



From the President

Dear Sisters,

Many Texans would say we are in the "High Holy Days", or as my grandson will say "Texas Wins!"

I hope you are proudly flying your Texas flag.

Our Sharolyn Wood is chairing the San Jacinto Day Ceremony with representatives from SRT, San Jacinto Descendants, and the San Jacinto Museum. As this is why we chose our chapter name and where we continue to provide support, please try to attend. We will be presenting our chapter's three college scholarships and want to show these students and their families how proud we are of them. In case you don't know, this is "The Official State of Texas, Battle of San Jacinto Commemorative Ceremony". Please join us as we celebrate this most significant of Texas Honor Days - Victory at San Jacinto - A New Republic of Texas! After all, what would the battlefield be today, were it not for the San Jacinto Chapter DRT? Details of time and place for the ceremony are later in this newsletter.

Eron Tynes could use some help on Friday, April 19 with "school day" and on Saturday, April 20 for "festival day". The museum and park have great activities, speakers, reenactors, food trucks, etc. lined up for our enjoyment.

Debra Grigsby had rotator cuff surgery last week, and Charolotte Taylor still needs many prayers as she recovers from her heart transplant surgery. I know they would love to hear from their DRT family.

It is that time of year again when you need to pay your dues for the upcoming year. Please "Pay in May" so we don't have to call and bother you. National DRT sets the rules for this timing. Late dues require a reinstatement fee to remain a member in good standing. Also, please complete all of the information on the dues form - we may not have all of your correct information. Think about serving on a committee - it is a great way to meet more DRT friends.

Our May 2 Meeting will be our Memorial Service recognizing those members who have passed away since last May. It is a touching ceremony. These ladies will live on in our memories.

Look for our June 6 luncheon invitation later in this newsletter. Please pay with your registration form using the QR code or mailing your check or credit card information. We will be installing new members and presenting our Teacher of the Year at Lakeside Country Club. It will be a beautiful day as always.

I hope you are enjoying our beautiful spring days and nights, good health, family, and friends. Come see us at the log house in person or by ZOOM.



Where would we be today, were it not for the men and women of the Texas Revolution and the victory at San Jacinto? San Jacinto - the most decisive battle of the Western Hemisphere. God Bless Texas and You!

Gwen Sorsby Koch
President,
San Jacinto Chapter DRT

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Hella Spring

April

- April 19** San Jacinto Battleground School Day
- April 20** San Jacinto Festival with Run Away Scrape
- April 21** San Jacinto Day, 1836 (Texas Honor Day)
San Jacinto Day Ceremony (San Jacinto Chapter presents Thelma Maresh Scholarships, and our CRT Chapter participates with the ceremony) 2 pm

May

- May 2** Chapter Meeting Memorial Service 10 am
- May 5** Reception for Essay and Scholarship Winners 2 pm
- May 14** Treaty of Velasco Day, 1836 (Texas Honor Day)
- May 16** Chapter Workday 9:30 am
- May 18** Pioneer Memorial Log House Open House 1-3 pm
- May 23-25** "Winds of Change" DRT Convention, Lubbock

Mark Your Calendars!

June

- June 6** San Jacinto Chapter Luncheon at Lakeside Country Club 11:30 am
- June 21-22** CRT Convention, Waco





The San Jacinto Dispatch

San Jacinto Award

San Jacinto Award

Our Chapter member Eron Brimberry Tynes was selected by the Executive Board of the San Jacinto Descendants to receive the San Jacinto Award. This award is presented to the individual who has demonstrated a commitment to preserving Texas history and who possesses the highest level of patriotism, leadership, and service not only to the State of Texas but also to their local community.

As she was unable to attend the Annual San Jacinto Descendants Luncheon held at the Monument Inn due to a family wedding, Luanne Zacek accepted the award in her absence.

She is a Past President of the San Jacinto Chapter, DRT and served two terms as President from 2007 – 2011. At this time, she is Chair of the Relics and Preservation of Historic Sites Committee for the San Jacinto Chapter. She is also on the San Jacinto Day Planning Committee. In addition, she became an Honorary Member of the Lone Star Chapter, SRT in June, 2011 and recently became an Honorary Member of the Sidney Sherman Chapter, SRT.

