



Dallas County Pioneer Association

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SUMMER 2002

QUARTERLY MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2002

Family Hall
Royal Lane Baptist Church
Hillcrest Road and Royal Lane

Catered Dinner 6 p.m.
\$8 per person

Make reservations by *Tuesday June 4*
Call Bill McRae @ 214/521-8654 or
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Program 7 p.m.

Our program will be brought to us by Dr. **Michael V. Hazel** and Dr. **Thomas H. Smith**. They will bring us up to date on the status of the Museum of Dallas History planned for our Old Red Courthouse.

Mike Hazel, an honorary member of DCPA, is certainly no stranger to us: he has brought us many outstanding programs and most of us have all of his books on Dallas history. A Dallas native, he is founder and editor of *Legacies*, the history journal for north central Texas, and of *Heritage News*, newsletter of the Dallas County Heritage Society. Mike coordinates the annual Dallas History Conference, is a lecturer on Dallas history at SMU, and Archivist for A.H. Belo Corporation. He frequently serves as interim executive director for Old City Park, to which he has given years of service and where he maintains an office. His latest book is *The Dallas Public Library: Celebrating a Century of Service 1901-2001*. We will have copies of this winner for sale at our June meeting.

Dr. Thomas H. Smith also has worn many hats since coming to Dallas from Ohio to be director of Old City Park from 1980 to 1992. He founded the Legends of the Game Baseball Museum in Arlington around 1994, from which he retired in 2000. After a restless two-month retirement he accepted the post of Project Director of the Museum of Dallas History (the name is still being debated).

Dr. Smith got his BA degree from Kent State, his MA from Ohio State, then back to Kent for his Doctorate. He and his wife, Linda, have three children and two grandchildren, and he says he is very glad to be a Dallasite, which we think he has proven.

We look forward to this program about our new museum. Any news as to what is happening to our Old Red Courthouse is very welcome.

Carolyn Selzer says our show-and-tell table will feature Hats! And Caps, too! So here's your chance to show off yours. Old hats, new hats, funny hats, stylish hats. Hard hats, soft hats, tall hats, fuzzy hats. Baseball caps, gimme caps, fishing caps, skull caps, night caps, hunting caps. You'll never have a better chance to show your hat is better than my mine.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

• "History Day" at North Garland High School was interesting and informative. **Karen Gassett** and I were there to represent DCPA, as well as to award ribbons for the winners in Middle School and High School categories. DCPA awards went to two girls for their work on a display about the Battle of San Jacinto in the Middle School category, and to four boys for an excellent TV documentary on integrated circuits featuring **Jack Kilby** in the High School category. The talent and works of these young people were really amazing: their ingenuity was displayed in their choice of topics under the difficult guideline of "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History." Some of the subjects chosen were Chinese foot-binding, the rise of Mexican/American advocacy, running with **Kenneth Cooper**, the development of Braille, treating breast cancer, integrated circuits and electronic revolution in communications.

• The ExxonMobil Foundation encourages volunteer involvement in nonprofit organizations, and through this source we have been able to receive a grant of \$500. This check was presented to Treasurer **Gene Gaddy** at the Executive Committee meeting April 20.

• Progress on Volume III continues to be good. All stories submitted have been reviewed at least twice and many have been rewritten to shorten them or to eliminate repetitious information submitted in several stories. The Book Committee, under the leadership of **Jim Foster** and **Irma Janicek**, will finish their work by the end of June and much of the stories have already been "typeset" by computer. Additional proofing and editing are scheduled for completion by early July and the finished product hopefully will be sent to the publisher in plenty of time to have the books available for our September meeting. Dr. **Michael V. Hazel** has agreed to write the Foreword.

• The two hundredth anniversary of the birth of **Isaac Blackman Webb** will be celebrated June 1 by the Webb Chapel Cemetery Association and the Webb Chapel United Methodist Church, both of which were

founded by Webb. **Richard Moore** and **Jan Jones** have been very involved in planning and developing this project. Meet at Webb Chapel UMC at 10 a.m., stay for lunch (\$10), and take a shuttle bus to the Cemetery for the dedication of the Texas Historic Cemetery marker at 2:30 p.m. DCPA will have a table of literature, books, and historic objects.

