

Dallas County Pioneer Association
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From the President



We are off to a good start this year. Your Board met and we had some good ideas presented. We are looking at reprinting our first book and getting ISDN numbers for all three books. Hopefully we will be able to offer full sets for sale soon. We are looking at going to Google for our phone number which is free. Your Board is trying hard to balance our budget in order to avoid a dues increase. This past year we had a loss of \$423.00 due primarily to meals. Unfortunately, we have had people that make reservations and don't show up. We still have to pay for those meals. In the future if you make a dinner reservation and do not attend you will be billed for the meals. Regrettably, we are having some people show up to eat and not pay for their meals. Please remember if you eat you **MUST** have a reservation. If you did not make a reservation and we have no shows the Treasurer or Secretary will advise you that a meal is available and you can pay and eat. Just let them know when you arrive that you would like to eat. ***You must be wearing your name tag to go thru the food line.***



I appointed an Audit Committee to audit 2019's books and this should be accomplished soon.



We will have a 50/50 drawing at our meetings as a fund raiser. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. A drawing will be held at the end of each meeting and the winner will receive half of the ticket sale proceeds. **GOOD LUCK!**

Please remember to invite your friends and acquaintances to come with you. It's easy to get new members! All you have to do is tell people about our group and if they have any interest in Dallas County history they will jump at the opportunity to join. **Just invite them!**

Best regards,
 Jim Bookhout
 President



A WORD FROM YOUR NEW VICE PRESIDENT **Joe Watts**

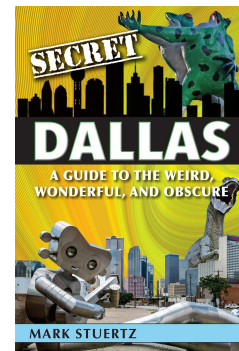
Thank you to the members of this excellent Association for allowing me to serve you on the Board. The work we do here and the reverence with which we hold and preserve our history, and the achievements of our ancestors here, are among the worthiest of endeavors. I intend to further these efforts any way I can.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting on March 5th, 2020. Please join us for dinner at 6:00 PM before the 7:00 o'clock meeting and don't forget to **call 972-260-9334 to make your dinner reservation.** Thank you and have a good day!

Our Next Speaker



Our next speaker will be national award-winning journalist and author, Mark Stuertz. He has been a Dallas-based writer for more than two decades. His investigative reporting, features, criticism, and business process articles have appeared in a variety of publications including the Dallas Observer, Modern Luxury Dallas, the Dallas Business Journal, Dapper, and Texas Monthly. He will be speaking on his book *Secret Dallas*. [You won't want to miss him.](#)



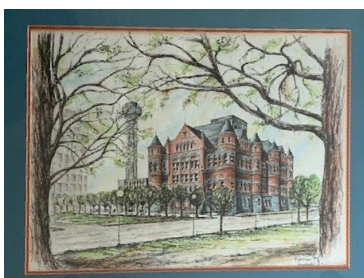
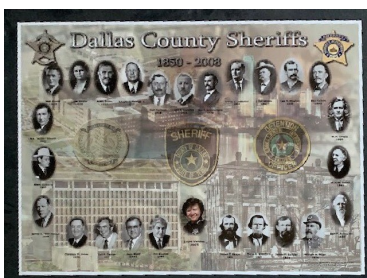
Next Quarterly Meeting
Thursday March 5, 2020
 The Point, Center for Arts
 and Education
 Campus of C. C. Young
 4847 W. Lawther Dr.
 Dallas, Texas

Dinner at 6 PM
Program begins at 7 PM
Dinner \$15.00 per person
DINNER RESERVATION
REQUIRED
call by the Monday before
the meeting.
972-260-9334

Silent Auction

Several items of historic significance will be auctioned at our next meeting. The items include a large framed and matted print of the Old Red Courthouse, a horizontal collage of black-and-white photos featuring the Bishop Arts District, and a collage of all Dallas County sheriffs from 1850 to present.

Books pertinent to Dallas and Texas history will also be auctioned. They are a history of the Jewish Community Center of Dallas, a history of the Dallas Public Library, and "Texas Bad Boys: Gamblers, Gunfighters, and Gritters" by J. Lee Butts.



Happy New Year, Happy New Decade!!!

**It's hard to believe it is the year 2020, seems like just the other day
 we were celebrating a new century.**

If you haven't already paid your dues for this year please bring your dues to the meeting or make your payments to:

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"BECOMING GARLAND AVENUE" TELLS EARLY GARLAND HISTORY



"Becoming Garland Avenue", the historical musical drama that played to a sell-out audience last April at [Plaza Theatre Downtown Garland](#), will be performed again in a revised version on April 18 and 19 at 3 p.m.

The play is set in 1913, 22 years after the side-by-side communities of Duck Creek and Embree united to be incorporated as Garland. It tells what happens when the city experiences growing pains during a major residential expansion of that era. A crusading newspaper editor plays a major role in the outcome. A church split that found congregants at odds with each other adds a touch of intrigue.

