January Meeting Roundtable: Members Share their Texas Ancestral History

History was made and shared by several of our members at the January roundtable meeting. We were all ears as each speaker took a couple minutes to share a piece of history about one or more of their Texas forbearers. Learning about each speaker’s heritage and their ancestral roots in Texas was informative and delightful. The roundtable was such a hit that we think it’s a great idea to do it again next January to kick off the new year.

Speakers and their ancestors listed on the signup were:
Jamie Moran - Washington J. Viser
Lisa Braly - Sarah Bradly Dodson
Sharolyn Wood - John W. Hassell
Beth McCarty - Samuel LaMothe
Gwen Kunz - Samuel Isaacs
Nancy Burch - Madge W. Hearne
Gwen Koch - Micajah Byrd
Martha Jorgensen - Benjamin Richardson
Susan Whitfield - Robert Wyres

From the President
Dear Daughters,
Happy New Year! 2019 is here and hopefully it will be a good year for us all.
We finished 2018 with a fabulous luncheon at Tony’s. We had 75 attendees – a record! Lunch was delicious, the entertainment was wonderful, the venue was beautiful, and everyone had a great time. It was truly a special event!
Please be sure to put the first Thursday of the month on your calendars as booked for our chapter meetings. We have excellent programs lined up for the Spring and they will be of interest to all. Our nominating committee is working diligently on a slate of officers for the 2019-2021 term which we will vote on in April and if you have an interest in any position, please contact Beth McCarty, the chair of the committee.
Happy New Year and I hope to see you at our February 7th meeting.
Laura-Hill Taylor, President
UPnext: Mike Vance, The Birth of Texas Series

Mike Vance will be our guest speaker in February. In 2005, Mike Vance founded Houston Arts and Media, a non-profit organization that creates innovative ways to educate Texans about their history, and HAM merged with The Heritage Society in 2016.

The organization continues to not only fashion projects of their own but have worked with dozens of other groups, agencies and schools districts to build a variety of highly acclaimed projects. He conceived and managed the notable mural Mexican-American History & Culture in 20th Century Houston and oversees programming both on and off the Heritage Society campus in downtown Houston. He has also recently become Creative Director for Bright Sky Publishing.

At our next meeting, he will show us a segment of the San Jacinto movie and talk about the Birth of Texas Series.

What a great way to prepare us for our field trip in March!

San Jacinto Chapter Field Trip March 7th

Our March field trip on Thursday, March 7th is to the San Jacinto Battleground. Eron Brimberry Tynes, former president of our chapter, will guide us through battlefields around the monument. Taking a county bus, we will leave at 9:00 from St. Luke’s Methodist Church on Westheimer, and after the tour we will dine together at Monument Inn at 1:00 (lunch on your own), returning by 4:00 to the church.

Texas Star
Sue Bodine
Elizabeth (Bette) Burkett
Sally Whittington
In Memory of Clare Deaver

Silver Star
Bettye Wilson Davis
In Memory of John Carroll Wilson
Angela Mahmarian
Miki Lusk Norton

Shining Star
Sam Akkerman
Gina Bouchard
In Memory of Dorothy Knox Houghton
Gina Bouchard
In Memory of Dr. Laurence Chapman
Carolyn Gilbert
Anne Darby Kennett
In Memory of Dorothy Knox Houghton
Gwen Kunz
Peggy McGinty
In Memory of Dorothy Knox Howe Houghton
Sharolyn Wood
In Memory of Kae Theilen

Gold Star
Marjorie and Lee Forster
Brenda Stover
In Memory of Marie Kasperek
Sharron S. Wilson
Sharolyn Wood
In Memory of Betty Petty

Lone Star
Will and Carol Haddock
Susan T. Whitfield

Platinum Star
Lisa Hansen Braly
In Memory of Ellyce Morgan Hansen
Margaret Standard

The Republic of Texas Museum will host its 5th Annual History Symposium on March 2nd in Austin. Its held at the Norris Conference Center at 2525 West Anderson Lane. Speakers are Ted Herrera on Native American ancestry, Lynn Forney Young on El Camino Real and Patrick Walsh on locating records in the Spanish Collection, including land grants for the Old 300. Registration is $60 to include catered lunch and refreshments. Deadline for registration is Monday, February 25.

Questions? Email Julia Lopez at republicoftexasmuseumchair@drtinfo.org

For information and registration…See Flyer Attached!
### Calendar of Events, San Jacinto Chapter

**2019**

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### Pine Cone Wreath for Log House Fireplace

While at the Pioneer Memorial Log House in December, I had the grand idea that we should have a large pine cone wreath to hang over our fireplace. The fireplace was built with stones from across Texas, so I thought if members could collect lots of pine cones from around Texas, a wreath could be made to hang there. If you can help with this collection (or know how to make a giant wreath), contact Gwen Koch at jkoch11949@att.net or 713/826-9061.

