



WPA Listing of Dallas Street Names

List of street names, from "The WPA Dallas Guide And History" (1)

[Note: Some of these items are at variance with more current opinions regarding the origin of the named street.]

Adolph – For Adolph Frick, one of the Swiss Colony.

Adair – For Dr. W. W. Adair, early physician and landowner.

Akard – For W. C. C. Akard, merchant (1864).

Alamo – For the Alamo at San Antonio.

Alderson – For the Reverend E. W. Alderson, early-day minister.

Allen – For Dr. R. W. Allen, early-day physician.

Annex Ave. – Boundary of old Fairfield Annex to East Dallas.

Ash Ln. – By Martha Ash in memory of William Ash, in 1895.

Austin – For Stephen F. Austin.

Barry – For Bryan T. Barry, twice mayor of Dallas.

Beaumont – For the Robert L. and Godfrey Beaumont families.

Beeman – For the John Beeman family, first settlers after Bryan (1842), etc.

Bell – For P. H. Bell, governor of Texas, 1849-53.

Bennett Ave. – For William H. Bennett, landowner (1856).

Blakeney- For J. C. Blakeney.

Blaylock Dr. – For Louis Blaylock, capitalist, mayor, 1923-27.

Bogel – For Julius C. Bogel, city tax collector (1890).

Boll – For Henry Boll, La Reunion French colonist (1855) and one-time city treasurer.

Bomar – By L. H. Bomar, in an addition opened in 1900.

Bookhout – For John Bookhout, lawyer, about 1890.

Bopp – For Jacob Bopp, Swiss colonist (1870), fruit raiser and winegrower, in 1889.

Bowen – For Ahab Bowen, early-day feed merchant.

Bowser Ave. – For O. P. Bowser, real estate dealer.

Bryan – For John Neely Bryan, founder of the city.

Browder – For Edward C. Browder, one-time district clerk.

Cabell Dr. – For General W. L. (Old Tige) Cabell, Confederate commander, mayor.

Camp – For A. C. Camp, early banker and city official.

Cantagrel – For Francois Jean Cantagrel, head of La Reunion Colony Company.

Caruth Blvd. – For Walter Watt Caruth, early settler. Carroll Ave.- For Dr. Carroll Peak.

Cedar Springs Rd. – Original highway to springs and village of same name.

Central Ave.- Parallels route of Houston & Texas Central, first railroad to enter city.

Clark – For Edward Clark, governor of Texas, 1861-63.

Cochran – For William M. Cochran, first county clerk (1846).

Cockrell Ave. – For Alexander Cockrell, early capitalist.

Cole Ave. – For John Higgs (Uncle Jack) Cole, landowner in area (1843).

Commerce- Original principal business street, so named by John Neely Bryan.

Corinth – For the ancient Creek city of Corinth.

Corsicana – For Corsicana, Texas (Island of Corsica).

Crockett – For John M. Crockett, early-day lawyer (1848) and mayor in 1860.

Crowdus – For Dr. J. W. Crowdus, druggist and mayor in 1881-83.

Crutcher – For C. F. Crutcher, city secretary of town of East Dallas, later Dallas alderman (1885).

Davis – For A. E. Davis, developer of an addition in 1890.

Dickason – For Colonel M. L. Dickason, landowner.

Duncan – For S. W. S. Duncan, early-day engineer.

Eakins-For John J. Eakins, developer of an addition in 1878.

Elm – For grove of elm trees near Trinity River.

Ervey – For Henry S. Ervey, mayor in 1870-72. (First named Johnson for Negro carpet-bagger; renamed to honor Ervey after released from jail during Reconstruction.)

Ewing Ave. – For H. F. Ewing, first mayor of Oak Cliff, 1891.

Exposition Ave. – Original street leading into State Fair grounds.

Field – For Tom W. Field, capitalist, landowner, builder.

Fitzhugh Ave. – For L. H. Fitzhugh, early settler and landowner.

Forney Ave. – Forney Pike – For John W. Forney, Philadelphia newspaperman; publicity agent for Texas & Pacific Railroad in 1872-73.

Forest – Believed to have been named originally for the Confederate General Nathan B. Forrest. Present spelling, adopted some time during the 1880s, suggested by the trees which lined the street.

Gano – For General R. M. Gano, rancher, physician, and noted Confederate soldier.

Garrett Ave. – For Bishop Alexander C. Garrett of the Episcopal diocese of Dallas.

Gaston Ave. – For Captain W. H. Gaston, early-day banker and developer. Originally Wallace Street, for Wallace W. Peak.

Gillespie – For Dr. John P. Gillespie. physician and landowner.

Good -For John J. Good, lawyer, landowner, mayor, 1880-81.

Gould – For Jay Gould. financier, builder Texas & Pacific Railroad.

Grand Ave. – Believed to have been so named because it long was used as concourse for informal horse racing.

Greenville Ave. – Original highway from Dallas to Greenville.

Grigsby – For C. Grigsby, early real estate developer.

Guillot – For pioneer family founded by Maxime Guillot, 1849.

Hall – For Peter Hall, early settler and landowner.

Harwood – For Alexander Harwood, county clerk, 1850-51. 1875-83.

Haskell Ave. – For Horatio Nelson Haskell, alderman of East Dallas in 1883.

Hawkins – For J. A. Hawkins, secretary, Dallas & Wichita Railroad, 1872.

