

## **A. Hardy Eubanks, Jr. (1920-1998)**

- Past mayor and councilman, 1961-1963.
- Member of MISD Board of Trustees.
- Director and President of the McKinney Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club (Paul Harris Fellow), Kiwanis Club.
- Founding member of the McKinney Industrial Foundation, currently the McKinney Economic Development Corp.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Salvation Army for many years.
- McKinney Outstanding Citizen of the Year, 1972.
- Eubanks' home was located at 1 Roberts Avenue.
- A. Hardy Eubanks was born and raised in McKinney (1920-1998) and resided at 1 Roberts Avenue. He was a businessman/banker. Mr. Eubanks served as Mayor and on City Council in 1961-1963. He was a member of the MISD Board of Trustees, the Director and President of the McKinney Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club (Paul Harris Fellow) and the Kiwanis Club. He was a founding member of the McKinney Industrial Foundation.

## **Bonnie Wenk ( \_\_\_\_\_ to 2006)**

- A community activist and advocate for environmentalism, protecting the water in McKinney and the natural landscape.
- Former reporter and teacher.
- Loved the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Center and horses.
- A member of the eastside coalition. She made sure residents east of Highway 5 were represented and questioned the City Council and City staff on lots of things, but in a nice way.
- Member of the local LULAC group, or national level.
- Member of NAACP.
- Attended meetings on different events with Councilwoman Gilda Garza.

## **Carey Cox (1940-2002)**

- Born in McKinney.
- Businessman—auto dealership, 1962-1977; real estate, 1977–2002.
- President of McKinney Jaycees, 1964.
- President of McKinney United Way, 1970
- President of McKinney Rotary Club, 1970
- Founding Chairman of Collin County Community College Board of Trustees, 1985-2000.
- McKinney Outstanding Citizen of the Year, 2001.
- Was involved in the first Mickey Mantle World Series in McKinney, raising money and volunteering.

### **Collin McKinney (1766-1861)**

- Born in New Jersey. Moved to Texarkana, Texas in 1824 and Collin County in 1846.
- He was a land surveyor, Texas legislator, wagon train guide and farmer.
- Collin County and City of McKinney were named in his honor.
- A deeply religious man, he was credited with establishing Christian churches on the Red River, Van Alstyne and McKinney.

### **Colonel Tom Emerson (1894 – 1977)**

- Born in McKinney in 1894 on North Coleman Street and passed away in 1977.
- Donated to Collin County Community College an endowment scholarship fund of \$200,000; the largest single private gift the CCCCD Foundation has ever received. They will provide scholarships for students majoring in business, marketing, entrepreneurship, economics or technology and will enable music students to pursue their educational dreams.
- St. Peter's Episcopal Church also received a \$50,000 endowed scholarship fund.
- Tom helped with a radio station here in McKinney.

### **Donnie McCutchen (August 4, 1949 to July 8, 2007)**

- Born, lived and died in McKinney.
- A 1968 graduate of McKinney High School.
- In early 1960s, he formed one of the first rock and roll bands in McKinney.
- He was a catalyst in McKinney High School during the early 1960s to get more people involved in the performing arts at a time when athletes ruled the campus.
- Professional singer/songwriter/musician for all of his adult life, performing under the name Donnie Mac.
- Devoted many hours of his time performing for the folks at the local Senior Citizen Centers, hospitals, and youth groups.
- Great role model for lots of kids who went on to become musicians and actors.

### **Dr. Charles B. McKissick (Oct. 1, 1917-Oct. 11, 1995)**

- Dr. Charles B. McKissick (1917-1995), born in Midland, married Poppy Bass in McKinney in 1939. He attended Southern College of Optometry and practiced optometry in McKinney from 1946-1987, where he was co-owner of McKissick-Slack Optometry. During this time, he had a reputation in the community for providing optometric services to the indigent, as well as reduced charges to families with children. He was extremely generous with his services.
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- Dr. McKissick served in the U S Navy from 1942-1945 and was in the U S Naval Reserves. He received the Purple Heart and was vice president of the USS Indianapolis Group. Dr. McKissick was a past member of the MISD Board, past chairman of the McKinney Planning & Zoning Board, past president and chairman of the Board for Collin County Christian Counseling Center and a member of the McKinney Lions Club. As a Gideon and member of the First Christian Church in McKinney for 45 years, Dr. McKissick regularly provided volunteer work in the local jail bringing religious and emotional support to those incarcerated. He was past president of the North Texas Optometric Society and a member of the American Optometric Association, and the Texas Optometric Association.
- Served on the McKinney Independent School District Board; past chairman of the McKinney Planning & Zoning Board, past president and chairman of the Board for Collin County Christian Counseling Center; member of the Gideon's and McKinney Lions Club. As a Gideon and member of the First Christian Church in McKinney for 45 years, he regularly provided volunteer work in the local jail bringing religious and emotional support to those incarcerated. He was past president of the North Texas Optometric Society and a member of the American Optometric Association and the Texas Optometric Association.

