

Dallas County Pioneer Association

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FALL 2000

QUARTERLY MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2000

**Royal Lane Baptist Church, Family Hall
Hillcrest Road and Royal Lane**

Dinner at 6 p.m., Program at 7 p.m.

Dinner will be catered by Grande Affair, \$8 per person. Make your reservations by Monday, September 4, with **Bill McRae** at 214/521-8654 or with DCPA Call Notes at 214/969-0926.

We have another rare treat scheduled for our September program: a first-person account of her early life in our town. **Jerre Simmons** will bring us her memories of growing up at Buckner Children's Home.

Since her retirement from Duncanville High School as English Department Chairman for fifteen years, Jerre reviews books, lectures for clubs, and has published a book of poems and written and narrated with her husband, **Bill**, two travel videos on Greece and Guatemala for the foreign language department of DHS. She is now editing memoirs from graduates of Buckner from the '30s through the '70s. Among her reviews on a variety of subjects are two titled "Father Buckner and His Orphans" and "The Orphan Chronicles: Father Buckner and Me", which she says is "from the life of the man himself and my own funny, grateful, irreverent memories of nine years at The Home".

Steve Blow had a great column on **Billie Juanita Graves (Jerre) Simmons** in the May 19, 1996, *Dallas Morning News*. Then, on March 12, 1997, he had the following:

"State Honor Caps a Lifetime of Inspiration. A column in May began this way:

Her father was a raging alcoholic. The desperately poor family moved from one dump to another. And when she was 10, her father finally carried out his threats.

He shot her mother to death in front of all five children. And as they ran for their lives, he turned the gun on himself. With no family to care for her, she was shipped off to a children's home. And you can probably guess the rest....Right, she became a wonderful, happy well-adjusted wife, mother, and teacher.

I wrote that as Jerre Simmons was retiring from her career as a beloved English teacher at Duncanville High School. Although she seldom talked about her background, Mrs. Simmons was always living proof that one's past need not predetermine the future.

Last month, the perfect exclamation point was put at the end of her career. For her final year of work, Mrs. Simmons was honored by fellow English teachers as Texas' High School Language Arts Teacher of the Year.

"It was unbelievable," Mrs. Simmons said. "Still is!"

Congratulations, Mrs. Simmons, for a career that inspired many young minds—and for a life that ought to inspire us." Ω

Don't miss Jerre's story!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The heat of summer has taken its toll of lawns, shrubs, flowers, and our energy! It's time to renew ourselves through another get-together with friends and fellow Dallas history buffs for another good dose of local history. **Jerre Simmons** and her talk about the Buckner Orphans Home on September 7 should provide just such a boost.

Frances James continues her whirlwind of activity and has been appointed to the Landmark Commission. She has also seen that the Wesley Cockrell Cemetery has been placed on the Texas Historical Cemetery Registry, the first such Dallas County cemetery to be so honored. The DCPA sponsored this activity. Frances has helped place a granite marker on this Cemetery which was sponsored by DCPA member **Mackey Dealey**. Frances is also working on protection of the Pleasant Mound Cemetery and the St. Mary School on Singleton Boulevard, as well as researching the history of the Kalita Humphrey Theater Center on Turtle Creek—a building designed by noted architect **Frank Lloyd Wright**.

The displays by the Selzer, Riek, and Winniford families at our past meetings were well received and we are anticipating another interesting and informative display of the Beeman families at our September meeting. Other families are solicited to display their family memorabilia at future meetings (contact our historian, **Carolyn Selzer**). For the December 7, 2000, meeting, we are planning a display of WW II items. Search through those closets and scrapbooks and get your items ready. They should bring back lots of memories. Carolyn will supervise this display, too.

Don't forget the second annual Dallas History Conference to be held at SMU on October 21. Each member of DCPA should be receiving information directly since DCPA is one of the sponsors of the event. Mark your calendars now.

It is time to be thinking of officers for the year 2001. We need some new blood and ideas. Contact **Nancy McRae** with any suggestions or nominations you have so we can get a headstart on this yearly undertaking.

The Dallas County Genealogical Society will have a seminar at the Convention Center on September 20. Our faithful book seller/Association Representative **Mattie Hughes** will be away on a European trip and cannot man a table for DCPA. Any volunteers? Call **Bill McRae** at 214/521-8654.

