



Frankford Cemetery Association News

May 2017

FCA Board

- Term 2017 Jeff Cummings 214-674-8246
- Term 2017 Norm Dolch, Vice President 972-360-2395
- Term 2017 Greg Crook 214-519-4574
- Term 2018 Katherine Power, President 214-350-7822
- Term 2018 Patsy Sudden, Secretary 972-272-9209
- Term 2019 Ginger Ellis, Treasurer 713-819-1445
- Term 2019 John Needham 940-465-3740



Decoration Day is Sunday May 21, 2017

Decoration Day Schedule

- 1:00 Lunch served
- 2:00 Program and business meeting in Frankford Church
- Roll of Remembrance
- Hymn sing

RSVP for chicken dinner on the grounds. Chicken with "the fixins" from Babe's provided by the Association.

If you plan to attend dinner on the grounds please email info@frankfordcemetery.org or contact Emily Miller at 214-692-6248 with the number in your party.

Reservations will be accepted for the first 75 people.

Please RSVP by May 15th.



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Photo by David Rogers

Frankford Cemetery Association Projects Since May of 2016

Following are some of the projects completed during the last year:

- Addition of safety features to the bridge
- Annual bulb planning
- Examination and review of entire cemetery completed by board members John Needham and Kathy Power.

November Bulb Planting

You are invited to a bulb planting in Frankford Cemetery. Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 9a.m. to noon. Frankford Cemetery Association will provide the bulbs. You are welcome to bring sharpshooters (shovels) gloves and buckets. We will plant bulbs on your lot(s) if you wish.

\$10 suggested donation for each bulb cluster.
(12 yellow and 6 white narcissus)

For more information call Kathy Power at 214-350-7822

Christmas on the Prairie

Sunday, December 3, 2017

This year Christmas on the Prairie will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 5p.m.

Prelude music begins at 4:30 p.m.

Postcards will not be sent this year so please mark your calendars for these two events. If you would like an email or other reminder please let us know.

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In memoriam:

Amelia Deniz Fox 1/13/1936 to 10/2/2016
 Sara Ann Matthews 7/20/1932 to 11/26/2016
 Josephine Burris Graham 4/10/1931 to 11/29/2016
 Jeremy Micah Sheriff 4/9/1985 to 1/11/2017
 Robert Moore 12/18/1939 to 1/23/2017

Andrew (Andy) Tenney 3/13/1931 to 3/4/2017
 Harold L. Todd 11/24/1943 to 3/20/2017
 Mary Jane Mathieu 8/14/1938 to 3/24/2017
 James Chester Foster Jr. 11/5/1921 to 4/9/2017
 Concepcion Cruz Rivas 12/8/1921 to 4/25/2017

We extend our sincere condolences to the families of these of the Frankford Community now laid to rest in the cemetery.

Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee would like to introduce the following three nominees for board members:

Norm Dolch - term ending 2017

Greg Crook - term ending 2017

Linda Irwin

If you are unable to attend the annual business meeting on Decoration Day, May 21, you may wish to have someone else vote for you. If so, please complete the Proxy Form included at the end of this newsletter and have your proxy present it at the annual meeting.

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Meet Lorene Gilliland

Recently Marianne Wells and Kathy Wells Power interviewed FCA member Lorene Roberson Gilliland for the Frankford Cemetery Association oral history project. Mrs. Gilliland was born at home on a farm near Frisco in 1917. She remembers her father taking her and her siblings to Frankford Cemetery when she was a teenager to show them the burial sites of their grandfather and great-grandfather. Mrs. Gilliland believes her great-grandfather, Nathan D. Roberson, (1815-190) was one of the circuit riders who preached at the original Frankford Church before it was destroyed by a tornado in the 1880s.

Lorene Gilliland has vivid memories of sitting with her siblings on the back of a horse drawn wagon, dangling her legs as the wagon moved down the road. Her aunt and uncle ran a small store during the depression and she remembers her mother taking a bushel basket of cabbage to sell to the store. It was very fine cabbage.

The interview with Lorene Gilliland is one of seven interviews of Frankford Cemetery Association members and friends conducted between 2009 and 2017. The stories captured in these interviews shed light on the early years of Frankford. The Dallas Historical Society loans Frankford Cemetery Association audio visual equipment for these interviews and guides FCA in the correct way to complete oral history. Original copies of these oral histories are housed in the Hall of State at Fair Park in Dallas. Other copies are in the official records of Frankford Cemetery. All are welcome to borrow these recordings from the Dallas Historical Society.

Kathy Wells Power, President

Ties of Friendship

Working in the cemetery during the past nine years has made me aware of the closeness of the residents of the early communities in the Frankford area. Early citizens of towns like Frankford, Addison, Carrollton, Renner and Plano are laid to rest in Frankford Cemetery. Neighbors who relied on each other for barn raisings and harvesting crops and whose families intermarried for very practical reasons, lie together in perpetuity as they were when they walked this earth.

This excerpt is taken from a lengthy, heart-felt tribute written by Henry William Coit about his neighbor James Madison Wells. It reveals the strong ties of friendship held by the residents of these tiny towns.

