



*Daughters of the Republic of Texas
San Jacinto Chapter, Houston
The San Jacinto Dispatch*



Eron Brimberry Tynes, President

November 2007

Linda Beverlin, Editor



President's Message



How beautiful our Log House looked for the November meeting with fall mums, flowers, and pumpkins!

November – our time to celebrate not only our own Chapter's beginnings, November 9, 1891, but also the founding of the State DRT, November 6, 1891. We are the oldest women's patriotic organization in Texas.

For our Chapter, the name San Jacinto was chosen in honor of the battle which won the Independence of Texas. Immediately, it became our mission to urge the State to purchase the San Jacinto Battlefield and to erect a monument in commemoration of its heroes. The care of the Battlefield became our objective; the history of our Chapter and the San Jacinto Battlefield were so entwined for the first 50 years that it is impossible to separate the two.

We honored these ladies, our Founders, who had the foresight, not only to form the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, but who had the vision and the dedication to preserve these sacred historic sites – San Jacinto and The Alamo – for all Texans. We are proud of our heritage encompassing 116 years of service to the sacred memories and deeds of our pioneer ancestors. I feel as all of you do, truly privileged to be a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

“TEXAS, ONE and INDIVISIBLE”



May each of you and your family have a Happy Thanksgiving. See you at the Christmas Luncheon and Open House!

Eron Tynes, President



December Luncheon

We will have our San Jacinto Chapter Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 6, at 11:30 a.m. at the Log House. If you haven't yet made your reservation for our December Christmas luncheon, send your check today to Pat Craig. Your check is your reservation so don't delay. Pat needs to have it in her hands by November 30. The cost is \$25 per person and guests are welcome. Come and enjoy a delicious catered lunch along with some wonderful Christmas music in our beautifully restored Log House.

Mail checks to:

**Pat Craig
845 Augusta #17
Houston, Texas 77057**

The CRT will have their annual toy drive to deliver gifts in the spirit of Christmas to our neighbor, Ben Taub Pediatric Unit. Even though the CRT usually collects toys at the Christmas Open House, they also plan to collect toys during our Christmas Luncheon. So if you are unable to attend the Christmas Open House, don't miss this opportunity to support our CRT in this worthwhile project. Please do not gift wrap them so the staff at Ben Taub can properly distribute the gifts to the children.





**November Meeting
Presentation
by Ms. Janet Wagner**

Ms. Janet Wagner, a noted Houston historian, presented a very informative program entitled "Texas During the Civil War". She discussed the old Confederate Railroad that went down McKinney Street, and some of the artifacts found near the Convention Center Hotel and Minute Maid Park. She also discussed the probable location of Sam Houston's 30 acre farm and the cemeteries around the old Jefferson Davis Hospital and the Houston Fire Department complex.



A Few Docents Needed

The schedule for Log House docents is almost full. However, two docents for the third Saturday of each month are needed. Training will be provided. This is a great way to serve the San Jacinto Chapter. If interested, please contact Pat Craig at 713-974-2729 or Ann Tanner at 713-782-4055.

Ann Tanner, Docent Coordinator



Dues Notice – Important

Dues for the 2007 - 2008 year must be paid by December 1st to remain "a member in good standing." Membership dues for the year are \$40. Twenty-five dollars (\$25) is forwarded to DRT in Austin (only \$15 per member stays in the chapter to cover expenses like the yearbook, postage, special events, etc.). Please make your check payable to *San Jacinto Chapter DRT* and mail to:

**Pat Craig
845 Augusta #17
Houston, Texas 77057**

Thanks to the members who have already paid their dues.



Lineage Day at Clayton Library a Success

As a representative for San Jacinto Chapter, I participated in the first annual Clayton Lineage Fair on October 27, 2007. It was well attended by 21 different lineage societies. We were the only ambassador for DRT in attendance. There were many patrons in the library that day; most were interested in identifying with different lineage groups.

Displayed on our table were the red DRT Founders and Patriots books, brochures about SJC and the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum, as well as, application worksheets, preparation pamphlets, and one of our new SJC blue tote bags.

