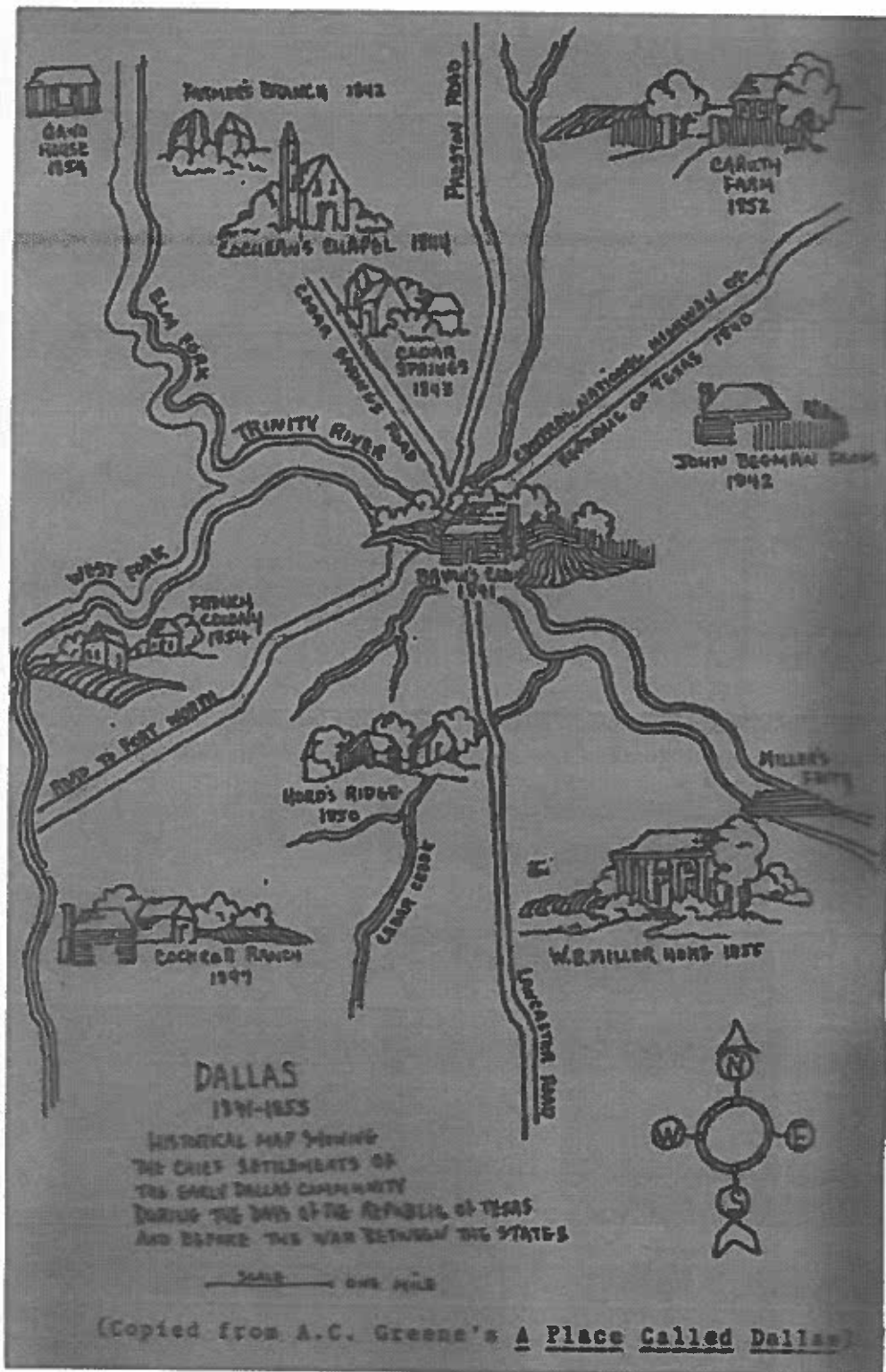


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Quoting the John H. Cochran (1838-1928) dedication in *Dallas County*

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OF DALLAS COUNTY  
AND TO THEIR DESCENDANTS, AND TO  
ALL ITS CITIZENS WHO VIEW WITH PRIDE  
THE MATCHLESS ACHIEVEMENTS OF THIS  
GREAT COMMONWEALTH, THIS VOLUME  
IS AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED BY"

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## One Hundred Twenty Years

Twice in the first one hundred forty-nine years of Dallas County, people have gathered to form a society to honor and memorialize their forebears, the pioneers who established the settlement at the Three Forks area of the Trinity River. Real pioneers met in 1875; their descendants in 1979.

### ORIGINAL DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION 1875-1952

*On Tuesday the 13th of July, 1875, in pursuance to a previous call the pioneers of Dallas county met at the Court house [sic], in the city of Dallas, for the purpose of organizing a Pioneer Association.*

*On motion of Dr. A.M. Cochran, Captain W.H. Witt was called to act as President, Isaac B. Webb was elected Vice President, and M.V. Cole, Secretary [for this meeting].*

These are the opening paragraphs of an item titled "Pioneers of Dallas County" in the Saturday morning, July 17, 1875, edition of the Daily Herald.

And so, we had our beginning.

Dr. Cochran was called on to explain the objects of the meeting, after which the following members spoke: Witt, Webb, John H. Cochran, W.P. Cochran, Parson Baldridge, and Maj. John Henry Brown. The following officers were elected:

Col. John C. McCoy, president  
Isaac B. Webb, vice-president  
William H. Hord, vice-president  
Elizabeth B. Durgin, vice-president  
Nancy Jane Cochran, vice-president  
Edward C. Browder, secretary  
John W. Smith, treasurer  
Elder Amon McCommas, chaplain



The Executive Committee was composed of John M. Crockett, John H. Cochran, Mrs. Durgin, Martha Beeman, Fanny Laws, William H. Elam, R. Alex Rawlins, and Mrs. Thomas Ellis.

The organization listed about 122 original members. They adopted a resolution: *all persons or families who settled in Dallas County in 1885 or prior thereto are to be considered members of the Association.* (John H. Cochran's Dallas County: A Record of Its Pioneers and Progress)

*It is agreed that a meeting occur on the 13th of July of each year, provided it does not occur on Sunday, and if so, on Saturday preceding.* (Cochran). Plans were made for the July 1876 meeting to be held at Hutchins, and also it was decided that they would meet at Colonel J.M. Crockett's Springs the last Saturday in the next October.

This meeting was held, according to the Daily Herald of November 2, 1875: *The Picnic of the Pioneers of Dallas county, at Col. Crockett's Springs three miles south of the city, on Saturday last, was a pleasant social reunion. There were about one hundred persons present, most of whom have been residents of the county since 1850, and their descendants. After the addresses (impromptu) were made and after a sumptuous dinner. . . a relish being added to the creature comforts by Col. Crockett presenting a demijohn of fine old native wine of which all partook, ad libitum, and still there was abundance left.*

No record is found of the 1876 meeting; in fact, nine years would pass before the next known meeting on July 12, 1884, at Shady View Park in Dallas. Col. McCoy continued as president, as did William H. Hord and Elizabeth B. Durgin, vice-presidents, and Martha Beeman on the Executive Committee. New officers were:

R. Alex Rawlins, vice-president  
Emily Beeman, vice-president  
Zack Ellis Coombs, secretary  
John H. Cole, treasurer

Executive Committee: Dr. Arch M. Cochran, Martin V. Cole, Elisha McCommas, Mrs. S.E. Johnston, Elder John M. Myers, and Capt. William H. Beeman.

The July 13, 1885, meeting was again held at Shady View Park, where the following new officers were elected:

William C. McKamy, vice-president  
J. A. Vanning, vice-president  
Martin V. Cole, secretary

Executive Committee: John M. Crockett, Dr. A.A. Johnston, M.D.L. Gracey, Capt. Middleton Perry, and W.G. Veal.

In 1886 the meeting was held on July 12-13 at Dallas City Park with the following additional officers:

George W. Glover, vice-president  
John J. Eakins, vice-president  
Virginia B. Rawlins, vice-president  
Mrs. S.E. Johnston, vice-president  
Mary Knight Burford, vice-president  
Col. George Wilson, vice-president  
David R. Cameron, vice-president  
Richard Bruton, vice-president  
Middleton Perry, vice-president  
John M. Crockett, secretary  
Martin V. Cole, treasurer  
Elder John M. Myers, chaplain

Executive Committee: John Henry Brown, John Hale, and John H. Cochran.

We are fortunate to have a copy of the write-up of this meeting in The Dallas Morning News, July 14, 1886, excerpts of which follow:

#### *The Fathers of Dallas County Renewing Relations of Esteem*

*The Dallas County Pioneers' fifth [sic] annual reunion met at 10:30 a.m. yesterday, in the beautiful pavilion which has just been completed at the entrance to the City Park by the Commerce and Ervay Street Car Company. It was called to order by Col. John C. McCoy, the president, who then introduced Mayor Brown, and he in a very beautiful address reviewed the history of Dallas County from its earliest infancy; his statistics showing the increase of population since 1872 to be from 1,000 to 30,000, including the inhabitants of all the suburbs.*

*In the afternoon ex-Lieut. Gov. J.M. Crockett delivered the annual address, in which he brought in review the privations endured by the pioneers when they had to go seventy-five miles in one direction to get a bushel of corn and seventy-five miles in another direction to find a mill to grind it. The only thing in which the good Lord was bountiful was buffaloes, of which over a million—he would not say less—roamed over the prairie...*

*... He was followed by the Rev. Mr. Myers, of Carrollton, a Baptist clergyman, and the longest resident preacher in Dallas County, who spoke feelingly of the past and hopefully of the future.*

Maj. John Henry Brown became DCPA president in 1887 at the meeting held at City Park. Ellen Perry and Elisha McCommas became vice-presidents and W.C. McKamy secretary. Then, at the meeting at Oak Cliff Park, in 1888, Gabriel A. Knight became treasurer and Martin V. Cole, Rhoda T. McCommas, Tolbert Lavender, Virginia B. Rawlins, and James H. Swindells joined the Executive Committee.

At the 1892 meeting in Garland Park 2,500 were present, the largest gathering ever recorded. Many of those returning to Dallas after the meeting had to stand up all the way on the train. The account in The Dallas Daily-Times Herald said that the excursion train to Dallas was crowded like a streetcar during the State Fair. John Bryan, Martha E. Gracey, Emily Gray, and Elisha Halsell became Executive Committee members at that meeting.

Thomas H. Nash, mayor of Garland, welcoming address for this meeting: *When Romulus and Remus ... founded the city of Rome some trifling matter excited a quarrel which resulted in fratricide, leaving to future generations a foul stain upon the founders of the eternal city; but the pioneers of Dallas County never quarreled about trifles, they met upon a common level, they cherished a common love for each other, they labored for the common good and the history of your noble achievements is not blurred by one jot ... of malice or dishonesty. In the early pioneer days you had your trials, you had your burdens, you had your conflicts, but now, thank God, you have your rewards. Fifty years ago there were but three families in Dallas County, and I see before me*

*some of those families. But now we have 75,000 people. ... you have Dallas, queen city of the state. (Dallas Daily Times-Herald, July 13, 1892.)*

The paper gushed on about the meeting: *It is a great pleasure to meet these old pioneers and see them greet each other. There is no social occasion during the whole year which affords to this worthy and fast-fading and yet growing portion of our citizenship more genuine pleasure, pleasure which springs from the heart and wells up through moistened eyes. The number of original pioneers is rapidly decreasing, but the members of the association, embracing also their sons and daughters, is growing. There were two weddings held at this gathering.*

Farmers Branch was chosen as the place for the next meeting, but we have no record of another meeting until 1895 when Capt. R. Alex Rawlins became the new president, with Col. Epps G. Knight vice-president and Rev. William H. Hughes chaplain, the newcomers on the slate of officers.

