

Dallas County Pioneer Association
Founded 1875, Reorganized 1979
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From the President



Howdy, it's almost spring here in North Texas and the flowers are beginning to bloom, trees are budding out and if you have allergies your nose is complaining.

Our next meeting is March 2nd at 6:00 p.m meeting at the **Point Center for Arts and Education** in CC Young Senior Living.

Supper will begin serving at 6 and our speaker will begin at 7. **[PAULA SELZER](#)** will talk to us about her Great, Great, Great Grandfather (yep three greats) Francois Ignace (Adolphe) Gouhenant (1804-1871), story of artist, revolutionary, and early North Texas resident, should be very interesting!

We are continuing our "**Bring a Guest;**" if you bring a new guest to our meeting, you and your guest will enjoy the meal with our complements.

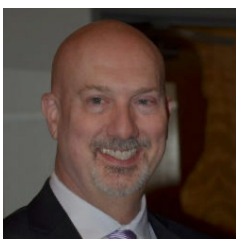
If you don't bring a guest the cost of meals is \$20. All we ask is that you call 972-260-9334 and make reservations for you and your guest by Tuesday February 28, 2023.

[If you have not done so, please remember to pay your 2023 dues, please send them to DCPA, P O Box 12496, Dallas, TX 75225. \\$20 for an individual and \\$30 for a couple per year.](#)

If you have already paid your dues or are paying them at the meeting, we have a surprise for you!

"May God be with us till we meet again",
[Jim Griffin](#),
President

From the Vice President



Hello DCPA Members!

Looking forward to a great 2023 and another year actively promoting local history! DCPA continues to build connections with local historians and historical

organizations. And we'll have a table set up at several community events this spring and summer sharing our mission with the public. At the recent Legacies Dallas History Conference, Dr. Evelyn Montgomery of the Old Red Museum shared updates with us about the museum and its collections. Although the [Old Red Museum](#) closed in 2021, its exhibits and artifacts are being re-deployed in other county buildings, including the newly-renovated Dallas County Records Building. The museum's new name is the Dallas County History Project and there will be volunteer opportunities for DCPA members as the collection moves to new locations. Updates will be posted at <http://www.oldred.org> and DCPA will share updates also.

Our guest speaker at the March quarterly meeting is DCPA's own Paula Selzer who will share excerpts from the 2019 book she co-wrote about her great, great, great-grandfather Adolphe Gouhenant -- a Dallas pioneer who was also a French revolutionary, a utopian leader, and a frontier photographer. Join us to learn about this unique and important pioneer.

See you all on March 2nd! Call [972-260-9334](tel:972-260-9334) to RSVP if you'd like to have supper at 6:00 p.m. before the 7:00 p.m. meeting. The cost is \$20.00 per person (unless you bring a guest) and includes a fully-catered meal and dessert by the C. C. Young hospitality team.

[Mike Judd](#)
Vice President

**Please join us for Our Next Meeting on
March 2nd at 6 pm
CC Young Senior Living
4847 W Lawther Dr
(Northwest Hwy & Lawther) Dallas 75238**

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Cutoff for meal reservation is Tuesday February 28, 2023.

OUR SPEAKER - Paula Selzer



[PAULA SELZER](#) is a third great-granddaughter of Adolphe Gouhenant and native Dallasite. She has spent twenty-five years working on children's health policy for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. An accomplished researcher, writer, and photographer, Paula holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from SMU and a Masters Degree in Public Policy - International Development from Rutgers University. Paula co-wrote "Adolphe Gouhenant - French Revolutionary, Utopian Leader, and Texas Frontier Photographer" with Emmanuel Pecontal which was published by

Book Auction for the next meeting!

Please arrive early for the surprise of some of the books in our archives you can take home!!!

On our Website

If you haven't been to our website lately please take a look, there are articles about the [Pioneers of Dallas County](#), [Pictures of Dallas' Past](#), [Francis James Tribute](#), [Outings and Events](#), stories about churches and biographies of some of the people who built and lived here in Dallas' beginnings.

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Donations

The Dallas County Pioneer Association (DCPA) established in 1875 is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization that operates on the generosity of people to take care of abandoned cemeteries and promote the history of Dallas County. It is operated by folks who have a passion for history and are volunteering their time and money.

Please consider giving to our mission by clicking the button below.

