carbondale.

In 1955 the City of Dallas needed additional land for a huge garbage disposal landfill and acres of land were bought near Joppa. This site was called the McCommas Landfill. It seems that when this project was designed, there was not adequate study to what should be done if the dump caught on fire (which it has several times). There was no thought given as to what height this legal landfill could attain, nor what would

happen to the property owners of land on the other side of the river when it stands in water for months at a time.

In the 1950s land was assembled for the Riverlake Country Club. Since this area was in the flood plain, the golf course and clubhouse have suffered severe damage several times. Eventually, a small levee protecting the clubhouse was built on the grounds. The chain of lakes proposed by the Corps of Engineers will be on this property.

Floral Farms was an addition of small lots sold in the 1960s. It developed slowly, being prone to periodic floods, and finally was partially bought out by the City of Dallas. The original plan was to have the people in this addition grow flowers and garden produce to sell in the City. This may be the site of the A&M facility. On a section of the vacant land previously known as Floral Farms is a rodeo that attracts a lot of attention by modern day cowboys. Ω

EARL CULLUM ENCAPSULATES '30s AND '40s HISTORY

The sensational new movies such as "Saving Private Ryan" are forcing all of us "over-sixties" to reflect on the war years, which began in Europe in the late thirties. **Earl O. Cullum**, who has been researching and recording tidbits about our history decade by decade, helps jog our memories.

1930: New Dallas Federal Building and Cotton Bowl Stadium completed. Dallas adopts council-manager form of government. Unemployment serious. New York City using pedestrian traffic signals. **Mahatma Gandhi** arrested for demanding independence for India.

1931: Dallas unemployment serious; asks for \$100,000 federal relief. Major **Jimmy Doolittle** flies coast-to-coast in less than twelve hours. Coach **Knute Rockne** of Notre Dame killed in plane crash. U.S. builds dirigible "Akron". British create atom-smasher. **Al Capone** sent to prison.

1932: Dallas asks for \$450,000 for work-relief projects, bridges, and paving. Lindbergh baby kidnapped and killed. Bonus marchers driven out of Washington. Olympics at Los Angeles. **FDR** elected president. Zippo lighter invented.

1933: Bank Holiday. Vote heavy for repeal of Prohibition; 3.2 beer appears. National Recovery Agency established. The Akron falls into the sea, killing seventy-three. California earthquake kills 123. Hitler becomes German Chancellor and puts Jews in concentration camps.

1934: Triple Underpass begun. Dallas wins the Centennial Exposition. Outlaws **John Dillinger**, **Pretty Boy Floyd**, **Baby Face Nelson**, **Clyde Barrow** and **Bonnie Parker** all shot to death. **Bruno Hauptmann** arrested for Lindbergh death. Civilian Concentration Corps formed for jobs.

1935: SMU wins national (regular season) football title. Garment worker strikers jailed. Hauptmann convicted. FBI kills **Ma Barker**. **Huey Long** assassinated. **Will Rogers** and **Wiley Post** killed in plane crash. Dust covers Oklahoma. Selective Service law passed. **Howard Hughes** flies plane 350 MPH. DC-3 plane is born.

1936: Texas Centennial opens with President Roosevelt in attendance. Triple Underpass finished. Volkswagen introduced. **Jesse Owens** wins Olympic gold. Nazis reoccupy Rhine area. Italy conquers Ethiopia. Egypt gains independence. Civil war in Spain. Germany-Italy-Japan Axis formed.

1937: Pan-American Exposition held. Strikers bring violence. Five hundred killed in explosion in New London, Texas. Ohio and Mississippi Rivers flood. **Amelia Earhart** lost in Pacific. Airship "Hindenburg" blows up in New Jersey.

1938: Texas State Fair Golden Jubilee. Voting machines appear. TCU wins National Football title. Dallas army reservists in training. Nazis capture Austria, enter Czechoslovakia. **Howard Hughes** flies

around the world in four days. FCC rules against **Mae West** movie "Adam and Eve". **Orson Welles'** radio broadcast "War of the Worlds" creates panic.

1939: U.S. ship SS Athena torpedoed as World War II begins; Dallas schoolgirls rescued and returned home. Texas A&M wins National Football championship. Large Nazi and anti-Nazi rallies in New York City. Germans capture Prague, invade Poland. Britain and France declare war. Germans scuttle their Graf Spee. Buchenwald Concentration Camp established. **Franco** becomes Spain's dictator.

1940: France surrenders, Dunkirk evacuated. **Winston Churchill** becomes Prime Minister. Air Battle of Britain. Germans take Norway. French fleet destroyed. U.S. draft begins. Jeep introduced. **Roosevelt** elected to third term.

