

# The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas

February 2019



## *Fascinating Bits of Texas History at our February Meeting: Birth of Texas Series*

Mike Vance, Houston Arts and Media (HAM) founder, was our guest speaker. HAM merged with The Heritage Society in 2016. HAM is a non-profit organization that creates innovative ways to educate Texans about their history. The organization continues to fashion projects of their own as well as work with dozens of other groups, agencies and school districts to build a variety of highly acclaimed projects.

Mike conceived and managed the notable Houston mural, Mexican-American History & Culture in 20th Century Houston, and oversees programming both on and off the Heritage Society campus in downtown Houston. He has recently become Creative Director for Bright Sky Publishing.

In line with HAM's mission, Mike created Birth of Texas series, consisting of eight feature-length documentaries about the early history of Texas. Unfortunately, Mike was unable to show the San Jacinto video part because the cord to connect the projector had disappeared. Amazingly, he did an "off the cuff" brilliant talk about new findings and research regarding people and events at San Jacinto. We were completely mesmerized! It was the perfect way to prepare us for our March field trip. Big thanks to Mike!

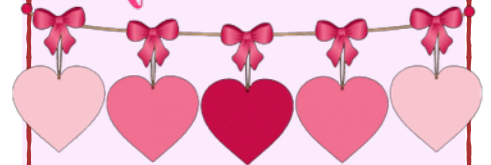


## **San Jacinto Chapter Donates Brick**

The board voted to donate a brick to the DRT headquarters in Austin. Our chapter is now represented there with our name inscribed on the brick. How fine is it to have a SJC visible presence at headquarters.



# Happy Valentines



## **From the President**

*Dear Daughters,*

*Our field trip to the San Jacinto Battleground will be on March 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be taking a bus from St. Luke's Methodist Church and the details about timing and parking are in this newsletter. Please contact Martha Jorgensen for any questions.*

*The San Jacinto Day Ceremony at the San Jacinto Battleground is on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. It is Easter Sunday, so the ceremony will be held in the auditorium at 4 p.m. Please try to fit this in to your Easter Day plans.*

*We will be voting on our new executive board in April. They will be installed at our Spring luncheon on June 6<sup>th</sup> and our new President General, Carolyn Raney, a former member of San Jacinto Chapter, will attend and install our new board. The invitation to the luncheon will be sent the first of April so please make plans to attend.*

*Laura-Hill Taylor,  
President*

**The  
Republic of  
Texas Museum  
Annual History  
Symposium  
March 2nd,  
Austin, TX  
See flyer  
attached.**



## Honor and Memorial Days 2019

### March 2

Texas Independence Day (1836)

Sam Houston's Birthday (1793)

### March 6

Alamo Heroes Day (1836)

### March 27

Goliad Heroes Day (1836)

### April 21

San Jacinto Day (1836)

San Jacinto  
Chapter  
Field Trip  
March  
7th

## UPnext: Field Trip to San Jacinto Battleground

Our March field trip will be further exploration into Texas history at the San Jacinto Battleground. Eron Brimberry Tynes, former president of our chapter, will guide us through battlegrounds around the monument. We will leave at 9:00 a.m. from St. Luke's Methodist Church on Westheimer on a county bus. After the tour we will dine together at Monument Inn at 1:00 (lunch on your own), returning by 4:00 to the church. Please come and learn more about our storied Texas history!

## Program Schedule 2019

### March 7, 2018

*Field Trip:*

San Jacinto Battlefield

*Tour Guide:*

Eron Tynes Brimberry

Lunch at Monument Inn

### April 4, 2018

Linda Martin

The Houston Hogg Family -  
Beyond Ima

### May 2, 2018

To be announced.

### June 6, 2018

June Luncheon

## Calendar of Events, San Jacinto Chapter

### 2019

February 28	Executive Board Meets	11:00 am
March 7	Chapter Field Trip	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
March 12	Texas History Pioneer Day	
March 28	Executive Board Meets	11:00 am
April 4	Chapter Meeting 10:00 Social /10:30 Meeting Pioneer Memorial Log House	
April 21	San Jacinto Day Ceremony <i>Presentation of SJC Scholarships</i> San Jacinto Battleground Battle Reenactment <a href="http://www.sanjacinto-museum.org">www.sanjacinto-museum.org</a>	4:00 pm (tentative) 3:00 pm
April 25	Executive Board Meets Pioneer Memorial Log House	11:00 am
May 2	Chapter Meeting 10:00 Social /10:30 Meeting Pioneer Memorial Log House	
May 30 thru June 1	DRT Annual Convention Austin, Details to be Announced	
May 30	Executive Board Meets Pioneer Memorial Log House	11:00 am
June 6	June Luncheon BraeBurn Country Club 8101 Bissonnet	11:30 am

TO:  
Diane Martin Quast  
Sharron Wilson  
Lisa Braly

Thank You ...  
for the delicious  
Valentine themed  
refreshments.  
Yummy!

