

Making History in the Prairie

Grand Prairie Historical Organization

November 2008

Our meeting is November 20th at 11:30am and will be held at the

Mountain Creek Retirement Facility

2305 Corn Valley Rd, Grand Prairie, Texas 75051, 972-237-2515

Please call Angela Giessner for reservations, 972-262-5151—seating will be limited Your cost will be the same, \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Buffet style lunch.

The Speaker for the nest meeting will be:

Sue Gooding

Ms. Gooding is the V.P. of public relations and community relations for the State Fair of Texas. She recently completed her 26th season with the Fair. Mrs. Gooding is a graduate of NTSU (now Univ. of North Texas). Among her duties for the Fair, she manages information services, guest services and media relations. The Fair recently purchased a collection of memorabilia from the 1936 Texas Centennial and she has played a significant role in archiving the 3,000 piece collection.

POSTCARDS?

Do you have some old postcards you would like to sell? As a very amateur postcard collector for many years, I would be interested in purchasing your cards especially old cards of Grand Prairie and surrounding cities including Dallas and Ft Worth.

Brian W. Bingham, 214-808-1913



If you are a Life Member and were unable to be at the last meeting, be sure and attend to pick up you Grand Prairie Historical Organization Plaque. We also have refrigerator magnets. Your award is waiting on you at the meeting.



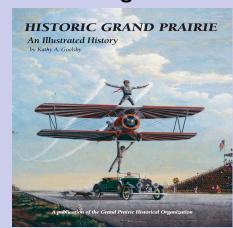
E. Carlyle Smith, Sr., AIA 1902-1968

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They will be available at the next meeting on the 20th





The E. Carlyle Smith, Sr. Family History in Grand Prairie

E. Carlyle Smith, Sr. and his wife, Phyllis Matlock Smith, and sons Carlyle, Jr. and Stephen moved to Grand Prairie in 1943. Carlyle Smith, Sr. had bought the Highway Motel on East Main Street and used a part of it to open an architectural practice.

Mr. Smith had been born in Denison, Texas, in 1902 and raised in Dallas where he was graduated from Dallas High School, later named Crozier Tech. In 1926, after attending Washington and Lee University in Virginia and SMU in Dallas, he joined E. C. Smith & Sons Architects with his father and two brothers, Bayard and Ross. Shortly thereafter, he moved to the Rio Grande Valley and began a contracting business with a partner forming Smith & Walker. Mr. Walker absconded with the company's assets during the Great Depression and Mr. Smith moved to Corpus Christi to begin a new business. While in Corpus Christi, he met Phyllis Matlock who was teaching there, and they married in 1938. Their first son, E. Carlyle Smith, Jr. was born in 1939. Phyllis had been reared in Frost, Texas, and had graduated from C.I.A. (now Texas Women's University) in Denton, Texas, and received a master's degree from Columbia University in New York City.

Soon the young family moved to Dallas and settled into a home on Merrimack Street in the "M Streets" section of the city which was new at the time. It was here that their second son, Stephen, was born. Mr. Smith again joined the family business, E. C. Smith & Sons, before leaving to move the family to Grand Prairie and to open his own architectural practice.

The family lived on Birch Street while Carlyle, Sr. and his brother, Ross Smith, developed and built many of the houses in the Fairview neighborhood of Grand Prairie to help ease the housing need created by workers coming to the city to work in the defense plants. The family built a house at the corner of 10^{th} and Small Streets where they lived for many years and where their third son, Stanley, was born.

Both Carlyle, Sr. and Phyllis became very active in the community. Together with five other families, they helped organize St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Among many civic involvements, Carlyle, Sr. was President of the Rotary Club and President of the Chamber of Commerce. He served on the Dallas County Hospital Board (Parkland) and was a board member of First National Bank. He was honored with the 33rd degree in Scottish Rite along with many other awards in Masonry. While a member of Sam R. Hamilton lodge, he served as District Deputy Grand Master and was responsible for establishing Thomas B. Hunter lodge. He was a member of the American Institute of Architects and served as treasurer of the Dallas chapter of the AlA and was also a member of the Texas Society of Architects.