• The Dallas Genealogical Society has scheduled five seminars for the fall and spring periods. **Mattie Hughes** has manned a table at past seminars, selling books and getting new members for DCPA. The planned seminars are September 14, October 5, and November 2, 2002, plus February and April in 2003. Mattie needs help manning the DCPA table. Any volunteers? **Ω**

Bill McRae

MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 7

by **Eva Jane Morgan**, secretary

The March meeting of the Dallas County Pioneer Association was held in the Family Hall of the Royal Lane Baptist Church. President **Bill McRae** called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. He opened with the Invocation, followed by the pledge to the United States and Texas flags.

President McRae passed out new membership certificates to **Howard Cox**, **Mary Catherine Cox**, and **Richard Monroe**. New Life members were recognized: **Eva Jane Morgan**, **Sandra Neal**, and **Richard Monroe**. New members introduced were **Katherine Bocker Madsen** and **Charles Woodrow Binford, Jr.**

Author **Jim Gatewood** announced that his new book, *Benny Binion*, a biography, has just been published. Jim's last book, *Decker*, a biography of Sheriff Bill Decker of Dallas County, was a success.

Frances James mentioned that the new map of Garland is full of history and that Dart Rail is planning a trunk line to Pleasant Grove and later one to Cleburne.

President McRae introduced **Patricia Conner Coggan** as our guest speaker. Her program was "Miss Ela Builds a Home", The Hockaday Story. She currently teaches social studies to second, third, and fourth grades at Hockaday.

Carolyn Selzer had a wonderful response to her show-'n-tell table of potpourri items of historical value.

With the words, "God be with you 'til we meet again", the meeting was adjourned. Ω

FINAL FAREWELLS

Dr. **Mabel E. Maxcy** passed away March 14 at age ninety-eight, in her Denton home. She had been a Life member of DCPA since 1979. We are indebted to **Jimmie D. McSween** for sending us a copy of Dr. Maxcy's obituary in the *Denton Record-Chronicle*.

Dr. Maxcy graduated from TWU in Denton and took master and doctor degrees from Columbia University in New York. After teaching art in public schools in Texas she taught at various universities in New York, then returned to Texas and became chairman of the Art Department at TWU.

She developed a creative interest in handweaving and exhibited in national, regional, and state shows. She and her students were active in organizing the Denton Handweavers Guild, of which she was a past president. She also was a president of Texas Art Education Association and Contemporary Handweavers of Texas. A member of the Denton First Methodist Church, she had served as a driver and treasurer for Meals on Wheels.

Services for Dr. Maxcy were held at the First Methodist Church and interment was in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Glenn Williams passed away on May 12 at age seventy-nine, shortly after we heard of his illness and

hospital stay. He and Ann Gracey, his wife of fifty-three years, have been long-time members of DCPA.

Glenn is survived by a loving family: son **Dale** and his wife, **Mary**; daughter **Susan W. Six** and her husband, **Jon**; brother **Bill** and wife, **Rita**; sister **Sable Burge**; five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Services were held at the First Methodist Church in Garland, with interment at Restland Memorial Park.

Clare Weakley has suffered the ultimate sorrow — the loss of a child. Clare's daughter, **Carol Weakley Tuthill**, passed away in Minneapolis on April 21, at age forty-nine. We could see her father's touch in her loving obituary in *The Dallas Morning News*, which said that "everything she touched was made more beautiful."

Together with Clare and his wife, **Jean**, Carol's stepmother, she is survived by her husband, **John Tuthill, Jr.**, of Minneapolis; her daughter, **Wells**, of Dallas; her son, Corporal **John Tuthill, III**, USMC, North Carolina; her brother, **Charles**, of Dallas; and brother, **Sonny**, of Corsicana. A memorial service was held in Dallas.

We send our deepest sympathies to the Maxcy, Williams and Weakley families.

We also mourn, with all of Dallas and Texas, the passing of our honorary member, **A.C. Greene**, from whose column "Texas Sketches" in *The Dallas Morning News* we borrowed so much.

He was eulogized over and over by all who knew and loved him, and we want to pass on a bit we learned for the first time about him. It is from a letter to *The News* from **Harvey Bourland** of Atlanta, a one-time restaurant critic in Dallas:

"...Not all of the fans of the Texas historian know that he was an accomplished master of the harmonica. Some years ago he gifted me with a 33 rpm recording of Gospel music performed by himself and others of

the Texas press. It is now a collector's item, to be sure. Unless I am mistaken, his voice can be recognized in several of the choral arrangements. ... I respectfully submit this information to enhance 'Greene Lore' for those not aware that this writer could also play—in the musical sense of the word."

