



Dallas County Pioneer Association
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From the President



We have some good news in that our group will have its Saturday, December 5th meeting at 9 A.M. It will be held at: Highland Oaks Church of Christ, 10805 Walnut Hill, Dallas 75238.

You enter thru the center door in the rear to get to Fellowship Hall. This large room allows for social distancing at whatever distance you feel comfortable doing. Its been too long so please make plans to attend. Do not forget to call **972-260-9334** and make your reservation by December 1st. We have a GREAT speaker to teach us about Forensic Genealogy.

The Board is working hard to get our rosters correct but we still do not have everyone's email and phone numbers. Congratulations to Gwyneva Winters for being appointed as our Membership Chair. She will be working on ensuring our rolls are correct. Please make sure we have your correct information by checking with Ms. Winters or Secretary Sheryl Curley. You will be seeing more communication from the Association by email as we are going to be sending out stories of interest, death notices of members and various other events in the future.

I look forward to seeing everyone in December. It has been too long!

Jim Bookhout, President

From the Vice President



Greetings and best of wishes to our loyal members, I hope all is well with each of you. Your Board met on November 5th and I can say with certainty that we are excited about our December meeting and the future of our Association, and incredibly determined to continue moving forward with our stated goals. There were a lot of great ideas from the Board but we would all like to see our membership grow, so please tell your friends and family about us and bring any interested parties with you to our meeting. I do know that younger people are difficult to involve, but we can all at least bring it up and see what happens. I sure do wish I had listened more carefully to my Grandparents when they told me about life in Dallas when they were young, or that they had written more of it down. Clearly the more time that passes, the less that can be known about the past because those who lived it pass on. However, there is one field of study that might be learning more about the past, specifically about who we are, as technology gets better, and that field is genealogy. Our speaker for the December meeting is Kelvin L Meyers a Forensic Genealogist and I believe his presentation will be remarkably interesting. The Highland Oaks Church of Christ has a huge banquet room, plenty of room to keep our social distance so I believe we will have a great meeting!

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting on December 5th, 2020. Please join us for breakfast at 9:00 AM before the 10:00 o'clock meeting and do not forget to **call 972-260-9334 by December 1st, to make your breakfast reservation.** Thank you and good day!

Godspeed, Joe Watts. Vice President

OUR DECEMBER SPEAKER



A fifth generation Texan and professional forensic genealogist since 1996, Kelvin is a frequent speaker to genealogical societies and family associations throughout the United States. He specializes in southern brick wall problems for clients.

Kelvin is a 1989 and 1990 alumnus of the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research at Samford University and has returned to IGHR as lecturer in the Southern Course and the Professional Course. In 2016 he co-coordinated with J. Mark Lowe, "A Swing Through the South" at SLIG (Salt Lake Institute of Genealogical Research). In 2019 Kelvin coordinated the "Burned Counties and More: Overcoming Record Loss"

course for SLIG.

He is a past board member of the Association of Professional Genealogist, a past President of the Lone Star Chapter of APG, and a founding member for the Council for the Advancement of Forensic Genealogy (CAFG). He currently serves as the chairman of the history and archives committee of First United Methodist Church in Dallas.

The Dallas Genealogical Society awarded Kelvin the Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award in December of 2018.

In 2016 Kelvin published Research in Texas for NGS (National Genealogical Society) Research in the States series. Kelvin is also the director of the Texas Institute of Genealogical Research (TIGR) sponsored by the Texas State Genealogical Society.

Book Auction for the next meeting!

Here are the books we said we'd auction next. Following this is a list of our entire inventory of titles:

- *Dallas: Then and Now*, by Ken Fitzgerald - spectacular black-add-white photos contrasted with color photos of the same scene today
- *The Eyes of Texas: The Lone Star State as seen by her artists*
- *From High on the Hilltop: Marshall Terry's History of SMU*
- *Big D: Triumphs and Troubles of an American Super City in the 20th Century*, by D. Payne

On our Website

If you haven't been to our website lately please take a look, there are articles about the [Pioneers of Dallas County](#), [Pictures of Dallas' Past](#), stories about churches and biographies of some of the people who built and lived here in Dallas' beginnings.

