

Dallas County Pioneer Association

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SPRING 2003

QUARTERLY MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2003

Family Hall
Royal Lane Baptist Church
Hillcrest Road and Royal Lane

Catered Dinner 6 p.m., \$8 per person
Reservations Required

Make reservations by Tuesday March 4
Call Bill McRae @ 214/521-8654 or
DCPA Call Notes @ 214/969-0926

Program 7 p.m.
Talmage Boston "Baseball!"

Baseball season is just around the corner, and attorney **Talmage Boston** will share some of the essences of the game, usually considered "America's Pastime."

Talmage Boston's passion is professional baseball. He has authored a book on baseball's pivotal year, 1939, as well as four articles in *The Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives—Sports Figures*. He has written thirty-two columns and twenty-one book reviews published in *The Dallas Morning News*, and has lectured at Princeton University.

He has also been a television and radio commentator, having appeared on "Sports Talk", "Southwest Sports Report", and "Good Morning Texas", and is a media member of the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame.

Talmage received BA and JD degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. He is a shareholder in the firm of Winstead Sechrest and Minich P.C., and is currently Officer and Director of a governing board of the State Bar of Texas. He is a Past Chairman of the Business Litigation Section of the Dallas Bar Association.

He is a Lead Counsel and has seventeen published opinions, including two in the Texas Supreme Court and one in the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. He is one of only seventy-two lawyers in the State of Texas with double board certifications, his being Civil Trial Law and Civil Appellate Law.

Talmage lives in the Park Cities with his wife, son, and daughter, and is very active in Highland Park Methodist Church.

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Carolyn Selzer says for our March display table, we are asking you to bring a picture of yourself as a baby or child, or anything relating to your childhood, such as a baby book. Be sure to identify your picture! Everyone participate, and share the fun!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

• Honorary member **Mike Hazel** has requested copies of pictures for the "Founders" section of the Old Red Courthouse Museum of Dallas County History. After reviewing *Proud Heritage, Volumes I, II, and III*, these are the pictures requested and those who submitted them originally:

Volume I:

John H. & Elizabeth Preston Cole	Homer Warlick
John Wesley Davis	Mary J. Sutherland
Trezevant Hawpe	Mrs. George A. Hawpe
James E. Jackson	Everts E. Jackson
Jacob Routh	Nancy McRae
Crawford Trees & Anna M. Kimmel	Bradley C. Hodge
Norvell R. Winniford	June A. Shipley
William J. Winniford	John C. Winniford

Volume II:

Henry Boll, Sr. & Elizabeth Knopfi	C. F. Norsch
Rev. William H. Hughes	Louise Bocquin
Andy Moore and wife	Graham Landrum
William Ringo Moffett	John C. Winniford
Jackson Rape and wife Eliza	Brenda R. Taylor
J. D. and Mary Ann Stratton	Francis S. Bell

Volume III:

A. W. and Sara H. Perry	Paul Price
John and Polly Rawlins	Billy Joe Denton
Frances A. Sayer & Sarah Thomas	Louise E. Moore, Jr.
Charles M. Tucker	Martha Gracey
James A. Rylie	Sue Bucy

In order to assure good quality copies for display in the Museum, Mike suggests you scan the original on a high-resolution scanner, or if you have a negative, make a copy of the negative. If you do not have a high-resolution scanner available, give the originals to **Bill McRae** to collect. He will personally deliver them to Mike, who will have them scanned and return the originals to McRae for redistribution to the owners. Members' help in getting all these pictures will be greatly appreciated. This is your chance to have an ancestor in the Museum of Dallas County History!

• The Association has been hit hard in the past few days with deaths of members. Dr. **Emerson Emory** died January 28; **Earl O. Cullum** passed away on January 31; and **Edna Hart** lost her brother, **John W.**

Jackson. We extend our sympathy to these families.

• **Jim Forster** has done an excellent job in analyzing *Proud Heritage, III*. He has listed the 211 stories by page number, title, and submitter. Since many of the stories were submitted by non-members, this affords the opportunity to contact these people for purchase of books. The various listings also provide a good means of analyzing types of stories and submitters that will be helpful in future editions.

