

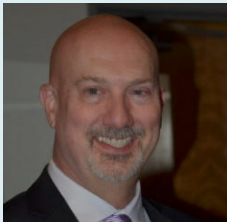


DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2024

Next Meeting: 06/06/24 at 7pm



President's Message

It's been a busy Spring for your DCPA board and we're looking forward to great things the remainder of the year. It was wonderful for DCPA to return to the annual Legacies Dallas History Conference for 2024 for the first time since the pandemic. We reconnected with other historical organizations and made new connections with others too. Attendance at the 25th anniversary conference was excellent too!

Cedar Hill Museum of History

Congratulations to Phyllis Stewart and the staff and board of the Cedar Hill Museum of History on the April 27th grand opening of their new, expanded museum and new location. DCPA attended their first day at the new location and were blown away by the excellent exhibits and features. DCPA will be presenting information on the Peters Colony at the museum on July 20th. Details will be announced on our website soon.



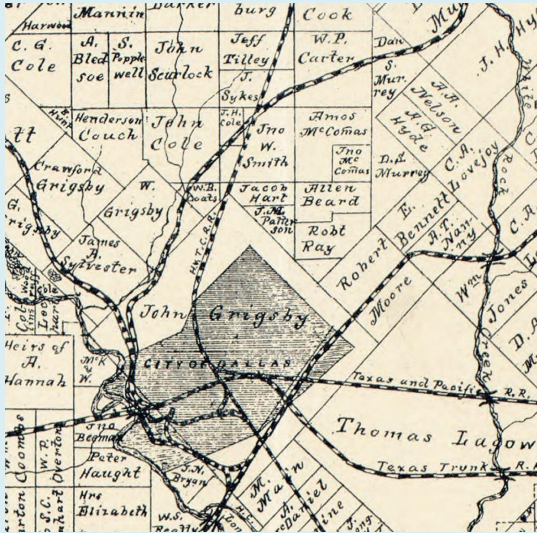
Flagpole Hill Marker Dedication



Congratulations also to the descendants of pioneer Church Goforth who gathered on April 7th for the dedication of a Texas historical marker on the site of the original Goforth farmhouse just north of White Rock Lake. New DCPA member Sherry Duffer is a great grand daughter of Church Goforth and she provided photos and background information with us so we can add Mr. Goforth's biography to our always-improving website. Please visit the Pioneer Biographies section of our website to see this (and other) recent additions. As our home page notes, "Dallas History Lives Here"!

NEXT MEETING - Jun 6 at 7pm

Our next meeting will feature historian and genealogist Susan Morrison, who is the great, great, great granddaughter of John A. Grigsby. Grigsby was awarded a 4,305 acre land grant in 1841 which included what is now all of downtown Dallas and surrounding neighborhoods. Come learn why John Grigsby was *almost* the founder of Dallas and the struggles his heirs and descendants had in obtaining their land grant.



Grigsby Survey 1890



Susan Morrison

Our meeting will be Thursday, June 6th at 7:00pm (dinner at 6:00pm) in The Point auditorium at CC Young. If you would like dinner, please make a reservation by calling 972-260-9334 or clicking the button below.

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Born in 1834, he was appointed Dallas Mayor by Texas Governor Throckmorton from 1870 to 1872. During this time he was jailed by Reconstruction Governor Edmund J. Davis because he did not "fit the profile" of Davis' preferred leaders. He refused and Davis had him thrown in jail. Nevertheless he ran the city from jail and after a few days, he was reinstated by the Texas Supreme Court which ruled that Gov. Davis did not have the authority to remove a sitting mayor. He served during the arrival of the railroads and other key events. Eventually he ventured into mining. He died in San Diego, CA in

1911 and rests in peace at Oakland Cemetery. The Republic Bank Bldg, First Baptist Church, and Thanksgiving Square are but a few of the historical structures found on the street named after Henry S. Ervay.

We pledge to make good use of your donations in our efforts to preserve Dallas County history! DCPA is a long-time 501(c)3 organization, EIN 75-1641669. Donations can be made directly on our [website](#) or through banks utilizing Zelle (most do) by simply using our email address Donate@dallaspioneer.org as the recipient.

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CEMETERY REPORT



ANNUAL PIONEER PICNIC

Our Annual Pioneer Picnic at W. W. Glover Cemetery held the last Saturday in April is a social time and all are invited. The decision was made this year to rent a room in the nearby church building due to the forecasts predicting rain and wind. Sharon Pearce Bryant delivered an excellent presentation on her ancestor, Hartwell Bolin Cox, an early pioneer, and his extensive Hunnicutt family, which included his cousin Margaret Beeman, who later married John Neely Bryan. Hartwell's mother and other relatives are interred in the Glover Cemetery while others repose in the nearby Beeman Memorial Cemetery.

We welcomed first-time attendees from the neighborhood, history lovers and participants in the Constellation of Living Memorials (CLM).



SPRING FUN DAYS

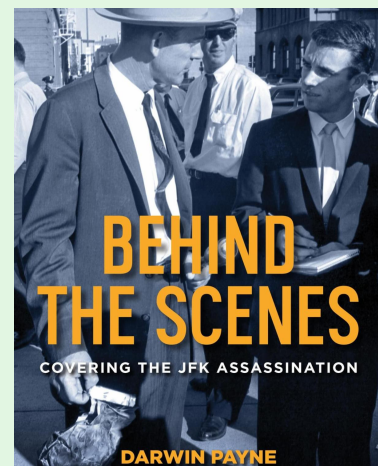
Wally & Marla Daniel checked the weather forecast and thankfully mowed in advance of our Saturday visit to Wesley Cockrell Cemetery for our volunteer day. That afforded us more time for cleaning around tombstones and the battle against privet. Marla returned to join Mike & Marsha Leach and Kathy Ann Reid. We could tell that Mike & Shelly Rowlands had continued working on the restoration of tombstones because they were in much better condition than the last time we saw them.



BOOK REVIEW “Behind The Scenes”

by Darwin Payne - *UNT Press, 306 pages*

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Kennedy Assassination, local historian Darwin Payne published a new book sharing his recollections and experiences of the four days from November 22-25, 1963. As a 26 year old cub reporter for the Dallas Times Herald, Mr. Payne was in the midst of everything that occurred those first four days. Now 86, Payne decided it was finally time to share his recollections and dusted off a box of personal assassination records from which he crafted this new book.



The heart of the book is Payne’s personal recounting of things that occurred both in the Times Herald’s newsroom, and at the crime scenes, and Dallas Police headquarters. While the Morning News took a defensive approach to covering the assassinations of Kennedy, Officer Tippit, and Oswald, the Herald’s coverage was vibrant and engaging. This was because their reporters had better contacts in the local law enforcement community and fearlessly covering crime was the Times Herald’s true strength. Mr. Payne

recounts several never-before told anecdotes between himself and city officials and law enforcement officials. Writing a new book about such a well-covered topic is daunting, but Payne’s book provides a clear, precise look at the chaos of those days. And it’s full of old-school Dallas inside information, making it especially enjoyable for native Dallasites. Even those who suffer from “JFK Fatigue” will enjoy this well-written and factual account of November 1963. Payne avoids conspiracies and sticks to the facts. Rating: Four out of five stars.

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