DONATE

If you have changed your mailing address, e-mail or phone numbers, please let our Membership Chairperson know by sending a note to membership@dallaspioneer.org

If you haven't already paid your dues or you would like to make a donation please make your payments to:

**Dallas County Pioneer Association
PO Box 12496
Dallas, TX 75225**

Membership

If you have friends or neighbors who are interested in history please invite

them to a meeting, so they can also join us to enjoy the speakers and learn about the history of Dallas. **Remember when you bring a first time guest, you and your guest enjoy a complimentary meal on us!**

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[Membership Chairperson](#)

Volunteers

As with all organizations we are always looking for volunteers. If your gift is writing we are looking for a [Newsletter](#) person. If you like the outdoors and working with your hands our [Cemetery Committee](#) always needs help.

In not too many months we will be looking for folks with leadership and marketing skills to serve on the Board of Directors.

Everyone has gifts, if you would like to share those gifts we would love for you to help this organization continue to thrive into the future so the generations that follow will know the people and events that made Dallas County what it is today!

Cemetery Report

by [Kathy Ann Reid](#)

Our executive board members and Betsy Farris were busy in January, visiting, taking pictures, and commenting on TWENTY-THREE cemeteries! Bill Vilbig visited Garvin Memorial/Smith Hall Cemetery on January 15, 2023, and wrote: "Securing a parking place was very hard because the surrounding properties are gated. It was well mowed but a lot of trash scattered further back into the cemetery around the boundaries of the cemetery. I was reminded why it is not very safe to visit/inspect some of the cemeteries alone. The last photo [that he attached] reveals the edge of a person's tent on the left who was likely the source of the trash and prompted my quick exit." He shared interesting information that he found on dallascityhall.com, including City Ordinance #26727, maps of the cemetery and surrounding properties. Pictures from Bill's visit to the [Cox Cemetery](#). The other TWENTY-TWO visits will be posted, so keep looking at the [Cemeteries on our website \[dallaspioneer.org\]\(http://dallaspioneer.org\)](#).

As of this writing, several members are scheduled to meet with a representative of D. R. Horton to visit the Myers Family Cemetery on Bobtown Rd. (near city limit of Garland). We will share details of the visit at the upcoming meeting.

All those who are interested are invited. For questions and details email cemetery@dallaspioneer.org

The Lost Cemetery of Pleasant Mound

Realizing others have likely written more scholarly on the same subject, here is my offering that might generally stimulate discussion and provide for my continuing education. At the 2022 Pioneer Picnic, our members M.C. Toyer and Tim Dalbey talked about some of their shared history. Notable was their visit to Scyene Cemetery that is south of Scyene Rd. and west of Prairie Creek (the creek).

My recollections of the area began when my love of history was awakening by my noticing a street sign, "Etta," and Lillie Thompson telling me that was the name of the one of the Moores. We admired the stately old Moore House that remained on acreage fronting on Scyene Rd. The Moore House was discussed by generations born in the early 1900s because of its appearance and the memories of the generous hospitality offered there. The words, "I hope that someone preserves the Moore's house," were spoken until regrets were offered after it was demolished.

The land around the cemetery is in the former community of Pleasant Mound which was related to the platted town of Thorpeville or Scyene, by the short distance of separation and by the relationships of the inhabitants. Deed records show that over time part of the land had been owned by pioneers (George W. Cox of Montague County who sold to his brother Hartwell B. Cox of Scyene). Eventually ownership of many acres passed to Tom and Etta (Elam) Moore who built the Moore House. In the 1950s, single family residences were developed and the cemetery was left with the legal description of a single lot.

A Moore descendant said that Tom and Etta were affectionately called "Pa and Ma Moore" and they are buried in Pleasant Mound Cemetery. In 1859 Tom's grandmother Hulda Hunnicutt Moore and Uncle Jim brought him to Dallas to claim the estate of his deceased parents. Hulda is buried in the W.W. Glover Cemetery on Military Parkway.

Members of the Moore family, who attended the Pioneer Picnic did not recall mention of the Scyene Cemetery. At some point, M.C. became aware of the cemetery and he and Tim visited. I hope they will share the story of the research and discovery.

UPCOMING

[Wesley Cockrell Cemetery](#) clean up and socializing is set for **Saturday, March 18, 2023**. At least one descendant of Wesley Cockrell is expected to join the regular volunteers.

[W.W. Glover Cemetery](#) clean up and socializing is set for **Saturday, April 1, 2023**. Several descendants are planning to join in our efforts.

Along with Mike Rowlands of Historic Stone Preservation and Restoration we are planning a **tombstone repair demonstration** for Saturday, **April 15, 2023**. The location will be set shortly and announced at our March meeting. Also, keep an eye on the calendar of dallaspioneer.org for updates.