• DCPA Treasurer **Gene Gaddy** has made a thorough analysis and report of the 2002 Association finances. The Association gained \$393 from operations during 2002, which was down from the gain of \$2,392 in 2001. This is primarily due to reduced interest income (-\$851) and reduced dues (-\$1385) due to life memberships purchased in 2001. As of December 31, 2002, there are ten couples and thirty-five individuals who have life memberships. Further analysis showed that 113 more Volume II and 317 Volume III books need to be sold to break even on those publications. Thanks, Gene, for your fine work.

• Member **John Winniford**, former treasurer of the organization, has made the required internal audit of the Association finances and has given me the following report:

"February 1, 2003

Our treasurer, Mr. Gene Gaddy, has sent me a copy of the financial records of the Dallas County Pioneer Association for the year 2002. I have reviewed these, and find them very thorough and apparently very accurate, with all receipts and expenditures for the year being accounted for.

"With Volume III of *Proud Heitage* fully paid for, and sales recorded to date, our cash balances are still substantial, with \$29,881 cash on hand as well as \$7,502 in the cemetery fund. All funds are on deposit at Bank One.

Yours very truly,
(s) John Winniford"

- Another great piece of work is being accomplished by student member **Jennifer Vilbig**. She is constructing a DCPA website. Check it out at <http://home.attbi.com/~dcpa1875/>. Let me know of any changes, corrections or other ideas you have for this site and I will pass them on to Jennifer.

- New officers for 2003 elected at the December meeting are:

President	Bill McRae
Vice-president	Mike Potter
Secretary	Eva Jane Morgan
Treasurer	Gene Gaddy
Historian	Carolyn Selzer
Newsletter Editor	Marjori Sharp

Members of the Executive Committee are all of the above plus **Luther McCommas, Sue Bucy, Irma Janicek, Jim Forster**, and past officers **Nancy McRae, Frances James, Mattie Hughes, and John Winniford**. Publicity Chair is Pat Randolph and Sunshine Chair is Millie Coffey.

- Reservations for dinner and collection of money at the door at our meetings are creating problems. Please make your reservations by the **Tuesday** before the meeting on Thursday. Thursday is 'way too late! You can be very helpful by making your reservations early and sending a check for dinner to me, or to the DCPA post office box, prior to the meeting. This will eliminate a lot of confusion at the door. At the last meeting, several people who made early reservations and paid early did not get a meal. If everyone cooperates, this will not happen again. Reservations (and payment, if possible) by Tuesday, please!

- Carolyn Selzer has organized some interesting and informative displays for our meetings and has made an excellent scrapbook of previous displays that will be available for your perusal at the March meeting. Be sure to participate this time: let us see what a cute kid you were! Ω

Bill McRae

MINUTES OF MEETING DECEMBER 5

The December 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 **Allen Huffhines, Margaret H. Kiblinger, and Patricia Carr Biczynski**.

Introduction of officers for 2003 was announced by President McRae.

Jennifer Vilbig was introduced next. She spoke of her Girl Scout Gold Award Project. She plans to design a website for the DCPA.

We were informed that the next Dallas History Conference will be held October 3, 2003: The topic will be "The People Who Have Shaped Dallas". Deadline for history papers is February 5.

President McRae introduced **Chris Brunt** and **Geoffrey Moore**, who presented us with a beautiful Christmas musical program. Both men are associated with the Department of Music at Highland Park United Methodist Church.

Carolyn Selzer's table of old sheet music and books was a perfect tie-in for our musical program.

With the words, "God be with you 'til we meet again", the meeting was adjourned by President McRae. Ω
Eva Jane Morgan, secretary

-- NEW ROSTERS --

**Be sure to get yours at the March meeting.
Corrections should be given to Marjori Sharp.**

FINAL FAREWELLS

We have lost two faithful active members, both of whom will be remembered as one-who-made-a-difference: **Earl O. Cullum** on January 31 and **Emerson Emory** on January 28.

We also wish to extend our sympathies to **Edna Hart**, who lost her brother, **John W. Jackson** in February.