We will sorely miss A.C. Greene. Ω

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Jerry D. Bailey had a slew of pioneer ancestors in Dallas County. His immediate one was **John R. Fondren**, Peters Colonist. John's brothers, **Nimrod**, **William B.**, and **Morris**; his brother-in law, **Osborn Love**; and his sons-in-law, **Thomas Manley** and **John S. Mills**, also were early arrivals.

John was born in North Carolina in 1813 and came to Dallas in 1846, settling near Lancaster. His wife was **Jane S. Tharp**, born in Tennessee in 1850. Their son, **Meek M.**, born in 1836, married **Mary Emaline Manley**, born in 1848. They became the parents of **Lena M.**, born in 1876 in Lancaster, and she married **Lee Andrew Bailey**, born 1871 in Tennessee. Lena and Lee had son **Bert E.**, who married **Sandra Lanier**, and they were Jerry's parents.

Jerry is a retired teacher from the Galveston ISD. He and his wife, **Betty Hartnett**, have two children, **Marilyn**, and **Sharon King**.

Jerry and Betty's address is 4813 Western Meadows Court, Fort Worth 76248, and their telephone number is 817/577-0174.

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Charles Woodrow Binford, Jr.'s first Dallas ancestor, **Abraham Hart**, helped build Old Red in 1891-92. Abraham and his father, **Jacob**, obtained a land grant in Peters Colony, and their log cabin home was near the spot where our Old Red Courthouse stands. They came to Dallas County in 1844 from North Carolina.

Abraham, a farmer, and his wife, **Elizabeth Ray**, were one of the first couples to be married in the old Court-house and he served on the first jury to function in Dallas County. They built a home in what would become Munger Addition, in the 5700 block of Gaston Avenue. They were buried in the Cox Cemetery.

Their son, **Edward Crosby**, was born in Dallas County in 1862. He married **Elva Bertha Paxton**, who had been born in Maryland in 1867. Edward and Elva's daughter, **Katherine Lucille**, married **Benton McMillan Wiseman** and they became the parents of **Virginia Dare**. She married **Charles Woodrow Binford**, and Charles, Jr. is their son.

Charles is a retired government finance officer and was formerly employed by the City of Fort Worth. He is a member of the Van Zandt County Genealogical Society. He and his wife, **Mary Beth Tyson**, have three children: **David**, **Lee Ann**, and **Tanya Michele**.

Charles and Mary Beth live at 2376 Monticello Circle, Plano 75075, telephone number is 972/596-1827.

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Bradley Sue LaFon Howell and her husband, the Rev. **Richard Dunn Howell** appear to be very interested in history and genealogy. Bradley Sue has given us a good story on the LaFons family for Volume III, and lists the following organizations of which she is a member: Texas United Methodist Historical Society, past president; United Methodist Historical Society, chair of Local Church History; Dallas Genealogical Society; and Collin County Genealogical Society. She is a librarian at Woodrow Wilson High School.

Bradley Sue's first Dallas County ancestor was "L.C." **Leeander Calvin LaFon**, who came from Tennessee in 1883. He married **Sue Elizabeth McCoy** and they lived in a small farmhouse close to what is now Hall Street and Gaston Avenue. Both L.C. and Sue were born in Tennessee and both died in McKinney and were buried in Forest Grove in Collin County.

Their son, **Vernie Lee**, born in 1884 in Dallas County, married **Rosa Bell Welborn**, born in 1891 in Collin County. They, too, were buried in Forest Grove. Their son was **Jessie Leonard**, born 1907 in McKinney, who married **Carrie Pearl Nickerson**, born 1906 in McKinney. Both were buried in Allen, Collin County.

Bradley Sue is that fourth-generation child born to Jessie and Carrie. She met Richard at Perkins School of Theology at SMU. He came to Dallas in 1954 from Wichita, Kansas, and stayed. Richard is retired after serving as Minister of Music all over town, including Oak Lawn Methodist, Lakewood Methodist, and Oak Cliff Methodist Church. They have three children: **Mark Richard**, **Celeste Ella Hlavenka**, and **Jane Elizabeth Walker**.

The Howells' address is 722 Ridgeway, 75214, and their telephone number is 214/821-5871.

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Paul E. McLin was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, and has lived in Dallas County thirty-three years. He is a systems engineer with 7-Eleven, Inc., and belongs to the Dallas Historical Society.