Something new is afoot for DCPA. We enjoy each other's company and conversation so much that we are planning a special "fun only" meeting on Saturday, October 14. This will be a dinner-on-the-grounds in the backyard of members **Kathy John** and **Marjori Sharp**. DCPA will furnish the entree and drinks, with those attending bringing either a salad or dessert. Mark your calendar now, October 14, 4 to 6 p.m., for this special event. Ω **Bill McRae**

MINUTES OF MEETING JUNE 1

The meeting was held in the Family Hall of Royal Lane Baptist Church. After enjoying a catered dinner, the meeting was called to order by President **Bill McRae** at 7 p.m. He welcomed everyone and commented on the good meal served. Everyone applauded the caterer, Grande Affair. The president gave an invocation and led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. He commented that the Texas pledge was composed by a Dallas school teacher.

Dinner was served to seventy-four persons and approximately eighty were in attendance, including eight registered guests. President McRae introduced **John Winniford**'s new wife, **Mary Irene**, and **Nancy McRae** presented the couple a small wedding cake in celebration of the occasion. Three new members were introduced and presented with Certificates of Membership. Six members were reported on the sick list.

President McRae announced that the DCPA now has a web site, and a "webmaster" is still needed to build and maintain the site. He appealed for anyone interested in doing so to contact him.

Anecdotal stories of WW II experiences, civilian and military, are still needed. All members were urged to help in contributing stories for the next book to be published by DCPA or a separate booklet on the war.

The Winniford family displayed memorabilia for this meeting and the Chair thanked them for a most interesting display. He commented that it was nice to see the depth of information and artifacts members have on their families and how much more history it gives us to view these materials.

Frances James reported the Cox Cemetery records are now computerized. Obituaries over the past ten years for Dallasites of historical interest have been computerized and are now available in that form. The Wesley Cockrell Cemetery has become the first in Dallas County to be registered in the Texas Historical Cemetery Registry and was done under the auspices of the DCPA. Frances reminded the membership to reserve October 21 for the second annual Dallas History Conference, to be held at SMU.

President McRae introduced our speaker, DCPA member **Jim Gatewood**, who gave an interesting and entertaining presentation on Sheriff **Bill Decker** and his long tenure as the sheriff of Dallas County. Following his presentation and after the close of the meeting, Gatewood signed his book, *Decker*, for those wishing to purchase it at a special author's discount. President McRae thanked Jim for his excellent presentation and reminded the membership that the next meeting will be September 7, with **Jerre Simmons** as our speaker.

With the words, "God be with you 'til we meet again", the meeting was closed. Ω **Mae Riek**, secretary

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Carolyn Sue Chenault, who was born in Abilene and has lived in Dallas County for twenty years, traces her County roots back through two lines, Collins and Chenault.

Mary and Thomas Collins came to the County in 1846 from Kentucky, and Sue says Thomas was a member of the original DCPA. **Elizabeth Hatfield** and **Wesley M. Chenault** also came in 1846 and were neighbors of **Warren Ferris**.

Catherine Jane Collins, born in Kentucky, married **Albert G. Chenault**, who was born in the County, and they became the parents of **Eugene Carroll**, who married **Fannie Belle Rittenberry**. **Lester Chenault**, their son, and his wife **Ovie Mae Pittman**, were Sue's parents.

Sue is retired from Southwestern Bell Yellow Pages, where she was Director of Publishing Services. She is a member of the Dallas Genealogical Society, so she will find people she knows among our members.

Sue's address is 2101 Rheims Drive, Carrollton 75006, telephone number 972/418-6623.

Winnie Helm Hatley was drawn into our fold by cousin **Katherine Cox Sullivan**, our member who has just moved to Houston from Connecticut—in her words, back to “the mother state from the frozen north”.

Winnie also traces her roots through two lines, Cox and Kemp. **Catherine Jackson** and **Cornelius Cox** came in 1845. Their son, **Cornelius Jackson**, married **Huldah A. Kemp**, daughter of **Elizabeth Moore** and **William M. Kemp**, who came in 1853. **Elizabeth Ann**, daughter of Cornelius and Huldah, married **Bradford W. Helm**, and they became the parents of Winnie.

Winnie and her husband, **Maynard Hatley**, have two children, **Ronald D. Gipson** and **Linda K. Hatley**. Their address is Rt. 1, Box 30, Wingate, Texas 79566. Their phone number is 915/743-2665.

Paul Raymond Price is descended from **Sarah S. Huffman** and **Alexander W. Perry**, who came to Peter's Colony in 1844 from Carrollton, Illinois, and laid out the first plat for the town of Carrollton, Texas. (**Middleton Perry**, an uncle back among Paul's “greats,” was a vice president of the original DCPA in 1886.)

