

# The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas

March 2019

The March Field Trip was a Hit!

Our March field trip to the San Jacinto Battlefield was a fun-filled outing, filled with storied Texas history. Eron Tynes, former president of our chapter, led our tour and emphasized numerous contributions made by our San Jacinto Chapter through the years in order to save and preserve the site. The knowledge Eron has about the battle, history, and markers at the site is endless. We were certainly captivated by fascinating historical stories she shared about the San Jacinto Battlefield and our chapter. Thank you, Eron!

After the tour, we enjoyed camaraderie and scrumptious seafood at the Monument Inn, which seems to be tradition in itself after visiting the battlefield. Perhaps many of you have childhood memories of eating at the Monument Inn!

The day was cloudy, but we were lucky as rain didn't fall until we were loading up the bus. We all agreed we could have stayed much longer at the Battlefield than time allowed. We loved the tour and now have even more reasons to visit again.



## From the President

Dear Daughters,

What a wonderful field trip to the San Jacinto Battleground!

Thank you Eron Tynes for being such a great tour guide. The weather was not what we had hoped for, but lunch at the Monument Inn was delicious.

The exciting news is that work began on the repairs to the Log House on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. The foundation is being repaired, the front porch is being replaced and the logs are being re-chinked. The planned completion date is April 12<sup>th</sup> so our May meeting will be in the Log House. However, **our April chapter meeting will not be at the Log House. We will meet at the Carriage House at the Clayton Library on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.** Please plan on attending since we must have a quorum to elect our new slate of officers.

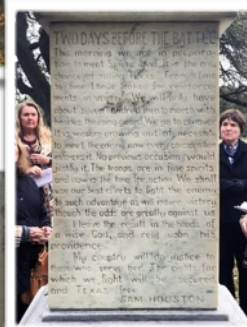
Another reminder that the San Jacinto Day Ceremony at the San Jacinto Battleground is on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. It is Easter Sunday, so the ceremony will be held in the auditorium at 4 p.m. Please try to fit this in to your Easter Day plans.

Laura-Hill Taylor,  
President



BENEATH AN OAK TREE THAT GREW ON THIS SITE GENERAL ANTONIO LÓPEZ DE SANTA ANNA, PRESIDENT AND DICTATOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO WAS BROUGHT A CAPTIVE APRIL 22, 1836, BEFORE GENERAL SAM HOUSTON, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMY OF TEXAS WHO HAD BEEN PAINFULLY WOUNDED ON THE DAY PREVIOUS IN THE BATTLE OF SAN JACINTO.

KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN AMONG THE CAPTIVES OF SANTA ANNA WERE JAMES ALSTON SILVESTER JOEL WALTER FORBESON JOSEPH B. VERMILION



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
San Jacinto  
DRT Luncheon  
Thursday,  
June 6,  
2019



Chow  
time!  
Monument  
Inn on our  
field trip.



## 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)

## Program Schedule, 2019

### April 4

Linda Martin  
The Houston Hogg Family -  
Beyond Ima

### May 2

Coyla Holmes,  
District VI Representative

### June 6

June Luncheon

## UPnext: The Houston Hogg Family - Beyond Ima

Linda Martin is our speaker at the April meeting. Linda has been active at Bayou Bend for many years. She was the General Chairman of the Bayou Bend Docent Organization, a group of about 400 volunteers that give tours at Bayou Bend, the former home of Miss Ima Hogg. We know about Ima Hogg and her legendary generosity to Houston, but Linda will talk about the rest of the Hogg family.

Bayou Bend houses the most extensive collection of American art and antiques west of the Mississippi River. It is part of the Museum of Fine Arts Houston.

Come enjoy friends and what is sure to be quite an engrossing talk.