The play features 10 original songs and an original script that have their roots in actual Garland events that happened in December 1912 and January 1913.

Almost all of the 32 original cast members from 2019 and almost every one of the crew members have signed back on for the 2020 community theater performance.

As a "revival", the play will feature two new original songs, including a children's chorus, six new characters, modified scenery, and a refreshed script that sheds even more light on this particular period in early Garland history. It will acquaint citizens with additional characters that were a part of the city's early leadership.

Tickets are on sale for \$18 for early bird tickets. After that the fee increases to \$20 each. Student tickets are \$10. Group discounts are available. The Plaza seats 350 patrons. At last year's showing tickets sold out two weeks early.

It is sponsored by the nonprofit Friends of Garland's Historic Magic 11th Street and is partially funded by a grant from the Garland Cultural Arts Commission. For tickets visit the Granville Arts Center in person, call 972-205-2780, or go online at www.garlandartsboxoffice.com



FROM OUR WEB SITE EDITORS

Brian Gunn & Mike Magers

The new website is up and running since our last meeting. We've added articles on pioneers, locations named for early settlers, a page for Dallas County Cemeteries and started a page for Dallas churches and posted many news articles. Take a look at the new article on [St Paul United Methodist Church](#). Make sure and take a look at the new web site here: <http://dallaspioneer.org/>

Back in 1920...

Taking of Census Will Begin Today- Army of 85,000 enumerators to start counting population of America. (DMN, Jan. 2, 1920, Page 1)

Real Estate Transfers-J. R. Hodges sold 6 acres in the Lagow Survey to Earl Beeman (DMN, Jan. 4, 1920, Page 8).

Highland Park Methodist Church Sunday school yesterday collected \$138, which will be turned over the Armenian And Syrian for relieving suffers in the near eastern countries. (DMN, Jan. 5, 1920, Page 12)

Rising Temperature Lessens Demands on Municipal Yards-Municipal woodyards yesterday continued making emergency deliveries and will continue to do so if there is a demand. E. M. Belk is in charge of the yards. (DMN, Jan. 07, 1920, Page 9)

Better Fair Grounds Will Be Considered-Better sewage and sanitation system, increasing live stock barns and sheds, the erection of a new building for automobile exhibits. (DMN, Jan. 7, 1920, Page 4)

Newspaper Man Who Worked in Dallas in Early Days Dies-Before the Civil War, Emet Phelps of Monroe, Wis. worked on newspapers in Dallas. At the outbreak of the War he went north and joined the Federal Army. He died on New Year's day in Quinlan, Hunt County, Texas and was buried there. (DMN, Jan. 07, 1920, Page 2)

City Building Inspector to Enforce Law Affecting Stables-D. C. McCord, City Building Inspector, began enforcing a city ordinance providing that stables in Dallas must be at least 60 feet from a residential lot. (DMN, Jan. 07, 1920, Page 9)

Trinity River Flood Stationary at Dallas-The crest of one of the floods in Trinity River reached Dallas yesterday...Yesterday was a pleasant day at Dallas with the mercury ranging from 44 degrees to 57 degrees. (DMN, Jan. 14, 1920, Page 5)

Dallas Delegation Leaves to Visit Chicago Auto Show-Several Dallas dealers...changed their plans at the last moment on account of the influenza epidemic raging in Chicago. (DMN, Jan. 25, 1920)

Cemetery Report

by Kathy Ann Reid

Robinson Family Cemetery is a small cemetery that is behind the empty residential lot at 1019 Mobile Street in Dallas. Dallas Central Appraisal District (Appraisal District) has the account for the cemetery land listed as "Cemetery" and a deed (Vol. 2425, P. 212) in the description. Dallas County Pioneer Association member Robbie Robinson, descendant of the Robinson's, is actively involved with the care and preservation of the cemetery. Mr. Robinson cleaned up trash that had been dumped there for years and installed a fence with an entry gate facing the alley. He met with Frances James and others to discuss the situation.

The neighborhood is northwest of the intersection of Sylvan Ave. and Fort Worth Ave. That the area is exploding with development gives him greater concern for the cemetery.

In 2016 the lot in front of the cemetery was valued by the Appraisal District at \$11,800. In 2018 the lot was sold to Gratia Real Estate Investors, LLC of Corinth, Texas and the Appraisal Dist. value was \$105,000. The certified value for 2019 is \$210,120.

The Robinson's owned many acres of land in the area, including the land under the present-day Belmont Hotel and Western Heights Church of Christ. Mr. Robinson told us that the residence was in the area of the Belmont Hotel and the family was instrumental in the start of the Western Heights Church of Christ. From the cemetery, looking west on Mobile, the old white Western Heights Church of Christ steeple can be seen through tree tops. In all other directions, are new condos and huge custom houses.

Pioneer Days at the W. W. Glover Cemetery

The first Saturday in May is the main day to gather for a picnic on the ground. Another Saturday in May will be a substitute in case of rain. There will be some Saturday workdays in April to be announced. These are social days for members to get to know each other and for us to be of service. All are invited. Plans are being made.



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