Their son, **DeWitt**, married **Frances Sarah Grimes** and they became the parents of **Pearl**, who married **William Arthur Gravely**. Pearl and William had a daughter, **Frances**, who married **Samuel Price**, and Paul is their son.

Paul is retired from Navistar, International (formerly International Harvester), where he was Accounts Manager. He belongs

to the Peter's Colony Historical Association, is president of the Perry Cemetery Association, and volunteers at the Perry Museum in Carrollton. A. W. Perry founded the Cemetery and an early Baptist church; DeWitt gave land for a school; and Pearl donated land and the current A.W. Perry Homestead Museum on Perry Road.

Paul and his wife, **Rose Marie Milner**, have two sons: **David** and **Richard**. They live at 2114 Antibes Drive, Carrollton 75006, and their telephone number is 972/418-6367. Ω

FINAL FAREWELLS

We said goodbye in June to **Jennie Coleman**, a lifetime resident of Dallas and Charter member of DCPA.

Jennie is survived by her daughter, **Betty Richardson**, and her husband and their four children and one great grandson. After services at Grace United Methodist Church, where Jennie was a member since her birth in 1903, she was laid to rest at Restland.

Glenda Cammack passed away on June 2 and was buried at Restland after services at Restland Memorial Chapel. She was the daughter of another longtime member, **Mary Sutherland**, who left us in late 1998. Glenda shared her mother's pride in her pioneer Dallas roots and assisted her in obtaining a Texas State Historical Marker for the McCree Cemetery.

Glenda is survived by her husband, **Robert**, a member of DCPA, a daughter and her husband, two granddaughters, and numerous other family members.

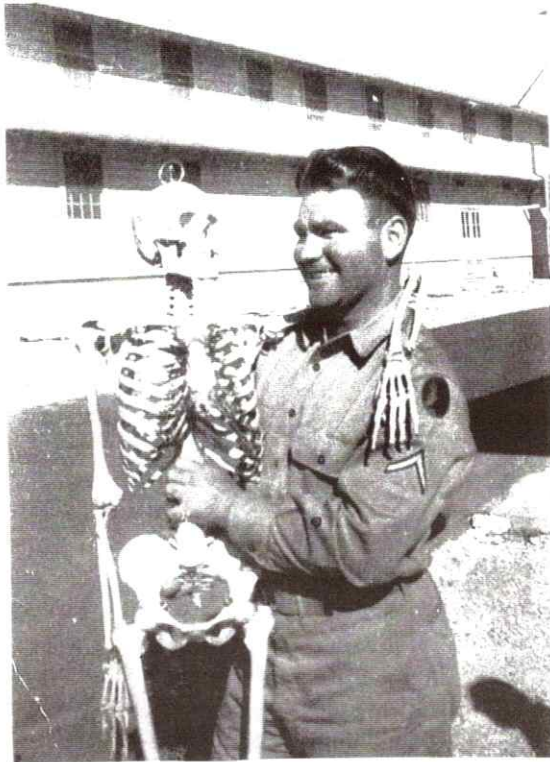
DCPA lost another beloved member and tireless worker in our efforts to research and record our history, **Marcelle Hull**, who lived in Fort Worth. Marcelle died June 10 and after services at Broadway Baptist Church, was buried in Greenwood Memorial Park.

Marcelle was a Life and Honor Roll member of DCPA. She served on the staff of the Texas/Dallas Division of the Dallas Public Library and in the Special Collections Division of the University of Texas at Arlington. Her vast knowledge and abilities helped many students and researchers, including our members, and as Programs Chair 1981-1983 she brought us many outstanding programs.

She assisted **John Eisenhower** in research for his book on the Mexican War, and he made a special trip to the Library to give her an autographed copy. On June 27 Marcelle's name was listed in the credits for a Channel 13 program, “Cowtown Memories: A History of Fort Worth”.

Marcelle is survived by **Gene**, her husband of fifty years, four children, and thirteen grandchildren.

We send our deepest sympathy to these families. Ω



Who is this cute grinning kid—not the boney one, the one in uniform? He has left us now, but he always enjoyed being a member of DCPA, and his wife is one of our most active and devoted members. He was also so devoted to the Boy Scouts the two of them had to split their time between the two organizations. He attributed his survival in major battles of WW II to his Scout training.

OUR HISTORICAL MARKER PROGRAM

We need everyone's help in locating the most important and most interesting Dallas County historical sites for a DCPA historical marker, especially ones which have not previously been marked by the State.