The twenty-eighth [sic] meeting of the DCPA at Oak Lawn Park on July 2-3, 1905, was called to order by President Rawlins. Epps G. Knight, master of ceremonies, began the program with the group singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow". Col. Knight announced that the people of Oak Lawn had furnished the old-fashioned lunch, of which the Times-Herald said: *... one of those old fashioned early-day basket dinners of home-raised, home-cooked viands, the products of the fields, of the gardens, of the orchards, of the vineyards, of the poultry yards, of the dairies, of the blessed old people and their children who first possessed this beautiful and goodly land. There was no embalmed beef or beef products, no medicated canned goods, no drug-preserved compounds palmed off on a helpless public. In other words, from scratch.* Present at this meeting was Mrs. John Neely Bryan (she died in 1919 at age 94). The only comment the paper had for the keynote speaker was: *The address of Hon. Yancey Lewis was all that was expected of him.*

On the second day of the reunion Master of Ceremonies Knight was identified in the paper as vice-president of the Association. Dinner was

a repetition of that of the day before. The Memorial Committee reported the deaths during the year since the last meeting. (This was the practice in those days; today, we recognize these members in our quarterly newsletter and in memoriam in our yearbook.) In the account of the first day's meeting the newspaper had said that new officers would be elected on the second day, but this was never mentioned again. The second day's report was mostly an interview of Mrs. Bryan and other "old settlers", a favorite term in newspapers.

On August 4, 1908, the "old settlers" met at Oak Lawn Park, with over five hundred in attendance. But the ranks were thinning: twenty-five had died during the last year. *Most of the members are people who have been living in the county for more than 60 years and are familiar with the history and incidents which are of interest to the younger generation* (Times-Herald). W.L. McCamy was named secretary. This was a short write-up.

August 15, 1909 (Times-Herald): *At sundown yesterday evening the white-haired patriarches of the DCPA completed the history of the thirty-seventh [sic] reunion of that association, when they bade each other farewell, some probably for the last time.* Capt. R. A. Rawlins, president for the last fourteen years, was unable to attend and sent his letter of resignation. At age 73 he had suffered a stroke, and he died shortly thereafter. Epps G. Knight was appointed president; there was no mention of any other new officers.

The 1910 meeting was again held at Oak Lawn Park, with over 1,000 present. Several from other counties came back for the reunion, where members who had passed the age of eighty were recognized. The Reception Committee had eighty-one names on it (one odd committee that year was "on Coffee and Pickles"). The roll of the departed had twenty-nine on it. Among the speakers was eighty-four-year-old William Winniford, grandfather of our current member John Winniford, and also related to current members Marie McMahan and June Shipley. All officers were reelected. They were: Epps G. Knight, president; Charles B. Gillespie, vice president; W.C. McKamy, secretary; Ada Rawlins, assistant secretary; and Lee Hughes, John T. Witt, W.C.

Lavender, E.A. Gracey, and J.M. Cochran on the Executive Committee. The newspaper called the group "The Dallas County Old Settlers"!

The Evening Journal, Thursday, September 16, 1915, carried a long write-up of the gathering that day, including a group picture. Here are some excerpts:

**DALLAS COUNTY PIONEERS ARE HAVING REUNION**  
*Meet and Talk over Things of Past, as Compared with the Present*

*Men and women who builded better than they knew in the pioneer days of Dallas County met in the annual session of the Dallas County Old Settlers' Association at Oak Lawn Park today to review the blessed memories of bygone years, and to rejoice in the glorious fruition of their eventful lives.*

*Mayor Henry D. Lindsley gave them chief credit for Dallas' greatness in his welcome address. ... "Uncle Buck" Hughes, veteran Methodist minister, said a word of tearful memory to those who have gone on to a great pioneers' reunion since the last meeting of the society. ...*

*... Grandchildren and greatgrandchildren gathered about their beloved old people, supporting them in their infirmity, listening proudly to the tales of "I knew them in Dallas when", and wearing proudly the honor of being descended from such a noble ancestry of deeds and glory. ...*

*... The same old-timer told about how Scyene was named by an old settler who thought he was naming it for the River Seine in France. "There isn't another town or river in the United States called 'Scyene' except the community where I live", said Mr. Glover. [This was George W. Glover, first white male born in Dallas County in 1846.]*

Committees included: General Arrangements, Finance, Meats, Coffee and Refreshments, and Tables, Etc. Remember, these early meetings were picnics in the park.

Officers that year, besides President Knight, were John T. Jones, vice-president; Rev. W.H. Hughes, chaplain; W.C. McKamy, secretary; Ada



Rawlins, assistant secretary; H.H. Smith, historian; and E.A. Gracey, treasurer. The Executive Committee included J.H. Ellis, John T. Jones, S.E. Moss, J.M. Cochran, John T. Witt, June Peak, John H. Gaston, H.B. Johnston, and Lee H. Hughes.

A copy of the program for the 1923 meeting, held again at Oak Lawn Park on September 14, is in the files of the Dallas Historical Society (we have no newspaper write-up). The morning session included Musical Selections, The Reading of the Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting (we don't know when that was), a Review of the Past Year's Events; and the Annual Address, by C.A. Leddy. The afternoon session included Reminiscent Talks by Pioneers, Memorial Exercises Following the Reading of the List of Pioneers Who Have Died Since the Last Annual Meeting, and Election of Officers for the Ensuing Year. (This is just some of the things on the program.) It also directed: "Register your name and address with the Secretary with the year you came to Dallas County".

It is known that the DCPA met in 1924 because of a Program found by Frances James in 1995. The two poems in that portion of the Program were reprinted in our Spring 1994 newsletter.

Headlines on a story in the Times-Herald on September 17, 1925: *John Neely Bryan in City for Annual Session at Oak Lawn. John H. Cochran of Sweetwater, formerly of Dallas, who is now engaged in the writing of a history of Dallas County to supplement John Henry Brown's history, will be one of the speakers at the meeting of the Dallas County Pioneer Association at Oak Lawn Park Thursday. The fiftieth anniversary of the Association will be observed at this meeting, Epps G. Knight, president, said.*

*John Neely Bryan, first white child born in the City of Dallas, arrived Wednesday and will be in attendance upon the one-day meeting. . . (Times-Herald) This, of course, was Junior, and The Dallas Morning News got it right in the next day's account of the reunion. It began: Bent with the years during which they had seen Dallas grow from a village into a metropolitan city, several hundred men and women. . . Memorials for thirty-seven members who had died in the past year were*

*held with quavering and age-weakened voices joining in the singing of old hymns and in the paying of personal tributes to men and women who had a hand in shaping the destinies of a section which from small beginnings had grown great within the memory of those yet living. Many different towns outside the County were mentioned; the settlers had resettled.*

It was at this meeting that John Neely Bryan, Jr., presented to the Association a picture of his mother and father. This is the picture familiar to all of us, as it has been reproduced over and over through the years. (It was Earl O. Cullum who called attention to the fact that at some point the negative was reversed and Mrs. Bryan's wedding ring is on her right hand.) This write-up also mentioned that Capt. W.H. Gaston sent to the gathering a large basket of flowers, following his custom in previous years, the first time it has been acknowledged.

On the program was: Announcement of Organization of "Half Century Club". Quoting John Cochran's Dallas County: A Half Century Club, composed of those who had lived in Dallas County, Texas, for fifty years was established Thursday, September 24, 1925, by the Times Herald, and was organized by electing Epps G. Knight its first President, Mrs. Phillip Lindsley its first Vice President, and Col. S.E. Moss its first Secretary. More than five hundred names were listed by Cochran as people who responded to the invitation to become members.

S.E. Moss became treasurer of the DCPA this year, 1925, with Henry H. Smith, historian, and Rev. W. A. Edwards, chaplain. Charles S. Swindells, James Smith, Mrs. W.B. Taylor, and June Peak were added to the Executive Committee.

The Dallas Morning News continued to give the Association good coverage. The September 23, 1926, story called the meeting held the day before at Oak Lawn Park *the annual joint meeting of the Dallas County Pioneer Association and the Half Century Club. Congressman Hatton W. Sumners delivered an extemporaneous eulogy on the virtues and characteristics of the pioneers of this section. The picture of John Neely and Margaret Beeman Bryan was presented to the City of Dallas by Cullen F. Thomas on behalf of the Association.*

Thomas, who was the principal speaker, said in his address: *These pathfinders came with ax [sic] and rifle and spelling book and open Bible. They brought with them law and religion. ... They sowed the seeds of Anglo-Saxon civilization. ... We see them in peace and war as they struggled and sacrificed to add the Texas star to the American flag.*

Rev. Oliver S. Thomas became chaplain in 1927, with W.B. Taylor and Frank M. Cockrell on the Executive Committee.

The Program for the 1928 meeting on September 20 stayed with the usual business of the organization for the morning session. With the exception of the election of officers, the afternoon session was much more relaxed, with musical selections, "Reminiscent Talks by Pioneers", and the following: *Contests between Pioneers present including, the oldest man born in the County, the oldest woman born in the County; the oldest woman wearing bobbed hair; the oldest woman wearing unbobbed hair; the oldest woman who carded, spun and wove cloth for clothing; the oldest woman who cooked the family meals in the fireplace before stoves came into use; the oldest woman who made tallow candles for lighting the home; the oldest man who now furnishes his family meat from the smokehouse instead of from the store.*

Programs through the 1920s of which we have copies each had an excerpt from the "Ode to Texas" by Henry van Dyke (see Appendix). Van Dyke was a clergyman, educator, writer, and U.S. minister to The Netherlands and Luxembourg, but he is best remembered for his little book The Story of the Other Wise Man. Among his writings are many poems; that he should write an ode to Texas seems a singular honor. He died in 1933.

Epps G. Knight revealed another talent at the September 22, 1932, meeting, again held at Oak Lawn Park: he gave a vocal solo, "Life's Railway to Heaven", at the morning session. This program printed the following historical note: *Of the original members of the Dallas County Pioneers Association who signed up at its organization, July 13, 1875, only two, so far as known, are yet living: Mr. Joseph L. Cole of Oak Cliff and Mrs. Eliza Jones of Buffalo Gap.*

This program also printed *Items of Interest to Dallas in 1874, Fifty-eight Years Ago* (a year before the formation of the DCPA). This was compiled by Charles S. Swindells from the files of the Dallas Herald which were currently being republished daily in the Dallas Morning News. This is a wonderful recital of memorabilia from mid-March to late July, 1874.

The 1933 meeting was held again at Oak Lawn Park, on September 21, the joint annual meeting of the Dallas County Pioneer Association and the Times Herald Half Century Club. The principal speaker was Professor Herbert P. Gambrell of S.M.U. (some of us went to school to him). Dr. Gambrell became the first director of the Dallas Historical Society.

Knight was still president; C. B. Gillespie, vice-president; Wm. C. McKamy, secretary; Mrs. W.H. Lamar, assistant secretary; S. E. Moss, treasurer; Chas. S. Swindells, historian, Rev. O.S. Thomas, chaplain; and the Executive Committee was composed of Knight, Lee H. Hughes, Swindells, Capt. June Peak, Eph. Wilmut, and Frank M. Cockrell.