If you would like to help with  
refreshments in April or May,  
please contact Gwen Koch at  
713/826-9061 or  
[jkoch11949@att.net](mailto:jkoch11949@att.net)

Many of you asked for the old timey Red Velvet Cake recipe  
from our February Valentine's meeting treats. Here ya go! Enjoy!



with  
"ADAMS BEST" VANILLA  
AND GOLDEN BUTTER FLAVOR

1/2 Cup Shortening  
1 1/2 Cups Sugar  
2 Eggs  
1 t. "Adams Best" Vanilla  
1 t. Adams Butter Flavor  
1 oz. (two 1/2 oz. bottles)  
Adams Red Color

3 T. (level) Cocoa  
2 1/2 Cups sifted Cake Flour  
1 Cup Buttermilk  
1 t. Salt  
1 T. Vinegar  
1 t. Soda

Cream shortening, sugar, eggs, flavors. Make a paste of cocoa and food coloring; add to first mixture. Alternately add flour and buttermilk. Mix soda and vinegar in small bowl; add to batter. Blend. Bake in 3 - 9" or 10" pans for 20-25 minutes at 350°. Let cool completely. Cover with frosting.

#### FROSTING

3 T. Flour  
1/2 t. Salt  
1 Cup Milk  
1 Cup Shortening

1 Cup Sugar  
2 t. "Adams Best" Vanilla  
1/4 t. Adams Butter Flavor

Cook milk, flour, salt until thick; stirring constantly. Let cool. Cream shortening and sugar very well; add flavors. Combine with the first mixture; beat well.

Thank you to members who suggested I send a grant request to Texas Native License Plate. Our request for support of new HVAC system for the Pioneer Memorial Log House was delivered. Keep your fingers crossed that they will be able to make a contribution. Sharolyn Wood continues to get bids for the necessary projects to help us preserve and maintain our historic log house. If you have any funding suggestions, please let me know. Approximately \$130,000 is needed to fund the identified projects. Let us hope that there aren't any hidden expenses lying under the floor or walls. Just like our own homes, there are always expenses to keep things running in good repair.

We have received about \$30,000 and will get started with the foundation this spring, now we need \$100,000 more to complete the rest of the projects!

– Gwen Koch

  
*In Memoriam*  
**Opal D. Rainey**

**August 25, 1923 - February 6, 2019**



Opal Louise Dorman Rainey, 95, passed away peacefully on February 6, 2019. Opal was the only child of John Thomas Dorman and Lena Mae Miller Dorman, who predeceased her.

She was born in Albany, Shackelford County, Texas on August 25, 1923. After moving to Corsicana in the mid-1930s, she met her husband-to-be, Edwin Arnold (Bud) Rainey.

Bud and Opal married on June 16, 1943 and were married for over 75 years. Bud survives her, along with their only child, Tonya Alece Rainey Anderson and husband, John A. Anderson, Jr. Also surviving Opal is their only grandchild, Steven Bryan McCary and three great grandchildren, Ewan Alexander, Ashley Alece and Ansley Marie McCary, along with their mother, Erin Davis McCary, and long-time family friend, Sally Evans.

Bud and Opal are decades-long active members of First Christian Church, where Opal was involved in all facets of hospitality; from planning menus, cooking, serving, decorating, and cleaning, for luncheons, dinners, after church fellowships, weddings, and funerals.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, February 12 in the First Christian Church Chapel, 1601 Sunset Blvd. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Disciples Women's Ministry of First Christian Church, or The Houston Gilbert and Sullivan Society, P.O. Box 741267, Houston, TX 77274-1267.