If you would like to submit a suggestion for a DCPA marker, please write a short history of the site and mail to **Frances James** at 4322 St. Francis, 75227-1726.

All sites submitted will be considered and evaluated by the Marker Committee. Because of the cost of the markers, the Committee will need to be selective. We will need sponsors to help defray the cost, so please keep this in mind and help us locate individuals and businesses that will give financial help.

Your suggestions will prevent an important place in Dallas County history from being overlooked. Ω

Mae Riek, secretary

SPREADING SUNSHINE

We sent six "Get Well" cards to **Bill Clark, Mackie Dealey, Bette DuPriest, Marcelle Hull, Sibyl Skipworth, and Nona Williams**. We have just learned that **Earl Cullum** has been under the weather, but is doing better.

We sent sympathy cards to the families of **Glenda Cammack, Marcelle Hull, and Jennie Coleman**. Ω **Mildred Coffey**, Sunshine Chair

GOVERNOR NAMES GAIL MADDEN TO TABC

Volunteering for community service has brought recognition big-time for DCPA member **Gail Madden**: Governor **George Bush** has named the native Dallasite to a five-year term with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. The TABC regulates every aspect of the alcoholic beverage industry in the State from manufacturing to retailing.

Gail says that in the short time she has been working with the Commission she has been impressed with their expanding their philosophy from just law enforcement to include education at all age levels. She has been involved with Dallas Challenge from its beginning, an organization founded in 1984 to combat all forms of substance abuse, including alcohol abuse, and is a member of its advisory board.

Among her volunteer activities Gail has served on the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas executive committee for six years and has been on the YMCA's human resources committee; on the executive committee of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Dallas; president of the Junior League; and, chair of the Crystal Charity Ball. She has been commended for her strong leadership and organizational skills.

It's in her genes: Gail is a descendant of **Nancy Jane Cochran**, who, **Vivian Castleberry** reminded us in *Daughters of Dallas*, widowed at age 36 with six children under age 15, took over the family business (cotton gin, corn mill), surveyed the land she gave for the Cochran Chapel Church, and saw her four living sons college-educated. Ω

STORING DALLAS HISTORY

by **Frances James**

Cockrell Cemetery: A granite marker will be placed for the **Wesley Cockrell** Cemetery, which is at the dead end of Dwight Street in Arcadia Park. The granite for this marker was donated by a friend who no longer needed it and arranged to have it moved from Laurel Land to my house. We contacted a man who had the necessary equipment in a truck, and by turning the polished side (with a name already on it) over, he came over and sandblasted the following words on the stone:

Historic
Texas Cemetery
Wesley (1813-1883) and Sarah (1816-1875) Cockrell
Came to Texas in 1843

Placed by
The
Dallas County Pioneer Association

The cost of registering the Cemetery with the State and having the stone inscribed has been covered by two descendants of this family who are members of DCPA. The Boy Scouts will be responsible for setting the heavy stone in concrete.

Miller Cemetery: On August 26 a marker will be placed on the Miller Family Cemetery at 2907 King Cole and the rest of the one-acre site, which has the small burial section enclosed by a fence, will be designated the Lt. Governor **Barry Miller Park**. The Park and Cemetery are maintained by descendants of this pioneer family who built Millernore. Their slaves were involved in the construction of the house and many of these slaves, who came to Dallas with this family in the 1840s, are also buried with marked graves inside the fence. The neighbors of the area will enjoy this tree-shaded spot that is being cleared.

The granite for this marker will be donated by **Gary Love** of Carrollton, whose main business is setting headstones. He has said he will donate as many stones of granite as we need to mark these Historic Texas Cemeteries. The only expense will be in the lettering, and so far the families have agreed to pay for that.

There will be a display of memorabilia from the Miller Family on the seventh floor of the downtown Public Library next month.

Overton: A like project will take place in September for the Overton Family Cemetery, another of the first families who came to Dallas County in the 1840s. This site is at the corner of Overton Road and Leatherwood, about two blocks northeast of the 3200 block of E. Illinois. Living descendants who have been contacted are involved with the project and are glad to cover the cost associated with the marker. Details have not been worked out yet. Behind the fenced area and contingent to this small cemetery is a large block of land that belonged to the Overton family on which they had allowed friends and neighbors to be buried. It has been a hidden and obscure site, unknown to most people all these years. An attempt is being made to get the County to oversee the clean-up necessary for this site by using prisoners doing community service work and volunteering in lieu of paying a fine.