On the Program was "Reminiscent Talks by Pioneers, any who will talk". Also, the Program acknowledged the help of *Brook Mays & Co. for piano furnished, and the Dallas Clearing House Association, Edward J. Kiest, Tutche-Goettinger Co., A. Harris & Co., E.M. Kahn & Co., Neiman-Marcus Co., Armstrong Packing Co., and Smith Ice Cream Co., for contributions . . . the first published acknowledgement of help of this kind of which we have a record.*

This Program emphasized the qualities and examples set for us by our forebears with the following: *A Name. The good names handed down by our Pioneers to their children, and how they should be honored and revered, is beautifully expressed by Edgar A. Guest in the following touching poem, entitled "Your Name". The last verse:*

*It is yours to wear forever, Yours to wear while you live;  
Yours, perhaps, some distant morning to another boy to give;  
And you'll smile, as did your father smile, above the baby there,  
If a clean name and a good name you are giving him to wear.*



In 1943 Murrell L. Buckner became president, with E. Gordon Knight, son of Epps G. Knight, vice-president; Tom McCamy, secretary; and Bishop H. A. Boaz, chaplain. (Bishop Boaz' father had come to Tarrant County in 1873.) This meeting was also held at Oak Lawn Park.

On September 28, 1947, when the gathering was held at "Lee" Park—same location, new name for Oak Lawn Park—times had changed. Instead of "America" and "Nearer My God to Thee", strains of "Dixie" and "When You and I Were Young, Maggie" rang out at this seventy-second [sic] reunion. Even World War II was past history. District Attorney Will Wilson made the principal address. Other public figures were Mayor Jimmie Temple and Rep. J. Frank Wilson.

About three hundred persons met for the reunion at Lee Park in September 1948. The newspaper write-ups, both Times Herald and Dallas News, stressed the agility of the old-timers, with pictures of the eightysomethings on the park slides. Buckner was president and the paper said officers would be elected for the coming year, but no names were given. Addresses were made by Tom L. McCullough (we assume this was the judge) and Bishop Boaz.

On September 21, 1950, at Lee Park, Col. Alvin M. Owsley and Henry Wade (we assume this was the district attorney) made the principal addresses. We have no newspaper accounts; only a copy of the Program. Buckner was still president; E. Gordon Knight, vice-president; Tom McKamy, secretary; and Bishop Boaz, chaplain.

In 1951 controversy over the maintenance of the long-neglected burial grounds of many early settlers took the spotlight at this seventy-sixth [sic] reunion on September 20 at Lee Park. The James Butler Bonham Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas was campaigning to get the City to take over and maintain the old cemeteries. Their representative at this meeting asked the Pioneers to pass a resolution urging city officials to *cast aside technical obstructions and join in this program for its historical importance* (Dallas News). This the Pioneers readily did. They reelected the incumbent officers (the paper said that they had been in office for ten years.)

At the seventy-seventh [sic] reunion on September 17, 1952, about 500 gathered. J.B. Adoue, Jr., welcomed the group and the main addresses were given by Frank M. Ryburn and former Texas Attorney General William McCraw. Mrs. Epps G. Knight, who was seventy-six years old, was among those attending. The singsong was led by the Frank Stamps Quartet — remember the Stamps Quartet? A line in the write-up by the Times Herald was prophetic: *Noticeably absent was any discussion of the future.* The Herald's last word on the meeting, the last meeting of the originals, was: *The talking was to go on all day, until after election of new officers and sundown, when the pioneers, fired with the zest of remembering common happenings long ago — would disband and become again several hundred "old men and women" — with memories.*

At this 1952 meeting R. J. Matthews, born in 1859, recalled Sherman's March Through Georgia during the Civil War. A.V. Hester, born in 1860, recalled when he drove cattle down Commerce Street in Dallas. Mrs. H.H. Jacoby was born in 1868 in a log cabin on the Red River, and Mrs. Annie Glover Sims was born in Dallas in 1883.

And so begins the blackout. What happened? There should be someone still around who can tell us — many of us were around then, definitely mature and raising our families. There were 500 persons at the meeting in 1952; the membership of the organization was estimated at 700; the current officers were reelected, indicating the intent to meet again; yet, this meeting was the last of which we have any record until reorganization in 1979.

Bill Jacoby, one of our ablest presidents of the reorganized DCPA, and the keeper of a marvelous scrapbook on the Association, believes there were several causes for the demise of the early organization shortly after 1952. In his words:

"Since the organization was founded on July 13, 1875, on July 13, 1952, it would have been seventy-seven years old. Since the purpose was to honor the PIONEERS, by this time there probably were not many, if any, PIONEERS alive. The frontier was not conducive to longevity. Second, many organizations tend to disintegrate with age;

this may have been part of the disappearance. The third and most compelling reason, I believe, was financial. There does not appear any effort to solicit funds in their history; their programs all acknowledged food and drinks were furnished by Dallas' department stores and the Dallas Clearing House (the banks). During the forties and fifties, the department stores began to change. At first they leased departments, then they merged or were purchased by large chains; what had been a wholly-owned Dallas industry, like today's banks, is foreign to Dallas ownership, and the PIONEERS were not part of their budgets, so they cut off the funding of the picnics."

The account of the 1951 meeting in the Dallas Morning News stated: *Cost of the food and other arrangements are paid by the Dallas Clearing House Association, The Dallas Morning News, The Daily Times-Herald, and various Dallas merchants.* This statement in some part confirms Bill Jacoby's opinion that the withdrawal of financial support by city organizations led to its demise.

What we know about our earliest members we have read in the newspapers, literally; the newspapers and two early histories, and the research and writings of such as A. C. Greene, Michael Hazel, Jackie McElhaney, Darwin Payne, Margaret Ann Thetford, Vivian Castleberry, Rose-Mary Rumbley, and others. Present-day descendants give us a different story because we were there. Since 1979 we have copies of every newsletter, the Minutes of many general meetings and Board meetings, our own newspaper clippings, and first-hand accounts. We can place a call on an answering machine and ask a participant for his version.

This part of the history we have made and recorded.

## **REORGANIZED DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION 1979-1995**

*September 6, 1979*

*Fellow Members and Friends:*

*Rip Van Winkle slept for twenty years before awakening as an old man to face a new and confusing world. Not to be outdone by any damn Yankee, the Dallas County Pioneer Association slumbered for almost fifty [sic] years before arising on April 5, 1979. Unlike poor Rip, its hibernation was invigorating and it awoke with the vitality and enthusiasm of a youngster.*

*The descendants and heirs of its founders met it as an old friend, with open arms. To date, some 125 of them have become members. It is not unreasonable to expect this number to grow rapidly, for the present generation, perhaps more than any other in modern times, has an awareness of, and appreciation for, the sacrifices, hardships, and perils, met by those that carved a great community out of the wild prairie. We are no cult of ancestor-worshippers, but we do acknowledge our debt to them and repay it in the only coin available: we remember, and encourage others to do likewise. We do this not only for them, but for our posterity, hoping that by preserving our history we may engender those endangered virtues, pride and patriotism.*

These stirring words were written by John R. Nelms in the program for the second meeting of the reorganized Dallas County Pioneer Association. Attorney Nelms knew of the previous DCPA and had taken steps to see it reborn. He contacted Ann Hunt, who wrote about the concept in her column "Family Tree" in The Dallas Morning News, and he put ads in the personal columns of both Dallas newspapers. Nearly 100 people responded with interest. Dedicated to preserving the history of Dallas County and its people, the new organization was open to anyone interested in these goals, not only descendants of the pioneers.

Quarterly meeting dates were scheduled for the first Thursday in March, June, September, and December, a Constitution and By-laws were adopted, and the following officers were elected:

John R. Nelms, president  
Frances Mossiker, vice-president  
Mae E. Riek, secretary  
Lloyd Miller, treasurer  
Earl O. Cullum, historian

Persons who joined the Association prior to June 1, 1979, would be considered charter members. Membership dues were set, and they have never changed. We pay the same dues today as we did in 1979. Of what other organization can you say that, after sixteen years?

The first regular meeting was held on June 7, 1979, at the Lucas B&B Cafe, at which a membership of 105 was announced! (Pretty good job of getting out the word over a three-months' period.) Lonny Taylor, curator of the Dallas Historical Society, was the speaker, and County Judge Garry Weber became the first honorary member.

This was an enthusiastic, ambitious group: the first "project" of the new DCPA came early, in 1979-80: the John Neely Bryan Essay Contest, open to high school students throughout Dallas County. Entrants were to write a patriotic essay with money awards to the winners. The Contest went well and first prize was awarded to Paula Sinatra, with Mary Sistrunk runner-up, both students of Bishop Dunne High School in Dallas. This was planned as a continuing, annual affair, but it quickly became obvious that our struggling little group could not afford \$1,000 each year in prize money, and the idea was shelved.

The original officers were reelected for a second term, to serve from December 1979 to December 1980. The first Association Roster was prepared this year, with 132 members, three honoraries, and the Dallas Historical Society as a corporate member. In December 1980 newly-elected officers were Dr. William D. Baird, president; Lloyd Miller, vice-president; Coye Hawpe, secretary; C.M. "Doc" Miller, treasurer; and Georgia Ogle, historian. Lloyd Miller became president in

December 1981 and other officers were Gus Letot, Coye Hawpe, Doc Miller, Lucile Boykin and Kippy Jagoe.

Problems with a meeting place developed in 1982: just as we started to meet at J's Cafeteria the place closed and a survey of cafeterias produced none that could accommodate us regularly. Secretary Coye Hawpe said in her newsletter: *This would surely be a minor thing to those ancestors of ours ... they would have just stopped the wagon and spread the meal on the ground. We went back to B&B for the March meeting, then to Wyatt's Cafeteria on Abrams in September. No meeting was held in December.*

Only thirteen were present at the March 1983 meeting. In a letter to the membership the officers stated that the Association was ... *nearly extinct. ... This could be a fine organization if our membership would apply their shoulders and give a push to the wagon. We know all of you are busy; so are we. ... We are the progeny of those men and women who came here and made Dallas County. ... If the attitudes of those men and women had been what ours have become today that wilderness at the forks of the Trinity would most likely have remained a wilderness!* An emergency meeting was called for April 7.

Earl O. Cullum responded with a letter to President Miller: *I declined office in the Association because I felt others with more time would do better, but it seems I was wrong. So, I will take any office or assignment you give me.* He also made suggestions for some procedures: a newsletter at least a week ahead of each scheduled meeting; a back-up program for each meeting; a private meeting room ... *even if it is in an empty barn; ... an up-to-date Roster (there had not been one since 1980); and, Not-too-nice leadership for our little club. Tell the so-and-so to 'do it' instead of asking. We have been told that Earl took "the steps needed to survive". These were those steps.*

At the called meeting on April 7 (with thirty-four present) the following officers were elected: Earl O. Cullum, president; George Hawpe, vice-president; Coye Hawpe, secretary; Walter Bowen, treasurer; and William F. Jacoby, Jr., historian. In August President Cullum reported to the membership "We have over one hundred 'renewed' members,



and are in good shape financially. ..." The Roster compiled in December showed 132 members.

Bill Jacoby was elected president in March 1984 and he was to serve for nearly three years. Serving with him were B. Porter Cochran, vice-president; Sandy Neal, secretary; George A. Hawpe, treasurer; and Nancy Lennon [McRae], historian. In April of that year the DCPA was asked to participate in a meeting of "Phase III" of the Goals for Dallas organization. Twelve of our members, including our president, attended. This was the year when we found a home, an address that would not change with each new administration: we got a post office box number. We also got a spot in the Dallas Public Library's "List of Civic Organizations".