We had a steady flow of curious persons with at least six indicating they wanted to become prospective members. Two fathers were there to learn more about preparing the applications for their daughters. We gave out information about the SJC service projects with which we are involved, Log House location, DRT programs, and when The Log House is open to the public.

Mini-sessions were held all day on various subjects by members of each lineage society represented. SJC president, Eron B. Tynes, gave a 25 minute thought provoking talk at 11:00 a.m. to persons interested in "Teaching Texas." While she was at the display table, she took a ribbon of DRT pins and gave an impromptu talk about the sun dial pin, the log house pin, the bluebonnet pin, as well as our own San Jacinto pin. She also pointed out to interested ladies how our pins are to be displayed and positioned on the red and blue ribbon.

The first lineage fair for Clayton Library was regarded a success by all who participated. Future fairs are already in the planning stages by the Clayton Library manager and her staff. We look forward to participating and representing SJC and DRT again next year.

The next lineage fair SJC will participate in is at Sugar Land Community Center. It will be sponsored by the Alexander Hodge Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, in February. As well as offering information for prospective members, the Log House Country Store will have a sales table with our Texana merchandise. More details will be announced closer to the event.

Thank you for allowing me to represent SJC at the first annual Clayton Library Lineage Fair.

Phyllis V. Moody, Corresponding Secretary





**Registrar's Report
01 November 2007**

Registrar Marje Harris presented at the last meeting two prospective members who were voted on by all the chapter members present. Marje looks forward to working with these ladies. They are:

Prospective Member	Ancestor
Erika Michelle Stachowiak	Claiborne Acres/Akers
Amy Lynn Alford Cote	William Cochrane

Request for Transfer INTO San Jacinto Chapter

DRT# 022732 Amy Lynn Alford Cote
Mrs. Stephen Paul Cote

Resignation from Membership

DRT# 13735 Mrs. Pat Hill Goodrich
Dr. William Ashley Goodrich
Ancestor: Susan Slaughter & numerous supplementals
Approved: 3 Jan 1986

DRT# 13736 Dr. Barbara Gwenn Goodrich
Dr. William Simpson
Ancestor: Austin Bryan Cole & numerous supplementals
Approved: 3 Jan 1986

DRT# 13737 Bonnie Goodrich
Mr. Dan Black
Ancestor: Mary M. (Polly) Bolinger Hill & numerous supplementals
Approved: 3 Jan 1986

Reinstatement of Former Member(s)

DRT# 16975 Mrs. Belinda Anne Davis Pillow
Mrs. L. A. Pillow
Ancestor: John T. Harmon

Total Membership to Date: 371



The Country Store

The store has several new items. Texas luggage tags at \$5 make great stocking stuffers. They are heavy duty and will help you identify your luggage on the carousel. The 2007 Capitol ornaments are in and are \$25. Every Texas tree needs one, so get yours soon. Tote bags will make a day of shopping easier since they hold a lot. Stop by the Country Store at our next meeting. The money supports our Log House.

Luanne Zacek, Co-chair, Country Store



Chaplain's Report

The San Jacinto Chapter deeply regrets to announce the loss of two of its most deeply dedicated, longtime members and offers its most prayerful condolences to their families.

Lila Gordon Presbo Smith, DRT #2362

"Miss Lila" was born June 27, 1912 in Taylor, Texas. She married James Edward Presbo and together, they had a daughter, Marian. After Mr. Presbo's death, Lila married Robert L. Smith. She is survived by her only daughter, Marian, DRT #4430, a member since 1956, her husband, Lonnie Beckham, their daughter, Melanie Bagley, DRT #009639, and grandchildren. Lila is also survived by Robert Smith's three sons and their families.

Lila worked for HISD for 33 years, then continued as a volunteer. She was also a certified professional secretary.

Lila was a member of the San Jacinto Descendants as well as the San Jacinto Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, and the Ann Poage Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Lila Smith became a member of the San Jacinto Chapter on May 10, 1937 and was an active member for over 70 years. Her longtime, and always willing and smiling devotion to the causes of DRT will be remembered with love and gratitude.

Lila's funeral service was held at the First Christian Church on October 26th, 2007. Her burial was at Brookside Cemetery.

