

DEALEY PLAZA WITNESSES

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Adams, Victoria

TSBD employee. After the shooting, was on back stairs of TSBD, which LHO would have had to use to get to the second floor lunchroom where Officer Baker saw him 90 seconds after the shooting. She never saw LHO. Was on 4th floor of TSBD at time of shooting; testified that shots came from below her and to her left; Oswald's window was above and to her right. The grassy knoll was below and to her left.¹

Allen, William

News photographer for the Dallas Times Herald. One of three photogarphers to take pictures of the three "tramps" being arrested by Dallas police. Also photographed Buddy Walthers and another unidentified man taking something out of the grass on the south side of Elm.²

¹Marrs, *Crossfire*

²Benson, *Who's Who in the JFK Assassination* :10

Altegens, James "Ike"

AP photographer who captured much of assassination sequence on film. Was in Dealey Plaza in front of the car during shooting; could not count number of shots but said they sounded like they came from behind the car (the direction of the TSBD).

Arce, Danny

TSBD employee watching motorcade from just outside the TSBD. Told WC shots came from "railroad tracks west of the Depository."³ Later told Posner he had read so much about the assassination that he was no longer sure what was his own memory and what was something he had read.⁴

³Marrs

⁴Posner, *Case Closed* 234.

Arnold, Gordon

Claims to have been on the grassy knoll directly in front of the picket fence, where it is alleged there was a gunman. Says that the first shot "whizzed by" his shoulder, and that he dove to the ground for cover. He felt that the shots came from directly above him. After the shooting, he says, a man in a police uniform relieved him of the film he had just shot of the assassination.⁵ His story was later possibly confirmed by Senator Yarborough, who says he remembers a man diving for cover on the north side of Elm; however, Yarborough has said he might have seen William Newman, who also dove to the ground on top of his children.⁶ There is also a dispute as to whether he was actually on the knoll; photos do not show anyone where he says he was. He claims that he cannot be seen because he is on the ground.

Alyea, Thomas

Cameraman for WFAA-TV who rushed into the TSBD immediately after the assassination. Was on the sixth floor filming when the three shells were found.

Babushka Lady

So named due to the kerchief she wore on her

⁵Benson 17-18.

⁶Posner 255.

head that day. She may be seen in films and photos taken during the assassination sequence. She was standing on the south side of Elm next to Jean Hill, and was filming the motorcade at the time of the shots. Beverly Oliver claims to be the Babuschka Lady, but her identity has never been officially proven.

Baker, Marrison

Dallas police motorcycle officer who was rounding the corner of Main and Houston at the time of the first shot. He testified to the WC that he thought the shots were coming from either the building in front of him (the TSBD) or the building across the street from it (the Dal-Tex building). He looked up, and saw pigeons flying off of the roof of the TSBD, and rushed into the building. It was he, along with Roy Truly, who encountered Oswald in the second floor lunchroom of the TSBD 90 seconds after the last shot. ⁷

Barclay, Mike

Friend of Ruby roommate George Senator; was standing on the corner of Main and Houston. Told WC he heard "one or more" shots, but couldn't determine their source.⁸

⁷Warren Commission Vol. 3:242-270

⁸Benson 29.

Barnett, Welcome

Dallas police officer stationed at the corner of Houston and Elm. Testified to the WC that he thought the shots had come from above him (the TSBD). was the first to report a shooter in the TSBD, based on what Howard Brennan told him.

Bell, Mark

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Bennett, Glen

Secret Service agent riding in follow-up car directly behind Kennedy's car. He stated that he saw a bullet hit the president about four inches down from the right shoulder; this would place the wound too low for a trajectory through the throat.⁹

Betzner, Hugh

Was standing on Houston near Elm St. at the time of the shooting. Took three photos of the motorcade as it passed him that were not used by the WC as evidence; the HSCA did use it. Affidavit with DPD states that he heard at least two shots¹⁰; he later stated that he heard at least four.¹¹

⁹Benson 37.

¹⁰WC Vol. 19:467.

¹¹Benson38.

Bond, Wilma

Took photo of motorcade while standing on the north infield grass of Dealey Plaza. Photo used by HSCA.

Bothum, Richard

Bowers, Lee

Railroad operator who was working in the control tower behind Dealey Plaza during the assassination. Described

Braden, Jim

Brehm, Charles

Brennan, Howard

Bronson, Charles

Brown, Earle

Burrows, Frances

Cabell, Mrs. Earle

Calvery, Gloria

Campbell, O.V.

Carr, Richard Randolph

Chaney, James

Chism, John

Chism, M.

Connally, John

Connally, Nellie

Couch, Malcolm

Craig, Roger

Crawford, James

Croft, Robert

Darnell, James

Decker, Bill

Dillard, Thomas

Dodd, Richard

Dorman, Elsie

Dougherty, Jack

Downey, W.

Dragoo, Betty

Edwards, Robert

Ellis, Starvis

Eunis, Amos Lee

Fischer, Ronald B.

Florer, L.

Foster, J.W.

Franzen, Mrs. J.

Frazier, B. Wesley

Garner, Dorothy Ann

Greer, William

Hardie, Julius

Hargis, Bobby

Harkness, D.V.

Harper, Billy

Hartman, Edna

Hartman, Wayne

Hathaway, Phillip

Haygood, Clyde

Henderson, Ruby

Hester, C.

Hill, Clint

Hill, Jean

Hoffman, Ed

Holland, S.M.

Holmes, H.

Hudson, Emmitt

Hughes, Robert

Jacks, Hurchel

Jackson, Robert

Jarman, James

Johnson, Clemon

Kellerman, Roy

Kennedy, Jacqueline

Kilduff, Malcolm

Kounas, Delores

Lawrence, John

Lester, Richard

Lomax, James

Lovelady, Billy

Mabra, W.W.

Martin, Billy Joe

Martin, John

McLain, H.B.

McVey, O.S.

Mentensana, Charles

Mercer, Julia Ann

Miller, Austin

Millican, A.J.

Mitchell, Mary Ann

Molina, J.

Mooneyham, L.

Moorman, Mary

Muchmore, Marie

Mudd, F.L.

Murphy, Thomas

Nally, Mike

Newman, Gail

Newman, Jean

Newman, William

Nix, Orville

Norman, Harold

Odell, J.G.

Owens, Ernest J.

Paschell, Patsy

Paternostro, S.

Pites, Linda

Potter, Nolan

Powell, James

Price, J.C.

Rachley, Virgie

Reid, Mrs. Robert A.

Reilly, Frank

Rodgers, Charles

Romack, James

Rowland, Arnold

Rowland, B.

Shelley, William

Similas, Norman

Simmons, James

Simpson, R.

Sitzman, Marilyn

Skelton, Royce

Slack, G.

Smith, L.C.

Solon, J.

Sorrels, Forrest

Speaker, Sandy

Springer, P.

Styles, Sandra

Summers, Malcolm

Tague, James

Terry, L.R.

Thornton, R.

Tilson, Tom

Towner, Tina

Truly, Roy

Underwood, James

Walther, Carolyn

Walters, Buddy

Weigman, Dave

West, Robert

Westbrook, Karen

Weitzman, Seymour

White, J.C.

Williams, Bonnie Ray

Williams, J.J.

Willis, Linda

Willis, Phillip

Willis, Rosemary

Wilmon, Jim

Wilson, Steve

Winborn, Walter

Witt, Louie Steven

Woodward, Mary

Worrell, James

Yarborough, Sen. Ralph

Zapruder, Abraham