



# DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

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## SPRING 2014



### Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, March 6, 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

For Dinner Reservation

call by the Tuesday before the meeting.

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## MARCH PROGRAM

**John McClannahan Crockett, second Mayor of Dallas (1857),  
Lieutenant-governor of State of Texas (1861), and his wife Catherine Polk Crockett.**



Howard Cox will present a program about John McClannahan Crockett and his wife Catherine Polk Crockett. Mary Jenet Crockett, Howard's Great-grandmother, and John McClannahan Crockett were first cousins. Howard is a long time member of DCPA and is currently serving as Vice President.



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

The organizers of the Sixteenth Annual *Legacies* Dallas History Conference welcome proposals from both professional and lay historians on topics related to the theme: "Conflicts that Shaped Dallas."

Although "the Dallas way" has often been to avoid conflicts, in fact disagreements—sometimes loud and prolonged—have been central to the growth and development of the city. Debates over the form of city government (commission vs. city manager, single-member districts, etc.); civil rights; expansion of the highway system; development of the Trinity River corridor; liquor by the drink; the status of Love Field; the preservation of historic neighborhoods—these and many more conflicts merit research.

All papers must be based on original research and must not have been presented or published elsewhere. The best papers will be published in a subsequent issue of *Legacies: A History Journal for Dallas and North Central Texas*. Those interested in presenting papers should submit a brief summary of their proposal by JULY 1, 2014, to "Dallas History Conference, 1515 S. Harwood St., Dallas, TX 75215," or by email to: [mvhazel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mvhazel@sbcglobal.net). Those selected will be notified by August 1, 2014.

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.

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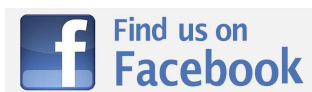
### Throwback Thursday

Throwback Thursday (hashtag #throwbackthursday) is the name of a weekly post theme that social media users participate in as part of a very general "throwback" activity for posting content.

On Thursdays, people usually post photos on sites like Instagram, Twitter, Tumblr or Facebook that are from the past. Photos can be from years ago or from just a few days ago. There aren't really any limitations, and it really just gives people an excuse to post more.

The trend is quickly catching on to other media networks, and some even expand content to include songs and videos from the past as well. D Magazine Front Burner Blog participates, check out <http://frontburner.dmagazine.com/category/ghosts-of-dallas/>

DCPA has been posting on Throwback Thursday. Have you? Use this opportunity to increase awareness of the rich cultural history of Dallas, Texas.

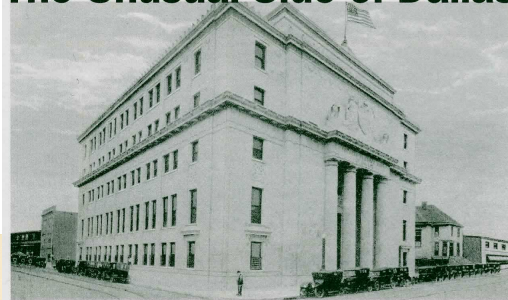


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## A Classical Revival-style Building -- The “Old” Federal Reserve Building

### The Unusual Side of Dallas



15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL *Legacies*  
DALLAS HISTORY CONFERENCE



“Vilbig Bros. have secured a nice contract for excavating the basement of the new Federal Reserve Bank Building at Dallas. There are about 25,000 cubic yards of material to be moved on this contract. They have two small revolving shovels on the job, loading the dirt into Western Dump wagons and trucks.” excerpt from *The Earth Mover: A Monthly Magazine for Earth and Stone Movers*, Volumes 6-7, March 1919 Number 1.

Before and during pictures of the foundation and excavation construction circa 1920 of the “Old” Federal Reserve Building.  
400 S. Akard Street. Photos courtesy of William (Bill) Vilbig.

Photo of the “Old” Federal Reserve Building from the Cover of the *Legacies* History Conference.





## Fake Funeral Notice Scam “Reaches a New Low”

In his line of work, funeral home director Brian Bass has come to expect the occasional juvenile phone prank. But the hoax recently perpetrated on the small-town Eubank Funeral Home where Bass works is bigger than any adolescent antics. Cybercriminals hijacked the funeral home’s identity as part of a worldwide email phishing scam.

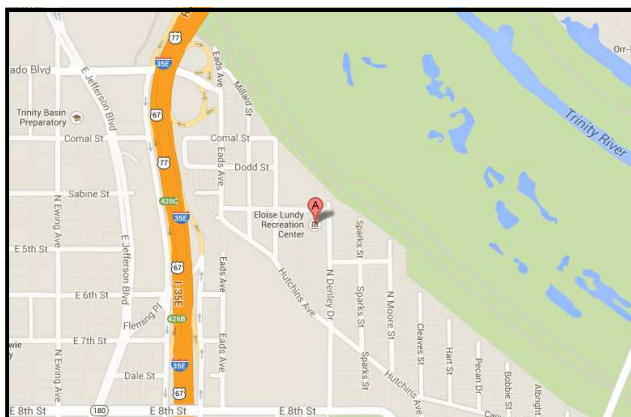
For the past month, inboxes across the United States and beyond have been getting funeral notices that appear to be from Eubank Funeral Home in Canton, Texas, 60 miles east of Dallas. Without saying who has died, the fake emails invite the recipient to an upcoming “celebration of your friend’s life service” and instruct the recipient to click a link for “more detailed information about the farewell ceremony.” “It reaches to people’s curiosity and their natural instinct to find out who passed away,” Bass told Yahoo News.

