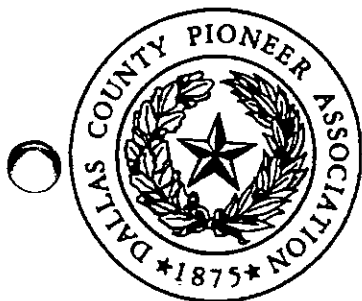




Dallas County Pioneer Association

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DINNER MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1998

**Family Hall
Royal Lane Baptist Church
Royal Lane and Hillcrest Avenue**

\$8 per person 6 p.m.

Program 7 p.m.

Dinner reservations are required by Monday, November 30: please call **Bill McRae** (214/521-8654) or DCPA Call Notes (214/969-0926). Payment by check made to DCPA and sent to Bill McRae, 3500 Dartmouth Avenue, Dallas 75205, will be appreciated.

The Nominations Committee will present the proposed slate of officers for 1999 and election and installation will follow.

Rose-Mary Rumbley, actress, author, historian, humorist, playwright, will bring our program. Reputed to be Dallas' most sought-after speaker, Dr. Rumbley entertains, with her unique brand of humor, over 400 organizations throughout the State each year. She researches thoroughly the material she uses in her presentations: she was in Greece for their 2500 Years of Democracy celebration; in Berlin for the demise of the Berlin Wall; in France for the anniversary of the French Revolution; followed Columbus' voyage during the 500th anniversary of the discovery of America; and drove every inch of the 2,000-mile Route 66.

She has written three humorous books about her native Dallas, a children's book about Texas festivals, two plays (one about Mollie Bailey of circus fame and one about Sam Houston), and she writes weekly columns for two Dallas publications. An experienced actress, she has appeared in movies and television productions. Her career includes twelve years as head of the drama department at Dallas Baptist University and seven years on the staff of the First Baptist Church of Dallas.

Dr. Rumbley received her doctorate in communications from North Texas State and now heads her own RMR Communications in Dallas. She and her husband, **Jack Rumbley**, a percussionist with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, have two adult children and one grandchild.

Rose-Mary's presentations are always a sellout—get your reservations in early. Ω

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is hard to realize that another year has almost gone—seems like we are rushing headlong into the twenty-first century! Plans are underway to revise and update the DCPA history published in 1995. The year 2000 will be the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Dallas County Pioneer Association, and we want to recognize it through the new history booklet.

Marjori Sharp and **Gene Gaddy** will lead this effort. Please let us know if you are interested in contributing to the updated history.

DCPA member **Jim Forster** has completed *Volume II, The Bois D'arc at Nacogdoches*, his history of the northeast corner of our county, and has presented a copy to DCPA for our archives. Congratulations, Jim, and THANKS!

Your response to the call for contributions to the Cox Cemetery historical marker in memory of our late past-President **Sara McGee** was most gratifying. A total of \$220 is being held in our treasury for forwarding to the Texas State Historical Commission when the marker inscription has been approved. **Frances James** has completed the historical research for the undertaking.

The December 3 program should be a good one. Dr. **Rose-Mary Rumbley** has enthralled us several times before with her wit and knowledge of things historic. Her most recent book, *Dallas, Too*, mentions several of our members—Cemetery Lady **Frances James** as well as **Carolyn** and **Simon Selzer**. There are many more people, places, and events in the book that I'm sure most of you will recognize also. At the request of several of our members, a new caterer will be furnishing our meal. This caterer comes highly recommended. I think we will enjoy the food. Don't miss it!

Kenneth Woodfin has agreed to audit our financial records again this year. His audit will take place prior to January 1, 1999.

We shall miss **Mae Boeckling Riek**, our 100-year old member who died on October 5. She was one of our most loyal members, seldom missing a meeting. Her family gave a beautiful tribute to this lovely lady at the Celebration of Life service at her church. We also are sorry to report the death of **Mary Leona Williams Hoffman**, mother of **Linda Frank**, and **Minor Morgan**, husband of **Eva Jane Morgan**. We extend our sympathy to these families on the loss of loved ones.