The whole slate of officers for 1984 was reelected in December for 1985. A very special Executive Committee meeting was held on February 10, which was attended by all of the officers, plus Earl O. Cullum and Emily and Russell Surles. President Jacoby proposed the publication of a book by the Association, to compile information on the early families of Dallas County, to be published in 1986 as our part in the celebration of the Sesquicentennial of Texas Independence from Mexico. The Surles accepted the appointment as chairmen of the Publications Committee. Thus, the conception of Proud Heritage: Pioneer Families of Dallas County, under the following committee: Edna Hart, Irma Janicek, Sara McGee, Florence Schulz, June Shipley, Coye Hawpe, Nona Williams, Lucile Boykin, Bette H. DuPriest, Marcelle Hull, and Marjori Sharp. September 5 was set as the deadline for articles to be received by the book committee.

The Surles sent a letter to members: *As its project for the Sesquicentennial Celebration of Texas Independence, the Dallas County Pioneer Association is planning to publish a book on the pioneer families represented in our organization. They asked for articles of 700 words or less and many pictures.*

A "SPECIAL BULLETIN" (undated) sometime after the September meeting noted that that meeting was the largest crowd we had ever had—we overflowed into a second room; however, it didn't say how

many that was. It also stated that about 160 articles had been received for the book and that the goal was for 200. The Dallas Times Herald gave us a good bit of publicity on October 2 with a story about the book titled "Pioneer Pedigree Distinguishes Members of Select Group". Our newsletter before the December meeting said that over 200 articles and over 100 photographs had been received.

Officers for December 1985 to December 1986 were Bill Jacoby, president; Edna Hart, vice-president; Mary Cullum, secretary; George Hawpe, treasurer; and Mae B. Riek, historian. Appointments made by the president were: Publications Committee, Emily and Russell Surles; By-Laws Revision, Marcelle Hull; and, Pioneer Cemetery Committee: Chairman Clytes Cullar; Coye Hawpe, and Elizabeth and Jack Hittson (this Committee in conjunction with the Dallas County Historical Commission). In August we had a picnic at Winfrey Point on White Rock Lake; not a meeting, just a plain old get-together social. This was also the year when our Executive Committee adopted a resolution expressing our concern about the renaming of streets and the preservation of historically significant resources, to be sent to city councils, the County, and to other historical organizations.

A number of changes to the By-Laws were approved by the membership at the December 1986 meeting and a new slate of officers was elected and installed: Edna Hart, president; Sara McGee, vice-president; Mary Cullum, secretary; John Winniford, treasurer; and Marcelle Hull, historian. Proud Heritage made its debut at this meeting, just in time for Christmas giving.

The new officers were installed at the March 1987 meeting and the Roll of Honor was established. Persons to be placed on the Honor Roll, one from the original and one from the current organization, may be selected by a committee made up of Honor Roll members active in the Association. These nominees are then approved by the membership and installed at the December meeting, with a relative/friend/admirer "stand-in" for the early nominee. Roll of Honor members are:

ORIGINAL	CURRENT
John H. McCoy	John R. Nelms
Nancy Jane Cochran	William F. Jacoby, Jr.
Epps G. Knight	Coye and George Hawpe

ORIGINAL (cont.)

John Henry Brown  
William C. McKamy  
Charles B. Gillespie  
William H. Hord  
Amon McCommas  
Isaac Webb  
William H. Hughes

CURRENT (cont.)

Mary and Earl Cullum  
Emily and Russell Surles  
Marcelle Hull  
John C. Winniford  
Lucile A. Boykin  
Edna Jackson Hart  
Mattie L. Hughes

New officers were elected and installed in December 1988. They were Sara McGee, president; Dennis DuPriest, vice-president; Mary Cullum, secretary; John Winniford, treasurer; and Marcelle Hull and Lucile Boykin, historians. The December newsletter from Secretary Mary Cullum had a list of twenty-three "Fugitives from Justice: Wanted by Texas Sheriffs in 1891". Many surnames are still on our Roster today.

Two afternoon meetings were held in 1989, one in April and one in July, in an effort to maybe get out some members who ordinarily don't drive at night. The incumbent officers were reelected and installed in December 1989, with the following exceptions: Mattie L. Hughes replaced Dennis DuPriest as vice-president, and Marcelle Hull took over as the sole historian.

Mattie Hughes became president in December 1990. Other officers were Edwina Dyes, vice-president; Nona Williams, secretary; John Winniford, treasurer; and Frances James, historian. Work was begun on Proud Heritage, II, under the chairmanship of Earl O. Cullum and the following committee: Irma Janicek, Edna Hart, Nona Williams, June Shipley, and Mattie Hughes. Members voted to include articles on "Activities" in Dallas County prior to 1920 and by December forty entries for the book had already been received.

Dallas celebrated its sesquicentennial as a city in 1991. In December the current officers were reelected and installed, with Nancy McRae replacing Edwina Dyes as vice-president. Deadline for entries for Volume II, was set for December.

Our Old Red Courthouse was one hundred years old in 1992. At the June meeting Book Chairman Earl O. Cullum announced that any

articles for Volume II submitted henceforth would be subject to space available (enough had been received to start printing procedures). In June Earl resigned as chairman of the Publications Committee because of illness in his family, and Irma Janicek assumed the chairmanship. Officers installed in December 1992 were: Frances James, president; Nancy McRae, vice-president; Nona Williams, secretary; Marjori Sharp, newsletter editor (new office); John Winniford, treasurer; and Edna Hart, historian.

In early 1993 members of the DCPA made an inventory of the gravestones in Pioneer Cemetery, near the Dallas Convention Center. Proud Heritage, Volume II came to us from the printers in time for Christmas. The current officers of the organization agreed to serve another term and were reelected and installed at the December 1993 meeting.

At the September 1994 meeting the membership voted to make changes in the By-Laws of the organization. Two members of the DCPA received awards from the Dallas County Historical Commission at their Awards Luncheon in October: Frances James for her contributions to the placement of historical markers throughout the County, and Clare Weakley for all he has contributed to restoring the Pioneer and Memorial Cemetery in Garland. Also, Bill Jacoby accepted an award on behalf of the DCPA, a "Certificate of Commendation" for "Outstanding Accomplishments and Contributions to the Preservation of Our Texas Heritage". Officers elected and installed at the December 1994 meeting, were: Frances James, president; Nancy McRae, vice-president; Rhonda Morris, secretary; John Winniford, treasurer; Helen Swint, historian; and Marjori Sharp, newsletter editor.

So here we are in 1995, one hundred and twenty years after the beginnings of the Dallas County Pioneer Association, going strong with an enthusiastic, vital, growing organization of descendants of those trailblazers as well as other vibrant boosters of Dallas County, Texas. Some two hundred and twenty-three members are scattered from coast to coast and as far north as Washington, D.C., Connecticut and New York. As Robert James Waller (author of The Bridges of Madison County) said of his moving to Alpine: "Texas has such a sense of its

heritage and loves its heritage and tries to preserve it. I always felt I wanted to be part of a place that feels that way. Iowa was not like that." (Texas Monthly, April 1995).

Mary Sutherland, on her application for membership, said, "We shall continue what our ancestors came to Dallas County for. Our heritage is most important." We revel in the reliving of the history of our forebears, and take an active part in preserving history on our own with such projects as restoring our cemeteries and our historical buildings and continuing the debate on how best to use our river that began it all.

### GLEANINGS FROM OUR ARCHIVES

#### The Trinity River

And "a river runs through it"—through the story of Dallas from its beginnings to today. John Neely Bryan looked for a spot to start a city which he hoped would become a steamboat city; therefore, his choice of the eighteen-foot bluff over the Trinity River, which he hoped would be the head of navigation. He was correct in that his bluff would be the head of navigation, as the only three steamboats to make it from the Gulf of Mexico anchored right at his bluff, which now is Dealey Plaza. As Michael V. Hazel says: ... *the Trinity inspired the persistent hopes of city leaders for 140 years* [for a navigable river]. (A History Journal for Dallas and North Central Texas) Lost members of Hernando de Soto's expedition wandered across it in the 1500s; French traders camped at the site in the 1700s; and evidence of Indian camps have been plentiful; but no one stayed until Bryan. Incidentally, it wasn't named "Trinity" because of its three forks; it took a while to discover that. It was named La Santisima Trinidad—The Most Holy Trinity—by Alonso de Leon in 1690. He crossed the River some 200 miles below the three forks, so he never knew that the religious name he gave it coincided with the three-branched river.

A poem by May Guilliot Potter read at the 1892 meeting of the Pioneers contained the following verse:

*With hopes brighter still,  
For boat whistles shrill  
Will re-echo her green shores along*

*And factories grim  
Will rise on the rim  
Of the river, with hum and with song.*

A.C. Greene, in Dallas: The Deciding Years, says of Mabel Gilbert's boating his family down the West Fork from Bird's Fort to Bryan's bluff: *It was the first instance, and almost the last, of putting the upper river to gainful travel.* John C. McCoy (first president of the DCPA) landed in Houston, expecting a boat to take him up the Trinity to Dallas. (A lawyer, he came as a field representative for the Peters Colony). He wryly recalled: *I navigated the Trinity on foot.*

W.S. Peters, promoting his early colony, advertised Dallas as an "inland port". As early as 1849 a Trinity Improvement Convention was held at Huntsville, with Bryan present. In 1852 Dallas merchant John W. Smith built flatboat "Dallas", loaded it with twenty bales of cotton, and sailed south on the Trinity. Four months later the boat was forty miles away, where the cotton was transferred to wagons for the remainder of the trip. In 1868 "Job Boat Number 1" came upriver from Galveston to Dallas, clearing snags along the way and taking a year for the trip. (The boat sank on a return trip to Galveston. Clearing the snags from the river was a never ending and seemingly impossible job.) In 1893 the snagboat "Dallas" was built and made a trip down the river, returning with a load of cordwood. Thus, two round-trips between Dallas and the Gulf were completed, twenty-five years apart.

Various organizations were formed through the years: the Trinity River Navigation Company in 1871, the Trinity River Navigation and Improvement Company in 1890, and the Trinity River Canal Association in 1930, later called the Trinity Improvement Association. Congress and Dallas citizens provided funds for surveys, dams, and locks, including a WPA grant in 1934 and a \$400,000 federal study in 1939. Now, more than fifty years later, Dallas is a hub for air, rail, and highway traffic and water sometimes flows down the Trinity River. Through the ages it has been sometimes merely damp and sometimes flooding.



In 1986 a Texas Historical Marker commemorating attempts to make the River navigable was dedicated at McCommas Bluff in the Dallas County Trinity River Open Space Preserve with a duplicate at Reunion Park. From the Bluff you can see the remnants of locks built in the early 1900s in hopes of turning the River into a navigable riverway.

We are still trying to use our river: as recently as March 1995 President Frances James reported: *TRINITY RIVER PLANS: The series of meetings that have been ongoing since last August came to a conclusion for Phase One. Many interested citizens of Dallas have participated for months to decide what could or should be done with this great asset for Dallas.* In July 1995 Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk spoke in Washington about the need for Congress to help with these plans to build stronger levees to prevent disastrous flooding and the development of a system of parks to provide recreation. Louisiana did it with the Red River just this year: ceremonies held on May 5 marked the opening of the Red's waterway from the Gulf to Shreveport. The project began in 1968, but early in the nineteenth century Capt. Henry Miller Shreve was one of the navigation project's earliest proponents, when he used his invention, the steam snagboat, to clear logjams in the River.

### The Birth of Dallas County

Some 37,000-plus years ago one of the first known "settlers" in Dallas left his bones in the Lagow Sand Pit, just past Fair Park towards White Rock Creek. Discovered in 1921 by Dr. Ellis W. Shuler, they have since become known as the Lagow Sand Pit Man in scientific circles. Lagow Man may be the oldest known human remains in the Americas.