Earl Cullum was a Charter and Life member of DCPA, our first historian and our fourth president. He reluctantly assumed the presidency when the organization was faltering and served just one term, long enough to "take the steps needed to survive". Among those steps we still observe are a newsletter before each scheduled meeting, an up-to-date roster, and a private meeting room.

He continued to be always ready when needed, conducting the installation of officers, chairing the committee for Honor Roll inductees, and most consistently, contributing to our newsletter. Earl was a gifted writer, which was evident early in his almost-fabled career, when he initiated publication of *The Compass*, the newspaper of North Dallas High School.

Earl's career took him through a series of "thirties": thirty years with the FBI, thirty years with the United States Army; and thirty years as historian for Oak Lawn Methodist Church, founded by his great-grandfather, **Marcus H. Cullum**, in 1874.

Earl leaves his daughter **Kaye** and her husband **Edward Lee**, son **Kenneth** and his wife **Kathy**, brother **Felder**, sister **Nancy J. King**, eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

He leaves a great big empty space in the Dallas County Pioneer Association.

Dr. Emerson Emory seemed to march to his own drummer. In a beautiful tribute to Dr. Emory, *The Dallas Morning News* said "...[He] defied classifica-

tion and conventional behavior in his seemingly contradictory life." **Frances James** has written the following summary of Dr. Emory's life.

Dr. Emerson Emory (1925-2003) never stopped his quest for learning. He was an only child, born in Dallas, attended B.F. Darrell Elementary School and Booker T. Washington High School. He attended Prairie View A.&M. University with a biology major to pursue his goal of becoming a physician.

He volunteered and was inducted into the Army of the United States in 1943. He resumed his studies after the war at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in biology (cum laude) in 1948. He attended Meharry College in Nashville, where he received his MD degree in 1952. He was associated with St. Paul Hospital as an intern and resident until he left in 1954 to serve as a resident in the New Hope National Medical Center at Duarte, California. In July 1956 he returned to Dallas and served as staff physician at Veterans' Administration Hospital in Dallas and McKinney.

Dr. Emory entered private practice in 1960 in Dallas. He served as a volunteer physician in Viet Nam, and to the State Legislature in 1970. He was past president of the Dallas Chapter of the USO and was a member of the White House Conference for Children. He was an officer in the United States Naval Reserve, where he achieved the rank of Captain and was extremely proud to wear that uniform, especially the "dress blues".

This is a shortened version of all Dr. Emory accomplished, as the list of awards is overwhelming. He believed in being a participant, as opposed to being a spectator. He took guitar lessons, wanted to play the bagpipes, attended law school, was qualified as a teacher, tried his hand at poetry, and was involved in fraternal organizations. The Junior Black Academy of Arts and Letters named him a Dallas Living Legend.

He was a member and the past president of the Gaston/Gregg Camp of the Sons of the Confederate

Veterans in Dallas, and was proud to be a member of the Dallas County Pioneer Association.

He is survived by one son, two daughters, and two grandchildren. He was a Catholic and believed in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Ω

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

We welcome **Mary L. Cook**, for whom we have very little information except that she was born in Dallas County and has lived her life here. She is retired from a career in Retail.

We hope to meet Mary at our March meeting. When we get to know her and her family, we can tell you more about her at a future date.

Mary's address is 4155 Rosa Road, 75220-3852, and her telephone number is 214/352-1870.

Thomas F. Sharp, III signed his application for membership in December 2001, and handed it to us last week. (Missed another whole year of being one of us!)

Thomas is a descendant of the three **Browders** who came to Dallas County first in 1843 and settled here permanently in 1845. They were mother, **Lucy Jane Monroe**, and sons, **Edward** and **Isham Bell**. Tom is descended from Isham, who went back to Missouri to marry **Lucy Ann Breeze**. He then brought her and their infant son, born before they could join a wagon train formed for the trip, back to Dallas.

Son **James Patterson Browder** married **Eugenia H. Callaway**, and they were the parents of **Mabel**, who married **Alfred Alonzo (Lon) Gibson**. Among their four children was **Marjori**, who married **Thomas F. Sharp, Jr.**, and they became the parents of Tom. He and his wife, the former **Marianne McElrath**, have a son, **Christopher William Sharp**.