I received a call on the DCPA "Call Notes" number the other day from **Judy Turner**, who informed me that she had some old photographs she would like to give to some historical organization. She has several 8"x10" photos of the Boyd Printing Company taken in the 1920s. Her father was employed there and she believes the printing company was located in the vicinity of Field and Young Streets in downtown Dallas. She will send the photos to me for the DCPA archives along with a short history. Are there any properly-identified photos that you would like to send to the DCPA for our archives? ☺

Bill McRae

MINUTES OF MEETING SEPTEMBER 3

The meeting was held at the Family Hall of the Royal Lane Baptist Church and was called to order by President **Bill McRae**. He welcomed the group of fifty-nine people and called on Vice President **Clare Weakley** to give the Invocation. It was followed by the pledge to the American flag and the Texas flag.

Ten guests were introduced and we were so happy to have them with us. We hope they will come again and perhaps join our membership. President McRae said we have two new members, **Katherine Cox Sullivan** who lives in Connecticut and **Cheryl Leach Formway**. Membership certificates were distributed.

The president then told us that our past-President **Sara McGee** had been working to get a historical marker for the Cox Cemetery before her death. He suggested that the DCPA might like to help with raising the \$950

It would take to pay for the marker. It would be a nice memorial to Sara. Anyone wishing to contribute, please give it to our treasurer, **John Winniford**.

Frances James has all of Sara's papers and will see if she can get them processed.

The Nominations Committee for 1999 officers was announced by the president. They are **Mattie Hughes, Irma Janicek, and Kenneth Woodfin**. He then called on Frances to give her report.

Frances said there were 200-plus cemeteries in Dallas County. Regarding the Cox Cemetery, she finally heard from Mr. **Patterson**. He is a relation of the Cole/Farris family and said he had passed on the paperwork for more information.

Frances said the cabin no longer stands on the Ellis Strain Family Farm in Lancaster, but there is a lot of historical "stuff" such as broken dishes and boards.

The Farm is still active and has chickens and is planted each year. Frances asked if anyone has a picture of the Ross Avenue Baptist Church built in 1915. She needs it for an application for a Texas Historical Marker. So far, the Dallas Arboretum has not signed off on the papers for a historical marker for the Camp House. The House has great architectural value. There is a story that the dishes bought for the House are still in their original packaging because Mrs. Camp never got the dining room table she wanted.

President **McRae** introduced the evening's speaker, **Gerry Cristol**, who wrote the book *Light on the Prairie*, about Temple Emanu-El started in 1872. Her talk was most interesting. She told how big a part the leaders of the Jewish community played in the development of Dallas. We owe them a great deal. Ω

Mae E. Riek, secretary

CAST YOUR VOTE FOR OUR NEW OFFICERS

At our December meeting **Mattie Hughes**, Chairman, and Nominations Committee members **Irma Janicek**

and **Kenneth Woodfin** will propose the following slate of officers for DCPA for 1999:

President	Bill McRae
Vice-President	Clare Weakley
Secretary	Mae E. Riek
Treasurer	Gene Gaddy
Historian	Carolyn Selzer
Newsletter	Marjori Sharp
Past Presidents	Earl O. Cullum William F. Jacoby Edna J. Hart Mattie L. Hughes Frances James Nancy H. McRae William E. Clark June A. Shipley

At Large

Nominations may be made from the floor and installation will follow the vote. We appreciate each of these candidates' agreeing to serve for the coming year. Ω

EARL CULLUM CELEBRATES 85th

Friends and four generations of family gathered at Oak Lawn Methodist Church to celebrate the eighty-fifth birthday of **Earl O. Cullum** on September 14. It was an especially happy occasion because this year had begun for Earl with an incident that could have been fatal.

A traffic accident in January caused a dreaded head injury that called for brain surgery in February. Earl made a spectacular recovery over a period of several months to the extent of sailing through a mandatory driver's test and resuming his normal active lifestyle. A highlight of the year was the birth of an seventh great-grandchild, in Alabama. (Earl's children and eight grandchildren live all over the U.S.)