In November 1837 a Lt. Van Benthuisen, with twenty men, were attacked by Indians in what would become Wise County. Nine were killed, several wounded, and their horses lost. On foot they made their way some 100 miles to a creek they called "Turtle" where it joined the Trinity River, and on to a bluff that would become "Dallas". They rested a few days then continued on to LaGrange.

In 1840 Col. William G. Cooke and his party laid out a road from Austin to the Red River, which later was a "National Highway". It crossed the Trinity at what would become "Dallas".

John Neely Bryan came in November 1841, in buckskins and with a flintlock rifle. He staked his claim on a bluff overlooking the Trinity, then returned to Tennessee to finish up his affairs there. About this time the government of the Republic of Texas issued a land grant for a colony named "Peters" in north Texas.

Bryan came again in 1842, this time to stay and trade with the Caddo Indians. But the Texas army was driving the Indians north, so with no one with whom to trade, he stayed to create a town. He could not do it alone; he needed people. He visited Bird's Fort to the west and invited Mabel Gilbert to come. Capt. Gilbert brought his family down the Trinity, and his wife, Charity, was the first white woman in the County. John Beeman also came and settled his family nearby. Others came and settled to the north, on a branch of the Trinity called "Mustang". Mustang Branch today is Farmers Branch.

Beeman's seventeen-year-old daughter, Margaret, caught Bryan's eye and after a short courtship they were "bonded" and eventually went to Fort English and were married. Bryan built her a new cabin, of essentially the same style and vintage as the one presently displayed at our Courthouse Square which we call the John Neely Bryan Cabin.

In 1843 two came from Arkansas (not together) and settled at Cedar Springs, several miles north of Dallas: Dr. John Cole and Joseph Dallas. William M. Cochran and his wife Nancy Jane Hughes also came in 1843, settling farther north at what would become Farmers Branch.

Bryan received authorization to establish a post office in 1844 and he named it "Dallas," possibly for his friend, Joseph Dallas. This was also the year when the first sermon in the county was preached by a passing Methodist minister.

J.P. Dumas laid out the Dallas town site eight blocks square. It was bounded by Water Street (later the Triple Underpass site) on the west, Poydras on the east, Columbia (later Young Street) on the south, and Carondalet (later Ross Avenue) on the north.

William H. Hord arrived in 1845 and settled west of the Trinity River and John C. McCoy, Dallas' first practicing lawyer, came from Louisville.

The new Texas State Legislature created Dallas County on March 30, 1846, and Bryan donated a city block for the courthouse square, on which a 10x10-foot log courthouse was built. The Dallas tax rate was set at 5¢ per \$100 valuation. Bryan and William Baker operated "Bryan's Ferry" on the Trinity, built of cottonwood logs and using buffalo-hair rope.

The U.S. declared war on Mexico in 1846 and in 1847 a company was formed at Dallas for military service, to be a part of the "Second Texas Rangers".

In 1850 the U.S. Census, the first to include Texas, listed 2,743 persons in Dallas County, with 430 in the town of Dallas. Residents voted to keep Dallas as the county seat, despite efforts by Cedar Springs and Hord's Ridge (now Oak Cliff) to change it.

(These notes are primarily from John Henry Brown's History of Dallas County, condensed by Earl O. Cullum. This hardback book cost 25¢ when it was published in 1887).

### The Mexican War and Dallas County, 1846-1848

Less than a year after Texas became the twenty-eighth state in the Union the United States went to war with Mexico. Yes, that almost-ignored-by-history war was between the U.S. and Mexico, not Texas and Mexico. Of the 8,000 men called for from Texas, more than 200 volunteered from Dallas County. Steven R. Butler, author of Dallas County, Texas and the Mexican War, lists the following men, all members of the original DCPA, who were part of the two companies formed in the County:

Preston Witt, who came to Peters Colony in 1843, was named captain of Company K, First Texas Mounted Volunteers. This unit saw extensive combat in Mexico and was one of the first to be armed with the famous "Colt Walker" revolvers. Witt was a member of the "Minute-Man

group of pioneers who had pledged themselves to come to the aid of each other in the event of an Indian attack, and he had seen violent action in that area.

John McCommas came with his father Amon McCommas in 1844, and he served in Witt's Company. Amon McCommas was elected chaplain at the very first meeting of the DCPA in 1875.

Brothers Samuel and Peter Haught were privates in Witt's Company. Both served in the Confederate Army from Texas, but had left Texas by 1887. Samuel moved to Arizona and Peter to Oklahoma Territory.

John J. Eakins, who was elected a vice-president of the DCPA in 1886, was a captain of Kentucky volunteers.

Alexander A. Thomas; John H. Daniel, a constable of Dallas County in 1850-1852 and again in 1853-1856; and Oliver S. Thomas, who became chaplain of the DCPA in 1927, all were members of Witt's Company K.

### La Reunion

John McCoy wasn't the only person to "navigate the Trinity on foot". Along the West Fork of the River, three miles west of the village of Dallas, the community of La Reunion had its birth in 1855, and these settlers, too, had intended to navigate the River from Houston. From The WPA Dallas Guide and History: *On June 16, 1855, the youthful settlement on the Trinity declared a holiday and turned out en masse to greet the expected but nonetheless strange little band of folk. They entered Dallas in foreign garb, the clatter of their wooden sabots on the boardwalks followed by slowly moving ox-carts laden with implements and household goods. It was journey's end after 26 days of travel overland from Houston for 200 weary men, women, and children who had come to America from Belgium, France, and Switzerland, actuated by a vision of utopia. Elation of the villagers and the immigrants was mutual.*

This village named La Reunion lasted only about three years. Over three hundred immigrants came during that time, to find the frontier too harsh: most of them were intellectuals and artisans, rather than

hardscrabble farmers. *La Reunion, a utopian community dedicated to political and social ideals, died at birth. Dallas, the nearby frontier materialistic village, with not one tenth the artistry, the education, or the skills and talents of La Reunion, never faltered. The remnants of La Reunion moved to Dallas so their talents and their souls— and their bodies — could survive.* (A.C. Greene, Dallas: The Deciding Years.) Many went back to Europe; others to Irving and to Dallas. "The Wilson Block" on Swiss Avenue was part of the tract bought by Henry Boll when he moved from La Reunion and a neighbor was another La Reunion member, Christophre Frichot, whose daughter, Henrietta, married Frederick Wilson. All of the houses on the block except that of Henrietta and Frederick were built as rental units to insure their having suitable neighbors. The Meadows Foundation restored the "Block" and all of the houses today are headquarters for non-profit agencies.

Eloise Santerre's father, George Santerre, wrote The White Cliffs of Dallas, the Story of La Reunion. For her Master's degree, Eloise translated Shipwreck in Texas and wrote a history of the colony. Both accounts contain biographical sketches of the colonists, and they can be found in the Texas/Dallas History section in the downtown library.

... if you knew where to look you could still go and stand beside the grave of one of the old guards of Napoleon I lying under a Texas sky. (John William Rogers, The Lusty Texans of Dallas). Rogers said that there were only five births in La Reunion, but many deaths, and the old gravestones are crumbling and disappearing.

### Military Titles

The use of military titles by early members of the DCPA is both interesting and questionable. The Association was formed ten years after the Civil War ended and seventeen years after the Mexican War, and four of the five presidents plus several other officers of this original organization used military titles. We do know that historian John Henry Brown was a Confederate colonel, but he preferred the title "Major"; Edward C. Browder, June Peak, and William G. Veal were Confederate captains; "General" John J. Good was a Confederate colonel; Preston Witt and John J. Eakins were captains in the Mexican War; Mabel Gilbert was a steamboat captain; "General" Martin L. Crane was Texas

Attorney General; and "Colonel" Thomas I. Smith was a Texas Ranger captain. One Dallas pioneer was a wartime captain, but as he got older he adopted the title "Colonel" as more befitting his age and importance. Some titles were handed out by the governor, and of course, some "self-appointed" titles were used.

Only one of the reorganized DCPA officers uses a military title, Colonel Earl O. Cullum. He earned it in an overseas theater of war. He later retired with thirty years of service.

### I Remember, I Remember...

Some of our current members have memories of the meetings of the early Pioneer Association.

From Mary Sutherland: "I remember, when I was a teenager, I drove my parents, Eva Crosby and Caleb W. Jackson, and my Dad's brother and his wife, Jefferson Davis and Dora Lain Jackson, to the DCPA annual September picnic meeting. Mother took apricot pies and Aunt Dora took apple pies. There was always plenty of home-cooked food; the barbecue was provided.

"It was an all-day picnic, with most interesting programs and visiting politicians. Epps Knight was president and W.C. McKamy was secretary. Quartets, soloists, violins, guitars, accordion music was enjoyed by all. During program breaks there were games: dominoes and forty-two; lots of visiting and sharing of friendships. Mr. Sanders, a member, told me that when I married I should let him know and he would give me a set of dominoes. His hobby was making dominoes out of the axle cylinder of wheels from the old interurbans. (Interurbans were a popular way for people to commute to downtown Dallas.)

I married in 1934, and yes, I received my set of dominoes in a beautiful box he carved. It is my pride and joy. Shannon, my granddaughter, has said that is one thing she would like to inherit. My family pioneer heritage is very important to me and always will be."

Mary has a ribbon and a pin denoting membership in the Half Century Club. The red ribbon with white lettering says: "1875 Dallas County



Pioneers 1936". The pin, approximately 1/2 inch square, is shaped like an open book; on the left-hand page is "The Half Century Club", and on the right page is "of Dallas Times Herald". Mary thinks that Linz Jewelers gave the pin.

From Earl O. Cullum: "The 1920s were wonderful years for a pre-teen boy growing up in Oak Lawn. That lovely area of comfortable homes had some traffic, but never enough to interfere with walking, biking, or just playing in the streets. And beautiful Oak Lawn Park was the centerpiece of it all.

"Each summer we saw the Old Pioneers gather near the Hall/Sale street intersection in the Park, for a day of eating, visiting, and telling favorite stories. People came from miles away, in all types of vehicles, but the Model T Ford stands in memory as the one most used by that generation.

"Many people walked from their homes to the Park, with baskets of food which would last all day. In my memory most of the food was fried chicken. Of course, that wasn't true; but fried chicken and watermelon were the favorites.

"There were no statues in the Park then, but to the young people statues were not needed: we admired the great people who were there. I can still recall my grandmother telling me that those old pioneers 'would all be gone someday.' One individual stands out in my memory as the greatest of them all: Epps G. Knight, affectionately called 'Colonel'. He was easily the dominant figure of both the mixing and the speech-making phases of those gatherings.

"Epps Knight would tell a story and at its climax he would roar with laughter that could be heard blocks away. He had a good word for everyone and his strong voice could be heard throughout the crowd; there were no loud-speaker facilities available then.

"And when it was time to eat, the noise died down and everyone ate with gusto. It seems we never ran out of food, and when the sun began to set, it was sad to see the friends saying good-bye. They shook hands

and hugged each other, and promised to come again the next year. And they did!"

### Writers

Other than two historians of Dallas County in the original organization, John Henry Brown and John H. Cochran (see Appendix), we don't know of any writers among the early group. In the present-day DCPA, however, among those we know are: Marjorie Beard, Growing Up on Preston Road: A Family Portrait 1844-1964; Col. Earl O. Cullum, Manhunt in Burma and Assam; A.C. Greene, all those wonderful books about Dallas; Marcelle Hull, articles in The Compass Rose; Mary Allene Jones, Sachse Remembered-1840-1940; Christine Kallstrom, La Reunion (a play); Graham Landrum, The Sensational Music Club Mystery (his last mystery novel); Georgia Myers Ogle, Elm Fork Settlements: Farmers Branch and Carrollton; Pat Randolph, several booklets on "writing your family history"; and of course, all contributors to Proud Heritage and Proud Heritage, Volume II.