Sarabeth Caldwell Waller, DRT #3567

Sarabeth was a member of the San Jacinto Chapter for 55 years. She was born on August 8, 1933, and became a member of our chapter in 1952 at the age of 18, soon after her graduation from Brazosport High School. She attended the University of Houston and lived in Brazoria County all of her life, serving as a loss project manager for 27 years.

Sarabeth died on her ranch in Sandy Point on Thursday, November 1, 2007. Her funeral service was held on Monday, November 5, 2007, in Angleton, and her burial was in Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Charles T. Waller, her two daughters, Sarabeth Waller Smith, DRT #10066, Lois Waller Marchal, DRT #10065, members of San Jacinto Chapter since 1979, her son C.J. Waller Jr., and their families.

Mary Jane Harmon, SJC Chaplain



Christmas Open House

Come join the San Jacinto Chapter, the CRT, and the Texian Army for a Christmas Open House in the Republic of Texas. The Open House will be Sunday, December 9, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum. Our Log House will be decorated in period style, with fresh greenery and a beautiful Christmas tree. There will be hot apple cider and plenty of cookies baked by the ladies of the San Jacinto Chapter.

The CRT will have their annual toy drive to deliver gifts in the spirit of Christmas to our neighbor, Ben Taub Pediatric Unit. We plan to collect toys at the Christmas Open House. Please do not gift wrap them so the staff at Ben Taub can properly distribute the gifts to the children.



Friends of the Log House

Dear San Jacinto Members,
I know that you are all getting ready for the holidays, but please remember this old Log House when you are checking off your gift list. This is your chance to play Santa Claus. Remember, this is your Log House. All donations will be gratefully accepted and are fully tax deductible.

Bring a check to the luncheon or send it to the Log House treasurer, Kae Theilen.

Mail check to: Kae Theilen
5047Oak Shadows Dr.
Houston, TX 77091



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Martha Haydel, Chair, Friends of the Log House

Historical Dates

- November 15, 1836** Lorenzo de Zavala, signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence and first Vice President of the Republic of Texas died.
- November 24, 1874** In Illinois, J. F. Glidden patented barbed wire.
- November 25, 1835** The Texas Navy was formed.
- November 25, 1850** In the Compromise of 1850, Texas, hoping to pay its public debt, sold one third of her territory to the United States for \$10 million.
- November 30, 1837** Erastus "Deaf" Smith died at the age of 50.
- December 2, 1832** Sam Houston came to Texas for the first time when he crossed the Red River near Clarksville.
- December 4, 1835** Ben Milam and his men stormed Bexar to drive out the Mexican Army.
- December 7, 1835** Ben Milam was killed during the Siege of Bexar.
- December 7, 1870** David G. Burnet died.
- December 9, 1844** Dr. Anson Jones, the last President of the Republic of Texas, took the oath of office.
- December 11, 1835** General Cos surrendered San Antonio to the Texas forces following the Siege of Bexar.



**Rededication Ceremony
DRT Founders Marker**

On November 6, 1891, seventeen ladies met at the home of Mary Jane Briscoe, 620 Crawford Street, and founded what became known as the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Today, the location of this site is in downtown Houston, near Inn at the Ballpark, on property owned by Landry's Restaurants, Inc.

This past Saturday, the 10th of November, Landry's and the Harris County Historical Commission hosted a Rededication Ceremony for The State DRT Founders Marker. At this site in 1986, the marker was originally placed during the Texas Sesquicentennial. During the building of Minute Maid Park and construction of Inn at the Ballpark, our marker was misplaced. Landry's generously recast our marker and placed it on their property where it will be prominently displayed and protected. The Harris County Historical Commission was also instrumental in overseeing the replacement of our Marker.

Patrick Van Pelt, Chairman, Harris County Historical Commission, was the Master of Ceremonies for the Rededication ceremony. Also included in the program were remarks made by Madge Roberts, President General, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Milton Howe, Briscoe Family descendant, and Nikki Keenan, Senior Vice President of Sales, Landry's. Eron Brimberry Tynes, President, San Jacinto Chapter DRT, gave the invocation and Al Davis, former chairman, Harris County Historical Commission, led the pledges.

