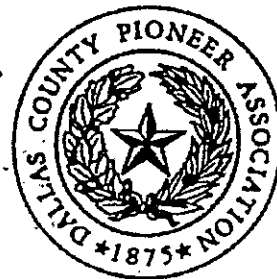


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Dallas County Pioneer Association

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SUMMER 2008



M E E T I N G

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2008

MEET AND GREET 5:30 P.M.

Catered Dinner 6:00 P.M. Program 7:00 P.M.

DONNA DUNCAN WILL PRESENT HER PROGRAM:

"CLOTHES OF THE PIONEERS"

Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church

9027 Midway Rd. At Northwest Highway

Activity Center

For Dinner (\$10) Reservations Call 214-944-5400 By Tues. June 3rd

The History Table at the upcoming Pioneer meeting will feature early period pioneer-style garments brought by members to display. So, please add to the exhibit any old dresses, shoes, hats, suits, or accessories you may have in your family that date back to the 40's, 30's or earlier. Frances James and Eva Jane Morgan will arrange the items on The History Table and all the members will enjoy seeing them and perhaps recall older clothes they might remember.

Texas Trivia: The State Fish of Texas is the Guadalupe Bass. And the oldest county courthouse still in use in Texas is in Cass County.

The Devastating Storm that swept into the Dallas Area in April forced the cancellation of our Pioneer meeting. It was a disappointment to the board and Pioneer Association members. But we look forward to welcoming everyone to our upcoming meeting June 5th.

Donna Duncan, who started Costumes In Time in 1983, ships all kinds of costumes worldwide. She has designed for numerous festivals, fairs, theatre productions, and pageants. Her credentials come from various organizations, museums, theaters, and universities. We all look forward to her program.

HISTORIC HOMES OF THE COX FAMILY

Howard Cox, recent president of the Pioneer Association, grew up in the lovely, century-old Queen Anne style house, at 11210 Cox Lane, on the original Cox Farm. A small pine cottage was moved to the property in 1937. It had been an "exhibit home" at the Texas Centennial at Fair Park. During many succeeding years, it served as the home for Howard's late aunts, Elizabeth and Margaret Frances Cox.

Last year the property and the small house were sold to a developer who is going to build new homes there. Learning of the threat, Janis Baldwin and Lyle Wilson, who own the Queen Anne Style home nearby, hastily purchased the small cottage. They arranged to have it moved to a nearby lot shortly before the demolition machinery was scheduled to arrive. The cottage was loaded on a trailer and moved to a temporary site on Northaven Rd. until being

returned to the Cox Farmland.

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VILBIG FAMILY PIONEERS

David Vilbig, our Pioneer Association President, has been a member of the DCPA since 1988. His great, great grandfather, John C. Vilbig, came to Dallas in 1874 with his wife, Barbara Vilbig. His sons, August and Johnny established the Vilbig Brothers Excavation Co. in 1886. The company dug foundations for notable downtown buildings such as the Adolphus Hotel, Magnolia Building & North Dallas High School. In the 1920's, David's grandfather started Vilbig Construction Co. which remained in operation until 1979.

David worked for his Grandfather Lee Vilbig while attending Texas Tech U. & earned a degree in Civil Engineering in 1977. He formed Vilbig & Associates, Inc. in 1983. The Firm offers Civil Engineering & Surveying

services throughout Texas. David is a longtime member of The Rotary Club, AMA, ASCE & is a "retired" scout master. His latest endeavor is Team In Training which helps to save lives, one mile at a time.

David's 3 children were all active in scouting, Sons Kevin & Tommy worked Cemetery projects for Eagle Awards & Jennifer created & maintained the first DCPA website for her Gold Award

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COLONY CEMETERY

By Frances James

The site of The Colony Cemetery, also known as Fish Trap Cemetery and LaReunion Cemetery, was selected with foresight by Victor Prospere Considerante and other Colony members for their burial grounds before they needed it. A small rock building was constructed and a fence protected the site from prowling animals. Records indicate the first burial was that of Jean Baptiste Lagogue, who had

fought under Napoleon The First in Austria and Prussia. He was in his early sixties when he arrived in Texas and was assigned to work in the garden. One of his daughters and her husband, August Guillerment (1815-1880) also came to the Colony. Unfortunately, there is no known marker for Lagogue.

This unique site and the story of these people add to the colorful history of Dallas County. They came as a group from various areas of Europe for a fresh start in a new land. Most spoke French and they brought their books and knowledge, music and customs with them. Some served in the Confederate Army, and some thought slavery was wrong. The summer heat in Texas and the "blue northers" in winter discouraged some & they returned to Europe. Others stayed & became important citizens in the Three Forks area.

Many articles have been written about these brave people who came from Europe and helped develop Dallas County. # # #

A TREASURE OF LETTERS

When Marjori Sharp, a long-time Pioneer Association member, found a big shopping bag of letters in the late 1990's, she had no idea that she had discovered a gold mine of family memories. It wasn't until 2006 that Marjori had time to compile the letters into a book, published recently, & titled, "*C/O Postmaster: San Francisco—In Action—1941-46.*" All the letters, written by Fred Sharp, were addressed to his parents & to Marjori, who married Fred in 1946 after his return from the war.

The letters are incredibly interesting & reflect his life during the entire war years in the Pacific, without one leave to go home. He missed his brothers wedding in '43, the birth of his nephew in '45, & several family funerals.

The book is a treasure of memories beginning with the letter he wrote from Pearl Harbor in Dec., 1941. It also includes popular song titles,

movies, books, & historical events that are meaningful to all those who read the interesting chapters. Photos & samples of technical mail used during the war are additional gems that young & old will enjoy seeing.

A lovely cover enhances the book & anyone interested in seeing the book may contact Marjori for additional information.

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Local Trivia

As more & more pioneers continued to arrive in this area along the Trinity River, Dallas County was created in 1846. It was the result of combining areas from the original Nacagdoches & Robertson Counties. The county was named Dallas for U.S. Vice President George Mifflen Dallas who was in office at that time. Our Pioneer Association focuses on preserving the history and activities of those family members, of past and present.

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The Dallas County Pioneer Association is dedicated to preserving the history of Dallas County and those who settled here before 1880. Any person who is interested may apply for membership regardless of when they, or their ancestors, came to Dallas County. Contact the Membership Chairman for an application.

Membership Dues

\$20	Per Year	\$200	Life Membership
\$30	Couple	\$300	Couple Life Membership

The Association meets quarterly for dinner and a program at 6:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each March, June, September, and December. The meeting room opens at 5:30 p.m. for fellowship and dining. The program starts promptly at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome. Phone 214-944-5400