**NOTE:** The meeting will be held at The Clayton Library Carriage House at 12:00 noon.



*James Stephen Hogg dominates this family portrait of 1891, during the early days of Hogg's tenure as governor of Texas. At left is Ima, with Will Hogg and Mrs. Hogg standing behind the governor. Tom Hogg stands between his father's knees, and Mike Hogg is beside him.*

Source: [houstonchronicle.com](http://houstonchronicle.com)

## Calendar of Events, San Jacinto Chapter

### 2019

March 28	Executive Board Meets	11:00 am
April 4	Chapter Meeting The Clayton Library Carriage House	12:00 noon
April 21	San Jacinto Day Ceremony Presentation of SJC Scholarships San Jacinto Battleground <a href="http://www.sanjacinto-museum.org">www.sanjacinto-museum.org</a>	4:00 pm (tentative)
April 25	Executive Board Meets Pioneer Memorial Log House	11:00 am
May 2	Chapter Meeting Pioneer Memorial Log House	10:00 Social / 10:30 Meeting
May 30 thru June 1	DRT Annual Convention Austin	
May 30	Executive Board Meets Pioneer Memorial Log House	11:00 am
June 6	June Luncheon BraeBurn Country Club 8101 Bissonnet	11:30 am

## SAN JACINTO SYMPOSIUM

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON - DOWNTOWN**

*See flyer attached for all the details.*





**Exciting News!!** Much needed repairs began on Monday March 11th to level the foundation of the Log House and build a brand new front porch.

We "secured" the Log House and safeguarded the items in the Log House for the construction. The furnishings, pictures and museum pieces were packed and covered to protect from falling chinking and dust. Docents Beth McCarty and Carolyn Gilbert and 5th VP Sharolyn Wood were assisted by Luanne Zacek, Susan Stormer, Eron Tynes (with friend Carl), and Gwen Kunz. A big ol' Texas-sized thanks to ya'll! The azaleas and other shrubs will be moved as necessary.

IF everything goes on schedule, we hope to have the repairs completed by our May meeting. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the work progresses smoothly!



*A "work in progress" to secure all items.*



*Front porch being rebuilt.*



### **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 percentage of all purchases made with our registered number. 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 number 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



## THE RUNAWAY SCRAPE: A lesser known piece of Texas history.



Texans love the story of the Alamo. Although it was a battle lost, remembering the courage of its defenders thrills later Texans, even "adopted Texans," yet. Less well recalled is the Runaway Scrape produced by the fall of the Alamo and the massacre at Goliad a couple of weeks later.

The Runaway Scrape was a mad dash to safety by civilians, even government officials, to escape the Mexican army in the aftermath of these two bloody losses. Previous military clashes between Texans and Mexican military forces resulted in decisive, even one-side victories at Velasco and Nacogdoches in 1832 and Anahuac, Gonzales, and San Antonio in 1835. Given the times, many Texans considered victory over Mexico inevitable. They reckoned without the overwhelming numbers Santa Anna brought to Texas to deal with rebelling subjects. With over 6,000 troops in Texas, about two-thirds of them in San Antonio facing 180-something Alamo defenders and the other third at Goliad to conquer James Walker Fannin's 500 or so men, Santa Anna simply overwhelmed Texan forces.

When news of the Alamo's fall reached Gonzales, made worse by the loss of some member of every household in the community who had gone to the Alamo's defense after the siege began, grief overwhelmed the nearly 400 men who had gathered there on the way to fight in San Antonio. Some wanted to attack Santa Anna immediately, but Sam Houston knew that rashness and bravery would not overcome Santa Anna's great numbers. He ordered his "army" eastward. Within days, Texans learned of the loss of Fannin's command at Goliad.

The Runaway Scrape, then, resulted from three items of bad news in close proximity: losses at the Alamo and Goliad and the only remaining Texan military force in retreat. Settlers joined the migration and became refugees. As more and more crowded roads, panic increased. Food, ready to eat, was left on tables. Keepsakes hastily packed in saddlebags, valises, or wagons were cached or simply abandoned along the way when panic forced a quicker pace. Spring rains enlarged streams, which created bottlenecks at crossings. The Runaway Scrape was an unpleasant experience.

Some traveled all the way to Louisiana, considered beyond the reach of the Mexican Army, especially after President Andrew Jackson stationed US militia commanded by Edmund Gaines there. Some stopped in Nacogdoches or east of Harrisburg to await developments. Word of Houston's victory at San Jacinto brought relief and the opportunity to return to homes sometimes more likely to have been burgled by other, less scrupulous Texans than sacked by Mexican soldiers. No wonder Texans do not like to remember the Runaway Scrape. It does not fit their self-image.