### **Dr. Glenn Mitchell (19   -19   )**

- Deceased.
- General Practice Physician
- Delivered babies in the old Pope home and did the entire delivery and pre-natal care for \$75. He was the Wal-Mart of birthing babies; who must have delivered several thousands. He was on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. He didn't have much time for civic work, but he sure made an impression on the community from his medical practice. Dr. Mitchell converted the old Pope home into a hospital.

### **Dr. Mack Moran Hill**

- I would like to nominate my father, Dr. Mack Moran Hill, as a candidate to have a park or public facility named in his honor. He has spent his life contributing to the city of McKinney, and I believe it is time for the city of McKinney to honor him.
- Mack is a fifth generation McKinney-ite, and is a direct descendent of some of McKinney's founding families, the Graves, the Hill's and the Bushes. He has lived here for 89 years except for time away at school and the military. He grew up in McKinney and graduated from the old Boyd High School. For college, he attended TCU which also has McKinney roots. He was in his second year at TCU when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. There was a great need for doctors so he joined the Navy and attended Baylor Medical School in Houston graduating at the age of 23.
- After an internship in Fort Worth, he served in Guam, and then joined the USS Piedmont, AD 17 in Manila. Ten days later, this vessel became part of the 7<sup>th</sup>

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fleet that President Truman ordered to guard the Straits of Formosa. Later, while he was stationed in California, he met the love of his life, Anne. They married, and his final assignment in the Navy was at Fort Campbell, KY. Their first child, Martha, was born there. And it was there, he decided to specialize in pediatrics.

- Mack enrolled at UT Southwestern in Dallas to complete his residency. Their second child, Ben was born during that time. With such deep roots and extensive family in McKinney, it was natural that he and Anne decided to return to McKinney to open a private practice. There wasn't a single pediatrician in Collin County much less McKinney at the time, and he really felt he could serve the health needs of the children. Antibiotics and vaccinations were still in the infancy stage of development and unheard of in many rural areas. He would make a difference.
- After opening the doors in an office where the new McKinney Public Library now stands downtown, very few patients dropped in for an appointment. Mack, concerned, consulted his good friend and pharmacist, George Webb, as to what might be the problem. George suggested he change his sign from "Pediatrician" to doctor for "Children and Infants." After all, nobody really knew what the term pediatrician meant since there had never been one. Once the sign was changed, there was never an empty seat in the office waiting area again. The rest is history. Dr. Hill operated an enormously successful pediatric practice for the next 25 years.
- Times were certainly different. Independent labs didn't exist. House calls weren't a daily part of the routine, but they certainly weren't uncommon if there was a need. People rarely had health insurance, and if they did, they filed their own claims. The county or city would occasionally bring an inmate to his residence if there was an emergency after hours. No one was ever turned away.....ever. Payment was sometimes something straight from the garden. And everyone knew that if Dr. Hill wasn't at the office, they could call him at home no matter what the hour. He would answer.
- In addition to serving the children of Collin County, Dr. Hill has served the community. He was the city and county health officer for many years. He served on the McKinney Independent School Board for 9 years.
- He retired from practice in 1981, but that did not mean he would slow down. He has continued to serve in numerous community volunteer organizations and boards including his beloved First Christian Church where he has served as an elder, sung in the choir, taught Sunday school and served on the board. In 1993, he was named McKinney Chamber's "Citizen of the Year." In 2007, he was awarded the McKinney Community Development "Quality of Life Award." He has also served on the McKinney Boys & Girls Club board as well as the Red Cross.
- He is currently serving on the Pecan Grove Cemetery Board in addition to the Collin Fannin Medical Association, as he has for many years. Over the years, he has been involved in McKinney Community Theatre and he still participates in McKinney Summer Musicals. At 89, he is still performing on stage. He is an active, long time member of both McKinney Kiwanas and McKinney Rotary Club.

### **Fletcher (Buddy) Pope (18 to 19 )**

- Deceased.
- His home was on the property of the proposed Gateway Park site. Mr. Pope built several buildings around the Square—The Cup Filler, the old J. C. Penney building, and the old Pope Theater. He also built a home for the nurses at the old hospital in Finch Park.