The three pioneer **Browders** are buried in Pioneer Cemetery. **Isham** died during the Civil War, in which he and **Edward** both served in the Confederate Army. **Edward** became the first District Clerk for Dallas County, and the first secretary of the original DCPA.

Tom joins his mother, his sisters **Kathy John** and **Susi Thompson**, and cousins **Lee** and **Sissy Smith** and **Bobby Crouse** in the DCPA.

A general contractor, his firm is SGA, Inc. He and **Marianne** live at 3931 Clear Cove Lane, 75244; phone number 972/241-2490. Ω

SPREADING SUNSHINE

Since our last meeting we have sent the following:

Sympathy card to **Ken** and **Kathy Cullum** and family on the death of **Earl O. Cullum**. Sympathy card to the family of member **Emerson Emory**. Sympathy card to **Edna Hart** on the death of her brother, **John Jackson**.

Get well card to **James Kimmel**, in Presbyterian Hospital with blood pressure problems and to **James Guinn**, in the hospital after a fall that disturbed the incision from prior tumor surgery.

We also sent a "thinking of you" card to **Mae Riek**, just an expression of concern.

Please help me keep in touch with our fellow members. Ω

Millie Coffey, Sunshine chair

The 2003 Annual Historic Preservation Conference will be held May 15-17 at the Capitol Marriott Hotel in Austin.

This will be the 50th Anniversary of the THC

For information, call the THC at 512/463-6255

AROUND THE COUNTY

by Frances James

• **Dallas Had a Bomb Factory.** In 1943 the headlines of *The Dallas Morning News* said "Magnesium Fire Levels Bomb Plant". The article continued, describing the most spectacular fire in Dallas history on December 15-16, 1943, when the government's entire stock of magnesium was lost. Austin Bridge Company, also known as ABCo at that time, manufactured incendiary bombs in a plant in West Dallas on Singleton Road, just west of Sylvan. The glow of this fire was seen by airplanes almost to Houston.

The company's equipment and materials were badly damaged and the tires were melted off several of the machines. There was no report of any injuries, as the fire started just a few minutes after the supper shutdown. The building belonged to the company and the magnesium and most of the machinery belonged to the government and comprised possibly ninety-eight percent of the value lost.

By mid-January the plant was back in partial operation working three shifts a day. More people were hired (mostly women) from the small towns of Dallas County and by May there were twenty-five foremen and set a record. On October 11, 1944, orders were received to close down, as Washington had decided that magnesium bombs were not suitable for the type of warfare being carried on in the Far East. The equipment was dismantled and all operations ceased. Then, on October 31, orders were received to resume operations on an even larger scale than before! It took thirty days to reset the equipment and organize three shifts of workers. Actual production on a limited basis began on December 4. During 1945 the plant operated at full capacity until Japan sued for peace.

The Austin Bridge Company Servis Equipment Company Bomb Plant had cast, machined, assembled, and

packed 29,524,975 magnesium bomb bodies which had been shipped to Pine Bluff Arsenal in Arkansas for loading (some 925 freight cars of bombs). The Company had a maximum of around 1200 employees; about 85% were women and had produced these bombs at a lower cost than any other plant in the United States.

This tidbit of information was included in a booklet printed by the Company entitled "The First 50 Years—1918-1968". The author was **Shannon Miller**.

• **The Boy Scouts Have Been Busy.** In the early history of Dallas the Overton family arrived in 1844 and settled on land that was adjacent to the William Brown Miller land. These two pioneers were among the first settlers in the area and Overton is said to have had one of the first, if not the first, mill in the County.

On Overton Road is the Overton Family Cemetery, as well as the Community Cemetery that was used by neighbors and friends through the years. The remaining descendants pay to have the family section maintained. **Eric Rosales**, a member of a Boy Scouts troop in Irving, has received his Eagle Badge for the wonderful clean-up his troop did on the Community section. This was about one-half of the site, as it is a very large tract of land. This site is now registered with the State as a Historic Texas Cemetery.