She has given numerous presentations – one – “The Treacherous Road to Victory and the current one “So you think you know San Jacinto?” Her talk focuses on the history of the development of the Battleground and the key historical groups involved. In addition, she is scheduled to be one of the speakers this November at the Battleground for the History – Under the Star Lecture Series.



Eron Brimberry Tynes

"As Daughters, we are proud of our heritage in preserving the San Jacinto Battleground, site of the most significant battle of the Western Hemisphere." Eron Tynes



Order a Native Texan License Plate – it is an outstanding way to display you are a proud Texan, and support the preservation of Texas history.

Please join us for
San Jacinto Chapter,
Daughters of the Republic of Texas

Annual Luncheon and
New Member Initiation Ceremony

June 6, 2024

11:30 am

Lakeside Country Club
100 Wilcrest Drive, Houston, Texas 77042

\$50 per person

Complimentary Valet Parking (please tip accordingly)

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Reservations must be received by May 25, 2024

_ To Register Online, please scan the QR Code or click here:
[Online Registration and/or Payment Options](#)



_ To Register by Mail, please print form and mail with your check.

Check for \$50 each Payable to and Mail to: San Jacinto Chapter DRT
1510 Cambridge Street
Houston, Texas 77030

Reservation for _____

Phone/email _____

My Guest (s) _____



Meeting on April 4

Our April 4 meeting had guest Patti Johnson, new District VI Rep coming for her first visit in that capacity because our speaker, Chandler Wahrmond, sounded very interesting (he did not disappoint her). Accompanying her was Bluebonnet Chapter DRT Registrar Betty Dehart. Matt White (assistant Houston Fire Chief) Vice President SRT Lamar Chapter in Richmond, and Jim Fisher, President of SRT Lone Star Chapter and Admiral in the Texas Navy brought 2 thirty-year-old SJC scrapbooks they found at the nearby Holland Lodge 1 AF & AM on Montrose when clearing out closets. Matt and Jim appreciated the hard work put into the creation of the scrapbooks and wanted to return them to their rightful owner. We wonder how they ended up at the Lodge - any ideas? Chandler was a fabulous speaker, interpreting as a soldier in the Texas Army in the 1830's.

Thank you to the social committee Carla Brown, Barbara Short, Gayla Sonderegger, Diane Stachowiak, and Nancy Stokes for the delicious refreshments.

CRT News

SJC CRT members will be participating in the Official San Jacinto Day Ceremony as Wreath Couriers and leading the flag pledges. We also have a CRT member receiving one of our Chapter's Thelma Maresh Scholarships that day.

Go to crttexas.com and click on 2023-2024 Project Book. Have your children or grandchildren choose several of the projects and submit their forms to Tish Wolter - tishwolter@mac.com by June 1. This can help our chapter receive the 4 Star Award. And participants will receive a certificate! You can also find information about the upcoming CRT Convention to be held in Waco this year. Our SJC CRT is collecting bluebonnet items to place in a themed basket to be auctioned at the convention. If you would like to donate something for the basket, contact Tish Wolter, CRT Sponsor. Also, 2 of our CRT are planning to run for State office. Plan to attend the convention to show your support!



May 5 Reception for Essay, Scholarship and Teacher

Come congratulate our 4th and 7th grade Essay winners who will read their essays, Scholarship winners who will announce where they will attend school and meet our 7th grade Teacher of the Year. Visit with them and their families Sunday, May 5, 2 pm at the Pioneer Memorial Log House. We hope some of our working members will be able to attend.

Meaning of the Yellow Rose



The yellow rose symbolizes friendship and remembrance and reminds us that one never truly dies, so long as one is remembered. Rather than an ending, it conveys the promise of a new beginning.

Lay a yellow rose in their memory. May they forever remain in our hearts and minds.

Did you Know

The bronze Sun Dial at the San Jacinto Battleground was built to honor the 9 men who died in the Battle of San Jacinto. Funds received in 1904 from the Texas Veterans Association were used to erect it. Names of the nine Texian soldiers who died at the battle are engraved and it was dedicated on April 21, 1939. Officially called the Texas Veteran's Memorial, and designed by Julian Muench, inscribed:

The Hours, days and years of unfolding time shall never dim the spirit of liberty kindled on this field of battle.





