



DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

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FALL 2014



**RESERVATION REQUIRED
IF YOU INTEND TO EAT DINNER.**

**Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014
The Point, Center for Arts and Education
Campus of C. C. Young
4847 W. Lawther Dr.
Room Opens at 5:30 Dinner at 6 PM
Meeting Begins At 7 PM**

Dinner \$15.00 per person

**DINNER RESERVATION
call by the Tuesday before the meeting.**

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

**Program “Jane Douglas Chapter: The Early Years”
presented by Jennifer Mitten, Regent of Jane Douglas Chapter NSDAR**

Jane Douglas Chapter NSDAR was founded in Dallas in 1895 by Cornelia Jamison Henry and was only the second DAR chapter in Texas. The founding members were exceptional women who wanted to change Dallas for the better. Jane Douglas Chapter was one of the prominent women’s clubs of its era - an era in which women were emerging from the kitchens, struggling for the right to vote, and to contribute to society. Their work helped shape the city through their dedication to education and the arts. This program, presented by Jane Douglas Chapter’s current regent, gives an overview of the backgrounds and influence of Jane Douglas Chapter’s charter members.

**NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2014
PLEASE NOTE IT WILL BE THE SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH.**



Conflicts That Shaped Dallas -- Sixteenth Annual *Legacies* Dallas History Conference

The Sixteenth Annual *Legacies* History Conference will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2015, at the Hall of State in Fair Park. The Dallas County Pioneer Association is one of a dozen historical organizations and libraries that jointly sponsor the conference each year.

Nominating Committee

Sally Jacoby Veazey has volunteered to chair the nominating committee for officer elections for 2015. If you are interested or know any one who is interested in serving in a leadership position for the DCPA, please contact Sally.

FINAL FAREWELLS

Sadly, we report the loss of former Pioneer member



Chamness, Jean

Jean Chamness, born October 20th, 1916 in Dallas, Texas, passed peacefully at her home on August 14, 2014. Christened Vivian Eugenie Letot, Jean was a descendant of Nathalie and Clement Letot, a Frenchman, who was a veteran of the Crimean War who settled in Texas in 1874. He founded the town of Letot which is where the Calvary Hill Cemetery now stands. A church, store, post office, family cemetery and school were also established. A century later the school became the Letot Center, a facility to house, counsel and rehabilitate adolescents who have experienced traumatic events in their lives. The center was officially opened and dedicated in 1990 with many dignitaries and city officials present. The concept was the first of its' kind in the United States and later became the model for centers all over the country. The Letot Family Cemetery was officially designated a Texas State Historical Site in 1984 with Mayor Pro Tem Annette Strauss dedicating the marker and many officials and Letot descendants attending. Jean loved her rich heritage and spent many hours with volunteers and historians to preserve and leave the legacy of the Letot family for next generations. Jean loved to travel and was also an ardent Cowboys fan. Her favorites were Tom Landry and Tony Romo. She looked forward each fall to football season and those who knew her well knew not to interrupt her if the Cowboys were playing. Jean was a lifelong Methodist and was in the first Confirmation Class in the New Sanctuary of HPUMC in 1927. She was also a member of the First Methodist Church for a while and then returned to HPUMC where she also had many friends, many of whom were volunteers at the Letot Center.



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Cemetery News

We have discovered a 1911 map of Oakland Cemetery with the grave sites numbers if any of your family is buried in Oakland and you have a location let us know. There are many vacant spaces - does that mean no head stone or empty space? So many people are interested in this site and new crews are cleaning weekly. Plans are to get a new web site and web master. Early Dallas History is buried here.

A water leak has been found at Pioneer Cemetery in Downtown Dallas. Next to the Convention Center, this site attracts people who attend the conventions. The Dallas Park Department maintains this site and is investigating the standing water - in the hot summer it is obvious when the grass is green and growing! If you go look between J.J. Good monument and James K.P. Record and his wife Rhoda's Monument beside a large tree. There is a marker with the information that Good's wife is buried at Grove Hill.

