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11.22.63

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Sarah H. Cockrell

January 13, 1819 - April 26, 1892
Greenwood Cemetery, Dallas, Texas

Sarah Horton Cockrell was married to Alexander Cockrell (wed Sept. 9, 1847) who purchased land from the “Father of Dallas” John Neely Bryan in 1852. Upon Alexander’s untimely death in 1858, Sarah became the wealthiest woman in Dallas. Cockrell would later donate the land that would become Dealey Plaza.

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George B. Dealey

September 18, 1859 - February 26, 1946
Grove Hill Memorial Park, Dallas, Texas

George Bannerman Dealey was a businessman, civic planner and publisher. Dealey started his news career at *The Galveston Daily News* in 1874. He became manager of *The Dallas Morning News* in 1895 and worked his way up to owner of the paper in 1926. Dealey worked until his death from a heart attack.

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Alfred H. Belo

August 4, 1873 - February 27, 1906
Oakland Cemetery, Dallas, Texas

Alfred Horation Belo published and later owned *The Galveston Daily News* and the *Texas Almanac*. Belo founded *The Dallas Morning News* with business partner George B. Dealey in 1885. He was president of A.H. Belo & Co.

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Dealey Plaza

Dallas, Texas

Dealey Plaza is a city park on the historic West End side of downtown Dallas. The park was completed in 1940 as a part of the Works Progress Administration and New Deal. Dealey Plaza is infamously known as the location of the assassination of President Kennedy on November 22, 1963. The park was named a National Historic Landmark in 1993.

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Elsbeth Apartment

602-604 Elsbeth Street, Dallas, Texas

Before the wrecking crew tore it down, I got a chance to see 602-604 Elsbeth Street. This run-down apartment north of the Bishop Arts District in Oak Cliff was the former residence to Lee Harvey Oswald and his wife, Marina. The couple lived here for six months from November 1962 to March 1963. News reports state that Lee beat Marina and that she tried to commit suicide in the bathroom of this very apartment. Marina conceived her second daughter while living at Elsbeth. (I did the math)

The Elsbeth apartment was a large horseshoe shaped complex. There were about ten to twelve units. The Oswalds lived in apartment No. 2, which was on the ground floor near the road. The Elsbeth Apartment was only a block away from Oswald's next residence on Neely Street.

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Presidential Limo (X-100)

The Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, Michigan 48124

President Kennedy's ride through downtown Dallas was a specially modified 1961 Lincoln Continental made by Ford Motor Co. at their Wixom, Michigan plant. The modifications were made by Hess & Eisenhardt of Cincinnati, Ohio. The president's limo was designated X-100 by the Secret Service. After the tragedy in Dallas, X-100 was impounded as evidence and later released for reconditioning and more modifications. X-100 continued as a presidential parade vehicle for Presidents Johnson, Nixon, Ford and Carter.

X-100 was retired from service in 1977. It was returned to the Ford Motor Co. It is now on display at The Henry Ford Museum as part of their Presidential Limousines collection. There are also rides for Presidents T. Roosevelt, F. Roosevelt, Eisenhower and Reagan.

