



DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

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SPRING 2015



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

Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, March 5, 2015

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

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call by the Tuesday before the meeting.

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MARCH PROGRAM

Homes on the Dallas Frontier

Presented by Dr. Evelyn Montgomery

Evelyn is the Director of Collections, Exhibits and Preservation at Dallas Heritage Village at Old City Park, where she has worked in the curatorial department for 14 years. Her education in history, architecture and interior design serves her well at this facility, where she is in charge of the historic structures and the exhibits inside them. Her research interests include Victorian and frontier life, the history of houses and domestic life in America, and historic preservation. Though not a native Texan, she left Connecticut for TCU at 17 and is now a Dallasite, with a family, an old house in disrepair, and many volunteer commitments to local preservation efforts and historical groups.

Meeting and Program Schedule for 2015

March 5, 2015 - Homes on the Dallas Frontier by Dr. Evelyn Montgomery, Dallas Heritage Village, Director of Collections, Exhibits and Preservation

June 4, 2015 - Dallas Pioneers in the City Government by John Slate, City Archivist, Dallas Municipal Archives, City Secretary's Office

September 3, 2015 - A City Transformed: Dallas and World War II by Adam E. Smith, Commemorative Air Force, Executive Vice President

December 10, 2015 - Share your favorite Dallas treasure - a program by members for members and guests



Routh Pioneer Cemetery

It's good to know that there are individuals and governments that believe in preserving history. The Richardson City Council recently passed a resolution to float bonds to purchase 56.7 acres of Routh Woods and the flood plains of Spring Creek and Routh Creek to expand the Spring Creek Nature area to 108 acres. This area will protect the original hard wood forest that pioneer Jacob Routh used as his "meat locker" because it was a drawing card for deer, antelope, rabbits and squirrels. He also used it as a bird habitat. The majority of the purchase is located in the southwest corner of Renner and Plano Roads in Collin County but will also include the Family Cemetery, a flowing spring used by the Routh family, a wagon road crossing of Spring Creek, and hopefully the site of the first school and church in the area. The City of Richardson plans to mark all these sites and seek more of the farms features to preserve these features of the old farm. Although this land is in Collin County, about two-thirds of the original Routh farm was in Dallas County as well as the log cabin the Routh family first occupied near the present intersection of Greenville and Plano roads.

Many people have shown much interest in preserving this area including the landowner Hunt Trust, the former director of Galatyn Properties for Hunt, Don Dillard, Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka, City Manager and former Parks Department Director Dan Johnson, several Councilmen, as well as the Routh Cemeteries Association.

The one-acre Routh Pioneer Cemetery (formerly known as the Spring Creek Cemetery) will be used as a green space within the development and will be protected through homeowner agreements. The Routh Cemetery Association is currently marking previously unmarked graves and is maintaining the cemetery until the City of Richardson or developers undertake continued maintenance.

More Cemetery News

There is interest in the Confederate Cemetery and if you have an ancestor buried there or know the history of someone buried there the group is trying to find not only the names but any history on these confederate veterans.

The Balch Springs Cemetery behind the Senior Citizens meeting place is looking for all those pioneers who lived in that area and may be buried at this site. The City of Balch Springs owns the surrounding land on three sides and the adjacent piece of property is on the For Sale for unpaid taxes. Known grave sites are also on this piece of property.

Submitted by Frances James



BOOK RAFFLE

Two books will be raffled off at the meeting.

\$2.00 Raffle tickets will be \$2.00 each or per chance. Best deal in town. **\$2.00**

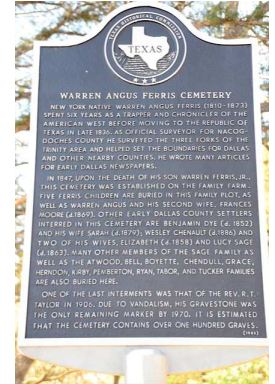


Buy as many chances to win as you want.
Bring your \$\$\$ as this book will make a perfect Christmas gift item.



Ferris Cemetery

The dedication of the marker for Benjamin Dye who was a veteran of the War of 1812 was Saturday, January 24, 2015. He is buried at the Ferris Cemetery at the corner of San Leandro and St. Francis in Forest Hills near White Rock Lake. Frances James, Howard Cox and Tim Dalbey of DCPA were in attendance. Also attending was Susanne Starling the author of the book, "Land Is The Cry".



George W. Cook Dallas/Texas Image Collection

The George W. Cook Dallas/Texas Image Collection ("Cook Collection") is an important addition to SMU's DeGolyer Library and is a wonderful resource for research in Dallas and Texas history. A native Dallasite, George W. Cook (1949-2012) was a life-long collector, with a focus on Dallas and Texas primary sources. He had a special interest in photographs, postcards, advertising souvenirs, trade cards, badges, family collections, documents, art, postal history, and three-dimensional objects such as signs, regional porcelain and glass, and architectural ornaments. He was also fascinated by the State Fair of Texas, the 1936 Texas Centennial, and the history of aviation.

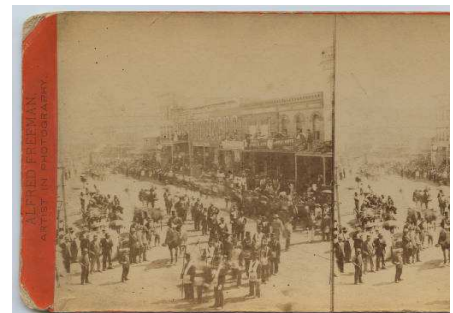
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Hotel Cliff, Oak Cliff ca 1905
Image from postcard



Grandpa J. T. Oram ca. 1865



4th of July Parade Dallas 1876

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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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REMINDER DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR 2015 DUES