*Opal's daughter, Tonya Rainey Anderson, is a member of the San Jacinto Chapter. Please keep Tonya and Opal's family in your thoughts and prayers.*

**Sally Whittington shared this story as a tribute to Opal's life.**

*When I arrived for the service, cars were circling the block trying to find a place to park. After finally finding a place to park, I went in to the Chapel where the service was to be held. People were actually coming OUT! I thought, "did I miss it?"*

*No, there were too many people for the chapel! They had to move it to the sanctuary! What a nice tribute to a great lady!*

**In Bloom**

*Rare yellow yaupon behind our office in Brooks Cottage is glorious this year.*

*The native yaupon near the drive is also covered with berries. The yellow berries are thick.*

*The yellow yaupon can best be viewed from the Ben Taub drive.*

*Two camellia bushes. Gwen Kunz's hands holding camellias. Gwen was at the Log House treating fire ants.*



## Shop at Randall's, Tom Thumb, and Kroger to raise money for our chapter.

An easy way to contribute to San Jacinto Chapter DRT is by grocery shopping. Our chapter is linked to both Randall's Food Market/Tom Thumb and Kroger. These grocery stores will automatically send our chapter a % of all purchases made with our registered #. You are buying groceries anyway, so make sure San Jacinto Chapter DRT receives a little benefit. Also, you can have family and friends sign up with our numbers too.

Please link your **Randalls Good Neighbor** card to our **DRT #14013**. It is easy to do by asking the cashier or going to the customer service desk. It would probably be a good idea for everyone to double check that their card is linked to this number as it may be a different # from when you originally signed up.

Kroger requires everyone with their **Kroger Community Rewards** program to reregister each summer. Also, they have recently upgraded their system and issued every organization a new account number. Please sign up for the card and link it to our **Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Pioneer Memorial Log House #RF149**. The Customer Service desk can help you.

Both of these programs are free to customers. You shop anyway, help San Jacinto Chapter DRT with your shopping.

Thanks!

Gwen Koch

## Texas Independence Day Celebration

On Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. the San Jacinto Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT) is sponsoring a ceremony under the Statue of General Sam Houston at Hermann Park to commemorate the 183<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Texas Declaration of Independence at Washington-on-the-Brazos. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Officials of the Sons of The Republic of Texas will be speaking about the impact of the approval and signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence had in shaping modern day Texas. We will read the famous letter from the Alamo by Col. William Barret Travis calling for reinforcements. We will conclude the ceremony by leading everyone in a toast to all those brave men who signed the Texas Declaration of Independence. The toast will be with good old Texas water.

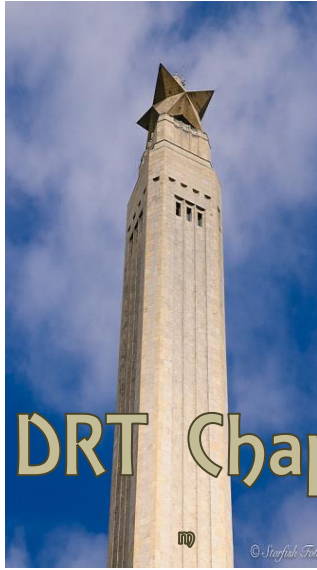
Recognized by state statute as an official state holiday, Texas Independence Day originally began with the approval and signing of the Declaration of Independence by the 56 delegates to the Convention that met at Washington-on-the-Brazos beginning on March 1, 1836. On the first day, Convention President, Richard Ellis, appointed a committee composed of George C. Childress, James Gaines, Edward Conrad, Collin McKinney, and Bailey Hardeman to draft a declaration of independence.

George Childress, the committee chairman, is generally accepted as the author of the Republic of Texas Declaration of Independence, with little help from the other committee members. Since the six-page document was submitted for a vote of the whole convention on the following day, Childress probably already had a draft version of the document with him when he arrived. As the delegates worked, they received regular reports on the ongoing siege on the Alamo by the forces of General Santa Anna's troops.

A free and independent Republic of Texas was officially declared March 2, 1836, when the 56 delegates present—each representing one of the settlements in Texas—unanimously approving the declaration. The 56 delegates who were present signed the Texas Declaration of Independence on March 3, 1836, and 3 others signed later. After the 59 delegates signed the original declaration, 5 additional copies were made and dispatched to designated Texas towns of Bexar, Goliad, Nacogdoches, Brazoria, and San Felipe. 1,000 copies were ordered printed in handbill form. Most of the original copies have been lost over the years.