But instead of going to Eubank’s website, the Better Business Bureau says, the link in the email takes readers to a foreign domain where malicious software is downloaded onto the user’s computer allowing criminals access to passwords, financial records, and other personal information stored on the computer. “This scam email, disguised as a funeral notification, reaches a new low,” the Better Business Bureau said in a nationwide warning last week. “Scammers are always on the hunt for new ways to evade the delete button.” It’s unknown how many people have fallen victim to the hoax, but Bass said Eubank Funeral Home has received 50 to 100 complaints a day since mid-January. Calls and emails have come from as far away as Finland and South Korea.

“We filed a police report and our security people are in touch with the government, but nobody can stop it yet,” Bass said. The ordeal forced the funeral home, which has been in business for 88 years, to remove its phone number from its website and post disclaimers and warnings about the scam. Here is the full article about this scam [You may want to look at the screen shots at the website link below.

<http://news.yahoo.com/fake-funeral-notice-scam-reaches-a-new-low-142619382.html> Follow Jason Sickles on Twitter (@jasonsickles).

## Dallas City Parks - Eloise Lundy Park



George Kessler’s plan for the city of Dallas called for more parks and playgrounds. The black community petitioned the City of Dallas for a park for blacks somewhere in Dallas. When the \$500,000 bond issue in 1913 was approved by the voters land for seven parks was bought.

Two of these seven parks were for blacks, one in Oak Cliff and one on Hall and Central in Dallas. The land for the first Oak Cliff Negro Park that the Park Board selected is on Sabine and Cliff. This was ten lots in the original Town of Oak Cliff that was annexed to Dallas in 1903. In the 1920s about one half of the original park was absorbed by the Trinity River levee.

For many years this park was a playground and minimum improvements were made. There was a band concert in 1916 and free movies were shown in 1931. In 1935 a supervisor was assigned to work

with the citizens at the park. A study made in 1939 showed that the parks serving Negroes were in bad condition and crowded since they were too small to serve the community.

In 1941 a shelter was erected, a Junior pool was added, new play equipment was installed and construction of a tennis court and a comfort station were provided for this site. The name of the park was changed in the 1950s to Eloise Lundy a long time employee of the park department. She had worked at Exline Park for eighteen years and was one of the first three black female park supervisors in the city.



## D Magazine & Research Pioneer Families

Dallas County Pioneer Association has been approached by D Magazine for assistance in providing research for an article that will be titled "100 Pioneer Families of Dallas County".

This is a great opportunity for our members. We need members who have the time and are willing to provide the assistance to help out with this project.

The time schedule is as follows:

November – December 2013: Prepare a partial list of the pioneer families that will be of interest to the D Magazine readers. Some progress has been made.

January – February – March 2014: Provide research material and complete the list of families.

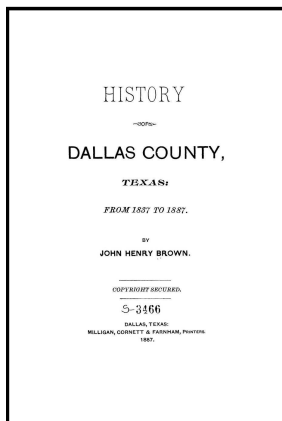
April – May 2014: D Magazine editor to interview 6-8 selected individuals for the article.

June 2014: Article to be published.

**A short workshop to discuss this project will be conducted immediately following the March 6, 2014 meeting. Bring your research material about your Pioneer Family.**

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## History Dallas County, Texas: from 1837 to 1887



"A history of the settlement and political organization of Dallas County as well as altercations between Anglo-American settlers and the indigenous American Indians of the region."

by Brown, John Henry 1887

"The actual settlement of Dallas county, therefore, began in the spring of 1842, when the first cabin was erected and the families of John Beeman and Capt. Gilbert being the first to arrive (Mrs. Martha Gilbert being the first American lady) and relieve the loneliness of the adventurous and true-hearted *avaunt courier*, John Neely Bryan ..."

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## DUES NOTICE -- ANNUAL DUES

**Annual membership dues are now due.**

**Please pay the following at the March meeting or mail your check to**

**DCPA**

**P O Box 12496**

**Dallas, Texas 75225-0496**

**Membership Dues: \$20.00 per individual \$30.00 per couple**

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**[www.dallaspioneer.org](http://www.dallaspioneer.org)**

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**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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