### Speakers

Outstanding speakers for our programs since re-organization were:

1979 Lonny Taylor, Lucile Boykin, James Pratt.

1980 Carolyn Ericsson, Katherine Gilmore, Ray Walker.

1981 Ruth Chenoweth, Lief Sanderberg, Doc Miller, Mary Griffith.

1982 Elizabeth Enstam, Carol Evans, Jackie McElhaney.

1983 Georgia Ogle, Suzanne Starling.

1984 Judge Newton Fitzhugh, Yvonne Norfleet, Gerald Saxon, Carl Sorenson.

1985 Don Dorsey, Marcelle Hull, Frances James, Margaret Ann Thetford.

1986 Julya Kirkpatrick, Jim White.

1987 Dorothy Garland, James Pratt, Millicent McCoy, Ernestine Sewell.

1988 O'Byrne Cox, Lee Cullum, Diane Galloway.

1989 Bob Desmond, Michael Hazel, Cindy Smolovik, Lee Stetson.

1990 Rick Bibby, Gordon Blueler, Vivian Castleberry, Bill Murchison.

1991 Larry McCommas, Mamie McKnight, David Jurney, Mary Phinney.

1992 Rose Biderman, Paul Boller, John Marshall.

1993 Mike Kingston, Rose-Mary Rumbley, Roy Bode.

1994 Vertena Bush, David Jackson, Jackie McElhaney, Julia Morris.

1995 Joseph W. McKnight, Ron Harmon, Steven R. Butler.

## ET CETERA

- John Neely Bryan brought commerce to the town, operated a ferry across the Trinity River, and paved the way for Dallas to become the world's largest market for buffalo skins. He also ran the post office from his cabin; mail was brought in weekly from Fort English by mule. Before he came to Dallas he was a lawyer, merchant, and city developer, having previously helped develop Van Buren, Arkansas.
- John H. Cochran, author of Dallas County: A Record of Its Pioneers and Progress, 1928, was a charter member of the original DCPA. He also was the first Dallas postmaster, Assessor-Collector of Taxes, and twice Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.
- The first post office for Dallas consisted of a piece of canvas with twelve pockets into which the mail was sorted. A resident went through the pockets and took out his own mail. This relic can be seen in the Hall of State on the grounds of the State Fair of Texas in Dallas.
- May 5, 1845, in the log cabin home of Isaac B. Webb, the Webb Chapel United Methodist Church was founded, one of the earliest churches in Dallas County. It is presently located at 2536 Valley View Lane in Farmers Branch. Webb was the Farmers Branch postmaster in 1850 and first vice-president of the original DCPA.
- John C. McCoy, first president of the DCPA and Dallas' first practicing lawyer (John Neely Bryan was a lawyer, but never practiced here), was one of three Dallas residents (there were thirty-two qualified voters) who voted against Texas' joining the United States, according to The WPA Guide, compiled in the 1940s. The Guide states that the other two were Roderick Alex Rawlins and Alexander Harwood (two other DCPA originals).

The Memorial and Biographical History of Dallas County, in a review of the 1892 meeting in Garland, quotes Calaway H. Patrick: *I voted against annexation at a voting box where Oak Cliff now stands. I was a member of Colonel Tom Smith's company of rangers. ... I opposed it because I wanted the Republic to continue.* He went on to say that six

members of his outfit voted for and five voted against. Patrick settled in Leon County in 1841 and moved to Dallas County in 1846 and he and his wife were at the first meeting of the original DCPA. He was a Mexican War veteran and an Indian fighter.

- In 1857 McCoy was District Attorney and Edward C. Browder was District Clerk (both charter members and officers of the original DCPA). The Dallas Herald was the local weekly newspaper. The Texas Almanac listed eleven post offices in Dallas County: Dallas, Cedar Hill, Duck Creek, Havana, Farmers Branch, Lancaster, Locust Shade, Palace Hill, Scyene, Pleasant Run, and Prairie Creek.

Dallas began to emerge out of log cabin architecture in 1852 when McCoy built the first "sawed lumber" house. Our March 1989 newsletter had this item: "The 1870's home of Col. John C. McCoy, at Commerce and Lamar, was pictured in the December 25th Times Herald. He had given a Christmas gift to each of 300 kids invited to his home."

Browder Springs, named for Edward's brother, Isham Bell Browder, whose home was on the site which is now Old City Park, figured in making Dallas a railroad center. (The Springs were a water source for the railroads). *Actually, the railroads didn't come to Dallas. They were brought. It was the same story that has been repeated many times since. The story of aggressive, resourceful citizens who didn't wait for things to happen, but made them happen.* (Dallas, an undated, unsigned booklet distributed by the Commissioners Court).

- The greatest flood in the Trinity River's history occurred in 1866, when Dallas itself became an island; however, the most destructive flood came forty-two years later in 1908 and caused Dallas to begin planning levees to avoid future devastation from the flooding.

- Many of our oldest families trace their ancestry back to the highly-educated visionary settlers who founded the socialistic colony of La Reunion and who remained to help build Dallas.

- Jimmie Ruth Woodfin had two ancestors who died in the Siege of the Alamo, John H. Dillard and Daniel W. Cloud. Her earliest forebears in Dallas, Alice and Robert Slack, raised twelve children in Comanche before moving to Dallas. James C. Woodfin, Sr., her husband Kenneth's grandfather, served nineteen years with the Dallas Police Department.

Eloise Santerre, an active member of the current DCPA, comes from a crowd of descendants of the Santerre family of La Reunion. When The WPA Guide was compiled in the 1940s it stated that there were more than 150 living descendants of the Santerre family in Dallas County. Eloise also hails from the Thevenet, Frichot, Remond, and Priot families of that failed community.

Swiss Avenue was named for his native country by Jacob Nussbaumer, an immigrant from La Reunion. He set up the first butcher shop in Dallas. In the October 26, 1995 issue of The Dallas Morning News Alex Troup, *self-described urban archaeologist*, said he has a collection of buffalo, deer, and cow bones he found where Nussbaumer had his shop in the 1860s. Troup wrote the Foreword to Proud Heritage II.

- It was in 1886 that Dallas businessmen scraped together \$177,028 for the first "Dallas State Fair". This evolved into the State Fair of Texas, which, in 1995, was named by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of "America's Eleven Most Endangered Historic Places". This site of the 1936 Texas Centennial celebration and the site of some of the nation's few remaining Art Deco buildings, is crumbling. The inclusion on the Trust's list came one month after Dallas voters approved a bond issue of \$8.4 millions for renovations at the Park. Trivia note: "Big Tex", official big-mouth of the Fair today, was created as a Santa Claus in Kerens. Bob Thornton bought it for the City for \$750 in 1951 and it made its debut as "Tex" at the 1952 State Fair.

- Character, ethics—God and Country—these qualities were dear to our forebears. They told us this over and over. *Probably, no city in the state enjoys a more enviable reputation for morality than this one. Her people are honorable, law-abiding, and progressive, and contribute as liberally as any in the South, for the support of their churches and*

*schools. (Charles G. Cullum, The Oak Lawn Vision, quoting John Henry Brown). Major Brown advised the young men to be industrious, to observe and adopt the simple habits and sterling integrity of their ancestors, for in those qualities, he said, lie the true principles of noble manhood and royal citizenship.*

A publisher's note in John H. Cochran's book Dallas County said of the author: *His work in preparing this manuscript after he had passed his 86th year is an illustration of the character of the early pioneers of the County.*

- Farmers Branch claims the first organized school in Dallas County. For a time, Farmers Branch was recognized throughout Europe as the most well-known city in Texas.

The Dallas public school system was established in 1877 under the management of the City. The Dallas Independent School District came into being in 1947 while Dr. W.T. White was superintendent.

- In an account of the 1892 DCPA meeting in Garland the Dallas Daily Times-Herald called Major Brown the historian of Texas for upwards of sixty years. In naming members of the band which played for the guests they mentioned two who were from Tennessee and one from Virginia: *While they have not the honor of being native they did their part by coming to Dallas County as soon as they could get here.*

One hundred years later, The Fort Worth Star Telegram of April 5, 1992 quoted John Steinbeck's Travels with Charlie: Gone to Texas sometimes had a legal basis. *Like most passionate nations Texas had its own private history based on, but not limited by, facts. The tradition of the tough and versatile frontiersman is true but not exclusive. It is for the few to know that in the great old days of Virginia there were three punishments for high crime—death, exile to Texas, and imprisonment, in that order. And some of the deportees must have descendants. !!!!*

- Earl O. Cullum has a copy of a certificate of stock for ten shares owned by "Gillespie & Cullum" in the Trinity River Navigation Company. This was Charles B. Gillespie and Jacob D. Cullum. Dated July 19,



1894, the shares are for \$25 each. Can their heirs collect, if we ever do it?

- The "new" White Rock Lake in 1909 was expected to fill the Dallas water needs until the year 2009. Bonds were voted in May of 1995 to dredge and de-silt the aging lake.

- At the early meetings the program usually began with the Invocation, followed by the singing of "America". Just before the benediction the members sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again". God and Country.

- We have a copy of a newspaper item dated February 25, 1941, about the celebration of the eighty-third birthday of Epps G. Knight, *Pioneer to be Honored*. The celebration was a "forty-two" party and open house held at his home on Cedar Springs Road, where he had lived for fifty-two years. *Dallas was only a hamlet but seventeen years old at the time Col. Knight was born. In the fourscore and three years since then he has seen it grow into a metropolis embracing several similar settlements, among them being that of Cedar Springs, which was in the approximate area of Oak Lawn, where he now makes his home.*

*He has been president since 1910 of the Dallas County Pioneer Association, and headed the Times Herald Half Century Club before that group was merged with the pioneers' association.*

In the January 20, 1935, edition of the Times Herald the late Tom C. Gooch said: *Epps G. Knight may deny that he is the oldest Dallas-born citizen, but he cannot deny that he comes from one of the first families in this county. All you have to do to prove it is to read the names of his ancestors and relatives on the tombstones out at Cochran's Chapel. ... Epps saw this city grow from actually nothing but a cedar grove on the Trinity ... He was in early manhood before there were such things as electric lights and the telephone. ... To Uncle Epps the automobile is a modern invention and the radio is today's remarkable discovery. (That's All for Today, Selected Writings of Tom Gooch, edited by Decherd Turner. Gooch was the editor-publisher of the Times Herald and was the great-grandson of Charity and Mabel Gilbert).*

Col. Knight wore several hats in Dallas: he became Chief of Police in 1903, and in 1924, when radio had come to town, he was on Station WFAA each week, telling stories about early Dallas.

- At the 1947 meeting there were still members of the Half Century Club and reminiscences: *So I shot that buffalo right through the shoulder with an old Spencer seven-shot rifle... Pappy lined 'em up, all eighty-six of 'em, and when they formed there in front of his rocking chair they was slaves, and when they broke that line, they was free men. (The Dallas Morning News, September 18, 1947.)*

- Murrell L. Buckner, General Superintendent of the Union Terminal Co., made a talk to the Dallas Rotary Club on August 9, 1917, on "The New Six Million Dollar Dallas Union Station." He succeeded Knight as president of the DCPA in 1943.

- Each president of the original DCPA served until his death (R. Alex Rawlins resigned for health reasons shortly before his death). In seventy-seven years we have records of only twenty meetings, about four per president. The reorganized Association elects officers annually with quarterly meetings each year.

