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Old School Museum: The Old School Museum is located next to Parker Hall at 111 West Houston St. in Dayton and is open Saturdays from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Dayton Historical Society: The Society meets in Parker Hall at 6 P.M. the last Monday of each month for a historical program presented by guest speakers. The program is preceded by a Society business meeting and followed by refreshments.

Dayton History News

Texas State Representative Charles Sumner Brown (1857-1945)

Charles Sumner (C. S.) Brown was born in Deerfield, NH on September 15, 1857 to Moses Brown (1831-1913) and Susan James (1835-1882).

A photo of Charles hangs in the Old School Museum in the area set aside for government officials from Dayton.

His role in Dayton’s history was that of a state representative between 1918 and 1920. Records indicate that he was also a member of the Liberty County Board of Trustees between 1911 and 1914 as well as in the mid-1920s.

Between 1900 and 1925, Dayton became an incorporated municipality (on May 3, 1911) and exceedingly prosperous with railroads, industry (oil, lumber) and banking:

- BSLW Railway (est. 1904)
- Dayton Lumber Co. (est.1906) logging of 23,000 acres of timber in Liberty County.
- Dayton State Bank (est. 1907)
- DGC Railway (est. 1918)
- Oilfields (est. 1920s)
 - Esperson Dome
 - South Dayton
 - North Dayton

From the state legislator perspective, Charles Brown took office in 1918 right after James E. Ferguson became the first and only Texas governor ever impeached (in 1917).

Public suspicion and distrust of Texas state government aggravated by President Woodrow Wilson’s commitment of America into World War I on April 2, 1917 and the growing distrust of German-Americans spurred an investigation of every department and institution.

President Wilson was motivated by Germany’s recent resumption of submarine attacks on passenger and merchant ships in 1917.

The Texas state legislature was dominated by Democrats. Between 1901 and 1930, Republicans held no more than one Senate or two House seats in the legislature and there were no third party legislators.

As a Texas legislator, Charles earned a whopping \$5.00 per day for the first sixty days of the regular session and for special sessions.

Charles married Bertha Garthwaite and they had five children – George, Susan, Harry, Nellie and Bertha.

Both Charles and his wife Bertha passed away in Dayton:

- Charles – January 23, 1945
 - Bertha – August 26, 1946
- They were interred at Evergreen Cemetery in Britt, Iowa as were Charles’ parents and his sister Mary.

**75th District Court Judge
Carroll Thomas “Rusty” Hight
(1946-2012)**

Carroll Thomas “Rusty” Hight was born December 6, 1946 in Conroe, Texas to Carl Orea Hight (1921-1964) and Alma Hazel Edwards (1916-2000).

His photo hangs in the Old School Museum in honor of his 8 years of service as the 75th District Court Judge from 2002 to 2010.

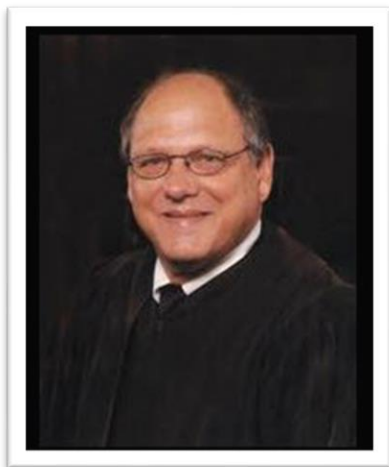
A graduate of Liberty High School class of 1965, Rusty also received a Bachelor of Science degree from Louisiana State University and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from South Texas College of Law.

Rusty and his twin brother, Carl, both received scholarships to attend LSU and both set freshman division conference records in the 100-yard dash, 440-yard dash and 440-yard relay.

In 2010, he was voted the Best Elected Official. In addition, he served on the Dayton ISD school board and was director of the Liberty-Dayton Chamber of Commerce and the Dayton FFA Sales Committee.

He was an active member of the Christian association Gideons International, a Liberty County Master Gardener and was well known for his award winning Mayhaw jelly.

One of his greatest challenges in life came when his daughter Laura was badly injured in a car accident that claimed the life of her school friend.



Judge Carroll Thomas
“Rusty” Hight

Medical personnel did not expect Laura to live, however, she did survive. Hight devoted himself to supporting summer camps for those with serious head injuries.

Rusty passed away on September 5, 2012 at age 65 five weeks after the discovery of cancer. The memorial service was held on Saturday, September 8th at First Baptist Church of Dayton.

Due to his having made important contributions to the state of Texas, Rusty was interred at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin, Texas.

He was survived by his wife Leah Wisegerber-Hight of Dayton and 3 children – daughter Laura and sons Luke and Ladd.

**Texas State Representative, Governor, etc.
Marion Price Daniel Sr.
(1910-1988)**

Marion Price Daniel Sr. was born October 10, 1910 in Dayton, Texas (305 Church St.) to Marion (M.P.) Price (1881-1937) and Nannie Blanche Partlow (1886-1955).

His photo hangs in the Old School Museum in honor of his service as:

- TX State Representative (1939-1943)
- TX Speaker of House (1943)
- Captain, U.S. Army (WWII 1943-1946)
- TX Attorney General (1946-1953)
- U.S. Senator (1953-1957)
- TX Governor (1957-1963, 3 terms)
- Lawyer (1963-1967)
- Asst. to President Johnson (1967-1969)
- Pres. Liaison to Governors (1967-1969)
- National Security Council (1967)
- TX Supreme Court (1971-1980, 3 terms)

Price Daniel Sr. (aka Price) was the eldest of 4 children – Ellen Virginia (1913-1999), William Partlow (1915-2006), and Nanette (1920 - 1 day).

As a young man, Price was a reporter for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram (1926-1927) and Waco News Tribune (1929-1931).

Not surprising, since his father M.P. was owner of Dayton’s newspaper, The Daytonite, but sold it to Dayton’s first mayor, Walter Neal, on January 1, 1912.

Price graduated from Baylor University in 1931 and from Baylor Law School in 1932. He was admitted to the Texas bar in 1932 and began his law practice in Liberty along with becoming co-owner and publisher of 2 weekly newspapers.



Marion Price Daniel

On June 28, 1940, Price married Jean Houston Baldwin (1916-2002), a great-great-granddaughter of Sam Houston (1793-1863) [a leader in the Texas Revolution, 1st and 3rd President of Republic of Texas, and 7th governor of state of Texas.]

Price and Jean had 3 sons – Marion Price Daniel, Jr. (1941-1981), John Baldwin Daniel (1948-2002), and Houston Lee Daniel (1945-2019); and 1 daughter – Jean Houston Daniel-Murph (living).

Daniel family members are buried at the family cemetery on FM-1011 in Liberty, Texas.

Price’s younger brother, William Partlow (Bill) Daniel was appointed governor of Guam (1961-1963) by President Kennedy and was renowned for his charity as evident by the sign at the entrance to Dayton’s City Park. His photo is also posted in the Old School Museum.