The Medallion Ceremony is a Daughters of the Republic of Texas event. It is a way for us to honor our ancestors who came before us. These ceremonies on April 5, 2024 were honoring the ancestors of Gwen Sorsby Koch. DRT encourages us to honor all of our ancestors. We want to honor your ancestors too.



Lanell Smesny - DRT Historic Sites Committee and Seth Hurin Bates Chapter DRT Welcoming descendants of Citizen Nancy Byrd Wesson born in the Republic of Texas in 1830, and Zuber-Hadley Chapter DRT member Emma Wesson Jacoby who passed away in 2007.

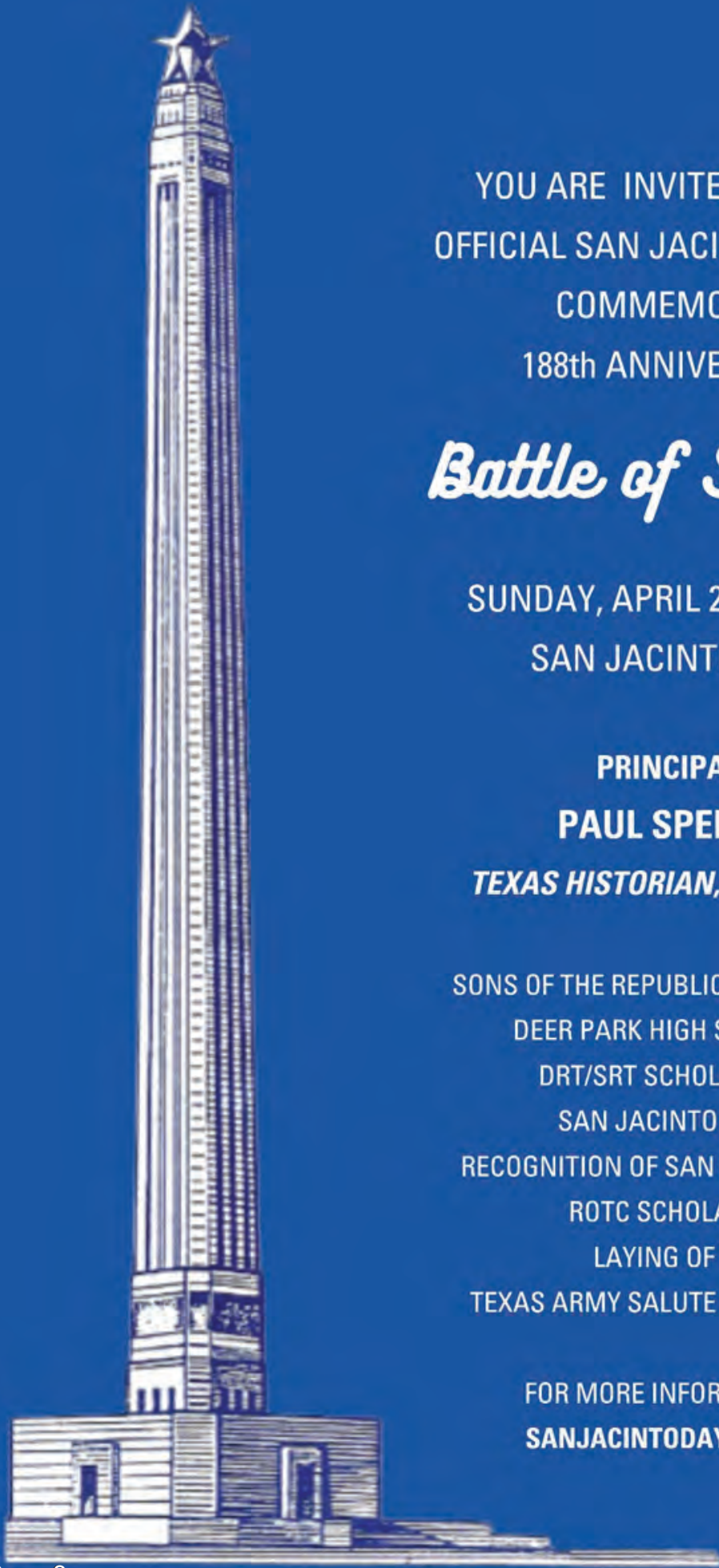
San Jacinto Chapter DRT Chaplain Luanne Zacek providing the Invocation, and Benediction at Oakland Cemetery in Navasota



Peter's Colony DRT President, Kristin Koch Young welcoming descendants of Citizens Elba Byrd Allen Sorsby and George Allen, and Defender William A. Sorsby at Fieldstore Cemetery in Waller County. CRT General Officers Carolyn and Leah Young led pledges to the US and Texas flags.