The Sons of the Republic of Texas and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas are 501(c)(3) organizations whose missions are to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the people who achieved and maintained the independence of Texas and to encourage historical research into the earliest records of Texas, especially those relating to the revolutionary and republic periods. The SRT and DRT encourage the preservation of documents and relics, the publication of historical records and narratives, and the celebration of important days in the state's history. They also encourage the teaching of Texas history in schools and sponsor numerous scholarships. The public is invited to join us at 10:30 a.m. under the Statue of General Sam Houston to honor the brave men who took that first important step toward making Texas what it is today!

*For additional details, please contact Event Chairman, Tom Green, KSJ at 713-340-1965.*



# San Jacinto DRT Chapter Field Trip

March 7, 2019 9:30-3:30

Tour of the San Jacinto Battleground

Led by Eron Brimberry Tynes

Lunch on your own at Monument Inn

✧ **Rsvp by March 1** ✧

Martha Jorgensen 713-461-4611

[marthajorgensen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marthajorgensen@sbcglobal.net)

Guests and husbands are welcome.

We will meet at 9:15 at St. Luke's Methodist Church,

3471 Westheimer Road 77027,

and take a county bus to San Jacinto.

*To participate in the tour, you must catch the bus at the church.*

Park on the southwest corner of the church lot.

We will collect \$5.00 from each person.

# The Daughters of the Republic of Texas Museum presents its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual History Symposium **The EARLY INHABITANTS of TEXAS**

**Norris Conference Center**  
**2525 West Anderson Lane – Austin**  
**2 March 2019 10:00am – 3:00pm**  
Cost: \$60 (includes catered lunch and refreshments)



## Native American Contributions to Texas History

Beginning with the first European contact by Hernan Cortez and the Indigenous people in 1519, the major events that led to the start of the 43 year war in 1748 against the Chichimeca tribes will be detailed, the establishment of Nuevo Santander in 1748, as well as the major events that occurred after the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848. You'll also learn how peyote saved Stephen F. Austin.

*Ted Herrera was born in the Coahuilteco Sacred Land in Mirando City, Texas. He descends from Tlaxcala, Chichimeca, Huichol, and Coahuiltecan Indians. He is married to DRT member Jo Ann Garcia Herrera. Ted is the hereditary Tlahtoani (Principle Speaker) for the Tlaxcalteca and Affiliated Tribes of Texas headquartered in San Antonio, Texas. Ted and Jo Ann live in Alamogordo, NM.*



**El Camino Real de los Tejas: Past and Present** will focus on the history and modern developments of El Camino Real. The presentation will define what it means to be a Camino Real; go over a brief history of the trail; discuss modern developments leading up to the designation of the Camino as a National Historic Trail; review what it means to be a National Historic Trail and part of the National Trails System; and illustrate how you can see and experience the trail.

*Lynn Forney Young, a native Houstonian and graduate of the University of Houston, has been actively engaged in preserving and promoting our nation's history for decades. She has been a member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution for more 40 years, serving as President General 2013-2016. She joined the San Jacinto Chapter DRT in 1994. Lynn currently serves as the Chair of the Milam County Historical Commission and is on the Board of the El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Association.*

## A Legacy of Land - Finding the Old 300 in the Records of the Texas General Land Office (GLO)

The Archives of the Texas GLO contains nearly 36 million documents, maps, and sketches that detail the history of the public lands of Texas dating to the sixteenth century. The Spanish Collection – a group of records that covers the periods of Spanish and Mexican sovereignty in Texas. Included in the Spanish Collection are the colonial records of Stephen F. Austin and the land grants for the Old 300 settlers, who helped shape Texas as we know it today.

*Patrick Walsh is a Research and Outreach Specialist for the Texas General Land Office Archives and Records Program. He writes and edits for the GLO's blog (<http://www.medium.com/@txglo>), works to promote the Save Texas History Program, speaks to historical and genealogical groups across the state, and provides support for historians, genealogists, energy industry professionals, surveyors, and landmen.*



Registration **MUST** be received by Monday, 25 February 2019 – Please register early. Seating is limited!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ DRT Member: ☐ Y ☐ N

Please direct any questions or dietary restrictions to Julia Lopez, Museum Chair at [republicoftexasmuseumchair@drtinfo.org](mailto:republicoftexasmuseumchair@drtinfo.org).

Please remit this completed registration form along with your check in the amount of \$60 per registrant to "DRT Museum"

Mail to: Republic of Texas Museum, 510 East Anderson Lane, Austin, TX 78752