The Texas Historical grave marker for John Crockett is broken and will be repaired before someone decides to steal the plaque. These markers are fragile at best and when used as a seat they are easily destroyed!

Frances James

Francois Louis Willemet

Francois Louis was born in France, in Bouconville, a small village east of France, in the Ardennes 25 August 1820. His real last name is THUVIGNON. His trade in France was a dry cleaner. He also worked for the City of St. Menehould, the village where he lived with his wife.

In 1851, shortly before the coup of December 2 in France, he moved to London and New York (and not directly to New Orleans). He lived some time at the North American Phallanx in New Jersey. In 1855, he met Victor Considerant who wants to create a colony near Dallas. (REUNION). In May 1855 he left New York to New Orleans, Galveston, Houston and Dallas.

Several years later, it will come from France, two of his daughters (Louise Eugénie Carmen and Lucienne Héloïse) and his son Louis and his wife Marie Denise Anchier. To enter the United States, he took the name of his mother Willemet (we do not know why he changed his name).

Colony of REUNION will be dissolved on 1863. Francois Louis entered in politics, he was alderman in Dallas in 1870-1871 and then January-November 1871 and from 1875 to 1876.

In 1871, he holds a Saloon in Dallas and imports wines from France. He died on August 4 1884 and is buried in Dallas Pioneer Park Cemetery. I read that his wife would be buried with him, but I have a doubt. She died later .

I am a direct descendant. He was my great great grandfather. I look for any information about his life in Dallas (documents, photos). I am looking for information about his son Louis Willemet (Lewis). I am searching information on the colony of Réunion.

-- Alain THUVIGNON

D Magazine & Research Pioneer Families

Thank you... Thank you.

Almost 90 responses have been submitted via the online form. The goal is to have at least 100 names of descendants of early Dallas Pioneers. D Magazine editors have been reviewing the submissions and documentation. The proposed article has been pushed to Spring of 2015. The list will be comprised of descendants of Pioneer Families that arrived in the Dallas area before 1875. The procrastinators still have time to input data but don't delay too long as the editors have started reviewing the submissions.



List of Submitted Dallas Pioneer and Descendants

Last Name of Early Dallas Pioneer	First Name of Early Dallas Pioneer	Date Early Dallas Pioneer Arrived	Descendant Last Name	Descendant First Name
Anderson	William	1853	Flook	Jerry
Anderson	William	1853	Perdue	Anna L.
Arons	Robert and Matilda	1873	James	Frances
Beeman	John	1842	Toyer	M C
Beeman-Bryan	Margaret	1840s	Ron	Spurlock
Bennett	Hiram	1845	Mecca	Elaine
Bookhout	John		McAlester	Virginia
Bowles	Victor Scott	1850	Bagnall	Patricia
Browder	Lucy Jane Monroe	1845	John	Katherine
Bryan	John N.	1830s	Spurlock	Relative of Ron
Campbell	Robert Fleming	1851		
Carpenter	Thomas		Dealey	Dr. John Carpenter
Caruth	William Barr	1847	Caruth	William Walter Caruth, III
Coats	James	1856	Bailey	Martha
Coats Cootes	Harriett	1856	Thompson	Harold
Cochran	Nancy Jane	1843	Madden	Gail
Cochran	Nancy Jane	1843	McAlester	Virginia
Cochran	Nancy Jane Hughes	1843	Veazey	Sally
Cockrell	Alexander	1845's	Dealey	Dr. John Carpenter
	Dr. John, John Higgs,			
Cole	Calvin, & Mary Ellen	1844	Collins	Larry
Cole	Dr. John	1843	Bagnall	Patricia
Cole	Dr. John	1843	Stephenson, III	James Lucas
	Joseph Harrison and			
Cox	Margaret Noland	1857	Cox	Howard Joseph
Cox	Hartwell Bolin	1842	Pearce	Ernestine Frances Cox
Cox	Hartwell	1844	Sullivan	Helen
Cretien	Athanase	1856	Cretien	Paul
Cumming	Charles Menzies	1870	Cumming, Jr.	Charles E.
Curtis	Wesley	1873	Morris	Julie
Darr, Sr.	John	1855	Rothstein	Gail
Dealey	George	1870	Dealey	Dr. John Carpenter
Dye	Benjamin	1851	Bentley	Lisa
Ferris	Warren	1839	Neeley	Dallas
Fisher	John William	1865	Burns	Vicki
Florence	David	1871	Morris	Julie
				Patricia M. Floyd - Dodd;
				Louie T. Dodd and Paula
Floyd	George Floyd	1848	Dodd, Barnes	Barnes
Fondren	John R.	1846	Bailey	Jerry
Fondren	John	ca. 1848	Bailey	Bert
Fowler	Juliette	1855	Rydell and Roberts	Ruth and Edith
Frichot	Pierre Philip	1856	Upham	Margaret A. (Peggy)
Frichot	Christopher	1856	Kallstrom	Jimmie (Christine)
Frost	Benjamin	1845	Quintin	Kindra
Galloway	Benjamin	1873	Franklin	Deborah
Gilbert	Capt. Mabel & Charity	1842	Holman	Sam G.