Descendants at marker after the placing of Yellow Roses.





YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE
OFFICIAL SAN JACINTO DAY CEREMONY
COMMEMORATING THE
188th ANNIVERSARY OF THE

Battle of San Jacinto

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024, AT 2:00 PM
SAN JACINTO MONUMENT

PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

PAUL SPELLMAN, PhD

TEXAS HISTORIAN, SPEAKER & AUTHOR

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RECOGNITION OF SAN JACINTO DESCENDANTS

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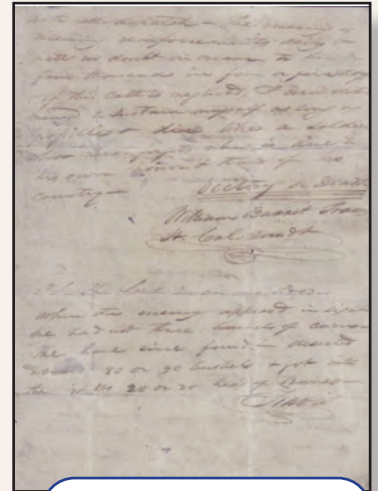


Visit to San Antonio to see the Travis Letter

A few weeks ago my family and I went to San Antonio to see the Travis letter. The stories of the men and women at the Alamo moved me a lot, but the one that moved me the most was the story of Susanna Dickinson. She was married to Almeron Dickinson and they had a baby named Angelina, who was known as "The Babe of the Alamo". Almeron fought in the Battle of the Alamo. Susanna and Angelina hid in a small room where other women and children hid. Walking around that room, I imagined how terrified she must have been. Almeron was one of the last defenders remaining before he was shot. I felt like I could feel her pain and grief. Santa Anna allowed Susanna and her daughter to leave the Alamo. After the Texas Revolution, she lived a long life. All anyone ever wanted to talk to her about was the Alamo. It must have been very hard for her. I truly believe her story is worth knowing, and we should remember the survivors as well as the defenders of the Alamo.

Lorien Wolter

"Victory or Death"



William Barrett Travis' Letter, pg. 2



The San Jacinto Chapter of the
Daughters of the Republic of Texas

cordially invites you to a

Reception honoring our 2024
Texas History Essay Award Winners
&
Texas History Teacher Award Winner

Sunday, May 5, 2024, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Pioneer Memorial Log House, 1510 Cambridge, Houston, Texas

Please RSVP to Patti Randolph by April 28, 2024

DRTSJCEssay@gmail.com or 832-578-2385



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Republic of Texas History Center Dedication

Republic of Texas Museum

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1836 ★ 1846
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810 San Marcos St., Austin, Texas

Alphonse Dabois de Saligey, chargé d'affaires, France, arrived in Houston, capital of the Republic of Texas, of the Republic, February 1840. Later that year, Austin was named capital. Austin, on September 15, 1840, Dabois was residing in a house (now 810 San Marcos St.) on the corner of San Marcos Street to build a house. What is now 810 San Marcos Avenue (now IH 35) west, 11th Street north, San Marcos Street east, and 7th Street south. On April 23, 1841, President Mirabeau B. Lamar conveyed to Dabois de Saligey the 21.2 acres by issuing a land patent. The patent was signed by President Lamar and Thibault Williams, Ward, Commissioner, Texas General Land Office. Transcripts were recorded in Travis County deed records September 1866. The Daughters of the Republic of Texas purchased the 810 San Marcos Street property in 2013, connecting DRT to this unique chapter in Texas history.



Anita Cooper, former member of San Jacinto Chapter, current chair of Historic Sites DRT Standing Committee.



