



# Frankford Cemetery Association News

May 2019



## FCA Board

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- Term 2020 Norm Dolch, Vice President 972-360-2395
- Term 2020 Greg Crook, 214-519-4574
- Term 2020 Linda Irwin, Secretary 214-348-7747
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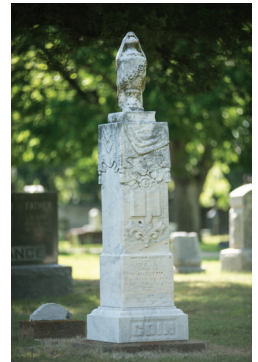
## Decoration Day is Sunday, May 19, 2019

### 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 will be served.

If you plan to attend dinner on the grounds please email [info@frankfordcemetery.org](mailto: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 14th.



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Photo by David Rogers

## A Frankford Story

One of the things I've enjoyed during my time on the FCA board is collecting oral histories of Frankford people whose memories reach back to the early days of our cemetery. Since working on the Frankford oral history project, people have asked me about my own connection to Frankford. Here is part of my family's story.

Our grandmother, Annie Dickerson (1885-1970), and her siblings grew up in the tiny town of Renner, east of the town of Frankford. Their closest neighbors were the Jacksons and the Coits.

On Christmas Eve 1899, Annie Dickerson's fifteen year old brother, Jack, was crossing the creek at Frankford on horseback to go to a party when he was thrown into the creek, hitting his head on a rock. He died on Christmas Day. Jack Dickerson's funeral was the first one held in the newly built Frankford Church, in late 1899.

For Annie Dickerson Wells and her siblings Frankford was a sacred place. They attended every Decoration Day event and when they entered the site it was always with a feeling of reverence. Annie Wells brought fried chicken to Decoration Day dinners on the grounds and grew larkspur in her garden to place on the family graves. Her sister, Sallie Dickerson, was the Frankford historian. Our grandmother and her siblings lived long lives but never forgot their beloved brother Jack. When they visited Frankford their memories of Jack came flooding back.

This is part of my family's Frankford story. After serving on the Frankford board for eleven years I know that our story is only one of many Frankford stories. Together, our personal stories tell the larger story of Frankford.

I look forward to seeing you on Decoration Day, Sunday May 19, 2019. We will have dinner on the grounds, followed by a program and business meeting in the church. I imagine we may listen to more of each other's Frankford stories.

Kathy Wells Power

## Frankford Cemetery Association Projects Since May of 2018

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

- ~ Planted mondo grass in a part of the cemetery formerly used to store equipment. All equipment is now stored on another part of the cemetery property and is hidden from view.
- ~ Removed grass from old flower beds created by families many years ago.
- ~ Placed more granite benches in the cemetery
- ~ Arranged for missing death dates to be etched on old monuments
- ~ Regular maintenance including mowing and pruning flower beds

## Christmas on the Prairie

This year Christmas on the Prairie will be held on Sunday, December 1, 2019 and Sunday, December 15, 2019.

Prelude music begins at 4:30 p.m.

Service begins at 5 p.m.

## November Bulb Planting

You are invited to a bulb planting in Frankford Cemetery Saturday, November 23, 2019 from 9 a.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)

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In memoriam:

Cindy Martin Clemente 1/10/1963 to 10/3/2018

Fred Dickson Matthews 5/16/1940 to 10/30/2018

George Clift Black, Jr. 9/20/1938 to 1/6/2019

Kevin Travis Mackey 10/16/1986 to 3/2/2019

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 two nominees for board members:

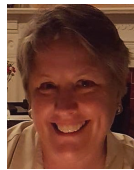
Ginger Ellis - term ending 2019

Sarah Wells Macias

If you are unable to attend the annual business meeting on Decoration Day, May 19, 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.



Ginger is a member of the Harrington family, one of the early settlers into the Plano area. She is a retired CPA and Certified Fraud Examiner. She had her own construction auditing firm for more than 30 years. Ginger joined the FCA board in the fall of 2015 and has served as Treasurer since joining. She has assisted the association with computerizing the accounting records and streamlining operations of the cemetery. She is also serving on the construction committee of the Frankford Preservation Foundation. Ginger is very motivated and dedicated to whatever she pursues. She enjoys traveling, antiquing, decorating and drawing. She has recently begun auditing seminary classes at The King's University in Southlake.



Sarah Wells Macias and her husband, Rodney, moved to Van Alstyne, Texas two years ago where they live on a historic property they call Sister Grove Farm. Thirty years prior to that they lived in Austin where they raised their two daughters, Mary Katherine and Jane. After a satisfying career, Sarah retired in 2008 as Central Park Division Manager with the City of Austin. She then entered seminary where she received her Master of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Master of Sacred Theology from Drew Theological School. She is now an ordained Baptist minister and enjoys preaching and teaching with churches across a variety of traditions. As much as Sarah and Rodney loved Austin, North Texas is home for Sarah and she is glad to be back. Growing up as the daughter of John and Frances Wells in Plano – she has a lifetime of memories of their family coming to Frankford Cemetery.

# 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 19, 2019, or any adjournments thereto.

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Member's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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