

## HISTORY OF THE LOG HOUSE



The Pioneer Memorial Log House was built in 1936 by the San Jacinto Chapter of The Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Although the nation was in the midst of the Great Depression, members raised almost \$3,000 for its construction. The City of Houston donated land in Hermann Park in honor of its founders, the Allen brothers. More than 250 pine logs were cut, peeled and saddle-notched. Stones and bricks from historic buildings and ancestral homes were gathered by members to use in its construction and for the fireplace that spans one end of the building. The house is furnished with period pieces that reflect the formative period of the Texas Republic.

The building was dedicated on March 2nd of 1936, the 100th anniversary of the Texas Declaration of Independence from Mexico. Used as a hospitality center during the year long observance of the centennial, the Log House has remained the meeting place for the San Jacinto Chapter.

In 1986, the Texas Historical Commission placed a historical marker on the Log House

recognizing the efforts of the San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

On the grounds, the Texas Heritage Garden features plants and trees native to the state as well as those brought by pioneers as reminders of their former homes.

## MUSEUM MISSION

In 1996, the Log House was rededicated as a museum. The mission of the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum (PMLHM) is to collect and preserve documents and artifacts relating to early Texas, and to serve as a resource for teaching the state's unique history through exhibits and education programs. Special significance is placed on the Texas Revolution, especially the Battle of San Jacinto, the Republic of Texas years, and the contribution of women during this period.

*Friends of the Log House* began in 1994 as a vehicle to give continued support of this historic building. Membership is open to anyone who loves Texas history and wants to help us foster that passion and enthusiasm. An annual membership contribution of \$25 or higher is a great help in maintaining the house and grounds. Checks payable to PMLHM can be mailed to the PMLHM Treasurer, 1510 Cambridge St., Houston, TX 77030.

## THE HISTORY OF DRT

In 1891, the ranks of the Texas Veterans Association, an organization of those who took part in the struggle for independence from Mexico and the creation of the Republic of Texas, were diminishing as its members aged. Concerned that the contributions of these heroic individuals not be forgotten,

15 women met in Houston to dedicate themselves to continuing the work of the veterans. They created a statewide organization open to lineal descendants of the men and women of the Texas Republic period. The Daughters of the Republic of Texas was chartered November 6, 1891. San Jacinto Chapter was chartered just three days later on November 9th, the second chapter to be organized. Today the organization is comprised of 106 chapters with approximately 7,000 members throughout the state. Membership is open to women over 16 who are descendants of early settlers of the Republic of Texas, prior to February 19, 1846, the date of annexation to the United States.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas are custodians of the Alamo in San Antonio and the French Legation in Austin. They own the Republic of Texas Museum in Austin, and the Cradle in Galveston, the building where two young women, Betty Ballinger and Hally Bryan, while reading about Texas history were inspired to create a patriotic organization.

The history of the San Jacinto Chapter and the San Jacinto Battleground are so entwined for the first fifty years that it is sometimes difficult to separate the two. The name *San Jacinto* was chosen for the chapter name in honor of the most significant battle of the Western Hemisphere that won independence for the new Republic of Texas. The chapter is credited with preserving the San Jacinto Battleground site during the early 20th century. Later, members spearheaded the construction of the San Jacinto Monument and the creation of the San Jacinto Museum of History.

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## MUSEUM TOURS AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Admission to the Museum is free for visits during regular visiting hours on the 3rd weekend of each month. Group tours are available by reservation.

Various educational programs are available for presentation to school classes or other groups. These include: Pioneer Life, the Flags of Texas, and History of the Log House. Advance reservations are necessary and the maximum number that can be accommodated at a session is 50. There is no charge for educational programs.



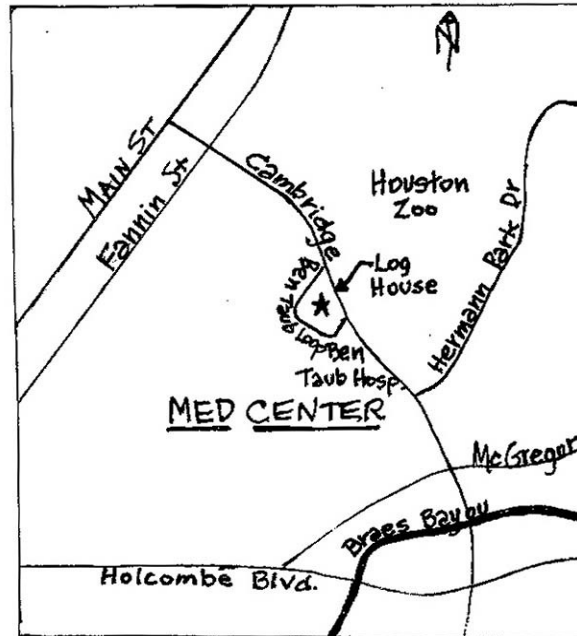
## PRIVATE EVENTS

The house may be rented for private meetings and events. The rate for private rentals is \$600 for five (5) hours. Patriotic and historical group rates are available.

Users are expected to respect the historic building, as well as the antique furnishings and artifacts. Users are liable for any damage or breakage that may occur. All trash is to be bagged for disposal at the conclusion of the event and any leftover food must be removed.

## MUSEUM LOCATION

The Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum is located at 1510 Cambridge in Hermann Park, directly in front of Ben Taub Hospital and across from Gate 3 of the Houston Zoo. Use Medical Center Entrance 21 on Ben Taub Loop to access the Museum parking lot behind the Log House. See map below.



## MUSEUM HOURS

The Museum is open to the public the third (3rd) weekend of each month:

Saturday from 1–3 pm  
and Sunday from 2–4 pm.

Group visits and school tours are available by appointment, private events by reservation.

For more information,  
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# PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE MUSEUM AND TEXAS HERITAGE GARDEN



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