There by the road, where I pass daily, stands his deserted home. There is the orchard planted by his hands. There stands the house, largely his own handiwork. There are the cedars and other shade trees, the objects of his watchful care through the long years, but my old friend is not there. His familiar form is no longer seen energetically moving from one task to another.

I miss him. I miss the old cheery greeting to which had so long been accustomed. He was not a man who sought or cares for fame or notoriety. It was his way to quietly do his duty from day to day with no thought of praise or censure.

Old neighbor, old soldier, good citizen, trusted friend, farewell!

While those who know you best shall live, you shall not be forgotten.

H.W. Coit 1925

It is an honor to watch over all who are laid to rest at Frankford and to know some of their stories. Frankford is a very special place.

Kathy Wells Power, President

Cemetery Courtesy and Protocol

On Decoration Day weekend many Frankford families will visit the cemetery to place flowers on the graves of loved ones. With just one main access into the cemetery (the concrete drive in the middle) it is easy for vehicles to get wedged in between other vehicles and unable to exit the cemetery. To avoid this frustrating situation the board asks everyone decorating graves or visiting the cemetery during Decoration Day to follow this protocol:

Please park outside the cemetery if at all possible. If you must park on the drive in the middle of the cemetery, please no more than two vehicles on the drive at a time. Be alert to the need to back out your vehicle if the person in front of you is ready to leave.

Please no vehicles on the cemetery grounds (other than the concrete drive). Funeral home vehicles are the only vehicles allowed on the cemetery grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

Proxy

I, the undersigned member of Frankford Cemetery Association, do hereby appoint

_____ as my Attorney-In-Fact to represent and to vote on any and all business to come before the Business meeting of Frankford Cemetery Association on May 21, 2017, or any adjournments thereto.

Member's Signature

Date

Address

Telephone Number

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Norman Dolch



Dr. Norman Dolch is a member of Frankford Cemetery Association (FCA). Norm and his wife Cindy purchased lots as a result of volunteer consulting with the FCA Board of Directors. He has been on the faculty of the University of North Texas for several years. In August of 2007 Norm retired from LSU in

Shreveport (LSUS) where he directed the Institute for Human Services & Public Policy, served as the campus director for the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Program (formerly American Humanics), Directed the Master of Science in Human Services Administration, and held the George Khoury Professorship in American Humanics. Upon retirement from LSUS, Norm and Cindy relocated to McKinney, where their son Kris and his family lived. When their son's work transferred him to Houston, Cindy and Norm followed Kris' family and now live in Spring, TX. They enjoy spending time with their four grandchildren, and while Norm has retired from full-time teaching at UNT, he continues to teach online part-time.

Norm has extensive nonprofit and volunteerism experience. He has served as an executive director for a Camp Fire Council and a federally funded Community Health Center. In addition, he spent more than five years on the National Volunteer Staff of Camp Fire working with councils from Ft. Worth to Anderson S.C. Norm has served on boards of nonprofits ranging from budgets under \$50,000 to several millions of dollars.

Greg Crook



Greg teaches American history at the Episcopal School of Dallas, a private college preparatory school serving students from preschool through the twelfth grade. For the past twenty two years he has spent his days instilling a love and appreciation of the past within his students, his favorite time frame being the Revolutionary War

and the Growth of the Republic. In his hidden history lessons Greg likes to show his students how history surrounds them in Dallas in places like Frankford Cemetery, which he discovered after reading an article in the Dallas Morning News about the church and its adjacent virgin prairie land.

Greg grew up in Roanoke, Virginia, and has been passionate about history since he was young. Trips to Civil War battlefields, visiting sites such as Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown, and reading countless history books all fueled his interest in our country's past. Greg earned a B.A. in History from the College of William and Mary, the second oldest university in America.

Greg enjoys traveling the country, visiting historical sites as well as National Parks, and is an avid baseball fan. He and his wife, Nancy, have two daughters, ages four and seven, and a son who is buried at Frankford Cemetery. He is a member of Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church.

Linda Irwin



Linda Irwin, professional accompanist and piano teacher, grew up close to the land on a family farm in rural Iowa. She was the pianist for the only church in a town of 300 people, beginning at a very young age and continuing until enrolling at the University of Iowa where she completed a degree in piano performance. Upon moving to Dallas, two secretarial positions provided an unexpected window on history--"Goals for Dallas" (Mayor Erik Jonsson's citizen-led initiative for making strong future plans in the aftermath of the Kennedy assassination); and Graduate Research Center of the Southwest (the nucleus of the future UTD) while the move was being made from an office at SMU to the Founders Building on campus, with scientists and engineers arriving to build their departments.

Linda was vice-president of Operation Kindness, and coordinator of the spay-neuter program, during the first fifteen years of that organization's existence, requiring the coordination of a large network of veterinarians with the needs of each of the many animals adopted. Following the death of her sister, a professional genealogist, Linda has become the keeper of the family archives and has completed the project of putting the years of research into a format that future generations will be able to use.

In her piano studio in Old Lake Highlands Linda specializes in teaching adults, and at Richland College she is staff accompanist and coordinator of accompanying. Frankford ties together many threads of her life—small town beginning, love of Dallas and its past, preservation of family history, and respect for simplicity and nature.