



DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

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SUMMER 2016



**RESERVATION REQUIRED
IF YOU INTEND TO EAT!**

**Quarterly Meeting
Thursday June 2, 2016
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
Program Begins At 7 PM**

Dinner \$15.00 per person

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

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JUNE PROGRAM

**“V.C. Bilbo a Transportation Pioneer in North Texas ”
Presented by Allan Bilbo**



The presentation will be on V.C. Bilbo jitney line and other transportation endeavors by Allan's grandfather.

V.C. Bilbo was born in Hillsboro, Texas June 8, 1894 and died April 17, 1968 in Arlington Texas. He married Willie Irene Harrison who was born April 7, 1915 and died June 4, 1968.

They had two children (1) Graneta Marie Bilbo born August 4, 1917 (2) V.C. Bilbo Jr. born March 22, 1921.

Bilbo Transports is a family owned company since 1915.

Photo Courtesy of the Victor Clifford Bilbo Family

When the cars of the Bilbo Jitney Line filled up, passengers took to the running boards, windowsills and even the roof.

Meeting Schedule for 2016

September 1, 2016 (Thursday)

December 3, 2016 (Saturday)



Cemetery News

The Smith Cemetery . 22 acres on land that was a part of their Peters Colony land grant now has a fence around it and a large, very visible, marker on it. This site on Illinois was endangered by the owners of the surrounding land who wanted to use it for parking spaces. Joe and Donna Spears who live in Argyle, Texas took the company to court and won.

There were only parts of three headstones that had not been moved when Donna, the descendant, found the site. She had access to the original deed in 1877 for the family grave yard, the distribution of the land and the family members who had been buried on this site. A Historic Texas Marker has been applied for, for this site.

In March there was an article in the Dallas Morning News about flooding at the city owned pauper's cemetery behind some buildings on Lombardy Lane. This site is where the people who died at Parkland were buried in the 1930s and 40s. Karen Riggs made an inventory of this cemetery when she found it in 2004. Karen was looking for the gravesite of her grandmother who lived in Oklahoma but had been visiting in Dallas when she died. Karen came to a DCPA meeting and left a copy of the site inventory.

Due to all the rain we had this spring there was standing water on many of the graves. The Park Department maintains this site and to fill in the low places would destroy the gravesites that are marked with a small six inch metal marker. A section is where the infants are buried with no marker at all.

If the weatherman permits it, there "will be /was " rededication of two new headstones for the Akard family at the Pioneer Cemetery on May 14, 2015. The original headstones were broken through the years, but the pieces had been saved by the Park Department that maintains the site. About the same time I discovered the broken stones in the lower level DCPA was contacted by John Akard who lives in Houston and he had been in Dallas and could not find the gravesite for his grandfather.

The old broken pieces could not be repaired so new headstones were made and set in the original location. John Akard will be at the location and the Dallas Historical Walking tour of the Pioneer Cemetery will be led by DCPA member Paul McLin.

A meeting was held in City Councilwoman Jennifer Staubach Gates office April 7,2016. DCPA member Fred Lusk had made contact with State Representative Sheets about the Storm Water Run Off fee that appeared on Dallas County Cemeteries. Sheets contacted Mrs. Gates. In attendance in the meeting was a city staff Sarah Standifer who was working on the problem for a year. Hopefully this will be solved soon and the small private cemeteries will be free of this monthly charge.

Submitted by Frances James



Earl O. Cullum

Like and Join the Dallas Pioneers on Facebook



Past President Jim Foster has created a public group on Facebook called Pioneers of Dallas County. The group description: This educational, public group is for those that are descendants of, or interested in, the pioneers and early settlers of Dallas County, Texas. Many folks have published pictures and interesting stories. Be sure to check it out! There are over 3,000 members.

One recent post featured Earl O. Cullum, who was President of DCPA in 1983 titled "The Herman Perry Saga - Sad Realities Of WW II As Told By Son of Earl O. Cullum"

Look for this story in Proud Heritage Volume III or as posted on Facebook.

"Like" the Dallas County Pioneer Association page for meeting notices and news!
"Join" the Pioneers of Dallas County group for stories and tales!



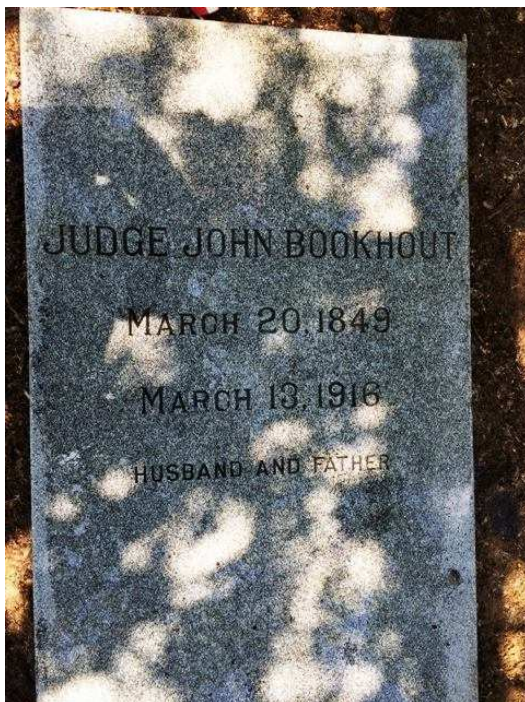
New History at Old Red Conference September 17, 2016

Come be a part of our exciting history conference - New History at Old Red - on September 17, 2016! If you are an educator you can receive continuing education credits, and a catered lunch while listening to interesting discussions taught by industry-leading professionals. You can register online at oldred.org

If you have any questions please email Shannon Page at shannonp@oldred.org. We hope to see you there!

Judge John Bookhout

Judge John Bookhout and his wife Mary Ella Randall were married on 12/14/1875 and had 8 children. He died 3/13/1918. Judge Bookhout's home was at St. Paul and Munger streets in Dallas. Associate Justice John Bookhout, of the Fifth Court of Civil Appeals, in Dallas is buried in Oakland Cemetery in Dallas. The first telephone on the 1881 Dallas system was in the office of Judge John Bookhout at the northwest corner of Main and Lamar Streets. Bookhout street in Dallas is named for him.



Posted by Jim Bookhout on Pioneers of Dallas County

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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 the first Saturday of December for a lunch meeting. Visitors are welcome.

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