- The Cemetery on land that was given for the Mexican workers who came to Dallas County to work for Trinity, later Southwest Portland Cement, Company and General Portland, has finally been given a deed to their property. The small site could have easily been lost except for DCPA Member **Barney Jones** in the 1980s. Barney had worked for General Portland/LaFarge Company, who were the owners of all the many acres of land, and he knew the operation was going to be shut down. Cement was still being manufactured in Dallas County for most of the twentieth century. Barney was able to have a fence erected by the Company around the Cemetery site so that when the development of the Pinnacle Park properties began there was no doubt what was there. LaFarge Company presented a check for \$5000 to the Cemetery Association, and the site that was impossible to even access for several years has now been cleaned up. The names on the headstones that are left are usually in Spanish and many of the stones were made from concrete using cement quarried on the site. Descendants of many of the families who have loved ones buried here have brought pictures and stories of the long struggle they have had in trying to protect this site. The Cemetery, El Campo de Cemento Grande, is in the process of being registered as a Historic Texas Cemetery.

- The McAdams Cemetery just south of Illinois on Brookhaven was cleaned up late last year and there will be a dedication of this Texas Historic Cemetery in March. Sheriff **Jim Bowles** has agreed to participate at this occasion. McAdams was the sheriff of Dallas County during the Civil War and later became a County commissioner for many years. Sheriff Bowles also believes he may be able to provide the necessary manpower to keep the site maintained.

- Several years ago DCPA members **David and Jennifer Vilbig** and a troop of assorted Boy Scouts inventoried the very large Butler-Nelson Cemetery near Lincoln High School. This was a wonderful project, as it was thought that the site had never been inventoried before. Veterans of World Wars I and II

are buried here. The portion that was inventoried was a well-designed project and now there may be an opportunity to complete the other half of the site. A teacher at Lincoln is interested in getting a classroom of students involved for a semester project. They now have a copy of the inventory completed by David and Jennifer and will follow that same method. This school project will have the students who are taking classes in photography and computer usage, as well as the actual research, involved.

- Another Boy Scout who lives in Lake Highlands is putting together his Eagle Project to straighten and uncover some of the stones in the McCree Cemetery behind the Telephone Company Building on Audelia Road. Through the years this Cemetery was under the care and concern of **Mary Sutherland**, deceased DCPA member. I am sure she will be pleased when this project is underway, as she and her husband inventoried the site several years ago. Mary's daughter, **Glenda Cammack**, was left with the responsibility when Mary died, and too soon Glenda was also stricken and died. This is the site that the White Rock Rotary has befriended through the years and had a new fence erected to hopefully protect from vandalism which has caused so much damage.

- The Carver Cemetery on the corner of Masters and Bruton is surrounded by a wrought iron fence that is used by ignorant people waiting at the bus stop as the garbage dump for cans, bottles, wrappers, etc. One of the best police officers on the Dallas Police Force who works with youth groups has put this site on their list of community service projects. The Carvers came to Dallas in the 1850s from a plantation in Missouri and traded a fine horse and saddle for their Dallas County land. Ω



SAMPLING VOLUME III

The following two stories are from *Proud Heritage, Volume III*. We want to whet your appetite, if you haven't ordered your copies.

Eighty-eight And Counting

by Earl O. Cullum

In my eighty-ninth year I have many favorite memories, though time has dimmed some of them.



When I was very small in Dallas and heard distant thunder I would ask if that was the sound of the "big guns" in France (first World War). And I remember my first bicycle: I learned to ride it, as there was very little traffic, but when a car approached I would run it "head on" into the curb

because I didn't know how to stop it.

When I entered North Dallas High School (1927) I proudly wore the ROTC uniform (with wrap leggings). I still recall my high school football career and the hard dirt on the practice field. I remember the opening game at the new Fair Park Stadium (now the Cotton Bowl) in 1930, under floodlights with a crowd of 45,000 (a record then), which we won, 7-6. Also, I remember a train trip to Arkansas and a game in deep snow. I can't forget my first ROTC camp and firing the "big" .30 caliber rifles.

