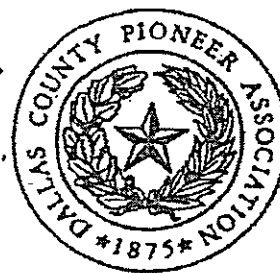


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Dallas County Pioneer Association

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MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

MEET AND GREET 5:15 P.M.

Catered Dinner 5:30 P.M.

Program 7:00 P.M.

JIM GATEWOOD WILL PRESENT THE PROGRAM

NEW EVIDENCE ON THE JFK ASSASSINATION

Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church
9027 Midway Road At Northwest Highway
Activity Center

For Dinner Reservations (\$15.00) Call 214-944-5400 By Tues. Sept. 2nd

Bill & Nancy McRae Suggest:

"Try Our New Caterer!"

For our September 4th meeting we have engaged S & S Catering, an outgrowth of S & S Tea Room. This organization began in 1929 when Ray Skillern asked 2 sisters to operate a lunch room at the rear of his drug store located at the corner of Ross & Fitzhugh Streets. From there the sisters' business expanded at multiple Dallas locations including a long run in Highland Park Village. Their last location was at Inwood Village before becoming S & S Catering. Nearly 80 years of experience re-

sults in delicious food. A menu of meat loaf with tomato sauce, potatoes, green beans, bread, drink and dessert will be served at the meeting. Let's celebrate a Dallas tradition!!!

WELCOME TO New Board Member, Mike Hazel. Mike is editor of Legacies magazine and he will chair the 10th annual Legacies Dallas History Conference on January 31, 2009 that will be held at Dallas City Hall.

PIONEER DAIRIES

Howard Cox has completed some very interesting research on early dairies & ice cream companies in Dallas County.

BOEDECKER ICE CREAM was being sold in 1879 by F. W. Boedecker. In 1907 he attended the Texas Assn. of Ice Cream Manufacturers & in that same year, George L. Boedecker was elected to the board of directors of the National Assn. of Ice Cream Manufacturers. He continued to hold positions with the organization on through 1927.

JACOB BUHRER established his first dairy location in 1880, just 2 miles east of the Dallas Co. courthouse, later known as 4603 Junius. Ten years later he bought 200 acres on White Rock Creek & he managed his dairy there until the farm was sold & became the site of the White Rock Lake water filtering plant. The dairy was moved to south Dallas & was operated by Herman Buhrer until 1942.

CABELL'S INC., organized by 3 brothers, Ben E. Jr., Earl, & Charles P. Cabell, opened an ice cream shop at 4017 Commerce St. in 1932. During World War II they began processing there and

distributing milk throughout the area.

BLUFF VIEW DAIRY farm was established in 1918 by John T. & Sophronia Cox Lively at Midway Road & Northwest Highway. The cows grazed there until 1939 when they were moved to Denton Rd. between Walnut Hill & Royal Lane. In 1952 the herd was moved to Carrollton & in 1954 an ice cream plant was added. In 1969, it was bought by Southland Corp. (7-11) and became part of Oak Farms.

The COX BROTHERS DAIRY was established by J.J., and J.H. Cox. They bought Mullins Dairy in 1928 and operated their dairy on Cox Lane at Northaven Road. In 1946 the herd and equipment were sold to J. G. Thorley.

HERMOSA FARMS was established in 1928 when Arthur & Louise Caillet Dieterich bought 54 acres on Midway Rd. at Forest Line & built their home & dairy barn. They started with 10 Jersey cows & a delivery truck delivering milk to 6 customers in Highland Park. In 1946 they sold the 54 acres and in

1974 moved to Dorchester.

The McCRAW DAIRY was established before 1922 and was operated by Miller McCraw at the corner of Preston Road & Northwest Highway. In 1937 the farm was sold to Sam Lobello and Sam D. Ventura.

METZGER DAIRIES was started in 1889 when Jacob Metzger and his wife, Bertha Thofern Metzger rented a farm now bounded by North Carroll, Haskell and Ross Ave. They began with 30 cows and a horse drawn wagon. By 1892 they had about 100 cows, chiefly Holsteins & Durhams. In 1895 they bought 160 acres on Holmes Street which remained the location of the dairy for more than 60 years. Following Jacob's death, his sons David and Carl assumed leadership and then in 1969, David Metzger II was named president.

CHRIS MOSER came to Dallas in 1879 & married Anna Buhrer of the Dairy family. In 1887 he bought 37 acres on what is now known as Moser Ave. and had a model dairy with 30 cows.

We Will Include More Items On Dairy Farms Next Time

PIONEER CEMETERIES

Frances James recently spent many hours researching & writing for Vol. II of *Dallas County History From The Ground Up*. She frequently is invited to speak & bring Vol. I to meetings throughout the area. Her latest report involves the following cemeteries.



WESTERN HEIGHTS Cemetery is on Fort Worth Ave. in Oak Cliff. An association of business owners has been organized & the City of Dallas is working with the Fort Worth Ave. Development Group. The group has a beautification committee working with property owners to improve the main thoroughfare. They are also considering helping with maintenance at the Western Heights Cemetery as one of their projects. It is important this happens because the list of descendants who send donations each year is getting shorter and shorter. It was necessary to spend money again this year as the old trees are dying and need to be removed. One other "keep your fingers crossed" event may happen – a new fence may be donated. The fence that has served all these years was provided by volunteers in the 1980's. Vandals who bring beer bottles to place on Clyde Barrow's grave tear down the

fence at will. Through all this activity there are still several members of the Struck Family who maintain their section of this cemetery. This family emigrated from Mecklenberg, Germany and Mrs. Struck was such a good cook she was hired by the Sanger family to cook for them.



A great deal of time has been spent trying to sort out the "cemetery in the alley" in Garland. Actually, it should be called the Fletcher Cemetery. The Russell Fletcher family came to Texas in 1854 from Shelbyville, Illinois. They had 11 children but one married daughter stayed with her husband on their farm in Illinois. Some of the others were adults and their descendants are scattered around the country. Russell died just two years after coming here. He was buried, I believe, on the land they owned in the W.H. Keen Survey and a marker with the names of all known persons buried in this cemetery will be place on the site this fall.

This "cemetery in the alley" has also been known as the Axe Cemetery. Twenty years after the Fletcher family came to Texas, the Carl Axe family came here from New Orleans. This too, was a large family, and the first year they were in Dallas, Carl was involved in the organization of the Zion

Luthern Church in downtown Dallas. During this time one of their little girls died. For many years the inventories of the Pioneer Cemetery showed Josephine Axe, died 1874. The inventory explained that her headstone was written in German and was deteriorating. Now we know the history of the *unknown* child, and have shared it with descendants of the family who still live in Garland and did not know of her burial place. The Axe family may have owned the surrounding land after the Fletchers sold, but no Axe graves are there. The Axe family graves are in the Masonic and the Mills Cemeteries in Garland.



Gene Gaddy, one of DCPA best researchers, has backed all this information with his careful searches of the census records & the internet.

A mystery surrounds one more name that has been applied to the "cemetery in the alley." It has been called the Loudermilk Cemetery. No one of that family is buried there and no one seems to know why it was ever called the Loudermilk.



*We Will Include More Of
Frances James Reports In
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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.

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