



Dallas County Pioneer Association
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From the President



Howdy, Summer is almost upon us as the April and May storms pop up and disrupt our normal activities dropping much needed rain on North Texas to keep our plants and trees alive through the hot summer.

Our next meeting is June 1st 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.

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 May 30, 2023.

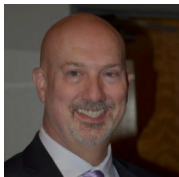
[If you have not done so, please remember to pay your 2023 dues, please send them to DCPA, P O Box 12496, Dallas, TX 75225. \\$20 for an individual and \\$30 for a couple per year.](#)

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 friends,

April was a busy time for your DCPA board as we attended two community events, met hundreds of people, and spread the mission and message of the DCPA to a whole new audience. Earth Day Oak Cliff on April 13th and the EarthX exhibition on April 20th at Fair Park were both well-attended and gave us exposure to people from all age groups and backgrounds. Also in April, DCPA partnered with Preservation Dallas to co-sponsor an "Intown Outing" to the historic Frankford Church and Community in North Dallas. We hope to partner with Preservation Dallas again on a future event.

Our guest speaker at the June 1st quarterly meeting is DCPA's own Bud Brooks. He's the historian of Dallas' premier college preparatory school, St. Mark's School of Texas and will share the school's history back to 1906 and interesting stories of its many notable alumni. The title of his presentation is:

A History of St. Mark's School of Texas Through its Predecessor Schools, 1906-1950

You'll want to be present for the next meeting for sure! Hope to see you all on June 1st! Call **972-260-9334** to RSVP by Tuesday May 30th 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
June 1st at 6 pm
CC Young Senior Living
4847 W Lawther Dr
(Northwest Hwy & Lawther) Dallas 75238**

Call and make your reservations 972-260-9334 before the
Cutoff for meal reservation is Tuesday May 30, 2023.

OUR SPEAKER - Bud Brooks



Bud Brooks is a native of Providence, RI, but while still an infant, made his way towards Texas as soon as he could, with a five-year stopover in Tulsa, OK, before arriving in Dallas at age five with his parents in tow. Mr. Brooks is graduate of [St. Mark's School of Texas](#), has a BS degree from Brown University, and an MBA degree from SMU.

Mr. Brooks currently is the Chief Development Officer for Salt Lake City-based Nomi Health. He has been working in the healthcare business for over 30 years.

Mr. Brooks is an amateur historian and genealogist, and also enjoys golf, movies, working out, and travel. He is a member of the Society of the Cincinnati (New Jersey chapter) and is an Admiral in the Texas Navy. He has been married to Minda Brooks, a native of Harlingen, TX, for 30 years, and they have two children, Rachel (28) and Grant (24) who is also a graduate of St. Mark's (class of 2017).

Pioneer Picnic at the Glover Cemetery



The annual [Pioneer Picnic at the W. W. Glover Cemetery](#) was the first Saturday in May. This year we had a reenactment of pioneer Hulda Hunnicutt Moore telling part of her story and the presentation of a certificate of appreciation by Becky Clay to Helen J. Sullivan (in absentia) for her half a century dedication in preserving the [W. W. Glover Cemetery](#). Read more about [Huldah Hunnicutt Moore](#).

**A tiny prairie town in the middle of Dallas
Frankford Church and Cemetery**



What a perfectly gorgeous day this past Saturday, April 29th as we all arrived at the Old Frankford Church for our in-town tour of the Church, Cemetery and surrounding Blackland Prairie. Matt Weinstein of [Preservation Dallas](#), our host for the event, welcomed everyone and then handed it over to Kathy Wells Power of the [Frankford Preservation Foundation](#) for a little background history on the Church. [More...](#)

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

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 County. **Remember when you bring a first time guest, you and your guest enjoy a complimentary meal on us!**

If you haven't paid your dues for 2023 please pay them using the donate button below or pay them at the meeting. We operate on a very thin budget and depend on you to help us with our mission.