When the Great Depression came in the 1930s I worked at a small retail grocery and made four Park Cities deliveries a day, after going to the Pearl Street market at five a.m. for fresh fruits and vegetables.

I recall seeing early movies flashed on a bedsheet hanging in Oak Lawn Park and the first movies in the new Oak Lawn Theater. I often visited the 1909 Oak Lawn Fire Station, where the firemen would hold me as we slid down the brass pole.

The first big building in the area was the multi-story Melrose Hotel. I grew up in the Oak Lawn Methodist Church across the street and saw it grow from a one-room frame building to the great block-long brick building of today. I am still a member of that beautiful church, which was formed in 1876 by my grandfather. I have served as board chairman and historian.

I married during the Great Depression and lived in various apartments in the Oak Lawn area; then bought a new small frame house that took care of my family through the W.W. II years while I was away. I had joined the Dallas Police Department in 1939 and worked all over Dallas until the army called me.

My first major arrest while on Dallas downtown police traffic duty came when a man rode by on a bicycle, but couldn't ride very well. When he said he had ridden from Houston, I doubted it and had him held in jail overnight. The next day the bike was reported stolen in West Dallas, and the man, a Leavenworth escapee, was sent back there for twenty-three years.

I joined the FBI in 1947 and spent thirty years as a Special Agent in Oklahoma, Indiana, and north Texas. I helped send many bank robbers off to long prison terms, but I never killed a man. Ω

Hattie's Trip To Texas

by John Winniford

Many of us today might find it interesting to trace the route taken by our ancestors when they migrated to Texas. For most pioneer families it was probably in a covered wagon, but travel by water was not unusual. Mary Harriett Bowlin "Hattie" was eight years old when her family had that adventure. The year was 1868.

Hattie's parents were James (1810-1871) and Mary Ann (1826-1902) Bowlin of Lee County Virginia, who organized the trip after suffering severe financial losses during the Civil War. Two related families

headed by Charles and John Blackburn were included, making a total of twenty-five persons in the party.

They used timber from the family farm to build a houseboat that measured 22 x 65 feet. It had kitchen, three bedrooms, and two fireplaces. There were large paddles fitted to the boat, and a rudder, but it was meant mainly to drift with the flow of the river. An interview by the *Dallas News* in 1938 with Richmond Bowlin, who was one of the older sons at the time, gave this description of the craft. He also told of life on board for the inexperienced party. Provisions were apparently plentiful, being amply supplemented by hunting and fishing. There was no night travel, of course, since the only light was from candles, or from a skillet of grease with a twisted cotton cloth as a wick.

The men of the families had constructed the raft on the Powell River, and on the afternoon of February 2, 1868, rising waters floated it from its moorings, and the long, long trip began. They drifted into the Clinch River, then into the Tennessee River, and across Tennessee into the Ohio River, and finally into the mighty Mississippi at Cairo, Illinois. One time of special excitement was when they encountered the Tennessee River rapids at Muscle Shoals. Another was entering the Mississippi and joining a procession of craft of many descriptions and sizes.

The group reached Memphis, Tennessee, in May 1868, where they sold the houseboat that had been their home for three months, and continued the trip by commercial steamboat to Jefferson, Texas. The last leg of the journey was by wagon to Sulphur Springs and later to the Grapevine area, and then to Dallas County.

Hattie grew up in Texas and in 1884 married James Monroe Cochran, whose family had settled in the Farmers Branch area in 1843. She became the mother of seven children, in addition to three teenagers from James' former marriage, and is ancestor of several

present-day members of our Dallas County Pioneer Association. The Cochrans' Lemmon Avenue home and farm was on land now part of Love Field. They later moved to 3315 Oak Lawn Avenue. They were active in the Oak Lawn Methodist Church, even though they retained ties to Cochran Chapel Methodist Church. It is there in the Cochran family cemetery that Hattie and James Monroe are buried, both having passed away in 1924. Ω

ERASE SAN JACINTO DAY?

Here it is again: an item in *Texas Co-op Power* magazine about pending legislation to make March "Texas History Month" and Texas Independence Day, March 2, a day of statewide celebration, much as July 4 is celebrated nationally.