All of these arrangements take research, many telephone calls (leaving messages and waiting for a reply), asking for help and contacting the right people. Rev. **Ray Barnett** is very interested in this endeavor and has done most of the planning for the

dedication of the Miller family and Overton family markers. We hope to use this method on other isolated sites.

Kovandovitch House: The application for a Registered Texas Historic Landmark for the Kovandovitch House, also known as the Concrete House, has been sent to Austin for scrutiny. The house at 523 Eads is across the street from the Yvonne Ewell Magnet School and is already a City of Dallas Landmark. A young man, **Robert Bazan**, purchased the burned-out shell of this unique house about five years ago and has diligently struggled to restore the building. **Joseph Kovandovitch** came to Dallas from Czechoslovakia in the 1880s and worked in various restaurants until he could buy his own supplies. His first house of concrete was built on Ross Avenue and was torn down when Ross was widened years ago. He purchased the land on the bluff of the Trinity River and after reading and studying decided to use concrete for the structure. He had married and his wife helped after she learned to use the pulley system he had devised to lift the buckets of concrete up so that Joe could pour the concrete in the forms he had made. This was in 1914-15, when the cement plants near Eagle Ford began operation to produce cement on the land previously occupied by La Reunion. The house is still standing with very few minor cracks!

Robert Bazan has done much of the clean-up on the house, which, after being vacant for years and vandalized extensively and burned in 1989, was a momentous job. Robert has also spent thousands of dollars above and beyond the mortgage for the property. He has had a heart attack and three strokes and suffers from diabetes which has affected his sight, but he loves the house and is anxious to finish the restoration as funds become available.

The first Dallas High School was unanimously voted on by the Dallas City Plan Commission to include it in the new preservation ordinance. It will go before the City Council on September 27. The Plan Commission compromised on the parking area and the Boys Gym, but the original site may be looked at again, as there was no buffer zone retained. If you or your parents went to the School, write your Council representative and let them know that you believe the building is special and needs to be preserved! A lot of us had food on our plates because the education received in this facility enabled our families to earn a living.

Arrangements are being made by the Dallas Historical Society for a bus tour of old cemeteries on October 28. We originally divided the City into four sections and have already gone to SW, NW, and SE sections. We shall visit the Caruth, McCree, Field, Ferris, and Floyd Cemeteries if time permits. I will tell some stories. Reservations have already started coming in. Call Leslie Land at 214/421-4500, Station 105, if you are interested. Ω

*James Stephen Hogg was the first Texas-born governor
(1891-1895) of the Lone Star State*

LET'S PARTY!!

President **Bill McRae** told us to mark our calendars now—*right now*—for Saturday, October 14, 4 to 6 p.m., for a DCPA Special Event: an oldtime picnic-on-the-grounds.

Our party place will be 4544 Harry's Lane (Mapsco 24G) in the backyard of the home of **Kathy John** and **Marjori Sharp**—not far from our meeting place at Royal Lane Baptist Church.

This is not a regular meeting; no program is planned; we are going to entertain ourselves and each other. If you want to swim, bring your suit and towel.

DCPA will furnish our entree and drinks and we are asking you to bring a family-size salad or dessert (cakes and cookies are easy for self-serving and finger-lickin').

We hope you will carpool as much as possible; we don't have a church parking lot on this street.

We do need a head count. Please call Bill McRae, 214/521-8654, by Wednesday, October 11, and say how many are coming from your place, and if something intervenes, please let us know you are not coming.

Everybody come! Let's just enjoy each other! Ω

**SECOND ANNUAL LEGACIES
DALLAS HISTORY CONFERENCE**

The second annual *Legacies* Dallas History Conference will be held Saturday, October 21, 2000, at the Hughes-Trigg Student Center on the campus of SMU.

Sponsored by twelve Dallas-area historical organizations (including the Dallas County Pioneer Association) and underwritten by The Summerlee Foundation, this year's Conference will focus on the theme, "The Twentieth Century". Former Governor William P. Clements will be the luncheon speaker, reminiscing about growing up in the Park Cities and attending SMU during the 1930s.

Other topics will include the founding of SMU, winning the Federal Reserve Bank, creating the Dallas Foundation, and reviving Swiss Avenue and Munger Place in the 1970s.

All DCPA members will receive registration forms in the mail in early September. Conference registration will be \$25, which includes morning refreshments and lunch. The one-day Conference will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude by 4 p.m. Ω

Michael V. Hazel, *Legacies* editor

WEBB CHAPEL CEMETERY REUNION PROJECT, 2002

Isaac Blackman Webb and his wife, **Mary Hughes**, were two of the first

Peters' Colony pioneers to come to Dallas County in the early 1840s. Isaac, many of his descendants, and other people from the community were buried in Webb Chapel Cemetery.