We all join in belated congratulations, with love, to this "glue that held us together" during some dark days and who has continued to support and sustain us since he became a charter member at the first meeting of the reborn DCPA. Ω

FINAL FAREWELLS

Linda Frank's mother, **Mary Leona Williams Hoffman**, passed away on November 4 and was buried at Laurel Land Memorial Park. Mrs. Hoffman was the granddaughter of **Susan Morrow** and **James P. Ferguson**, who came to Dallas from Missouri in 1860 and settled in the Cochran Chapel community. She was an aunt of the late **Rayburn H. Williams**, husband of our Sunshine Chairman, **Nona Williams**.

Minor Morgan, husband of Charter member **Eva Jane Morgan**, died November 7 and was buried at Hillcrest Memorial Park on November 10. He was a descendant of the "first families" of Virginia, the Randolphs, Lees, and Dabneys, and also was descended from the famous explorer, **Meriwether Lewis**. He retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel after service in World War II, and practiced law and psychology in Dallas.

We extend our sincere sympathies to Linda and her family and to Eva Jane and her family. Ω

FAREWELL TO TWO GREAT LADIES

We are saddened by the passing of two of our beloved long-time members, **Mary Jackson Sutherland** and **Mae B. Riek**.

Mary passed away on November 14, just as we were going to press, and we did not impose upon her family for comment. Mary was the granddaughter of **James E. Jackson**, who came to Dallas in 1846 and she grew up on the family farm at the present location of Richland College. She was an active member of DCPA, the Garland Genealogical Society, and the McCree Cemetery Association. She helped in securing the Texas State Historical Marker for the Cemetery and she was very conscientious about contributing news to our Association.

Mary is survived by her daughter **Glenda Cammack**, also a member of DCPA, grandchildren, great grand-

children, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Among those are DCPA members **Vinnie L. Carmichael**, **Patsy Gooding**, **Jan Grantham**, **M'Layne Murphy**, and **Sybil Skipworth**.

We shall miss Mary, and we send our heartfelt sympathies to her family.

We are so grateful that we got to sing "Happy 100th Birthday" to Mae B. Riek at our June meeting: Mae died on October 5 and was buried in Oakland Cemetery after a Mass of the Resurrection in which many members of her family participated.

Mae Boeckling was born in Indiana and came to Dallas as a bride in 1920. She taught kindergarten at the old Sacred Heart Cathedral, volunteered at the Veterans Hospital, and was a National Master Flower Show Judge and popular lecturer on gardening. She and her husband were among the founding members of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church.

Mae and three of her children were Charter and Life members of DCPA and they have been among our most faithful. These three children are **Mae E.** and **George Riek** and **Jean Riek Reilly**. She also leaves another son, **F.B. Riek, Jr.**, who lives in Ohio, four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Our **Jill Greenstein** is among those grandchildren.

Our Mae E. wrote this loving tribute to her mother: "Our mother is very dear to us. She was Mae Boeckling when she visited Dallas in 1917 and met **Ferdinand Benjamin Riek**, the grandson of early Dallas Mayor **Benjamin Long**. Three years later she became Mrs. Riek and moved to Dallas where she and Daddy raised five children.

"As a new member of the Riek family, our grandmother, **Eugenia Long Riek**, loved to tell Mama stories of the family and early life in Dallas. Mama had a love for nature and the outdoors. She often took us children to Reverchon Park where we played and ran all over the grounds without a care in the world. The stars shone brightly in the Dallas sky when our

city was smaller and she pointed out the stars and constellations and taught us their names.

"Each evening Māma prepared a family meal and we all ate together. Often neighbor children joined us and once supper was finished the table was cleared and homework was spread out with the visiting children invited to do theirs, too. Mama was always near if help was needed.