Oak Cliff Earth Day - Sunday April 16 - Come join us at Lake Cliff Park in Oak Cliff, 300 E Colorado in Dallas, (*Corner of Zang & Colorado*)

Pioneer Picnic at W.W. Glover Cemetery will be the first Saturday in May which is May 6, 2023. Dallas County Pioneer Association of yesteryear with actual pioneer members had grand picnics to reminisce about the founding days of Dallas. Our picnic is the same, with a fast forward through 130 years of history to add to our conversations. The location is west of Jim Miller Rd., behind the old church building on the south side of Military Parkway between the streets Donna and Academy. All who read or hear about this are invited to come to the biggest history advocates' picnic in Dallas and surrounding counties! There is plenty of parking near the cemetery along Military Parkway. For those with limited mobility, parking is near the cemetery gate.

Please consider a generous donation to the Cemetery Fund.

Please like the DCPA on [Facebook](#), join in the conversations and share interesting posts with friends!

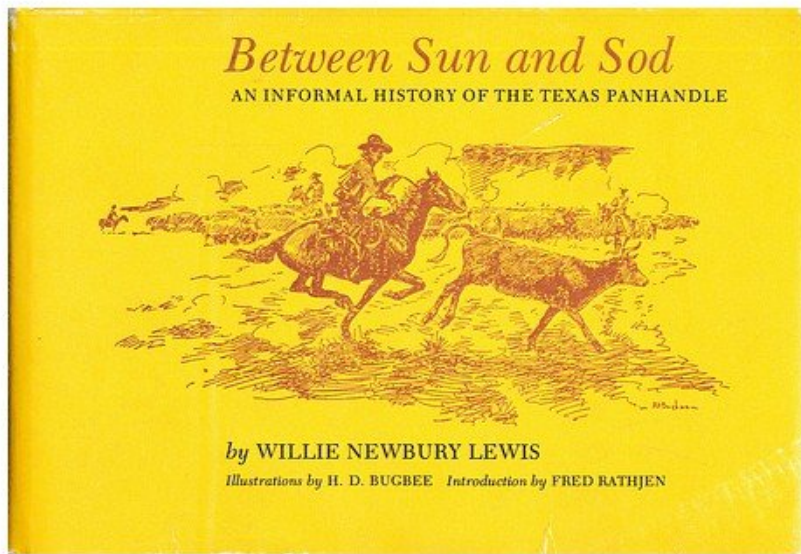
Willie Newbury Lewis - Socialite - Ranch Owner - Author



Willie Newbury Lewis was an author who became known for her work pertaining to the early days of Anglo settlement in North Texas and the Panhandle. Her biographical information has been recounted in numerous newspaper articles, which are the main sources for this brief sketch.

Willie was born October 28, 1891 to Henry Lee Newbury (1866 – 1939) and Anna Hearn Newbury (1867 – 1951), and was the second of three children, between her two brothers. Her parents and grandparents had been in the mercantile business with her father owning a shoe store in Dallas when she was young. Henry Lee later went into banking and worked as a controller at First National Bank.

As a young girl, Willie attended Lora Cowart's Private School for Girls, a small school in Oak Cliff. She was also an Idlewild debutante. Most accounts mention how she met her future husband, [more...](#)



1812 Veteran Marker Dedication, Thomas R. Newman, Jr.

On Sunday, January 22, 2023 at Big A Cemetery the Craig Austin Rowley Chapter, The Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Texas, and the John Cavet Chapter of the United States Daughters of 1812 honored Thomas R. Newman, Jr. (1792 – 1915) for his service in the War of 1812. [more...](#)

Resources on our website

We have information and links available on our website to help you with your love of history. Go to DallasPioneer.org.

- [Preservation Dallas](#)
- [Beginner's Guide to Genealogy](#)
- [City of Dallas – Dallas Municipal Archives](#)
- [Civil War Soldiers & Sailors System](#)
- [Dallas County Historical Commission](#)
- [Dallas Genealogical Society](#)
- [Dallas Historical Society](#)
- [Dallas Public Library – Dallas History and Archives](#)
- [DeGolyer Library — Southern Methodist University](#)
- [Friends of the Warren Ferris Cemetery](#)
- [Handbook of Texas Online](#)
- [Jim Wheat's Dallas County Texas Archives](#)
- [Museum of the American Railroad](#)
- [Old Red Courthouse](#)
- [Park Cities Historic and Preservation Society](#)
- [Steve Butler's Dallas History Page](#)