Paul and his wife, **Claire Jackson McLin**, have two children: **Colin Schuyler** and **Marjorie Leigh**, both of whom were born in Birmingham, Alabama. Their address is 6917 Thornwood Drive, 75227, and their telephone number is 214/388-0087.

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Kathryn Belle Bocker Madsen's earliest Dallas ancestor was **Edward Spencer** who came to the County in 1884, a young man in his early twenties who found life here to be full of opportunity and promise. He claimed to have been born in Connecticut, but it is not known who his parents or siblings were, or where in Connecticut they lived.

By 1886 Ed had saved enough money to buy ten acres of the Wm. Romine Survey. In 1887 he married a twenty-year-old widow, **Mary Elizabeth Wright Miles**. Their son, **Raymond Whitfield**, born in

Dallas in 1902, married **Amanda Z. Hancock**, who was born in Arizona in 1904. Raymond and Amanda's daughter, **Kathryn June**, was born in 1928 in California and she married **Verlin G. Bocker**, who was born in Idaho in 1916.

Kathryn Belle is the daughter of Kathryn June and Verlin, and was born in Compton, California. She married **Stanley Reid Madsen**, born in Oakland, California. They are the parents of four children, all born in Utah: **Peter G.**, **Spencer A.**, **Kathryn Elaine**, and **Elizabeth J.**

Kathryn is into family history: she belongs to the DAR; the Dallas County, Collin County, and Texas State Genealogical Societies; and the Spencer Historical & Genealogical Society.

Kathryn and Stanley live at 5100 Teddington Park Drive, Plano 75023. Their telephone number is 972/612-0688.

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Richard Clyde Monroe is descended from **Mary Hughes** and **Isaac B. Webb**, a vice-president elected at the first meeting of the original DCPA in 1875. They married in Tennessee in 1835, and were listed on the 1850 census in Dallas County. Both were buried in the Webb Chapel Cemetery.

Mary and Isaac's daughter, **Mary Jane**, was born in 1843 in Red River County, and she married **Howard Cox**, born in 1837 in Kentucky. Howard first appeared on a Dallas census in 1860. Their daughter, **Marion Whitfield**, who was born in 1865, married **Allie May**, and they became the parents of **Annie Marion**, born in 1900. Annie married **William Stanley Wilroy** in 1923 and their daughter, **Ida Lea**, was born in 1927.

Ida Lea married **Norman Eugene Monroe** and they were the parents of Richard. Ida Lea Downs is a Life member of DCPA, and Richard has joined as a Life member. He is an engineer with Fujitsu Network Communications.

Richard and his wife, **Janice Latreece Jones**, live in Irving at 113 Senter Valley, 75060, and their telephone number is 972/438-7548. Ω

SPREADING SUNSHINE

by **Millie Coffey**, chair

We sent cards to the following members: **Glenn Williams**, very ill in Medical City Hospital; **Nancy McRae**, on crutches for a twisted knee; **Gloria H. Jacobus**, a broken hip; and **Simon Selzer**, who had surgery for artery blockage in the neck.

We sent sympathy cards to Mr. and Mrs. **Clare G. Weakley, Jr.** on the death of their daughter, **Carol Weakley Tuthill**; and to **Ann Gracey Williams** on the death of her husband, **Glenn**. Ω

OUT AND ABOUT WITH FRANCES JAMES

• On May 13, 2002, the Dallas County Sheriff's Department held an elaborate memorial service at Pioneer Cemetery for deputies in Dallas County who have died in the line of duty. Descendants of most of these officers attended the service.

Charles H. Nichols was the first deputy in Dallas County to be killed, while attempting to arrest a member of Belle Starr's gang of outlaws at Scyene in 1871. **James MacMahan** had been asked by Nichols to come along, and was also killed at the site. It has never been determined if MacMahan was actually deputized.

The program for the event on May 13 contained the history of Charles Nichols, who joined the Confederacy in 1860, while still a teenager, and was a colonel when the War was over. His exploits were noted by his peers, as well as the Union forces involved during the Civil War.

Nichols was a member of Tannehill Lodge. He came to Dallas in 1866 and married **Sallie Bowser Gale**, a young widow. She was pregnant when he was killed

and lived less than a year longer, leaving two small sons, **Foster** and **William**. The baby, **Charles H., Jr.**, had also died. All three are buried at Pioneer Cemetery. When members of the DCPA inventoried the stones at Pioneer Cemetery several years ago, it was noted that Deputy Nichol's stone was missing, and this information was passed on to Deputy Baker. With the replacement stone, three stones will permanently mark the site of these pioneers.