"She encouraged each child in the activity he or she wanted to participate and later encouraged us in the field we wished to pursue. She was the spiritual leader in our home and made sure we studied our catechism, said our prayers, and attended Sunday Mass. Along with all this Mama helped Daddy establish the Accurate Machine Works during the depression years. The family business flourished for over 65 years.

"Mothers are a special gift and this may remind you of your own mother. We loved our mother so much and appreciated all the love and care she gave us. Now we find comfort knowing after 100 years in this world she is being loved and cared for by our Heavenly Father."



MIKE HAZEL'S NEW DALLAS BOOK

Dr. Michael V. Hazel has authored a brand new book, *Dallas, A Dynamic Century*, focusing on business in Dallas during the past 100 years.

This is a beautiful coffee table book full of colorful pictures of the city you know well. We have already spotted **Frances James'** mother on page 17. You may find someone you know (or you). Mike has done his usual excellent job with his usual professionalism.

The good news: we will have copies of *Dallas, A Dynamic Century*, at our December meeting and you can buy a copy for \$25, which is *half price*. What a bonus, just in time for Christmas giving! And a real bonus: Mike will be here to autograph your book!

Published by Wyndham Publications of Seattle, this limited first edition examines various aspects of business in Dallas and a special section salutes individual businesses which sponsored the publication. The Dallas County Heritage Society sponsored the book and will be a beneficiary of the sales. (It is available at McCall's Store at Old City Park, 214/421-0901.)

About our member Mike, from the jacket of the book: "Michael V. Hazel is a native Dallasite and fifth-generation Texan. After receiving a B.A. in history from Southern Methodist University, he earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago. He has served as Interim Executive Director of both the Dallas Historical Society and the Dallas County Heritage Society and currently teaches Dallas history at SMU. Since 1989, he has edited *Legacies*, a semi-annual history journal focusing on Dallas and North Central Texas. He has also edited *Dallas Reconsidered* (1995) and recently authored *Dallas: A History of Big D* (1997)."

We especially like this quote from the inside front jacket: "The word most often used to describe this ninth-largest city in the U.S. is 'dynamic'. But even through more than a hundred years of explosive

growth and development, Dallas has managed to maintain its unique personality, character, and super-sized Texas charm."

Wyndham has also published volumes on Pittsburgh and San Francisco. Ω

PROPOSED DCPA HISTORY UPDATE

Our Board of Directors has okayed the project of redoing *One Hundred Twenty Years*, our little blue book history of DCPA, for our recognition of the Millennium, which will be our 125th year. So we need everyone's input.

We want all additions, corrections, or clarifications you can give us. We have on hand corrections from **Tom Jones** and **Mae Riek**, and we know there are others. We especially would like more recollections of meetings of the early organization. We had only two in our first edition, and we have heard some of you mention remembrances, so we know they are out there. Please put them in writing for us.

We would like a volunteer to rewrite this history; in the meantime, **Marjori Sharp** is gathering the changes, so please get them to her. Ω

THIS'N THAT FROM FRANCES' NOTES

• **One of the oldest houses in Dallas County:** We may have found one of the oldest houses, still being occupied, in Dallas County! A young man with whom I am acquainted told me about it, so I dug around to see what I could find out.

In the **William Coombs** survey in Oak Cliff is a neighborhood known as Kessler Park. One of the streets in this neighborhood is Cedar Hill. When the house was constructed in 1876 it was near Coombs Creek on land purchased from one of the Coombs heirs. **S.A. Rush** is said to have built the house from stone procured from the nearby white cliffs and the labor was furnished by convicts! Missouri native

Rush came to Texas in time to enlist with the Eighteenth Texas Cavalry; he was twice taken prisoner, once in an Arkansas post and once in Atlanta. After the war he operated a sawmill in Kentucky, then one in Red River County, and finally to Dallas. He had a sawmill here for three years until he took up farming.