### **Frank Garcia (Deceased)**

- Community advocate residing on the east side of McKinney.
- Political advocate.
- Organized the first League of United Latin Americans Citizens (LULAC) Council 608 in McKinney, TX.
- Scout Master.
- Boys and Girls Club Board Member.
- North Texas Job Corp Community Council Board Member.
- Named city's "Watch Dog" by the McKinney Courier-Gazette.

### **George Herndon (1818-**

- Deceased.
- Born in Kentucky in 1818.
- Made McKinney his home in 1847, settling on 640 acres west of McKinney on Eldorado Parkway.
- Laid out the first town in this vicinity, called "Old Buckner". It was the county seat for 2 years.
- He was a Texas Ranger.

### **Guy Rambo (1880's-1940's)**

- Born in McKinney.
- Was a fore-runner of the current fitness craze. In the early 1900's, he organized the local runners' club.
- The large Rambo home stood on North Chestnut Street, where the McKinney Lumber Company was in 1995.
- Two large lithographs that use to hang over the bar in his saloon, is displayed in the Dulaney Museum.
- He was a local actor.
- Horse races were held at Rambo Park in McKinney.

### **Harry McKillop**

- For nearly 4 decades, he has undertaken extraordinary, complex projects and missions to find Americans either captured or "lost" as POWs and MIAs, or men, women and children stolen and imprisoned in foreign lands for a variety of reasons and circumstances. His role in each of these efforts was pivotal—absolutely critical to the launch and completion of the missions.

- Served for years on the Pecan Grove Cemetery Board and with the Advisory Board of Collin County Regional Airport.

### **I. D. Newsome (Deceased)**

- D. Newsome, along with brothers W. B. and E. A., built the First Christian Churn in McKinney. They were involved in the grocery business, land, and banking.

### **Jack Kutchi (1946-2004)**

- Instrumental in the development of McKinney and the Stonebridge subdivisions.
- See attached letter from Newland Communities requesting Aspendale Subdivision park site be named after Jack Kutchi.
- Supportive of Heard Museum.
- Member of Ducks Unlimited.

### **Jerry Bolin (1944-2001)**

- Born in McKinney.
- Attorney and CPA.
- Businessman—co-owner of Bolin Oil Company, 1970-2001.
- President of McKinney Chamber of Commerce, 1977.
- Served on the following Boards:
- McKinney Industrial Development Corporation, 1983-99.
- McKinney Airport Board, 1981-87.
- Served on the Governor's Task Force on Aviation, 1981.
- Founding member and secretary-treasurer of Eldorado Country Club, 1980-83.
- Organized natural history education programs for children and adults at their Bolin Wildlife Exhibit & Antique Collection.

### **Jesse Shane (Deceased)**

- He was one of the most successful business men in Collin County. He was a city official, officer/owner in Collin County National Bank, Stiff Dry Goods Company, Shane Packing, Burris Mill, Collin County Mill and Elevator, McKinney Cotton Compress, McKinney Telephone Company and numerous other major businesses.

### **Jim Ledbetter (1940 – 199 )**

- Deceased.
- Moved to McKinney as a young child and grew up in McKinney.
- As a teen, helped in his father's "Ledbetter's Drive In", a popular gathering place for young people.
- Operated a successful real estate business.
- Served McKinney as Mayor at the beginning of McKinney's population explosion; annexation and zoning of Stonebridge Ranch.



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- Instrumental in entering into an agreement with the school district to build neighborhood parks adjacent to schools.
- While Mayor, celebrated the Texas Sesquicentennial by having great events each month of the year.

### **Johnny Urbano (1944 to \_\_\_\_\_)**

- Deceased.
- Born 1944 in McKinney, Texas.
- 1962 graduate of McKinney High School.
- McKinney High School Track and Baseball Star (only Hispanic on baseball team).
- Little League coach and umpire.
- Organizer and manager for McKinney's semi-pro baseball team called the McKinney Red Legs (member of two leagues and recruited college players from Texas and Oklahoma).
- Member of TAAF Umpire Association.
- Member of Holy Family city championship softball team for several years.
- Avid little league and baseball fan.
- Entered into the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame in \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Johnny Whisenant**

- No information was submitted with name recommendation.
- See the Whisenant Park File for more information.
- Ruth is wife's name; Ben & David are sons.

