

# The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



April 2020

Coming Up Next:

Message from our President:

May 7th: Chapter meeting is CANCELLED

## In Memoriam: Margaret Standard

**It is with deep regret that we must report that on April 10th, our chapter again lost one of its beloved Board members, Margaret Standard. She had served on the Board for many years, serving most recently as a Director. She had served in many roles in addition to this. She served on the Refreshment Committee for 6 years, Nominating Committee for 1 year, and Advisor/Director to the**



**Board for over 7 years. She loved the Log House, and had been very active in many additional capacities. There were few times the chapter was meeting that she was not there! She will be missed.**



Hello, Ladies!

What a strange Holy Week and Week of Passover we have had. I hope you have been able to celebrate a bit with your family, possibly through online services. We miss seeing all of you, and hope you and yours are healthy.

We have very sad news which has broken all of our hearts. Long-time member and Director of our Executive Board, Margaret Standard, has lost her battle against a devastating stroke. She died on Good Friday shortly after 2:00 pm. I will miss her and her joyful spirit. We will let you know what we hear about any possible services or ways to honor her memory. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Since the cases of coronavirus are still climbing in our county, we felt it best to go ahead and cancel our Chapter meeting for May 7th. This is hard to do because that is one of our favorite meetings, where we honor the lives of those we have lost this year. And we have lost some wonderful women. But we will try to honor them whenever we are able to meet together again. Right now, our goal is to have our Luncheon in June. We shall see! Fingers crossed!

We do have some good news – three more new members! The latest three are sisters, aged 16 to 22, who live in North Carolina. Their grandmother, Carolyn Snodgrass, gave them a DRT membership as a gift! What a lovely idea! They are: Hannah, Sloane, and Shea Stewart, and their Texas ancestor was Roswell Gillett. That makes six new members since the end of February!

Please pay your dues. If you are a lifetime member, you can use the form to make a donation or memorial gift or to sign up for a volunteering opportunity! Mail forms to Roni Thelen at the Log House, 1510 Cambridge, Houston, TX 77030. Cost is \$70, \$45 for the State dues and \$25 for our Chapter. The dues form is attached to this newsletter. Deadline is June 1st.

Our books, The Ladies and the Battlefield, are in and will be distributed whenever we see you! Cost is \$30. Take care and stay safe!

-Beth McCarty

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## Donations needed!



The San Jacinto Chapter needs a new set of Chapter flags!

Ours are 25-30 years old and the white backing on the center seal is separating. We would like to have two flags, one for display and another to take to funerals and other events. Please consider donating to the "Friends of the Log House", any time, any amount. Total for two flags is just under \$700.00.

The Friends of the Log House donation form is attached to the end of this newsletter.

## San Jacinto Chapter - Calendar of Events 2020

(See yearbook for details)

|                                    |                                  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| San Jacinto Day Ceremony           | CANCELLED                        |
| Baked Potato Lunch and Social      | TBD Fall                         |
| "Come and Sip It" Fund Raiser      | TBD Fall                         |
| May Chapter Meeting                | CANCELLED                        |
| CRT Celebrates Summer - Field Trip | TBD                              |
| DRT Annual Convention              | POSTPONED                        |
| June Luncheon(June 4)              | TBD depending on pandemic status |
| CRT Convention                     | TBD                              |

## Welcome new Board Member!

Welcome Luanne Zacek to the position of Director on the San Jacinto Chapter's Board.

**Just a reminder to please wash your hands often and if you are feeling the slightest bit under the weather, please stay home and take care of yourself!**



# Randalls

*Kroger Community Rewards and Randalls grocery stores have given Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Pioneer Memorial Log House new numbers. Please check with your local Kroger to have your Kroger Plus Card updated for our new **#RF149**. Randalls donation card number is **#14013** for the Pioneer Memorial Log House. You can request this number to be programmed onto your Randalls shopping card. Remember, you shop anyway, so this is a painless way for our chapter to receive a donation from Kroger and Randalls just because we shop. Every little bit helps!*

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## Early Texas Recipe

Taken from *A Pinch of This and a Handful of That - Historic Recipes of Texas 1830-1900* published by DRT District VIII in 1988.

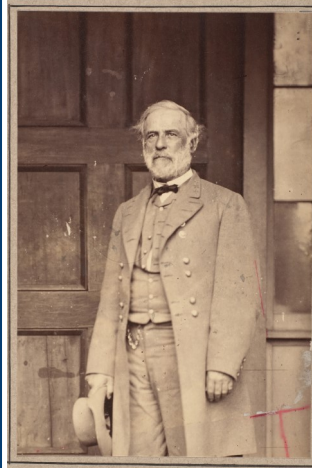
### Chewy Candy

1860 ~ Handed down in the Underwood Family

Combine: 1 cup of grated chocolate  
1/2 cup of butter  
1/2 cup of milk  
1 1/2 cups of molasses  
1 1/2 cups of sugar

Let cook until soft ball forms when a bit is dropped in cold water. Pour into medium-sized, buttered pan. Cool and cut into squares.

## During this month in Texas history - April, 1856



Robert E. Lee spent much of his military career in Texas. He first came to Texas as a young officer on his way to fight in the Mexican War. He was back with Albert Sydney Johnston's regiment and was stationed in Texas when he made his decision to go home to Virginia and fight

for the Southern Cause.

On April 9, 1856, Lt. Col. Robert E. Lee arrived at Camp Cooper, a desolate post in north central Texas that was to be his home for over a year. He battled the Indians, bandits, and the loneliness of a frontier fort before he was called to San Antonio in July 1857.

A few years later Lee was to become the very soul of the South; and on April 9, 1865, nine years to the day after he came to Camp Cooper, Robert E. Lee met U. S. Grant at Appomattox to end the Civil War.

[Excerpt taken from *The Book of Texas Days* by Ron Stone]

## The Log House has a new HVAC System!!



Old System



New System



New Air Vents

# PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE

## Become a "Friend of the Log House" for 2019-2020

to help preserve the house and grounds.

### Membership levels

Texas Star.....\$ 25

Silver Star.....\$50

Shining Star.....\$ 100

Gold Star.....\$ 250

Lone Star.....\$ 500

Platinum Star.....\$1,000 and higher

A gift of any amount is appreciated and you will be recognized as a *Friend of the Log House*.

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| Name _____<br>(as you wish to be printed) |             |
| Address _____                             |             |
| Phone _____                               | Email _____ |
| General Contribution                      | \$ _____    |
| Contribution in memory / honor of _____   | \$ _____    |
| Send card to: _____                       |             |
| Address _____                             |             |
| City/State/Zip _____                      |             |
| Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____            |             |

Make check payable to:  
**San Jacinto Chapter DRT**

and mail donations to:

**Gwen Koch (4<sup>th</sup> Vice President – Ways and Means)**  
**2015 Banks St., Houston, Texas 77098**

### ★★★★★★★PMLH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES★★★★★★★

How I can help:

\_\_\_ Restoration Projects

\_\_\_ Tours / Docents / Greet visitors at monthly Open House

\_\_\_ Assist with identifying craftsmen and professionals for maintenance projects

\_\_\_ Assist with opening log house for special events

\_\_\_ Texas Heritage Garden: Assist with maintenance and beautification of grounds.

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