The deed records reveal he purchased two large portions of land in the Coombs survey from the heirs in the 1870s and cultivated it as a plantation until 1890. *The Memorial and Biographical History of Dallas County* published in 1892 mentioned that he then laid out the land for a suburb of Dallas known as North Oak Cliff. The article also stated that this would become one of the most attractive areas of the city. One of the assets mentioned was the Oak Cliff Elevated Railway which furnished easy access to the city.

The house that he built has been altered several times through the years. I was told that at one time the banks refused to loan the money for someone to purchase it, as it was "so different". I guess it did not meet FHA requirements. In the late 1970s the American Institute of Architects (AIA) compiled a photographic view of Dallas and its open spaces. The Old Rock Lodge, as it was called, appears on page 137, but they missed the date of its construction a few years as they said "ca. 1900".

Roy Eastus developed much of this area in the 1930s. The AIA book describes one block of Cedar Hill Road just south of Kessler Parkway where the street is literally carved out of limestone, which towers fifteen to twenty feet above the roadway. Finding a home in this spectacular site dating from 1876 and still being occupied in Dallas is rare, especially as it is surrounded by so many other beautiful houses in Kessler Park.

• **Banking in Dallas:** There were no banks in Texas during the Republic period (1836-1845). However, a bank was chartered from the State of Coahuila (Mexico) in 1835 and was allowed to have its charter renewed by the Republic of Texas, as the original

Constitution was "silent" on the subject of banking. In 1845 the State of Texas, with **Sam Houston's** encouragement, provided for specific exclusion of banking.

This exclusion created an increasing need for capital. Barter was one method used—buffalo hides, farm produce, wheat, honey, beeswax, corn and tallow were sometimes traded. Gold was brought to Texas with the first settlers, sometimes sewed in the lining of their coats. Paper money had no value, but there were some Mexican silver dollars. Of course, after the Civil War the Confederate money had no value.

In Dallas there were some instances where **John Beeman** lent money, charging five percent interest! Sometimes the first merchants acted as bankers, "selling on credit". Perhaps the only item of value the settlers had was their land. (Since **William** and **Walter Caruth** had a store that sold not only groceries, but other necessities, too, they were able to acquire many acres of land in Dallas County when settlers could not pay up.)

Although Dallas was incorporated as a city in 1856, the first bank was not organized until 1868 by **T.C. Jordan** and **E.G. Mays**. Soon after, the second bank was started by Captain **W.H. Gaston** and **A.C. Camp**, who came to Dallas with over \$20,000 in gold. These two men had known each other during the Civil War and had served in the Commissary Department of the Confederacy. There is even an undocumented rumor that the gold could have been left over from this activity! Look what has happened in Dallas in the last 130 years!

Dallas was designated in 1902 as a reserve center and by 1905 there were six national banks, two state banks, two private banks, and one trust bank. A high point in banking was reached in 1914 when the city was awarded one of the twelve Federal Reserve Banks in the nation.

Dallas was the hub of the oil industry in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Louisiana, and Arkansas, not from a producing standpoint, but as a strategic financial

center. (Until recently, it was always thought that there is no oil in Dallas County, but gas wells are producing near Coppell, I understand \$18,000 a month! More potential gas wells may be coming on soon near Carrollton, I am told.)

The FDIC was one of the results of the failure of so many banks in 1929.

• **What if?** Dallas was chartered as a city in 1856 and one of the first items of business was the election of the officials to run the city. Elected for these offices were:

Mayor	Dr. Samuel B. Pryor
Marshal	Andrew M. Moore
Treasurer	Wm. L. Murphy
Recorder	Samuel S. Jones
Aldermen	Wm. Burtle, James W. Latimer, Wm. J. Halsell, Burrill Wilkes, and Wm. and George W. Baird

One of the openings was contested and that was for Marshal. **John (Jack) Merrifield** lost this election—**Andrew Moore** was triumphant. Three days later, during an argument over a business deal, Moore killed **Alexander Cockrell**. What if Merrifield had won the election—would the history of Dallas have been very different?

The tiny Merrifield Cemetery is on the busy corner of Hampton Road and Jefferson Boulevard, with a fence around it. The large marker for **John and Mary Elizabeth Merrifield** was placed by their son several years after they died. Others are known to be buried at this site.