On behalf of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, we are truly grateful to Landry's and to the Harris County Historical Commission for their efforts to make this Rededication possible for our Founders Marker ceremony. After the ceremony, Landry's hosted an enjoyable reception in the Wrigley Room at the Inn at the Ballpark. A special thanks goes to Jan DeVault, Past President, San Jacinto Chapter, for her efforts in organizing this tribute to all the ladies who founded The Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

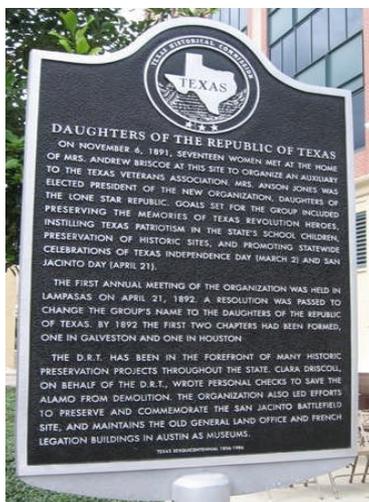
Eron Tynes, President



DRT members gathered at our Founders Marker



Eron Tynes, Patrick Van Pelt, Nikki Keenan, Madge Roberts and Milton Howe



The State DRT Founders Marker



In Celebration of Founders Day

CRT Report

On Sunday, October 28, 2007 at 2:00 p.m., the CRT San Jacinto Chapter held their pumpkin decorating event. Madeline, Jacqueline, and Nicholas DeVault, prospective CRT Members, attended along with their parents and grandparents. Helen and Catarina Williams also attended the event with the CRT Sponsor, Loretta Williams, and Eron Tynes, President of the San Jacinto Chapter DRT.

It was a beautiful afternoon for pumpkin decorating as well as the CRT meeting. Catarina Williams opened the meeting and recognized the guests. All attendees recited the pledge to the Texas flag which was led by Madeline DeVault. The CRT invited children enroute to the Zoo to come in and tour the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum. During the CRT meeting, the February Chili Cook-off was also discussed. Helen Williams moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Catarina Williams.

The San Jacinto Chapter members will be asked once again to please support the toy drive for Ben Taub Hospital Pediatric Unit by bringing an unwrapped toy to the luncheon or to the Christmas Open House. CRT members will gladly accept your toy donations. President Tynes will accompany CRT members at the time these gifts are delivered to the patients at Ben Taub.

The CRT members will assist in decorating the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum again this year. Phone calls will be made to the CRT members to invite them to decorate the tree. CRT and their parents will be encouraged to attend the Christmas Open House, December 9, from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. honoring Friends of the Log House.

A special thanks to Marilyn Chapman, CRT Registrar, for assisting with the application process for Emily Wallace # 8460 and Katherine Wallace # 8461. The CRT extends a warm welcome to these new members.

Loretta Williams, CRT Third Vice President



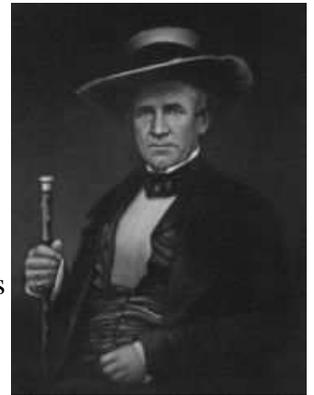
Catarina and Helen Williams, Eron Tynes, Mr. DeVault and his 3 children, Madeline, Nicholas, and Jacqueline

Thanksgiving as a Texas Tradition!

Thanksgiving and gratitude have marked important milestones in the life of Texas for hundreds of years. The first Americans who lived here saturated the land with a spirit of thanksgiving. In the words of Sister Joseph Hobday, Texan and Native American spiritual leader, "20,000 to 30,000 years of prayer and thanksgiving have come down to Americans in the soil of Texas and breathing through the trees."

History records that in 1541 the Spanish explorer Coronado paused for thanksgiving. On Ascension Thursday, surrounded by friendly Teya Indians, Coronado's expedition celebrated a Eucharistic Thanksgiving at daybreak in spectacular Palo Duro Canyon in West Texas.