Retired Deputy Sheriff **Terry Baker** has combed the County records and thoroughly researched newspaper accounts to discover other officers lost in the line of duty. So far, he has found seventeen of these Dallas County peace officers who have lost their lives since 1871 protecting us. Baker's search will continue.

• Pioneer Cemetery will be designated a Landmark in the City of Dallas on May 25. This Cemetery has marked graves that go back to 1853. Many ancestors of the DCPA have either relatives here or their relatives were contemporaries of the persons who were buried here. Many of the first elected officials, a sheriff, several doctors, and persons who came from Europe, have set a strong example for all who love freedom.

Several years ago a picnic was held at the site and tours were offered. **Marjori Sharp** and family members attended and she has a picture.

• The Dallas Historical Society spring bus tour of cemeteries was May 4. Nearly forty people visited the Oakland, Confederate, and Pioneer Cemeteries, and then a short trip to Lancaster to visit Edgewood, where many of the settlers in the southern part of Dallas County were buried.

A delicious lunch had been arranged at Amaya's Restaurant on the square in Lancaster (the original tin ceiling is still there). The bank building that was severely damaged in the last tornado has been restored, but one side of the square was completely destroyed. As the bus went down Pleasant Run Road it stopped at Janie Fricke's house, which has a Texas

Historical Marker on it, and the riders were thrilled to wave at Janie and her husband, who were eating lunch under the trees and waved back. This house was originally known as the Lowrey/Hurst house. When Janie bought the house she had it turned around and completely remodeled. It is a beautiful site and the original barn, with new siding added, still stands.

The bus also went past the restored Strain house on Lancaster Hutchins Road. This beautiful Victorian also suffered extensive damage during the tornado but has been restored. Lancaster has many sights to see, and remember, this is where Steel Dust was raised!

- In DeSoto there remains a section of the Ottoway Nance Farm. The house on the site is expanded from the original house built in 1852. The neighborhood surrounding the house has beautiful modern brick homes. At one time the City of DeSoto owned the house and even built a large swimming pool. The City later sold it and through the years the house has been updated.

The original barn has timbers hacked out of local trees. This may be a study site for students from UT-Arlington this summer to discover artifacts at this early farm site. The house has been occupied in some way for over 150 years. There are descendants of the family still around the County.

- The Jefferson Tower in Oak Cliff is now a Dallas Landmark. This eight-story building was built in 1929 and is being carefully restored and is also eligible for National Register designation. It was known as the Medical Dental Building, and is the only tall structure on Jefferson Boulevard.

Oak Cliff has many historic districts surrounding this building: Winnetka Heights, Kessler Park, King's Highway, Tenth Street, North Bishop Commercial District, Miller and Stemmons, and Lake Cliff Historic District. Oak Cliff was annexed by Dallas in 1903, but before that it was a city in its own right. Southern Dallas Development Corporation is developing this site.

- When you are downtown, be sure to walk through Stone Street. The Woolworth Building on Elm Street is being rehabbed, as well as the building at 1525 Main, which is one of the older buildings in downtown Dallas.

There is an opportunity for much of downtown Dallas to be incorporated into a National Register District. If this actually happens, many of the buildings built between 1880 and 1965 would qualify for tax incentives to encourage the owners to update them rather than tear them down for parking lots. The downtown area of Dallas has many interesting sites, and before we had malls all over the county, it was the place to shop. Now many of the buildings will be offices and even lofts, maybe even a grocery store.

- North Dallas High School, which opened its doors to students in February 1922, is now a Dallas Landmark. The dedication took place on its eightieth birthday. Our own Marie **Hunter** was one of the first students!

- The large house at 6243 La Vista, in the Swiss Avenue Historic District, is also a registered Texas Historical Landmark. The fabulous house is named the Stubbs House for the family who built it in 1922. **Robert Campbell Stubbs** moved to Dallas and established a paving business—he patented the vibrolithic paving process—he helped Dallas get out of the mud. There have been several owners since that time, but since 1986 the current owner, **Willetta Stellmacher**, has been constantly restoring the home to its original beauty. The Texas Historical Marker is visible for all to see. Ω

"GARLAND"? WHY??

by Nell Walker

In 1868 there were two towns, called Duck Creek and Embree. They fought over who would have the post office, and eventually they put the two towns together and called them "Garland", and that would end the dispute over the post office. The name Garland came from a politician named Garland who never lived there. Ω

The following is a reprint from Preserve Dallas, May 2002, publication of Preservation Dallas. Intown Outing is available only to members of Preservation Dallas.

