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Images of America: Carrollton

by Toyia Pointer

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1896 Room Courthouse-on-the-Square

Author Toyia Pointer will discuss her book <u>Images of America</u>, a history of Carrollton. Pointer serves as Curator of the A.W. Perry Homestead Museum. She gathered the images for this book from sources including the archives of the A.W. Perry Homestead Museum, the City of Carrollton, Peters Colony Historical Society members and other private collections.

"Over 160 years ago, bear and buffalo roamed the prairie and Wichita Indians camped on the banks of the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. Settlers from places like Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, and as far away as England and Ireland began arriving in North Texas. Texas was not yet a part of the United States when Sam Houston, as president of the Republic of Texas, entered into an agreement with the Peters Colony Company to attract settlers to the area with the promise of free land. Carrollton likely received its name from one of these groups that emigrated from Carrollton, Illinois. The city grew as it became a railroad hub and later transitioned from a rural community to a prosperous Dallas suburb. In 1976, the city participated in many national bicentennial celebrations, and volunteers restored and opened a museum to honor its rural beginnings and courageous settlers."