Phyllis helped organize the Story League and the Rejebian Club and was a charter member



Life Members of the Grand Prairie Historical Organization

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of the Woman's Club. She was active in the PTA, Friends of the Library, and with Carlyle, Sr., spent many years of devoted service to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in many capacities.

Carlyle, Sr.'s first foray into politics in Grand Prairie occurred in 1948 when he ran for a seat on the city commission. He was defeated by John Daugherty who became the Police and Fire Commissioner.

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It was in 1946 that Marshall H. Warder and his wife, Jane, moved to Grand Prairie from Tennessee after both had graduated from Vanderbuilt University. Mr. Warder became the first City Engineer in Grand Prairie and was paid the astonishing sum of \$300.00 per month. Jane began a teaching career at Austin Elementary School. Over the years, the Warders were blessed with three children: Wendy, Kay, and Marshall, Jr.

On April I, 1947, Carlyle Smith, Sr. and Marshall Warder, Sr. created a partnership, Smith & Warder Architects and Engineers, that lasted over fifty years. Joined by sons E. Carlyle Smith, Jr. in 1963 and Marshall H.

Warder, Jr. in 1977, the firm enjoyed long-term client relationships with Texas Electric, Lone Star Gas, United States Navy, County of Dallas, City of Grand Prairie, Grand Prairie Independent School District, Snap-On Tools, United States Postal Service and many churches and medical facilities. At the time that Carlyle Smith, Jr. and Marshall Warder, Jr. closed the practice in 2003, it was the longest continuously operating architectural partnership in Texas.

The Smith and Daugherty families became inextricably entwined in 1955 when E. Carlyle Smith, Sr.'s eldest son, Carlyle, Jr., and John W. Daugherty's eldest daughter, Ouida, began dating. After many years of (some would say up and down) courtship, the two were married in 1962. Ouida had graduated from Texas Tech University and Carlyle was only one semester away from graduating from Tech. They returned to Grand Prairie where Carlyle joined Smith & Warder and Ouida began a career in education by teaching Social Studies and PE at Jefferson Junior High School. In 1973, Carlyle, Jr. was elected to the Texas House of Representatives representing District 106 which included all of Grand Prairie and parts of Irving and West Dallas. He served six terms before retiring in 1986. He returned to the full time practice of architecture with Marshall Warder, Jr. and maintained an active civic life serving as President of the Rotary Club, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and board member of Midway National Bank. He was honored with the 33rd Degree in Scottish Rite Masonry and was an active member of Thomas B. Hunter lodge. Carlyle, Jr. also served on the Board of Managers for Parkland Memorial Hospital and was Chairman of the Foundation Board of Parkland Memorial Hospital at the time of his death in 2003.

Family Histories:

E. Carlyle Smith, Sr., AIA – 1902-1968

Phyllis Matlock Smith, 1911-1993

E. Carlyle Smith, Jr., AIA, PE – 1939-2003



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Stephen M. Smith, PE – retired chemical engineer, lives in Houston with wife, Alice

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Stanley G. Smith – Math and Physics Professor at South Plains College, Lubbock, Texas

Joshua Smith - Computer Consultant in Dallas

Timothy Smith – College Student at Texas Tech

Jonathan Smith - College Student at Texas Tech

John W. Daugherty – 1919-1960

Ernesteen Daugherty Mills – Second husband, insurance executive Johnnie Mills, died in 2004 at the age of 93. Ernesteen shuttles between daughters Ouida in Grand Prairie and Pat in Sarasota Florida.

Ouida Marie Daugherty Smith – former teacher and business owner lives in Grand Prairie

Patricia Ann Daugherty Thompson - former teacher and business owner is retired and living with husband, Lee, in Sarasota, Florida

Ouida Marie Daugherty Smith

Thank you so much to Ouida Smith for taking time to
do this article, as well as the one in the last issue.



Ouida Daugherty and Carlyle Smith, Jr, 1956 while GPHS students



Carlyle Smith, Jr. and Steve Smith BACK ROW: Stan Smith—1959