INTOWN OUTING at "Old Parkland Hospital"

The historic "Old Parkland Hospital" is our destination in May. The 188,000 sf [square foot] hospital was built in 1913 and designed by architects Hubbell and Greene and has served as a general hospital, psychiatric institution, a jail, and a makeshift homeless shelter. It is built in a Classical Revival style with Georgian influences. It was designated as a Dallas landmark in 1987.



"Old Parkland Hospital"

The "Old Parkland Hospital" was renamed Woodlawn and treated patients (sic) with tuberculosis, psychiatric problems and other chronic diseases when Parkland Memorial Hospital on Harry Hines Blvd. was opened in 1954.

The "Old Parkland Hospital" has been unused for several years. The proposed rehabilitation is a central headquarters for all Dallas County health issues. Many of us drive by this mysterious landmark with curiosity about what's inside. Now is your chance. Ω

WORLD WAR II 101

The Herman Perry Case—55 Years Later by Earl O. Cullum

A bit of CBI history was updated at Dallas in November 2000, where an interested group representing both the Perry captors and the Perry family met to discuss

the outstanding criminal case of the WW II CBI Theater.

Mrs. Celestine Perry Thompson of Brooklyn represented the family, to learn about her uncle, **Herman Perry**, the only American executed in the CBI in WW II. On her flight from New York to Dallas she recalled stories of Perry, who was hanged in CBI-land when she was a small child. She had always wanted to know the facts regarding the stories she had heard.

She had finally learned through the publishers of *CBI Roundup* magazine that the Military Police officer who finally captured Perry and delivered him to the hangman at Ledo, was still living and in good health in his eighty-eighth year. Celestine contacted him and arranged to fly to Dallas, to spend a day with him and his family. There he related full details of the year-long 1944-45 Perry Manhunt in the CBI theater of war.

Retired Colonel **Earl Owen Cullum**, then in his eighty-eighth year, was a young Major in 1945 when he led the final pursuit and captured Perry man-to-man in jungle darkness, and delivered him to the hangman at Ledo. Also present at the Dallas gathering were Earl's son, **Kenneth H. Cullum**, an Army Captain in the Vietnam War; Earl's daughter, **Kay Cullum** and her husband, **Edward G. Lee**, a retired Master Sergeant who also served in Vietnam; and Earl's friend, **Margaret Owen**, who hosted the gathering.

Mrs. Thompson had never known the full story of her Uncle Herman's time in the CBI, but she now has copies of publications about him. These include Volume 6 of **Boyd Sinclair's** ten-volume history of the CBI with its two full chapters on the Perry Case, and Cullum's account in a booklet about the manhunt. Cullum's mind is still clear on most details of this, the outstanding criminal case of the CBI in WW II, and the outstanding case of Cullum's thirty-eight-year Police-Army-FBI law enforcement career.

Through the years Cullum has learned much, including the period before he was personally connected

with the case. Various versions have been printed through the years; thus, brief highlights are being summarized here.

It began in 1944 when Perry, an Army private and laborer on the new Ledo Road-building project, was released from the guardhouse, then left his unit and disappeared overnight. He was arrested on his return, but refused to relinquish his loaded rifle. When a Lieutenant tried to take it, Perry shot and killed him.

Perry fled into the jungle and joined a native tribe in the Naga hills. Wounded and captured four months later and held in the Ledo stockade, he was court-martialed and sentenced to be hanged. He escaped into the jungle again, was sighted, chased, and wounded over and over, but kept going. Then General Joe Cranston ordered Major Cullum relieved of all other duties to bring Perry in, dead or alive.

Thus began the final eighteen days and nights of the manhunt, with Perry constantly on the move at night and holed up in daylight and Cullum leading alternating shifts of MPs of the 159th MP Battalion, always on the trail. A native police scout learned where Perry was hiding and Cullum led a small team to the location. He and one MP "gunner" waded a wide shallow river in the darkness and approached a jungle clearing where three men were standing around a small wood fire. When one tried to hide behind the others Cullum grabbed him and an American voice said, "You got me".