Kent Biffle in *The Dallas Morning News* first brought this to our attention, decrying the proposal to "dim the April 21 luster of San Jacinto Day, one of Texas' most popular holy days" and asking the question, "Will Texans celebrate San Jacinto Day in March?" We agree with Kent: celebrating San Jacinto Day in March is like celebrating Christmas in November.

The proposed law will lump significant events in Texas history into Texas History Month, March, because other events that all Texans will always remember, the fall of the Alamo and the massacre at Goliad, occurred in March.

Another thought: wonder what Texas Aggies think about cancelling out the day for Aggie Muster. We remember the poignancy of the stories of Aggies mustering—sometimes one lone man—during World War II, all over the world. They chose April 21 for Muster for a good reason.

Oh well, if we can cancel out our first president's birthday... Ω

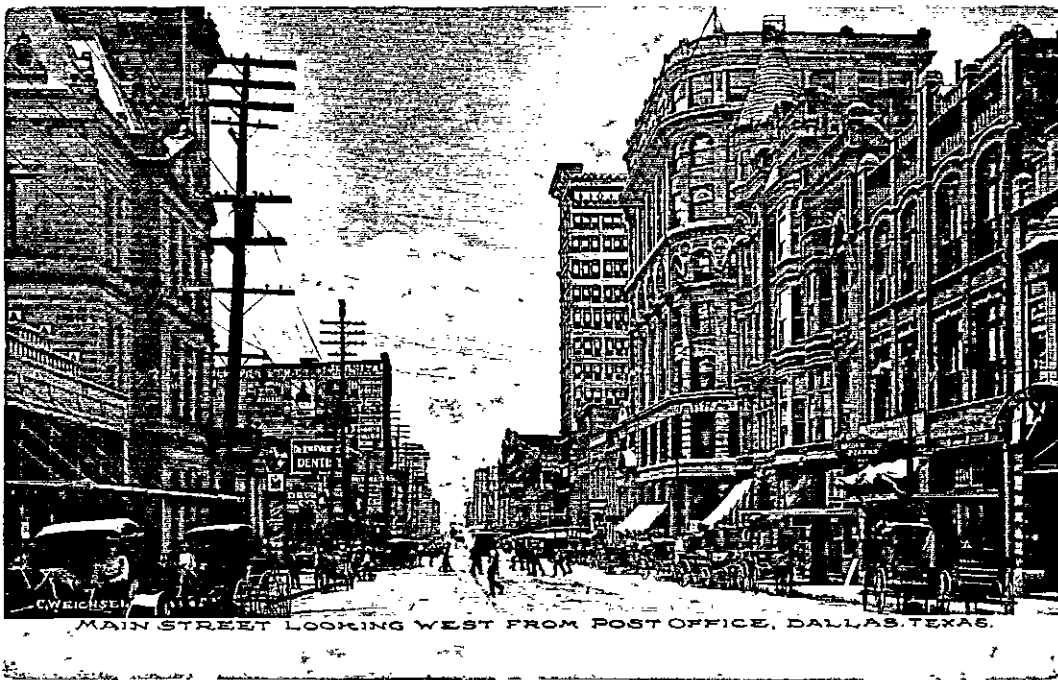
POSTCARD PICTURE CORRECTLY SHOWN

by Gene Gaddy

The last newsletter (Winter 2002) included a postcard picture looking down Main Street from Ervay Street.

A major item in the picture is not as it was shown. The Praetorian Building was constructed in 1907 and it was only planned or was under construction when the photograph for the first postcard was taken. This Building was added to the scene by an artist. The view in the first postcard shows the west side of the building as it was planned, but this is the east side of the building that was constructed.

A later postcard is shown here so we can see how the east side of the building appeared after its completion. Ω



The DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION is dedicated to preserving the history of Dallas County and those who settled here before 1880. Anyone interested may apply for membership regardless of when their ancestors came.

Membership dues are: Individual, \$15 initiation fee and \$20 per year, or \$200 for a Life Membership; and Couple, \$20 initiation fee and \$30 per year, or \$300 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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