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Show Us Your Colors

SHOW US YOUR COLORS!!!



Roni Thelen's Home

We want to encourage everyone to proudly display the Texas flag.
Send us a picture of your home with the Texas flag on display
and your home may be the next to appear in our newsletter!
All interested may send their photographs to: sjcdrtpres@gmail.com



DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

Call to the 133rd Annual Convention

May 23-25, 2024

Lubbock, Texas

Overton Hotel and Conference Center

2322 Mac Davis Lane

Lubbock, TX 79401

Online Registration is now open!

[Register Here](#)

Bylaw Amendments are ready for your review. Click below to download a copy to print & bring to convention.

[Bylaw Amendment Form](#)

Mail in registration form is available.

[Registration Form Here](#)

2024 DRT Annual Convention

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 Current Chapter Office: _____
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Past President General

Registration:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Before May 1, 2024 | \$50.00 | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On or After May 1, 2024 (Final Day for Registration May 7, 2024) | \$60.00 | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DRT Member/Spouse/Guest (Thursday Windmill Museum/Wine Tour) | \$25.00 | \$ |

Meals:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday BOM Lunch (BOM only) | \$42.00 | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Night Opening Ceremony with Speaker and President General Reception | 0 | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Past and Present BOM Officers Breakfast | \$28.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday Awards Luncheon | \$42.00 | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Food Allergies: _____ | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday Night Historical Dinner | \$60.00 | \$ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Luncheon | \$35.00 | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Food Allergies: _____ | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sales Tables*: 6' skirted table with 2 chairs | \$25.00 | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>If Your Chapter's Booth Requires Electricity, One-Time Fee</u> | \$40.00 | \$ |
| Total Fees: | \$ _____ | \$ |

DRT (only) Breakout Sessions on Thursday (May23) Afternoon (no charge):

- 1:00pm -1:30pm; 1:30-2:00pm By-Laws Session with Kay Crews, CPP-T,

Business Meetings:

- Friday 9:00 am Opening Business Meeting
 Friday 1:45 pm Second Business Meeting
 Saturday 8:30 am Third Business Meeting
 Saturday 2:00 pm Fourth Business Meeting (if necessary)

Memorial Service:

- Friday 3:45-4:45 pm

* Chapter sales tables are required to have a copy of their chapter sales tax ID visible at their table.

* Sales tables for The Cradle, CRT, DRT Headquarters, Republic of Texas Museum, DRT Library, Historic Sites, and the Republic of Texas History Center Committees are complementary.



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Honor Days

San Jacinto Day



Battle Reenactment

On this date, General Sam Houston and the Texas Army defeated Santa Anna's Mexican troops in the Battle of San Jacinto.



An annual celebration is held at the San Jacinto Monument and Battlefield.

In San Antonio an Annual Pilgrimage to the Alamo is sponsored by the Alamo Mission Chapter. It is always the first Monday of Fiesta Week, originally.

"Fiesta San Jacinto," which includes San Jacinto Day.