All of these families have write-ups in the two volumes of *Proud Heritage*, published by DCPA. **Ω**
Frances James

PAY YOUR DUES

GET IN THE NEW ROSTER

BORROWING FROM THE EXPERT AGAIN— A.C. GREENE, "TEXAS SKETCHES"

Dallas' call for map time spurred man on mission

Sam Street walked each road to chart county

Before the modern highway numbering systems and marking of county roads, things could get difficult for everyone from postmen to salesmen. Dallas County, for instance, had two communities named Pleasant Valley, one on the southwest corner, the other in the northeast corner. Seeking to find a way out of this confusion, in 1900 the Dallas County commissioners ordered Sam Street to map the county and its physical and political features, including the names and locations of the hundreds of land surveys that form the basis for all land titles.

Sam Street walked every road in Dallas County, pushing a bicycle wheel contrivance that measured distances. His hand-drawn and lettered map shows the location of each house outside the cities and towns; it gives the name of the owner, notes if the owner is black—marking such with a (c) for colored—and even indicates rent houses. It shows mills, cotton gins, ranches, dairies, schools, churches, graveyards, fish ponds, rail lines, stations and switches, lakes and springs. (Unfortunately, his area showing the city of Dallas is difficult to read.)

Among the forgotten towns on the Street map are Cain and Ka, in the southwest corner of the county; Calhoun, Simonds, Lawson (or Slapfoot), Trip, New Hope, and Housley, along the east side. The communities of Centerville, Audelia, and Alpha have disappeared, but their names are on modern roads. The city of Irving, not established when the Street map was drawn, now covers the villages of Estelle, Finley, Sowers, Lone Star and Kit. And while there is no Highland Park, there is a University Place adjoining Exall's Lake, only a few blocks from where Southern Methodist University would be opened in 1915 to create the town of University Park.

Now and then Street slipped in a commercial plug, such as "Lomo Alto Farm—Fine Horses" or "Lupot's French Creamery Dairy". And Sam could make errors. He shows the Dallas, Pacific & South Eastern Railroad cutting across present-day DFW Airport and Las Colinas—and the railroad was never built, a mistake that has led to error and confused some North Texas historians. The Street map has been reprinted and has been offered for sale at several historical sites.

(This Sketch on the Sam Street map is partially reprinted from an earlier column at the request of several readers.)

The Dallas Morning News, October 4, 1998

EARL'S PEARLS (from Earl O. Cullum's Archives)

The DCPA can almost call itself a "national" organization, with members in thirty-six Texas cities and ten states, from California to Connecticut. The current Roster lists two hundred and twenty-two members. Thirty-seven are Charter members and twenty-seven are Life members.

In the seventeen Texas counties represented, distant members are found in Grayson and Hemphill counties to the north, Titus and Upshur to the East, Bexar and Fayette to the south, and Hale and Midland to the west. In the Dallas area members are found nearby in Collin, Denton, Kaufman, Rockwall, and Tarrant counties.

Following are the long-distance members:

Charles G. Bowen, San Diego, CA
Ellen Trost Sebern, Wrightwood, CA
Lucile Boykin, Topeka, KS
Morris Hicks, Farmington, CT
John M. Hilliard, Bronx, NY
Ralph F. Kerr, Albuquerque, NM
William M. Nelson, Phoenix, AZ
Paula Jane Selzer, Washington, DC
Katherine Cox Sullivan, Fairfield, CT
Margaret C. Swann, Nashville, TN Ω

Leaving a Legacy

This is a periodic feature of our newsletter, an account of a person who has had a part in building or preserving our heritage and traditions. Give us your story about someone, living or dead.

We Americans have a saying, "Let George do it!". We fervently want it to be done and we sit back expectantly watching for someone else to do it.

In this case "it" is helping Dallas remember and honor Dallasites who served and those who died in the wars fought for our country.

