

MAY DICKSON EXALL



In 1886, this young woman started the first women's club in Dallas. When they first met, they decided to study Shakespeare. This was a radical idea back then, however the 25-year-old "May" had attended Vassar, and she was considered a woman of standards. She was the club's leader until her death 50 years later.

She married Henry Exall in 1887. He was as relaxed and fun-loving, as she was organized and proper. He purchased a farm where its northern boundary was a narrow dirt road overhung with bois d'arc trees perfect for lovers. May named it Lovers Lane. At the south was a road with a plethora of songbirds. May dubbed it Mockingbird Lane. Remember May as you travel one of these two roads.

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For more information on May Exall go to the [Handbook of Texas Online](http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/EE/fex2.html)
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