1941: Germans capture Greece, attack Russia, surrounding Moscow. Pearl Harbor attacked.

1942: U.S. interns Japanese, capture German saboteurs. Rationing. Germans surround Stalingrad. **Eisenhower** takes command in Europe. Rommel routed in Africa. Japanese take Philippines. **Jimmy Doolittle** bombs Japan. Battles of Midway and Guadalcanal.

1943: Detroit race riots. Germans surrender in Africa. U.S. takes Sicily, ousting **Mussolini**. U.S. bombs Berlin. **Mountbatten** commands SE Asia.

1944: Roosevelt elected fourth time. Philippines retaken. Japan bombed. Rome captured by Allies. Allies land in France. Deaths at Auschwitz. Battle of Myitkyina in Burma.

1945: Thirteen small nations declare war. Allies cross the Rhine. Roosevelt dies, **Harry Truman** president. Germany surrenders, Hitler commits suicide. Death camps found. Allies take Burma, Iwo Jima, bomb Tokyo. Japan surrenders.

1946: First United Nations session in London. Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech. Nine Nazi war

criminals hanged. Civil War in China. Bikini atom bomb test. Steel-coal-railroad strikes in U.S.

1947: George S. Marshall Secretary of State; plans aid to Europe. Elizabeth-Philip marriage. India and Pakistan independence. Chuck Yeager breaks sound barrier. Texas City blast counts 377 dead.

1948: General Tojo and seven others hanged. Berlin airlift begins. Eisenhower becomes president of Columbia University. Segregation ended in army. Truman wins second term.

1949: China Nationalists flee to Formosa. NATO organized. Berlin airlift. B-50 flies non-stop around the world. Ω

GRANDMA'S VOCABULARY HIDES IN THE PAGES OF THE OLD DICTIONARY

by Pat Randolph

Myrtle Carson refused to replace an old dictionary she kept on the edge of her desk. "Words don't change," she assured herself as she continued to use the old, faded book. She kept it alongside an old journal that she had used to record special events in her life down through many years.

When her ten-year-old grandson, Josh, stayed with her for a couple of weeks recently they had a great time reading pages in the old journal. But then Josh asked some very unusual questions after they read some of the entries.

In the journal were pages about an overnight train ride in a *pullman berth* and Josh asked, "Grandma, what's a *pullman berth*?"

Myrtle had written about an auto trip and how her picture had been taken while sitting on the *running board* of the car, and he asked, "Grandma, what's a *running board*?"

After reading a journal entry about ordering a monogrammed *ash tray* for the end table in the living room, Josh asked, "Grandma, what's an *ash tray*?"

And while reading about the details of publishing a monthly newsletter for her church, he asked, "Grandma, what's *carbon paper* and a *mimeograph machine*?"

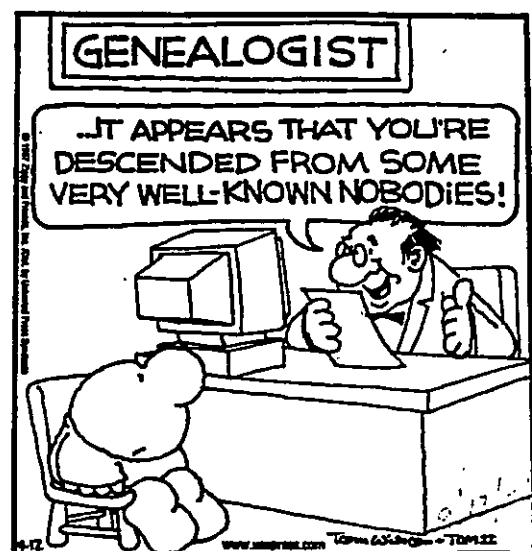
Today in Josh's world, there are few *pullman berths*, *running boards*, *ash trays*, *carbon papers*, and *mimeograph machines*. Old equipment and many obsolete items have been buried in history. "Come to think of it," Myrtle mused, "my grandparents used words like *canning*, *blacksmith*, and *telegram* but they were never part of my vocabulary."

Now, new tech — high tech — has developed many new pieces of equipment. And while grandparents today explain to youngsters about running boards and mimeographed newsletters, innovative developments continue to flood the world with new equipment and new words.

So, old dictionaries do become obsolete and Myrtle plans to stop at the bookstore and buy a new one. And when she browses through it and sees words like *e-mail*, *CD-Rom*, and *satellite dish*, she will know that she is finally catching up with the words of the world. And she is looking forward to encouraging Josh to write his journal, in his words, when he comes to visit next year. Ω

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By Tom Wilson



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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.

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