And in this case "George" is **Lloyd White**, who has worked tirelessly for the establishment of various monuments to these persons.

Among Lloyd's goals have been two special ones that have come to be in the last two years: a monument to the famous Texas 36th Infantry Division, and recognition of ten Dallas boys who are entombed in the

 U.S.S. Arizona at the bottom of Pearl Harbor.

Lloyd's interest in the historical 36th Division began when, as a sophomore in high school, he saw classmates called out of school to serve because they were members of the Texas National Guard. (The Guard was originally the Washington Guards mobilized in 1836 by Sam Houston the day after the fall of the Alamo. It became the Texas 36th in November 1940, a year before the attack on Pearl Harbor.)

As a member of the Dallas Parks and Recreation Board in 1991 Lloyd met **Katie and Buddy Sinclair**, a couple who had been trying to donate to the City of Dallas a granite monument honoring the 36th. Buddy had served in this unit and Katie wanted the monument installed right now because he was in failing health. After six years of bureaucratic red tape and other delays, the monument was finally dedicated on September 7, 1996, at Pioneer Park, four months before **L.M. "Buddy" Sinclair** died. During that time

 Lloyd was securing proclamations from the Dallas City Council honoring the Texas 36th Infantry Division and Katie and Buddy Sinclair for their gift.

It was because of his efforts on this project that the DCPA nominated Lloyd for the award he received from the Dallas County Historical Commission in 1996. The 36th Division also honored him with a plaque of appreciation and made him an honorary member of their organization. He and his wife, Pat, were special guests of the 36th's annual reunion in Austin in September, where the new museum at Camp Mabry was dedicated.

Lloyd's service in the Navy in World War II gave him a particular interest in the attack on Pearl Harbor, and when he met **John Evans**, former Mayor Pro Tem of Dallas and a survivor of the sinking of the Arizona, he learned that ten boys from Dallas went down with that ship. He determined to get a proclamation honoring those boys and all the Pearl Harbor survivors.

This proclamation was issued by the City Council on December 6, 1996, especially honoring John Evans and **Robert Tanner**, president of the local chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. Lloyd's collection of memorabilia and mementos from families of the "Ten Boys" was exhibited at the downtown Dallas Public Library from November 1996 through March 1997.

In a story in *The Dallas Morning News*, November 11, 1996, Lloyd said, "People should not forget what these boys did for us. . . They were just boys. . . They're all heroes."

His next project was the restoration of a monument to all those Dallasites who have served in various wars from the Spanish American to the Korean. This monument had been formally dedicated at the Memorial Auditorium of the Convention Center in 1957, together with a monument to Gold Star Mothers. It was removed, stored, and forgotten in 1972 during the expansion of the Convention Center and never returned to its place. Together with **Jack Beckman**, CEO of the Mesquite Rodeo Arena Productions and a former director at the Convention Center, funding for the reinstallation was secured and it was rededicated on May 30, 1998.

With all these worthy accomplishments behind him, Lloyd isn't resting on his laurels. He served on the committee headed by Councilman **Larry Duncan** in organizing the Veterans Day Memorial held at Fair Park on November 11 this year with eighth-graders from all over the City in attendance, and he has two more monuments in the early stages: one for the Ten Boys and all others who served at Pearl Harbor on that fateful day, and one for the 112th Cavalry Division which was made up of Texas National Guardsmen who were called up at the same time as the 36th.

He has two major interests that seem to be stymied at the moment: saving the old Dallas Tech High School building that he thinks will make an excellent Heritage Center, and/or space in Old Red to house city historical archives and memorabilia.

Lloyd's first ancestors in Dallas County were his great great grandparents, **Sara and Joseph White**, who brought their family to Lancaster about 1853 and settled on property near a creek they named White's Creek and blazed a road they named Blanco. A cousin still lives within a hundred yards of the old homeplace, which burned in 1937.