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Glover	George William	1844	Frazier and Williams	Joy and Hallie
Glover	Martilla Bobbit Stockton	1844	Anderson	Wenanah
Glover	George	1853	Bonner	Tilmon
Grimes	Tennessee Mathis Dean	1876	Price	Paul Ramond
Harris	William		McAlester	Virginia
Harry	DeWitt Clinton & Matilda	1873	Cox	Howard Joseph
Harwood	Alexander (Maury)	1845	Rydell	Ruth May
Horton	James	1844	Quinton	Kindra
Horton	Enoch	1844	Dealey	Dr. John Carpenter
Howell	John Mashman	1870		
Huffhines	John	1853	Huffhines	Alleni
Humbard	Absalom	1863	Smith	Dorothy
Hunnicutt	William C.	1850s	Anderson	Wenanah
Hunnicutt	Anna	1844	Reid	Kathy Ann
Hunnicutt-Beeman	Emily	1840s	Spurlock	Ron
Hyde	John Hansford	1846	Adelstein	Ruth J.
Jones	Robert Degge	1855	Hayslip	Michael Ray
Knight	Obadiah	1846	Breedlove	Olivia Rhett
Lacy	Philemon	1850	Lacey	Tony
Lagow	Richard	1879	Crawford	Stacie
Lagow	Thomas		Callearwart	Shannon Lagow Wilson
Long	Benjamin	1855	Reilly	Jean Riek
Lucas	Alfred King	1853	Stephenson, III	James Lucas
McCommas	Amon (Sr.)	1844	Akins	Sam
McCoy	John C.	1846	McCoy	John M. Jr.
McCoy	John	1845	McCoy	John
Miller	John	1846/7	Payton	Donald
Moore	Abel	1841	Turner	Michael
Myers	David	1845	Matthews	Rita N.
Newman	Harmon	1856	Foster	Jim
Overton	William	1844	Koenig	Ann
Pemberton	Gideon	1846	Pemberton	Billy
Perry	Alexander Wilson	1844	Price	Paul R.
Priot	Jean Baptiste	1858	Upham	Margaret (Peggy) A.
Priot	Jean	1855	Upham	Steve
Routh	Jacob	1851	McRae	Nancy
Routh	George Washington	1852	Routh	L. Keith
Selzer	Gouhenant	1848	Selzer	Paula
Slaughter	Col CC	1870?	Oneil	Nancy
Thomas	Thomas	1859	Smith	Angie
Tucker	Charles Masters	1852	Tucker	Clifton
Vilbig	August	1874	Vilbig	David
Webb	Isaac B & Mary Hughes	1844	Cox	Howard Joseph
Wright	John William	1844	Quintin	Kindra

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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	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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