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Oswald's Jail Cell

Dallas Municipal Building
106 S. Harwood, Dallas, Texas

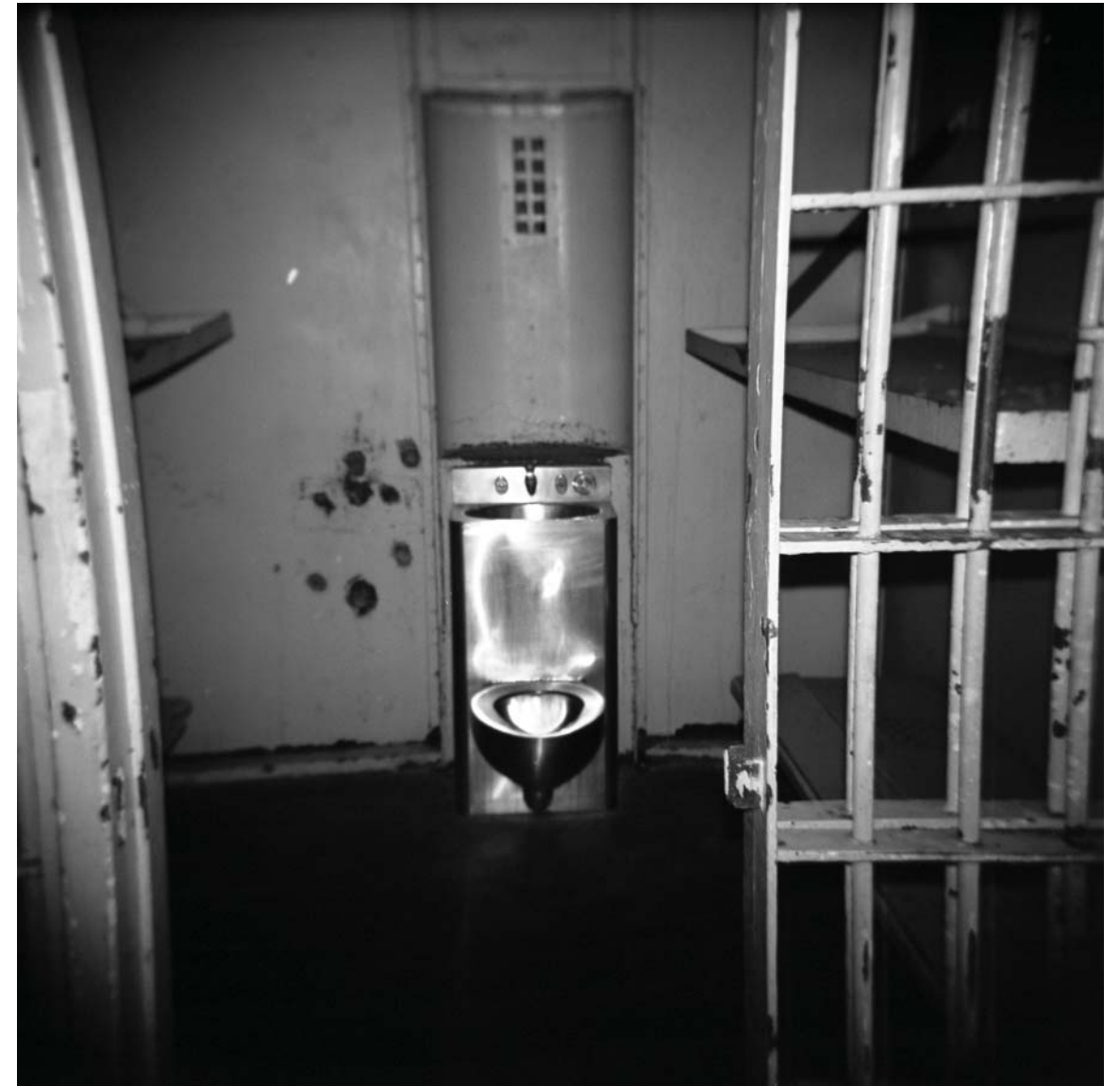
After being arrested at the Texas Theater and when not being paraded back and forth in front of the press or interrogated by Dallas Police, Lee Harvey Oswald spent his time in a jail cell on the fifth floor of the Dallas Police Headquarters (now the Dallas Municipal Building).

Oswald was kept alone in the middle of a three cell section. There are bars for each cell, the cell bay and the arching window at the end of the cell bay. There were rumors that people could see Oswald from his jail cell on the fifth floor. These rumors would be false as it is impossible for a prisoner to get near enough to the window to be seen.

In an ironic twist of fate, Oswald's cell became Jack Ruby's cell after Ruby shot Oswald in the basement.

The fifth floor of the Dallas Municipal Building is full of unused jail cells. Oswald's cell bay is currently painted mint green and has four bunks and a stainless steel sink-toilet combination. If ever there is a reason to stay on the straight and narrow, it would be the sink-toilet.