San Jacinto Monument



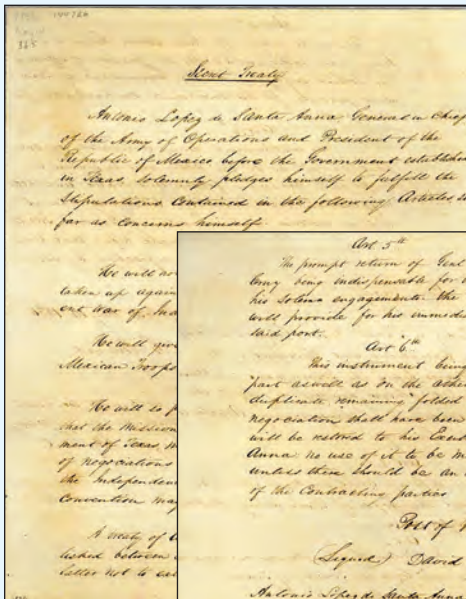
Pilgrimage to the Alamo



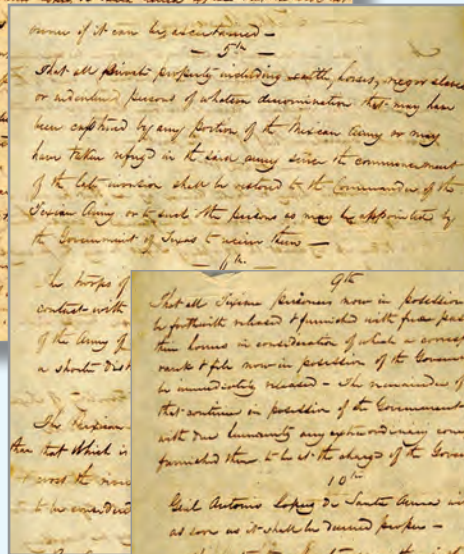
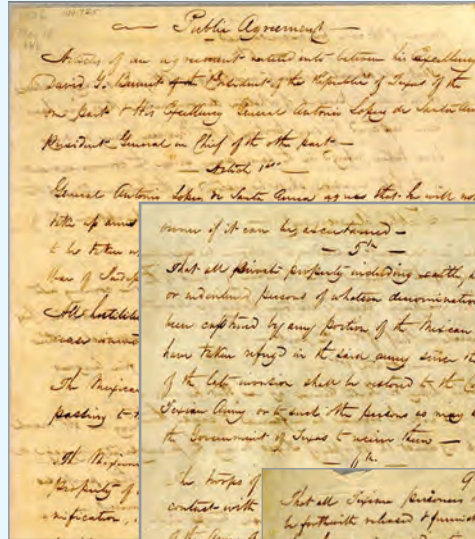
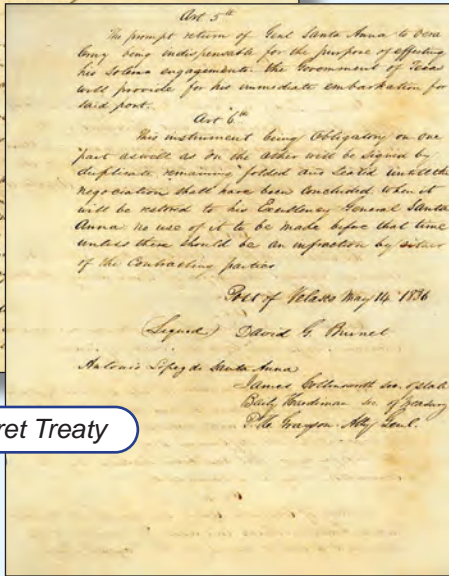
The Treaties of Velasco

May 14, 1836, the day the Treaties of Velasco were signed between General Santa Anna and Republic of Texas Interim President David G. Burnet.

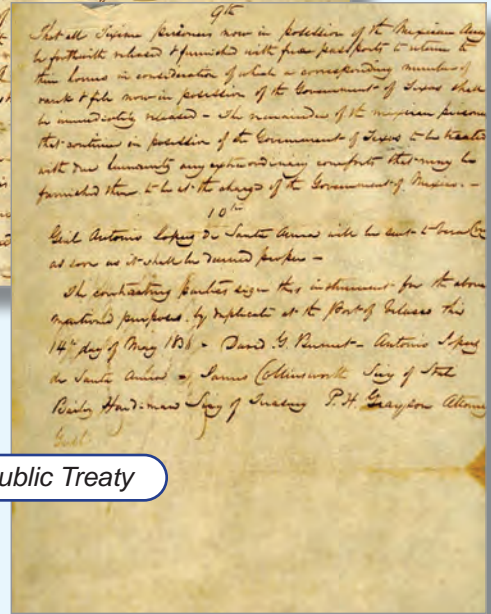
In the public treaty, the Mexican ruler promised to never again fight against the Texans. He also agreed to order all Mexican forces out of Texas immediately.



The Secret Treaty



The Public Treaty



In the secret treaty, in return for his freedom, Santa Anna agreed to work for Mexican recognition of Texas independence. It called for the Texas government to release Santa Anna immediately and give him an escort back to Mexico. In return, Santa Anna would also agree to work inside Mexico to get the Texas boundary set at the Rio Grande.