Lloyd graduated from the Dallas Tech High School he wants to see saved from the wrecking ball and is very active in the Alumni Association. After his service in the Navy in the South Pacific during the War he returned and married Dallasite **Patsy Bray**, and the two of them continued on to get their college degrees and become teachers. A math teacher before becoming an administrator in the DISD, Lloyd was always interested in history, especially Texas, Civil War, World War II, and eventually family history, which he has found to be the most fascinating of all.

Besides his first job teaching at old Forest Avenue High School, he served the school district as an assistant principal and as director of the new Data Processing Services Department at the Central Administration Building before asking for an elementary school, from which he retired in 1984. With retirement Lloyd had more time to pursue his genealogical research and

historical tours and more time to pursue interests in his neighborhood and community.

Pat and Lloyd celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August, 1997 (they became engaged on the 4th of July, 1946). Their two children are **Lloyd Michael White**, who has a PhD from Yale (and three Masters Degrees) and is currently a Professor of Classics and Director of the new Department of Religious Studies at the University of Texas at Austin; and **Kathi Lynn White**, a C.P.A. in Bedford who is Chief Financial Officer of the Streams Ministry in Fort Worth.

We are more hopeful of preserving Dallas' first high school building knowing that it is one of Lloyd's priorities. And we will be forever grateful to him for his efforts to make sure we never forget the boys who have served and sacrificed for our country. Ω



Lloyd White, Frances James, Bill and Nancy McRae, and Susan Cargile at the dedication of the monument to the Texas 36th Infantry Division

A FITTING TRIBUTE -- *If anyone still wonders whether Dallas really needed to hold a Veterans Day parade, just ask those who were honored by this fitting tribute. The thousands of former military personnel who attended the Fair Park event were emotionally moved by the ceremonies. It had been 50 years since Dallas held its last Veterans Day parade. But the city did it right, making the vets rather than political speechmakers the main attraction.* Ω
The Dallas Morning News, 11/14/98

So Who Cares?

In an old, *old* book (1886) I found a number of faded items, including two dated 1899 from "Oak Cliff, Texas". One of them is on the letterhead of "O.W. Grigsby, City Secretary, City Hall, Cor. 10th St. and Lancaster Avenue."

Isn't this just the kind of thing we want to have on display for visitors to our very own DCPA room in one of our historic buildings? Am I the only one who wants such a place for us? Is it not of any importance to anyone else? Shall I just shut up? Ω

Marjori Sharp

NEW ROSTER

We will have a new Roster for you at the March 1999 meeting. Please look at the current one and make any changes you want, in writing, and get them to Marjori Sharp by the middle of February. Ω

HAPPY 95th!

Our Jennie C. Coleman celebrated her 95th birthday on August 6. Congratulations, Jennie.

FROM OUR MAILBAG

A lovely note from **Margaret Swann** in Tennessee: she is enjoying a beautiful autumn there, as well as a visit in Tomball (Texas) with daughter and family.

Margaret was honored in September for the work she has done for preservation in Nashville and Davidson County. She was presented the Achievement Award by the mayor and the Historical Commission. Don't we wish we had her back here in Texas doing all this for us! We told you all about Margaret and Hal Swann in our Summer newsletter. Ω

DUES

1999 Dues are now payable. Please bring to our meeting on December 3, or mail to

Dallas County Pioneer Association
P.O. Box 12496
Dallas, TX 75225-0496

Single membership	\$15.00
Couple membership	\$25.00

HOW DO YOU LIKE OUR NEW LOOK?

When the cost of printing our newsletter doubled, we went looking for better quality. If you agree that we have found it, thank **Eugene Gaddy**, who sent us to **Norman Cohen** at Adventure Graphics. We are very happy with it, and are grateful to Gene and Norman.

*HAPPY THANKSGIVING
HAPPY HOLIDAYS*

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.

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.

Message Center: 214/969-0926

The organization meets quarterly for dinner and a program at 6:00 p.m. the first Thursday of each March, June, September, and December.

Visitors are always welcome.

Meeting room opens at 5:30 p.m. for dining and fellowship.
Program starts promptly at 7:00 p.m.

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