In honor of Isaac Webb's 200th birthday, the Webb Chapel Cemetery Association is planning a reunion for descendants of anyone buried in the Cemetery, in June 2002.

Isaac and Mary settled in an area that was originally known as Mustangs Branch and later became known as Farmers Branch. He started the Webb Chapel Methodist Church, still in Farmers Branch, and Webb Chapel Road is named for the Church.

Richard Monroe, a third great grandson of Isaac B. Webb, is a trustee of the Webb Chapel Cemetery Association. He and his wife, **Jan Jones**, have volunteered to research and locate as many descendants as possible. A few of the early surnames for those descendants are Webb, Asbury, Aydelotte, Ball, Bell, Bryan, Cox, Demere, Dennis, Dooley, Ford, Gillespie, Gravely, Henry, Kennedy, Longmire, May, Myers, Ogden, Perry, Taliaferro, West, and Winn, and there may be many more.

Anyone interested in information about this project can contact Richard and Jan:

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*The Texas Folklore Society is the nation's oldest
continually functioning state folklore group*

THE PLEDGE TO OUR TEXAS FLAG

Wylie A. Parker, principal of Dallas' Forest Avenue High School, 1922-1944, wrote the Pledge to the Texas Flag: "Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible."

The Pledge was adopted in 1933 by the 43rd Texas Legislature, and, in its original form, referred to the flag of 1836 (the Burnet flag) rather than the Lone Star flag.

(This item is another contribution from **Carolyn Selzer**. Bless her, she remembers us whenever she sees these bits of local history.) Ω

'THE MYSTERY IS SOLVED!'

by Carolyn Selzer

1875

ALFRED FREEMAN,
ARTIST IN PHOTOGRAPHY,
 — AND —
Dealer in Geo. Woods & Co.'s Parlor Organs
DALLAS, TEXAS.

Having just returned from Europe, after a lengthy stay there of about five months, I am glad to inform my friends and customers that I have gained much late and valuable information pertaining to my art, as well as many additions of

New Instruments and Appliances.

I am thus enabled to give better satisfaction than ever. I would invite all who desire work in my line to call at the studio, and examine my beautiful specimens before giving their orders, where can also be seen specimens of NATURAL LIFE-SIZE PORTRAITS, PAINTED IN OIL COLORS, as well as the latest new styles of SATIN FINISH, GLAZE, and PROMENADE PHOTOS. It has always been my earnest desire to please, and you are assured that I will use my best endeavors for your pleasure and good. All customers are politely attended to. A full stock of FANCY FRAMES for sale; also a complete assortment of PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS for sale to photographers. In connection with my studio, I have a full assortment of the celebrated

George Woods & Co.'s Parlor and Vestry Organs,

Which are believed not to be excelled or even equalled by any other make for elegance of design and variety of musical effects. I wish particularly to call attention to the Piano Organ, with eight stops. The Piano attachment has an exquisite tone, and will never get out of tune. Price \$275. And the eleven-stop Organ, with grand organ stop, octave coupler and sub-bass, and two enchanting solo stops; well adapted for churches, lodges, or parlor use—an instrument of great power—price \$250. These organs are in elegant, solid walnut cases, oil finish. It is only necessary that these organs should be seen and heard to be appreciated. Music and price lists furnished free.

A. FREEMAN, Photographer.

This ad is for Alfred Freeman, artist, in 1875. His name was on the reverse side of the clown and child photo in the Spring DCPA newsletter. Jim Wheat and Alex Troup located the ad and other information after seeing the picture in our newsletter.

The clown is probably Ernest Gounah, Sr., (my great grandfather) and the boy his son, Ernest, Jr., who was about four years old in 1877, when the photo was taken. It was for the Dallas Mardi Gras. They also found information about the Mardi Gras in Barrot Sander's book *Dallas, Her Golden Years*.

And about Alex Troup, Dallas historian and researcher, who wrote the foreword for *Proud Heritage, Volume II*: Alex was featured in the *Dallas Morning News*, Today section, on March 13.

Much of his vast collection was donated to the University of Texas at Austin and at Arlington, for the use of future generations. He received a letter from the Smithsonian Museum congratulating him on his generous donation. Ω

**Remember our ambitious social calendar:
 Quarterly meeting September 7 and
 Party/picnic October 14.**

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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