<http://dallaspioneer.org/>

The officers and members of the association hope you are staying

safe and healthy.

If you have changed your mailing address, e-mail or phone numbers,
please let Sheryl Curlee know by sending a note to
DCPA1875@gmail.com

If you haven't already paid your dues for this year or for 2021
or you would like to make a donation
please make your payments to:

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Cemetery Report

by Kathy Ann Reid



Because of your donations to the Cemetery Funds, we can assist in the preservation of two cemeteries. Robbie and Janice Robinson, DCPA members, received notice of award of the Texas Historical Commission historical marker for Robinson Family Cemetery. Western Heights Cemetery's front gate remains broken. The Robinsons will receive reimbursement for the installation of the marker and the gate at Western Heights should soon be repaired because of the board's decision to fund those expenses.

Several Oakland Cemetery volunteers visited with us at the W. W. Glover Cemetery. Our DCPA president and other members are interested in volunteering to help at Oakland. Right now at Oakland there is a lot of excitement and productive work happening! Gwyneva Winters and I visited the Warren Ferris Cemetery several times. Their volunteer coordinator (who is a Master Naturalist) met us at the Glover Cemetery and photographed the largest Oak tree. The tree might be considered for a historic designation.

Your cemetery committee is open to suggestions, new members, and friends. I am happy to welcome Gwyneva Winters as new member. Please let us know which Dallas County cemeteries interest you and any news you know about them. Do let me know if you are planning or know of a cemetery project. We will let everyone know so that our members can save the date.

William C McKamy, Sr

William C. McKamy, Sr. came to Texas around 1851 from Tennessee. On October 21, 1845, he had previously married the former Rachel Loyd Wester and they brought with them their three children: William Albert, John Lewis and a daughter Keziah (a family name) McKamy. Once settled here, they had three more children: Mary E., William Cooper and Charles C.

McKamy.

Where they settled was in the area generally north of what is now LBJ Freeway, from around US 75 to the Dallas North Tollway/Parkway and covered as many as 1,800 acres. Their family life was interrupted by the Civil War. Like many able bodied males, McKamy joined the Confederate Army. He enlisted in the 6th Texas Cavalry Regiment. The 6th Texas drew from Kaufman, Dallas, Collin, Van Zandt, McLennan, Bell and Henderson Counties. Its leadership included another Texan, Lawrence Sullivan Ross.

The regiment was in service from around September of 1861 to May of 1865 when it surrendered to Union forces and its members were paroled and dispersed to their homes. The McKamys had continuously farmed their land and raised their families. The town of Frankford grew up as more settlers moved in. The McKamys were founding members of the Frankford Methodist Church. This beautiful structure still stands and is now called the Old Frankford Church, built in 1897.



A small cemetery was carved out of the farm land just south of the church. William C. McKamy, Sr. died in 1902 and is buried there along with a number of other family members. There, he joined his wife Rachel McKamy who had predeceased him in 1895.

William Cooper McKamy, Jr. was born in 1861. He received his college education in Georgetown, Texas at Southwestern University where he graduated in 1885. Two years later he was admitted to the Texas Bar. McKamy, Jr. practiced law and was soon elected to the Texas House of Representatives where he served from 1897 to 1901 and again from 1913 to 1915. From 1903 to 1907 he served in the Texas Senate. He returned to the practice of law and continued in the family businesses. His last foray into politics was when he unsuccessfully ran for county judge in 1932. He and his wife, the former Ruby Bullock of Garland, had two children: a son named William C. McKamy who died in infancy and a daughter named Mary Ruby McKamy. William Cooper McKamy, Jr. died in 1934 after a short illness. He is also buried in the old Frankford Cemetery. His wife Ruby survived him about 28 years and was buried in the old Frankford Cemetery.

These are just two individuals and their families. Franklin Perry McKamy, another brother of William Cooper McKamy, Sr. also settled nearby in the 1850s. Both brothers had large families. Some of the brothers' descendants include the people who ran McKamy Dairy and McKamy-Campbell Funeral Home, among other businesses in Dallas County. If the business or location had McKamy in the name, it was likely related to this family in some way.