If you are a paid member, we have a surprise for you at the meeting!

[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](#)

A representative of D. R. Horton, met with us to visit the **Myers Cemetery** on Bobtown Rd. (north of Barnes Bridge Rd. near city limit of Garland) where housing development construction is in progress. We appreciate the protection provided by the temporary fencing around the cemetery that was installed at the direction of the construction superintendent who told us that the City of Garland will be improving Bobtown Rd., adjacent to the cemetery, and for that reason they had no immediate plans to add a sidewalk between the cemetery and the road. We are delighted that the Home Owners Association Coordinator added the installation of new fencing around the cemetery and ongoing maintenance to the HOA contract.

Bill Vilbig visited and took pictures of more cemeteries! Mike Magers is periodically adding cemetery pictures to dallaspioneer.org and posting to our Dallas County Pioneer Association Facebook group.

Texas Trees Foundation has a project to beautify Freedman's Cemetery (southwest corner North Central Expressway and Lemmon Ave., Dallas, Texas).

A group at **Bullock Chapel CME Church** on E. Overton Rd. is interested in checking on the nearby Overton Community and [Overton Family Cemetery](#) (E. Overton Rd. and Leatherwood St., Dallas, Texas). There is a historical marker near Leatherwood St. A DCPA member formerly paid for the mowing and years ago said she did not

know what would happen when she was not able to continue. Please check out this and other Dallas County cemeteries on our website by [clicking here](#).

Due to the interest of a neighborhood association an almost forgotten cemetery in Dallas, Texas, is being investigated. I was asked if we knew of a cemetery on Persimmon Road. We found it on a list provided by Frances James: "**Tarver Cemetery** – 3034 Persimmon Rd., Dallas. South side Persimmon Road near Miller Park, Black cemetery, no stones." Reportedly long-time residents of the area remember the cemetery on the north side of Persimmon Rd.

Recap of Spring Cemetery Events

Our spring Cemetery Events were fun and educational, including the spring cleanup of Wesley Cockrell Cemetery and W. W. Glover Cemetery. At the Wesley Cockrell, Mike Rowlands gave us instructions and hands-on experience working on tombstone and ledger repair. Several volunteers did various yardwork tasks while Wally Daniels mowed with his tractor mower at these two pioneer cemeteries.

The [Western Heights Cemetery Headstone Repair Workshop](#) given by Mike Rowlands was well reported by Brian Gunn. DCPA and Ft. Worth Avenue Development Group were happy to cooperate in this event.

[Friends of Warren Ferris Cemetery](#) had their spring fundraiser in April. Details can be found on their website.

Please like DCPA on Facebook ("Dallas County Pioneer Association" Group with around 700 members), join in the conversations and share interesting posts with friends!

Check out our website dallaspioneer.org we post new articles all the time.

[Please consider a generous donation to the Cemetery Fund.](#)

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BBQ Anyone

Dallas Morning News columnist Steve Blow wrote early in the twenty-first century that [Bryan's Smokehouse](#) was the oldest restaurant still operating in Dallas. With a wink to Vincents (1898) this might be true.

Elias and Sadie Bryan moved to Oak Cliff from Cincinnati, Ohio in the beginning of the twentieth century. On February 13, 1910 Elias opened his Smokehouse on Centre Street. His smoked meats established the family secret of cooking untrimmed fat meats with the lean side down. The beef stayed moist because the fat cooked through it and was caught in a pan before it could flare up in the fire.

Elias experimented with sauces to complement his meat. He tried thin sweet and sour sauces like the southern tradition of barbecue and thick, spicy sauces like the southwest tradition. In each case the meat drippings flavored the sauce rather than the reverse. He settled upon the thick spicy recipe, which is still served today. [more...](#)

What's in a Name?

The land for **Uptown, Oak Lawn, Deep Ellum**. The [John Grigsby story](#).

Barnes Bridge and Barnes Bridge Road. The [Sterling Rex Barnes and Martha Ann Mitchell Barnes story](#).

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](#)

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