With Perry tied into their jeep, they drove through the night to an Army Field Hospital where his wounds were treated and he was placed under heavy guard in Cullum's escape-proof stockade. Five days later Perry was taken in darkness to Ledo, where a scaffold had been hastily erected, and after he had written a letter to his brother, he was hanged just as the sun came up.

Cullum walked away and didn't watch the execution. Perry was buried nearby, but now rests in Hawaii, apart from the "Honored Dead".

Mrs. Thompson says today's Perry family members have no bitterness for the authorities, and want to learn more about his last days. She plans to be able to answer questions about him for other family members. Various personal accounts of the Perry Case have been placed in public libraries. Ω

ROSTER UPDATE

Add telephone number:

Julie Morris 903/364-5622

The Dallas Public Library **WILL BE AVAILABLE AT JUNE MEETING**

Mike Hazel's newest book on Dallas history, *The Dallas Public Library: Celebrating a Century of Service 1901-2001*, will be available in a limited quantity at our June 6 meeting.

Mike has done it again. This is a beautiful (outside and in), fact-filled, picture-filled, readable, immensely enjoyable taste of Dallas history and nostalgia. In his Preface, Mike says, "My introduction to the Dallas Public Library was the bookmobile that visited the Inwood Shopping Center once a week in the late 1950s." You, too?

He also says of **Siddie Joe Johnson's** creative writing classes at the Central Library, "Miss Johnson encouraged my love of writing, which fairly quickly channeled itself into journalism and history..." Now we know where Mike really comes from, and predict that many of this generation of future writers will credit him as their inspiration.

You will want this book in your library. If you are smart, you will call **Bill McRae** and tell him to put your name on one: we know that four are already spoken for. The price is \$30, tax included. We aren't set up for credit cards, so bring your checkbook. Ω

TEXAS HISTORY 101

Lila Glover — Friend of Texas Courthouses

Reprint from *Texas Historical Commission* Sept.-Oct. 2001

When passing through a county seat, travelers often encounter the county courthouse and are pleasantly surprised by its beauty and prominence. They may pause a moment to rest under the massive trees on the square or admire the sweeping arches of the building.

Some travelers, though, seek out halls of justice as their travel destinations. The most adventurous souls aspire to visit and learn about as many as possible. Lila Glover of College Station joined the ranks of "adventurous souls" in the early 1970s when she began visiting the numerous courthouses of Texas.

During her travels spanning three decades, Glover wrote down her observations, took pictures and collected local newspaper clippings on Texas courthouses. She recently donated this material to the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program to aid researchers.

Family and personal history spurred Glover's interest in learning about Texas' courthouses. Her great-great grandfather, Richard G. Grant, donated the land for the Coryell County Courthouse, and Glover worked four years during the Great Depression in the 1924 Mitchell County Courthouse.

Today, at the proud age of 93, Glover remains as enthusiastic as ever about the courthouses of Texas.



The memories and experiences of Lila Glover give life and meaning to Texas' historic courthouses, such as the Mitchell County Courthouse, shown above.

When asked why she dedicated so much time to visiting them, she said, "I did that entirely for my own entertainment."

Glover recently took part in an oral history interview with the THC staff. She described her life and the time she spent as a bookkeeper in the Mitchell County school superintendent's office located on the second floor of the courthouse. She recalled the time a sandstorm blew into town at noon, trapping workers in the courthouse and preventing them from leaving for lunch. She also described the Coryell County Courthouse Centennial Celebration in 1997 when she met Gov. George W. Bush.

The THC is grateful Glover shared her memories, for stories such as hers give life and meaning to Texas' historic courthouses. Her documentation will help preserve the history of public buildings statewide.

In its 254 counties, Texas has more than 200 historic courthouses, most of which are still actively used for county government. The Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program is a grant program designed to preserve these beloved treasures. For more information, call the THC's Architecture Division at 512/463-6094, email courthouse@thc.state.tx.us or visit www.thc.state.tx.us. Ω

MEMORIAL DAY AT DFW CEMETERY

Volunteers placed 182 flags along the Avenue of Flags at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery Saturday, May 25, to open a three-day observance to honor those who have served our country in all our wars.

Each of the 182 flags has adorned the coffin of a service person laid to rest, given to the two-year-old Cemetery by family members. They are flown four times a year: Memorial Day, Flag Day, the Fourth of July, and Veterans Day. So many families have offered flags they can no longer take them.

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