- Dallas City Park, where many early Association meetings were held, is now our "Old City Park," though this name-change was never made official. Oak Lawn Park, where most of the early meetings were held, was renamed Lee Park for Robert E. Lee. Shady View Park, site of the first and some subsequent meetings was a private park which allowed the serving of liquor.

- Frances Bell's ancestors, Elizabeth and John Huffhines, lost two sons in the Civil War. They had eight sons and four sons-in-law in the War.

- Jennie Coleman's grandfather, Daniel M. Clower, installed the first telephone in Dallas. His life is recorded in the archives of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, in their museum.

- Marie Caillet's great uncle, Julien Reverchon, was a botanist who taught at Baylor Medical School.

- We turned back the clock on June 5, 1980, for a DCPA picnic in the park—just like in the olden days. It wasn't exactly the same: this one was a catered affair at Old City Park.

- Our early members didn't have a newsletter—in fact, we don't know how they got the news. The "Now" generation depended on President Nelms for notice of a meeting and other news until March 1981, when a newsletter called "Pioneer Trails" was started, to last through 1983, coming from the secretary. In 1984 the newsletter as we know it today came into being, still another duty of the secretary. It was 1993 when the Executive Committee created the position of Newsletter Editor.

- As early as 1980 Earl O. Cullum was contributing spice to our newsletters with colorful stories of Dallas County. One such, in June 1981, was about a wartime gun factory organized during the Civil War at Lancaster, with which some of our early members were involved. Fortunately, Earl is still at it, keeping our newsletter from sounding like just a bulletin.

- Frank Tolbert said in his introduction for *The Texas Experience*, 1982 cookbook of the Richardson Woman's Club: *Now oldtime Texas cooking is rated poorly by some newcomers to Dallas, especially the hordes from the eastern reaches of the United States. They speak as if the many French chefs who have migrated to the big Texas cities arrived just in time.*

*Truth is that French cuisine was introduced in Dallas in 1885 [sic] when the LaReunion colonists from France settled on bluffs over the west fork of the Trinity River and a few miles west of the village of Dallas.*

- In October 1984 we were treated to a tour of the Dallas Historical Society in the Hall of State, where we examined original maps, letters, books, posters, and other historical documents of Dallas County. The DHS specializes in the collection, preservation, and use of items dating before 1900 and their holdings, at that time, were valued at over \$80

million, with the largest collection of photographs of that era to be found anywhere.

- The June 1985 newsletter had a long list of contributions by members of the original organization to the Dallas Historical Society which were placed in the library at SMU in 1933. Included are letters from citizens of Dallas to *The Times Herald* applying for membership in the Half Century Club. They now are in the DeGolyer Library and Archives in the Fondren Library at SMU.

- In 1986 the DCPA supported the campaign of the Friends of Old Red Restoration Fund to upgrade the roof of our Old Red Courthouse to its original three colors of slate (it had had a composition roof for fifteen years; the original was composed of slabs of red, green, and black slate and lasted sixty-five years). This action was taken by the Executive Committee after Dorothy Garland and James Pratt, members of the Steering Committee for Friends of Old Red, brought us a program on the campaign. Several individual members and the Association made contributions to the Fund.

- When *Proud Heritage* was being put together in 1986 members of minority organizations were invited to solicit contributions. One submission was received from a minority family.

- J. Tom Jones, who is also a former member of the Dallas County Historical Commission, saved the day for the Daughters of the Republic of Texas when he produced a snapshot he had taken nearly twenty years earlier. In 1988 the DRT wanted to replace the plaque of George Mifflin Dallas which had been stolen from the downtown Dallas County Historical Plaza, but no one could remember what it looked like. Tom remembered that he had taken a picture of it sometime around 1970, dug it out, and the plaque was duplicated and set in place with appropriate ceremony.

- This Old House: no, not the old song, not the new TV show. This old house, at the corner of Midway Road and Northwest Highway, sits on part of the 640-acre home place of Nancy Jane and William Cochran in 1851. Their son, William Porter and his wife Amanda, built the house

on this portion of the original farm in 1895, using some of the lumber from the original four-room house. In 1964 the property was acquired by the Cochran Chapel Methodist Church and it now serves as an activity center for the congregation. A Texas Historical Marker was placed on the house in 1976, and a centennial celebration was held on the grounds on August 20, 1995.

Members of this family were very active in the early-day DCPA; the charter membership roster of July 13, 1875, included Nancy Jane as a vice-president and four of her sons and their wives. Mary Alice Winniford gave us this information about the house, and she and at least six other current members trace their ancestry to Nancy Jane and William Cochran.

In her 1995 book Daughters of Dallas Vivian Castleberry attributes several "firsts" to Mrs. Cochran. Among them: working the fields alongside her husband, they introduced the first wheat and later the first cotton to the County; she was the first Methodist in Dallas and the first Methodist sermon was preached in her home; she was the first of seven Hughes sisters who came to Dallas with their husbands. Mrs. Castleberry makes the point: the husbands' names are imprinted on buildings, parks, schools, streets and cemeteries; the marker over Nancy Jane's grave reads only "Mother", and below it "wife of Wm. M. Cochran".

William Cochran died in the typhoid epidemic of 1853, leaving 36-year-old Nancy Jane with six remaining children (out of nine), the oldest 14. *She could run the farm, operate the cotton gin, cook a meal, make the family clothes, draw up a deed and defend her actions in court when necessary*, Mrs. Castleberry writes. She was able to donate the land for the Cochran Chapel Church and survey the land herself.

• Earl O. Cullum continues to receive recognition for a job well done in various areas: in 1995 he was selected as a "Distinguished Alumnus of North Dallas High School", and was awarded a plaque at a ceremony in August. In 1988 Earl was inducted into the Military Science "Hall of Honor" at the University of Texas at Arlington, of which he is also an alumnus. The Texas Aggie, issue of November 1991, reviewed Earl's

account "Manhunt in Burma and Assam", describing his 18-day pursuit through the mountains and jungles and the ultimate capture of a convicted murderer, an escaped American soldier. Earl was Provost Marshal in the China-Burma-India Theater in World War II.

• The late Dr. Graham Landrum taught at King's College in Bristol, Tennessee, and wrote murder mysteries. He was the son of the late Lynn Landrum, who many of us remember for his column, "Thinking Out Loud", in The Dallas Morning News, for nearly forty years.

Other teachers among us are June Shipley, who teaches a course in genealogy at Cedar Valley Community College, and Pat Randolph. Pat has been teaching "How to Write Your Family Story" to Emeritus Classes at the Dallas County Community Colleges since 1988. Designed to capture the special events and memories of each person's life, the completed narratives are treasured family keepsakes.

• One of our members included a little horse ancestry in her application for membership. Ramona Roberts, in tracing her roots back to Jones and Mary Ann Ellis Greene, had this to say: "Jones Greene came to Dallas in 1843. Behind his wagon was a young colt which became the famous quarter horse Steel Dust, founder of the American quarter horse." Another "first" for Texas—for Dallas?

• Much emphasis has been placed on the maintenance of the pioneer cemeteries around the County; our president, Frances James, is known as "the cemetery lady". An inventory, by volunteers from the DCPA, of the stones and markers at the Pioneer Cemetery near the Convention Center downtown resulted in the Downtown Improvement District's paying for the restoration of many of the broken and leaning ancient stones. The location of this particular cemetery near the sculptures of the steers and cowboys, denoting Dallas' early involvement with the cattle industry, is seen by many visitors and tourists in Dallas.

Several Boy Scout troops have participated in cleaning up and restoring other cemeteries and we couldn't buy better service. It is a two-way street: as they work toward earning badges and gain a sense of history,



accomplishment, and responsibility, we get excellent help and develop a deep respect for these young men. They have very dedicated leaders.

- Our centenarian, Ernest R. "Brick" King, a Life and Charter member of the reactivated DCPA, observed his birthday Number 102 on November 11, 1994, and passed away on November 20. He lived his entire life in Oak Cliff and was a wellspring of history of the area. Although he was unable to attend many meetings in late years, he came through loud and clear on the telephone and loved to be called upon for information and verification.

- Augustus Letot, a former member of the Merchant Marine, was belatedly awarded a commemorative medal by the Soviet Union in 1991 for his role in the Murmansk Run during World War II. A letter accompanying the medal was written on behalf of Mikhail Gorbachev citing Augustus for his *outstanding courage and personal contribution to the allied support of the people of the Soviet Union who fought for freedom against Nazi Germany.*

- Robyn Bowling's grandfather's mother, Marilla McLain, was born in Millermore, the antebellum mansion built by the Millers that started the collection of historic structures gathered at Old City Park. The McLains were not of the Miller family; they were renters.

- Marie Brady Hunter informed us at the June 1991 meeting that our first book, Proud Heritage, is in the Mormon Library in Salt Lake City. Maybe by now Volume II also is there.

### **SPECIAL PEOPLE FROM THE REORGANIZATION**

We have had some truly exceptional people in our Association since reorganization and we are going to indulge in some personal sketches and loving bouquets:

Full credit for reactivating the DCPA in 1979 is due to John R. Nelms, then a respected attorney in the City of Dallas, now a District Judge. Nelms felt that the Association should be revived as a tribute to the early Dallas County pioneers who created the Dallas County we have

today. Starting from nowhere he gathered eighty persons for an organizational meeting in 1979 and in three months the new DCPA had 105 charter members; in eleven months it was 139 strong. He was the president of the new organization during its formative first two years, and has continued to be available for legal advice. He was the first person named to the Roll of Honor from the current membership.

It has been said, "It is not what you know, but who you know" that really counts. DCPA proved that when Lucile Boykin and Marcelle Hull were a team of librarians who, as historians and program chairmen, brought the DCPA many outstanding programs 1981-1983. Both served on the Publishing Committee for Proud Heritage. Lucile, in the Texas History and Genealogy Departments, enthusiastically helped us trace our roots through the wonderful resources of the downtown Dallas Public Library before she retired a few years ago and moved to Topeka, Kansas. Marcelle has long kept us up on the books and materials in the Special Collections at the library at the University of Texas at Arlington, a marvelous collection of North Texas history. She assisted Brigadier General John Eisenhower in research for his book on the Mexican War, So Far from God. After its publication in 1989 he made a special trip to the library to give her an autographed copy.

Earl O. Cullum is the glue that has held the new Association together. He was at the first reorganizational meeting and became the first historian; took over as president in 1983 and revived the faltering organization, guiding it to the prestigious position it holds today among Dallas County civic organizations. He continues to contribute in countless ways to keep us on the right track. He conceived the Roll of Honor and serves as chairman of that committee. He conducts our inductions onto the Honor Roll and installations of new officers. He keeps track of changes needed for our By-Laws and keeps them legal. Most of all, he constantly researches our past and tells us all those things about the days of our ancestors that increase our pride in our heritage. The word "historian" seems to have been coined to rhyme with "Earl". In the first "newsletter" of the "Now" organization Earl contributed an article, and much to the appreciation of subsequent editors, he continues with these historical articles today.

Mary Cullum, Earl's wife, brought professionalism to our Executive Board as secretary and newsletter editor of the DCPA. The file of her Association newsletters and her letters to various organizations are a vital part of our archives. She also brought a degree of refinement to our annual Roster: she was the first to bind it into a booklet and include some important details about our Association. Besides her expertise, her innate warmth shows through all she did for us. Mary served until her health failed and brought on her final illness.