In 1842, Sam Houston, president of the Texas Republic, faced threats of war, financial problems and political turmoil. Nevertheless, he proclaimed his thanksgiving "to render evidence of national blessings ... and a profound belief in an Almighty God."

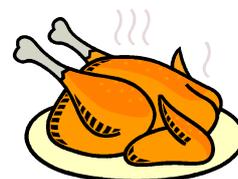


Houston noted that "the Texan people have been the objects of the peculiar care ... of a Divine Providence" so they could "occupy a place among the independent governments of the earth." He established March 2 as Texas Independence Day and called for religious worship on that day. As a result, Texas may be the only state to have two thanksgivings—one in spring for its independence, and the customary national Thanksgiving in autumn.

In 1848, soon after Texas became a state, Governor Wood established the first Texas State Thanksgiving. As such, Texas was the first state in the South to call for a day of Thanksgiving.

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Log House Rental

The Pioneer Memorial Log House is currently used for a variety of occasions including San Jacinto Chapter activities, other DRT and CRT activities, and fundraising rentals. Because of the growing popularity of the Log House and in order to avoid “double booking,” it is important to coordinate **all use** of the Log House.

Please contact Brenda Auld at bauld@comcast.net or 281-497-0528 regarding the availability of the Log House for **any** function and to schedule an event at the Log House.



Roadrunner Email Accounts

Do you have a Road Runner e-mail account? If you have a RR account, and your e-mail address is changing, please send your new e-mail address to our “records administrator”, Tina Shelton at tina.shelton@skynethouston.com



Randalls/Kroger Cards



Link your Randalls and/or Kroger cards to donations for The Log House. You can link the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum to your Remarkable Card by completing the Randalls Good Neighbor Program form and turning it in to any Randalls Courtesy Booth. Good Neighbor Program forms are available at The Log House.

Kroger will donate a percentage of your grocery purchases to help support our PMLHM activities and projects. Kroger Share Cards are also available at The Log House.

* If you are unable to pick up the form or card at The Log House and would like to participate in this program, please contact Linda Beverlin at 281 435-5808, or by email at the address below.



*Remember to keep us informed of special events in your life. If you have an article for the newsletter, you may send it to me by email by the 8th of the month.
(Please reference SJC DRT.)*

Also, if you are in need of a nametag, please email me.



Email: lbeverlin@comcast.net
Linda Beverlin

The Vision

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas have announced plans to establish the Republic of Texas History Complex in Austin. The proposed project, called *The Vision*, ([Our DRT Vision](#)), will unite the French Legation Museum, the oldest structure in Austin, with DRT Headquarters and the Republic of Texas Museum.

The French Legation Museum sits atop what is now known as Robertson Hill and has a wonderful view of the state capitol. *The Vision* includes the purchase of two remaining undeveloped properties adjacent to the French Legation at 802 San Marcos Street, Austin, and the construction of a building to house DRT Headquarters and the Republic of Texas Museum, currently located at 510 East Anderson Lane, Austin. This new building would also include a visitor center, gift shop, and meeting and small conference rooms.

The Republic of Texas History Complex will be an educational and research facility for teaching the period of Texas history before statehood and to spotlight the lives of pioneers. It will provide much needed space to house DRT documents and DRT business offices. Moving Headquarters and the Republic of Texas Museum adjacent to the French Legation will allow the three entities to share staff, visitors, equipment, and projects.

An investigative group of DRT members from the French Legation Committee and DRT Headquarters/Museum Committee have initiated a fundraising campaign (separate from the Capital Campaign) for *The Vision*. The help of every DRT member is needed. Donations will come from many sources: grants, businesses, and persons outside of DRT. In each situation, those approached will want to know the number of and the amount of contributions made by DRT members. Therefore, any contribution will be a great help. Let's make it 100% from San Jacinto Chapter members! Use the form below for a contribution of \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 or for a pledge over time.

Please contact Brenda Auld, San Jacinto Chapter and French Legation Committee Member, for additional information or questions at bauld@comcast.net or 281-497-0528.



Republic of Texas History Complex
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Austin, Texas 78702



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