The fifth floor of the old Dallas Police Headquarters is coming apart at the seams. The elevator that took Oswald to the basement no longer works. The paint is chipping away. The linoleum floors are dried and cracked. There are layers of dust everywhere. In short, this is a photographers dream and a city manager's nightmare.



Historic Auto Attractions

13825 Metric Drive
Roscoe, Illinois

If you want to see Lee Harvey Oswald's original gravestone (bottom), then you will need to visit Historic Auto Attractions in Roscoe, IL.

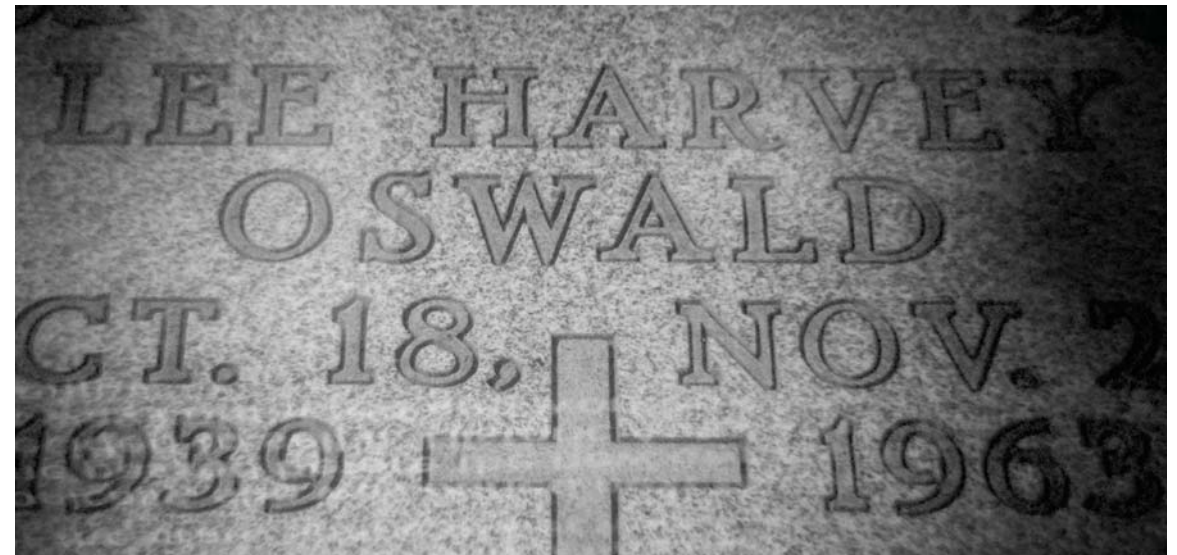
The story goes that Oswald's gravestone was stolen by some kids from Oklahoma in 1966. The gravestone was later returned to Oswald's mother, Marguerite, who lived in Fort Worth. For fear the gravestone would be stolen again, Marguerite kept in the crawl space under her house. After Marguerite passed away in 1981, the house was sold. The gravestone was later found by a utility worker making repairs to the house. The new homeowners kept the stone until they passed away. Their children sold it to Historic Auto Attractions in 2009 for an undisclosed sum of money.

Historic Auto Attractions has other Kennedy assassination artifacts. Outside of Washington, D.C. and Dallas, they have the mother load of all things Kennedy and Oswald. The museum has the taxi cab Oswald left Dealey Plaza in, the ambulance that took Oswald to the emergency room (top right) and the Secret Service follow up car (top left) that was used in Dallas. And that is just scratching the surface. The museum has clothing, letters, photographs, flags and other items used by the President, First Lady, Oswald and Ruby.

Historic Auto Attractions has a very wide variety of history all under one roof. They have the movie cars from *Bonnie and Clyde* (1967), *Back to the Future* (1985) and *National Lampoon's Vacation* (1983). The museum even has three Batmobiles.

More information about Historic Auto Attractions can be found online at historicautoattractions.com.

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