Bill Jacoby, fourth president of the new DCPA, became our Town Crier, spreading the word of our group throughout the County, aided by his wife, Jackie. He spoke to other organizations such as the Lisbon Cemetery Association and the Dallas Jewish Historical Society and invited them to visit us; he joined us in the good works of other groups, such as the restoration of our old courthouse with the Friends of Old Red; the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League; Historic Preservation League; and gave the City our position on changing street names that were named for pioneers and preserving historic sites and buildings. Jackie made contacts for him and manned the telephone while he did the footwork. As our president he held our meetings in various places around the County. He conceived the idea of a book to educate the public about the DCPA; thus, Proud Heritage: Pioneer Families of Dallas County. After it was published, Bill could be seen in every direction hauling our books to wherever he thought he could make a sale. He was historian before serving as president and has kept a large scrapbook on the Association, which has become our chief reference work.

Edna Jackson Hart was our first-ever female president, elected in December 1986, to serve two terms. Her Christmas gift from her husband that year was a Life membership in the DCPA. She had served as vice-president and Publicity Chairman and on the Publishing Committee for Proud Heritage. As vice-president, Edna had set a goal to double the membership of the organization, and attendance at meetings grew substantially during her presidency. She encouraged bringing younger family members and getting them interested in our Association, and started us collecting family stories for future editions of Proud Heritage.

Coye and George Hawpe, both now deceased, served a total of eight years as DCPA officers and active charter members. Coye served two terms as secretary and edited the first "newsletter" before it was so designated (it usually came out after the meeting). She started the practice of reviewing the biography of new members in the newsletter. George was vice president and then treasurer of the organization.

Mattie Hughes served two years as our president, after a year as vice-president. During her administration, when others who were responsible had to resign from the post, Mattie kept the Publications Committee on track, and Proud Heritage, Volume II was ready for distribution in time for Christmas 1993.

Frances James, serving her third year as our president, has been so involved in Dallas County activities that, with Bill Jacoby, she has made the DCPA widely recognized throughout the area. She was chairman of the Texas Historical Marker Committee while serving six years on the Dallas County Historical Commission and is currently working on eight Marker applications at the request of the Commission. She is on the Trinity River Corridor Citizens Committee, to make the Trinity a front yard rather than a dumping ground. She rallied our membership to restore the downtown Pioneer Cemetery, only one of her projects on behalf of the old cemeteries in the County. She was historian for the DCPA before becoming president and brought us many excellent programs in that capacity.

Sara McGee and the DCPA connected through the want ads. She saw John Nelms' ad in the personals columns of the newspapers and knew he was speaking to her. Sara served two terms as president of DCPA (after two terms as vice-president) and kept it going smoothly with the membership increasing steadily. She had also served as Membership Chairman, where she concentrated on holding onto old members and welcoming new. Sara says her claim to fame is the formation of our Telephone Committee at a time when attendance was low at our meetings and we needed to make contact with prospective contributors to our book. However, she gives credit to the committee members who did their job so well that the membership "grew by leaps and bounds".

Nancy and Bill McRae are our highly efficient team of greeters at our meetings, our "Welcome Committee" for several years. Nancy was our historian in 1984 and is our current vice-president and chairman of the Membership Committee. Bill is currently Telephone/Transportation chairman, apparently a popular one: when he called for volunteers for his committee, he was able to develop a backup list. He and John Winniford mail out our books when they are sold.

Mae Riek was the first secretary of the new DCPA in 1979 and historian in 1986. If prizes were given for attendance, Mae would win. She, with other members of her family, attends all of our meetings and stays interested and concerned with our County history.

A wonderful team chaired the first Publications Committee for Proud Heritage, Emily and Russell Surles. This was DCPA's first attempt at publishing, and through the efforts of the Surles it was a best seller! Russell is gone now, but Emily is still a faithful member. This book was an excellent model for Proud Heritage II in 1993.

John Winniford has served as DCPA Treasurer since 1987. He always knows the exact status of our finances and our book sales and stays up-to-date on our membership and who needs to pay their dues! John and Bill McRae handle the mailing of books sold.

Nona Williams was lured into DCPA in 1988 by friend Edna Hart. A native Dallasite and an avid genealogist and amateur historian, it took only two years for us to recognize and take advantage of these talents. During her terms of office as secretary, Nona applied her interests to researching and writing articles for the DCPA newsletter. She kept excellent Minutes of both the general meetings and the Executive Board meetings, and an annual Roster for the membership. As family priorities mounted, she gave up the newsletter in 1993, and in 1994 felt compelled to resign as secretary. She was also a member of the Publishing Committee for both volumes of Proud Heritage. We miss her expertise, but are glad she can continue as one of our beloved members. Nona's husband, Rayburn H. Williams, had ancestors who were early Dallas settlers.

These are members who have contributed to the formation of the present organization called the Dallas County Pioneer Association by taking positions of leadership and giving their best. Their enthusiasm and the spirit in which they work so harmoniously together bodes well for another one hundred twenty years. Of course, each one feels that his objective, "To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who resided in what is today Dallas County, Texas, before January 1, 1880", is incentive enough.

### **DALLAS SPIRIT**

*We of a certain decade look back on those of a previous decade as the real old-timers. Suddenly it dawns upon us that there is a younger generation coming on that regards us as old-timers. Tom Gooch, That's All for Today.*

The late R. L. Thornton, onetime mayor and one of the all time great boosters of Dallas, wrote several articles for The Dallas Morning News while he was president of the Chamber of Commerce. These were gathered into a booklet called Dallas: the Southwest's Leading City in 1934. In one article he says: "*Dallas in its beginning had no unusual advantages. It was neither a port or a fort town. What it did possess was hardy pioneer manpower ... throughout its growth and progress it has been truly a man- and woman-made city ... where men say 'it can be done', and then go and do it.*"

Benjamin Capps says, in a Dallas News review of Darwin Payne's Dallas: An Illustrated History: *... his account ... demonstrates that the success of the city comes in the main from dozens, perhaps hundreds, of farsighted, determined leaders in business, local government and the arts. Dallas is surely one of the largest cities in the world which has never had water transportation ... It has had the advantage of rich black soil ... The city profited briefly from the buffalo-hide bonanza, when it was a railroad terminus in the 1870s. But several other North Texas towns have been surrounded by good farm land, and many have been railroad centers. Many other towns had a better natural position and better resources.*

In his history of Dallas County John H. Cochran divided the coming of the early settlers into periods, and of the very first one he said: *The early pioneers of ... Dallas County were all patriotic, intelligent, and*



*persevering citizens ... doing all they could to improve their country. Of the second period (1850-1860), he said: While the people coming to Dallas County during this second period did not suffer the dangers, privations, and hardships of those of the first period, they deserve credit for their skill, energy, industry and courage in developing and improving the country. The immigration of both the first and second periods were in a large measure of the same blood, pluck and energy and kinship. (Those of the second period came largely on the recommendation of their relatives who had preceded them.) And all worked to advance the interests of the County.*

Maybe the glowing tribute to the Pioneers by the City of Garland's Mayor Nash in 1892 was not all rhetoric; maybe *"they cherished a common love for each other, they labored for the common good."* Though ruggedly independent, they had a civic pride and were willing to work together; they had confidence, energy, a sense of enterprise, and a knack for getting things done; they came to stay and to build. One of the main speakers at the 1915 reunion *declared that the first demonstration of the "Dallas Spirit" was on occasions when the men of Dallas and the surrounding country gathered to fight off Indians.*

These members who are descended from pioneer Dallas County families are proud to continue the pioneer traditions as members of the DCPA. Then there are those members who do not have a family pioneer background in this County but are proud of its rich history and value the heredity of these pioneers. To all of these members we owe thanks for making the DCPA the organization it is today. John H. Cochran said it like this: "Every city, county, or country is what its people make it."

The Dallas Spirit—It has been said many times by many persons, in apparent disbelief, "Dallas had nothing going for it but the people."

These were and are The People.

## APPENDIX

This poem, written by Jake H. Harrison, appeared in the Dallas Evening Journal, September 15, 1915, in a write-up termed "Dallas County Old Settlers Reunion".

### Old Settlers Meet in Dallas

With hoary heads and halting steps  
They come together once a year,  
To talk of days long past and gone,  
And lovingly to drop a tear  
For those who helped to bear the brunt,  
But do not answer "Here!" today,  
Nor are they found among the crowd,  
For they have fallen by the way.

And yet the light of life is strong,  
In eyes that still in fondness gaze,  
Afar to where a village lies  
Surrounded by a tender haze;  
The nucleus of what, today,  
We know as Dallas, spreading, grand,  
The hub of Texas, thrifty State,  
And proudest city in the land.

Where stretch our mettled streets, in pride,  
Old settlers vision muddy roads,  
Along which oxen, yoke on yoke  
Were wont to drag their heavy loads;  
While men of rough and savage mien  
Conducted them with oaths and whips,  
And spiced their labor cheerfully  
With laugh and song from smiling lips.

They were the van of Progress then,  
The harbingers of rail and steam,  
While interurbans, auto cars,  
And such as that were not a dream!

Nor were the shafts of steel and stone  
That pierce the arching sky today;  
Gigantic temples built for trade—  
Milestones of progress, by the way.

The scroll of memory, I ween,  
In many a good old settler's brain,  
Can call the hamlet, Dallas, back,  
In retrospect, and see it plain;  
Its shanty stores, its muddy streets,  
Its early days with hardships rife;  
The friendly faces dead and gone,  
And all the scenes of frontier life.

Aladdin, though, has rubbed his lamp,  
And lo! observe the startling change,  
Why to those hoary-headed ones  
Their present homesteads must seem strange,  
Surrounded as they are today  
By all that makes a city great;  
The clang of commerce, hum of trade,  
And bustle of a thriving State.

#### Ode to Texas (excerpt)

by Henry van Dyke

Men of mark from old Virginia,  
Men of daring from Kentucky,  
Tennessee, Louisiana  
Men of many states and races  
Bringing wives and children with them,  
Followed up the wooded valleys  
Spread across the rolling prairie,  
Raising homes and reaping harvests;  
Rude the toil that tried their patience,  
Fierce the fight that proved their courage,  
Rough the stone and tough the timber  
Out of which they built their order!  
Yet they never failed or faltered,

And the instinct of their swarming  
Made them one and kept them working  
Till their toil was crowned with triumph,  
And the country of the Texas  
Was the fertile land of Texas.

#### Dallas Historic Landmarks

Adolphus Hotel	King Mansion
Ambassador Hotel	King's Court Apartment Building
Betterton House	Knights of Pythias Temple
Bishop Courts Apartments	Lincoln High School
Booker T. Washington High School	Magnolia Building
B. Parks Bros. Storage Building	Majestic Theater
Busch/Kirby Building	Melrose Hotel
Cedar Crest	Oak Lawn Methodist Church
Cedar Springs Fire Station	Old City Hall
Columbus Langeley Grocery Complex	Old Parkland Hospital
Cox Farmhouse	Old Tige (Fair Park Fire Station)
Crown Hill Mausoleum	Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School
Cumberland Hill School	Ross Avenue Baptist Church
Dallas Tent & Awning Building	Santa Fe Freight Terminal
Davy Crockett Elementary School	Scottish Rite Cathedral
Dr Pepper National Headquarters	Shingle Style House,
East Dallas Christian Church	Sons of Hermann
Elizabeth Chapel	Southern Pine House
Everett DeGolyer House & Gardens	St. Paul Methodist Church
F.A. Brown Farmstead	Texas Farm & Ranch Building
Federal Reserve Bank	Trinity Methodist Church
Fire Station #16	Turtle Creek Pump Station
First Presbyterian Church	2220 Canton Lofts
Freedman's Cemetery	Union Station
Good Luck Gas Station	U.S. Post Office
Grace Methodist Church	Wales Apartments
Harlan Building	Western Union
Higginbotham-Bailey Building	White Plaza Hotel
Interstate Forwarding Building	White Rock Pump Station
James Madison High School	Woodrow Wilson High School
J. Kovandovitch Concrete House	

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