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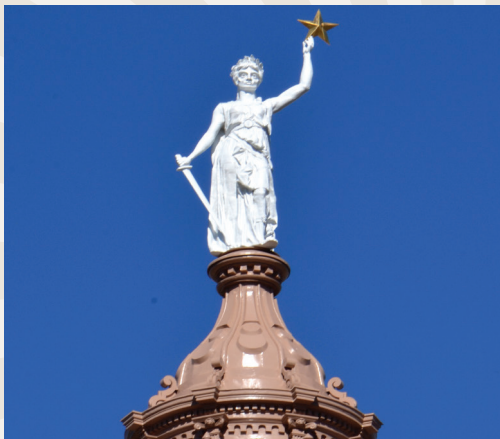
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# SAN JACINTO SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, April 6 - 8:30 AM to 5 PM

University of Houston-Downtown ■ One N. Main St. ■ Houston, Texas 77002



*The Goddess of Liberty rests atop the Texas State Capitol.  
Courtesy State Preservation Board.*

TSHA presents the annual, one-day Battle of San Jacinto Symposium—the preeminent conference on the Texas Revolutionary era. These pivotal years, 1821–1845, mark the transition from Spanish and Mexican sovereignty to independent Texas and annexation to the United States.

The theme of the 2019 Symposium is  
**“Women and the Texas Revolution.”**

## **SPEAKERS:**

**James E. Crisp**

Professor of History at  
North Carolina State University

**Richard Bruce Winders**  
Curator and Historian at the Alamo

**Caroline Castillo Crimm**  
Owner, Historic Tours of Texas

**Paula Marks**  
Professor Emerita of American Studies,  
St. Edward's University

**Jeff Dunn**  
Practicing attorney with  
Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, PC in Dallas

**Mary L. Scheer**  
Professor of History, Lamar University;  
Director of the Center for History and Culture

## **SCHEDULE:**

**April 5 | 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

**Patrons' Dinner - a gathering of the  
speakers, San Jacinto Conservancy  
members, and select guests**

**April 6 | 8:30 AM – 1:15 PM**  
**Symposium, exhibits, and lunch**

**April 6 | 1:30 – 5:00 PM**  
**Guided Tour of the San Jacinto Battle-  
ground (transport provided from the  
University of Houston –Downtown)**

**Patrons' Dinner (includes libations, dinner, and valet parking) \$125.00**

**Symposium Registration (includes lunch) \$50.00**

**Battleground Tour \$100.00**



**Event registration and information at [TSHAonline.org/sanjacintosymposium](https://TSHAonline.org/sanjacintosymposium).**

TSHA has contracted a special rate of \$189 per night with the Lancaster Hotel, at 701 Texas Avenue, for the 2019 San Jacinto Symposium.



**2019 San Jacinto Symposium**  
**Saturday, April 6 – 8:30 am to 5pm – University of Houston, Downtown**  
**Attendee and/or Exhibitor Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsorship Levels:**

\$500 – Listed as Sponsor for Symposium on printed materials and on TSHA website, 1 registration for symposium, and 1 ticket for the Patrons Dinner

\$1000 – Listed as Sponsor on printed materials and on TSHA website, 2 registrations for symposium, and 2 tickets to Patrons Dinner

\$2500 – Listed as Sponsor on printed materials and TSHA website, 4 registrations for symposium, and 4 tickets to Patrons Dinner

**For Attendees:**

Patrons' Dinner, Friday 6:30-8:30 p.m., # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$125 each (limit 70) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Symposium, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. , # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 each (includes lunch) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Battleground tour, 1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.(?), # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$100 each (limit 40) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please list names of additional registrants on a separate page.)

**For Exhibitors:**

No. of Exhibitor Tables \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$150/each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Each exhibitor table is dressed and includes 2 chairs and wireless internet. Exhibitor registration includes **one** symposium registration.

**Payment Information**

☐ Enclosed is my check payable to the Texas State Historical Association

☐ Please invoice me (only available to exhibitors). PO # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please charge my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return this form by Friday, March 15, 2019 to (credit card and business invoices may be returned via email):

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