### **Lindsey Gunter (1935-2003)**

- Avid supporter of boys baseball—coach, umpire, etc.
- Formed the Collin County Baseball Umpire Association in 1978.
- In 1998, he became involved with the AABC Mickey Mantle World Series of Baseball serving as co-chairman of the board.
- Member of the executive board of McKinney Baseball Tournaments, Inc.

### **Roy F. Hall (1884-1970)**

- Born in McKinney.
- Served in the Army for 29 years.
- Became historical writer for the McKinney Examiner and Courier-Gazette for 20 years.
- Served as Mayor of McKinney from 1956 – 1960.
- Organized the Collin County Historical Society.
- Authored several books related to local history.
- Appointed by Governor of Texas to locate and help mark all historic sites in Collin County.

### **Sidna Schmidt Leavenworth (Deceased)**

- First woman to serve on the McKinney City Council.
- Involved in doing a survey of historical buildings in McKinney.
- Involved in determining historical zoning.
- Worked hard on appearance of downtown, getting (for the time) attractive new pavers installed, flower beds installed, and overhead electrical wires buried.
- Through her work with the Heritage Guild, the appearance of the old courthouse and its handicap accessibility was improved.
- Served on the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Board.
- She had a kind heart for the poor and suffering, loved her home (Metz House on Bengé Street) and was a great gardener.
- She was born and raised in Dallas on her grandfather's farm, part of which was taken for what is now White Rock Lake.
- She passed away several years ago in Colorado.

### **Tom Allen, Jr.**

- Tom was born in McKinney on November 4, 1928 and graduated from what I believe was the original Boyd High School in 1947.
- Tom was married to the former Patsy Paysinger for 53 years and had two children, a daughter, Amy Allen Meyer, and a son, Tom W. Allen, III. He was a proud grandparent to three granddaughters. His kids were active in many organizations and he held officer positions in at least two. He served as President of the McKinney Camp Fire Girls Council and a term as President of Parents and Friends Club of the McKinney FFA. I am sorry the precise dates I cannot grasp but the Camp Fire term had to be in the early 1970s and the FFA stint had to be around 1976 to 1978.
- He was a veteran of the Korean War.
- City Council 1969 – 1975, Mayor Pro-tem 1974 - 1975
- Tom was an active member of the First Baptist Church for most his life (60+ years). He served on numerous committees and held many title including Deacon, Building Committee, Church Clerk, Sunday School Teacher, Finance Committee and Greeter. I wish I could offer you precise dates; however, I know of several terms served at the same position at various intervals. The exact dates elude me. The point is he was willing to help wherever needed.
- Tom worked in the banking industry for 30+ years retiring as a Vice President with BancTexas (formerly Central National Bank). He served on the Board of Directors there as well beginning in 1981.
- Tom was active in the farming industry and worked a place in McKinney for many years (in the Stonebridge Ranch area) and remained active with his son until shortly before his passing. I am not uncomfortable saying he spent 45 years working in the agricultural and farming industry.



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- Active member of the Lions Club for 35+ years, Lion of the Year 1972, President 1974 – 1975

### **William C. “Bill” Dowdy, Jr.**

- Bill was born February 27, 1925, in McKinney, Texas. After graduating from high school in McKinney, Bill attended North Texas Agriculture College (now UTA) in Arlington. His education was interrupted when he was called to military service during WWII. As an Artillery Forward Observer in the Philippines, he served in Leyte, Luzon, Bataan, Corregidor, Mindoro, and Mindanao. Later he was with the occupation army in Japan. Upon receiving his honourable discharge from military service, Bill resumed his education at the University of Texas at Austin where he received his BBA degree and LL. B. (J.D.). He worked as an Assistant District Attorney in Dallas County while Henry Wade was District Attorney. Bill was a member of the Collin County Bar Association, a fifty-year member of the Dallas Bar Association, and the Texas Bar Association. Bill was also a former member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel and the Southwestern Regional Vice President of that organization.
- Bill has been active in civic affairs, serving on the Historic Preservation Advisory Board from 1989-1995, the last two years as Chairman. He was also a member of the McKinney Alliance Board, past President of the Kiwanis Club of McKinney, past President of the Community Concert Association, past board member of the American Red Cross, a volunteer at the McKinney Food Pantry, and was voted the 2000 Outstanding Citizen by the McKinney Chamber of Commerce. Bill was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church of McKinney where he served as an elder. In addition, he served on the Advisory Board of the Heritage Guild of Collin County, McKinney Education Foundation Board, and was President of the Scott Cemetery Association. Bill was also a member of the MEDC Board since 1995 and past Chairman.