Henry – For J. L. Henry, first mayor of East Dallas, 1885.

Holland Ave. – For Colonel Frank P. Holland, mayor, 1895-97.

Holmes – For Edmond E. and Martha J. Holmes. 1888.

Houston – For General Sam Houston, hero of San Jacinto; first president of the Republic of Texas.

Jackson – For U. S. President Andrew Jackson.

Jefferson Ave. – For U. S. President Thomas Jefferson.

Jordan – For William Jordan, realty developer.

Junius – For Junius Peak, landowner, Texas Ranger.

Keating Ave. – For C. A. Keating, pioneer farm implement dealer.

Knight – For G. A. (Dude) Knight, feed merchant.

Lagow – For Richard Lagow, early owner of 4,444 acres in the area.

Lamar – For Mirabeau B. Lamar, second president of the Republic of Texas.

Lancaster Ave. – Original road to Lancaster, Texas.

Lane – For John W. Lane, mayor, 1862-66.

Latimer – For J. W. Latimer, founder of the Dallas Herald in 1849.

Ledbetter Dr. – For W. H. (Uncle Peahull) Ledbetter, county commissioner, in 1932.

Lemmon Ave. – For W. H. Lemmon, realty developer.

Leonard – For J. L. Leonard, alderman, 1874.

Lewis – For Henry Lewis, sheriff, 1888-92.

*Lindsley Ave. – For Henry D. Lindsley, capitalist, mayor, 1915-17.
(Formerly Watts St.)*

Loomis Ave. - For George Loomis, hotel operator.

Madison – For James Madison, U.S. president.

McCoy – For Colonel John C. McCoy, Dallas' first lawyer, who came here in 1845.

McKinney Ave. – Original road to town of McKinney. (for Collin McKinney.)

Magnolia – For trees growing along the street.

Main – By John Neely Bryan in town plat of 1844.

Market – By John Neely Bryan in town plat of 1844.

Marilla – For Mrs. Marilla Ingram Young, wife of Reverend William C. Young. about 1878.

Marsalis Ave. – for T. L. Marsalis, "father of Oak Cliff."

Martin – For Bennett H. Martin, district judge, 1848-50.

Masonic – Masonic-Odd Fellows Cemetery located thereon in 1857.

Milton Ave. – For Milton Paulins, real estate developer.

Nussbaumer – For Jacob Nussbaumer, one of La Reunion colony of 1855.

Oak Grove Ave. – By J. D. Cole, developer of Oak Grove addition. 1885.

Oram – For J. M. Oram, Dallas jeweler.

Overton Rd. – For W. P. Overton, pioneer landowner, builder of first gristmill in county, (1846).

Pacific Ave. – By Texas & Pacific Railroad officials as right-of-way, 1873. (Previously Burleson St.)

Park Ave. – First named Portland St.; changed 1876 because of location hereon of city's first park.

Parry Ave. – For W. E. Parry, early resident of the section and city secretary, 1884-87.

Patterson Ave. – For J. M. Patterson, first general merchant (1846) and later county judge.

Peak – for Captain Jefferson Peak, early settler, landowner.

Polk – By John Neely Bryan for U. S. President James K. Polk.

Pollock Ave. – For Henry Pollock, landowner.

Prather – For W. H. Prather, city secretary in 1874.

Rawlins – For William Rawlins, landowner.

Reagan – For J. M. Reagan, landowner.

Reiger Ave. – For John F. Reiger, addition 1890.

Richardson Ave. – For S. Q. Richardson, ice manufacturer, 1878.

Roosevelt – For U. S. President Theodore Roosevelt.

Ross Ave. -For William W. and Andrew J. Ross. early owners of land which street bisects.

Routh – For the Reverend Jacob Routh, pioneer North Texas preacher.

Rusk – For Thomas J. Rusk, U. S. senator, 1846-57.

Sale – For Henry Sale, landowner.

Samuell Blvd. (formerly East Pike) – For Dr. W. W. Samuel, who in 1939 bequeathed \$1,000,000 in cash and property to Dallas park system.

San Jacinto – For the historic battlefield where Texas Independence was won.

Seegar – For J. A. Seegar. developer, in 1885.

Simpson – For Colonel J. B. Simpson, capitalist, developer.

Stone – For Thomas Stone, landowner. in 1854.

Swiss Ave. – For Swiss Colony immigrants, who settled along this street in 1870.

Terry – For L. R. Terry, real estate developer.

Thomas Ave. – By J. Pinckney Thomas and M. H. Thomas, in 1890.

Travis Ave. -For William B. Travis, hero of the Alamo.

Trunk – Original right-of-way of Trunk Railroad. (Now Texas and New Orleans Railroad.)

Turtle Creek Blvd. – For stream upon which the parkway abuts.

Victor – For Victor Peak.

Water – First street east of Trinity River in town plat of 1844.

Washington – For George Washington.

Welborn – For Olin Welborn, congressman from Dallas district from March 4, 1879, to March 3, 1887.

Wendelkin – For J. M. Wendelkin, alderman.1888.

West – For John R. West, county surveyor.

Wood – For George T. Wood, governor of Texas, 1847-49.

Word – For Jefferson Word, landowner. 1874.

Worth – For Worth Peak.

Young – For the Reverend William C. Young, district clerk, 1867-68.

Zang Blvd. – For J. F. Zang, Oak Cliff land developer, in 1900.

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