



DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

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SUMMER 2019



Quarterly Meeting
Thursday June 6, 2019

The Point, Center for Arts and Education
Campus of C. C. Young
4847 W. Lawther Dr.
Dallas, Texas

Dinner at 6 PM
Program Begins At 7 PM

Dinner \$15.00 per person
DINNER RESERVATION REQUIRED
call by the Monday before the meeting.

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JUNE PROGRAM

JEFF DUNN

North Texas Electric Interurban Railways 1901-1948" by Jeff Dunn



This presentation will discuss the historical development and ultimate collapse of the privately-owned interurban railway lines that connected Dallas with surrounding cities during the first half of the 20th century. The Interurban's became a popular mode of intercity transportation because they were more convenient and flexible than steam railroads, but the greater convenience and flexibility of the automobile ultimately caused this industry to decline and shut down. During their heyday, Interurban's were an important component of the transportation system that helped spur commerce and economic development in north Texas.

Jeff Dunn is an attorney with the Dallas law firm of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr where he practices banking and finance law. His avocation is Texas history. He was Chairman of the Dallas County Historical Commission, 1999-2003. He has served on the boards of many nonprofit historical organizations. He gave a presentation on interurbans to the Dallas Legacies History Conference in 2018 and published an article on north Texas interurbans in the Fall 2018 issue of Legacies: A History Journal for Dallas & North Central Texas.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi All,

Jim Griffin has now taken over as Newsletter Editor. Please send him items for the newsletter at jim.griffin.texas@gmail.com. He will be emailing the newsletter to you at your provided email address. If you know someone who is not receiving the newsletter please let us know so that we can correct their email address. To those few that do not have email we will still mail a copy.

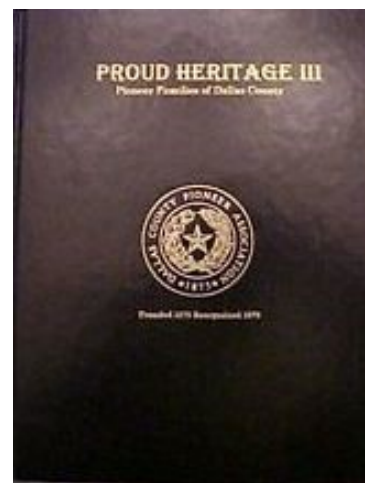
Our last speaker, Cindy Boeke, was very informative. We learned a lot about what resources are available to us at SMU. Our speakers are excellent and if you are not making the meetings you are missing some really good history and information! If you know of a good speaker that would be interesting, please let our V.P. Sally Veazey know.

Please remember to invite your friends and neighbors to our meetings. This association is what you help it to be so please be involved and help getting others interested.

Please remember your dues are due and bring them with you to the meeting.

\$20.00 for an individual and \$30 for a couple.

***Dallas County Pioneer Association
Proud Heritage Volumes II & III Still Available
\$40 each***



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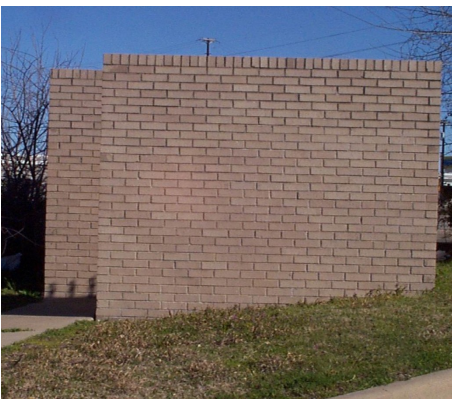


Cemetery News from Kathy Ann Reid

Last year members of the Cemetery Committee went through Frances James' list of cemeteries with the goal of adding and updating location information. She has files on many of the cemeteries. This process helped us get the cemeteries better fixed in our minds and identify some that we considered to be endangered. Marsha Leach visited many of the cemeteries and reported on their conditions. Two on the 2018 Endangered List with interesting notes include:



Myers Family Cemetery – 5200/5300 Bobtown Rd, Dallas County. The location is near Lake Ray Hubbard across the street from George Brown Drive, Garland. After her visit Marsha reported that “it is another sad little cemetery”. The west side of Bobtown Road is completely filled with housing. The east side where the cemetery is, will be a DR Horton residential community. This cemetery will need to be monitored as the development progresses.



Housley Cemetery – 401 Oaks Trail, Garland. South side IH 30 on Oaks Trail at Wise Lane. The West Graves and Myers Graves are located on separate sides of Oaks Trail, being the only remnants of the Housley Cemetery. Newspaper articles said that destruction of the cemetery was protested when work on IH 30 was begun. Deed records show the succession of ownership from the Housleys through Danny Faulkner to developers. When the bulldozers finished these few graves were all that was left of the cemetery that was said to contain around 100 graves. Some years ago a pioneer descendant had a brick enclosure installed around the two sets of graves. A church now owns the land.

In 2018, the church staff graciously received at least three visits by DCPA members. Marsha noticed white stones on the ground by the brick enclosure on the south side of Oaks Trail. Church representatives told her they were preparing to beautify the front of the church campus by adding the stones. The masonry work has since been completed. At last inspection, the historical sign had been moved and mounted on the interior of the enclosure. It was reported that at one time the church was considering using the enclosure as a sign base for the church name.

Frances James remembered some writing she had done on the Housley Cemetery and retrieved it from her computer. With that document, details added from her file and other research we put together a booklet entitled, “Housley Cemetery of the Rose Hill Community, Garland, Dallas County, Texas.” A few historical groups and interested people have a copy and we plan to submit it to be added to the DCPA website.

Kathy Ann Reid May 2019



DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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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 any officer for an application.

Membership Dues

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

The Association meets quarterly for dinner and a program on the first Thursday of each March, June, September, and on the first Saturday of December.

Visitors are welcome!

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