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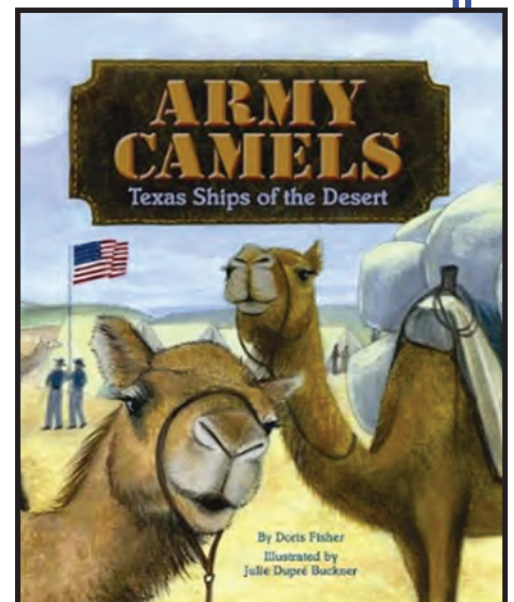
Book Corner

Yes, the United States Army really did bring camels to Texas from North Africa! There were two shiploads of camels in the 1850's which brought 75 camels to serve as pack animals for the Army in the southwestern desert area of Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. This was the first time Texans had ever seen these strange animals!

The camels traveled well on the 3-month ocean voyage, better than the sailors in the rough seas! And then on land, they could carry over 1200 pounds on their backs. They did a great job transporting army messages and supplies across west Texas and were even included on an expedition to explore the unknown territory of the Big Bend area! The camels could go for 3 days without water and they loved eating the mesquite trees. But they also loved eating the prickly-pear cactus which the Army had used as a natural barrier to keep them in the corral! And the camels frightened the horses and mules and dogs!

The camel experiment lasted until after the Civil War when the camels were sold at auction. This book has some fun stories of the camels' adventures and a good sprinkling of Texas' idioms from that era of our history. It is appropriate for children from age 5 and up! Buy this book at our Country Store!

Beth Garrett McCarty





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Double Your Donation

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Ladies, does your employer have a matching gift program? You can double your donation to our Chapter or the *Friends of the Log House* through Employer's Matching Gifts. And retirees can often do the same through their previous Employer's Matching Gifts. Help our chapter and the loghouse increase our donations through this free program. Please contact Carla Brown, Treasurer at treasurer.sjcdrt@gmail.com for assistance in setting up your matching gift.

Did You Know???

Kroger and Randall's both offer a 1% Rebate to us for all money you spend on groceries. Simply sign up to link your account to us; here's how:

Kroger:

Go to HOgrogerCommunityRewards@kroger.com. Our account is DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS, PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE, Account number is RF149. Ask them in the email to link your Kroger Rewards Account to us. You will need to provide your Kroger Rewards number *OR* go to the courtesy counter and ask them to help you. Kroger has a number of affiliate stores including City Market, Dillon's, King Super and Fry's (grocery).

Randall's:

Set up a Randalls for U account through the smart phone app or the website at www.randalls.com. Then, send an email to GoodNeighbor@Randalls.com and ask them to link your account to the non-profit by providing the organization's Good Neighbor number in your message, along with the phone number used to set up your Randalls for U account. (This is the same phone number you use at the register when shopping.) Our Good Neighbor account number is 14197. Affiliates include Albertsons, Safeway, Vons, Jewel-Osco, Shaw's, Acme, Tom Thumb, United Supermarkets, Pavilions, Star Market, Haggen, Carrs, Kings Food Markets, and Balducci's Food Lovers Market. Be sure to ask the courtesy booth if you need other help.

If you are aware of other stores that offer rebates to non-profits please let me know so that we can apply. My email is dgrig1@comcast.net.

Thanks,
Debra Grigsby, 4th VP Ways and Means



Pioneer Memorial Log House

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To help preserve the house and grounds

- Texas Star.....\$ 25
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A gift of any amount is appreciated, and you will be recognized as a *Friend of the Log House*

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To pay by check, make your check payable to San Jacinto Chapter, DRT, note Log House in the memo line of your check, and mail donations to:

Pioneer Memorial Log House
1510 Cambridge Street
Houston, Texas 77030-1732



To pay with credit card, please access and complete our online form by clicking [here](#) or scanning the QR code.

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