### Lift a Heart, Lift a Spirit

A member of our board, Esther Simon, lives in a Retirement Facility at 505 Bering Drive in Houston. Esther is dealing with an illness and is homebound. As a chapter, we’d like to reach out to her as much as possible.

We encourage those who know Esther to please visit her from time to time. This will surely lift her spirits. Thank you! **Thinking of you, Esther!**

### The WRITE STUFF:

Please bring #2 pencils to any meeting. We send them to our Texas History Teacher, Karen James, Landrum Middle School in Spring Branch. Karen never denies pencils to any of her students. It is an ongoing need.

### Program Schedule 2019

**February 7, 2018**

Mike Vance, The Making of the “Birth of Texas” Movie Series

**March 7, 2018**

Field Trip: San Jacinto Battlefield

Tour Guide: Eron Tynes Brimberry

Lunch at Monument Inn

**April 4, 2018**

Linda Martin

The Houston Hogg Family - Beyond Ima

**May 2, 2018**

To be announced.

**June 6, 2018**

June Luncheon
$15,000 Grant Received!
San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas recently received a generous grant for $15,000 from the Albert & Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation as recommended by their director Clay Fisher, husband of new member Carrie Fisher. This gift is to be specifically used towards repairs and improvements to the Pioneer Memorial Log House. With this gift, the chapter can begin the first phase of improvements for the foundation and porch. Thank you Clay, Carrie and the Herzstein Foundation. More funds are still needed to get our historical house back in grand condition.
If you would like to make a gift or have a contact with a foundation, please contact Gwen Koch (Ways and Means) at jkoch11949@att.net or 713/826-9061. Thank you for your support of our Log House and Texas! Let me know if you have any questions.
Fondly,
Gwen Koch

A Brief History of the Republic of Texas

June 1832 - The battle of Velasco resulted in the first casualties of Texas’ relations with Mexico, followed by growing dissatisfaction with the policies of the government in Mexico City.

October to December 1835 - The revolution began. Texans repulsed a detachment of Mexicans at the Battle of Gonzales, followed by the Goliad Campaign, and the Battle of Concepcion near San Antonio. San Antonio was surrendered to the Texans followed the Siege of Bexar.

March 2, 1836 - The Texas Declaration of Independence was signed by members of the Convention of 1836. An ad interim government was formed for the newly created Republic of Texas.

March 6, 1835 - Texans under Col. William B. Travis were overwhelmed by the Mexican army after a two-week siege at the Battle of the Alamo in San Antonio. The Runaway Scrape began.

March 27, 1836 - Nearly 400 Texans were executed at the Goliad Massacre.

April 21, 1836 - Independence was won at San Jacinto in one of the most divisive battles in history.

November 1839 - The Texas Congress first met in Austin, the frontier site was selected for the capital of the Republic.

March 5, 1842 - A Mexican force of over 500 men under Rafael Vasquez invaded Texas for the first time since the revolution. They briefly occupied San Antonio, but soon headed back to the Rio Grande.

September 11, 1842 - San Antonio was captured. Again the Mexicans retreated but this time with prisoners.

Fall, 1842 - Sam Houston authorized Alexander Somervell to lead a retaliatory raid into Mexico. The resulting Somervell Expedition dissolved, however, after briefly taking border towns of Laredo and Guerreo.

December 20, 1842 - Some 300 members of the Somervell force set out to continue raids into Mexico. Ten days and 20 miles later, the ill-fated Mier Expedition surrendered at the Mexican town of Mier.

December 29, 1842 - Under orders of Sam Houston, officials arrived in Austin to remove the records of the Republic of Texas to the city of Houston, touching off the bloodless Archives War.

March 25, 1843 - Seventeen Texans were executed in what became known at the Black Bean Episode, which resulted from the Mier Expedition, one of several raids by the Texans into Mexico.

December 29, 1845 - U.S. President James Polk followed through on a campaign platform promising to annex Texas, and signed legislation making Texas the 28th state of the United States.

April 25, 1846 - The Mexican-American War ignited as a result of disputes over claims to Texas boundaries. The outcome of the war fixed Texas’ southern boundary at the Rio Grande River.

November 25, 1850 - In a plan to settle boundary disputes and pay her public debt, Texas relinquished about one-third of her territory in the Compromise of 1850, in exchange for $10,000,000 from the United States.
The Daughters of the Republic of Texas Museum presents its 5th Annual History Symposium

The EARLY INHABITANTS of TEXAS

Norris Conference Center
2525 West Anderson Lane – Austin
2 March 2019  10:00am – 3:00pm
Cost: $60 (includes catered lunch and refreshments)

Native American Contributions to Texas History
Beginning with the first European contact by Hernan Cortez and the Indigenous people in 1519, the major events that led to the start of the 43 year war in 1748 against the Chichimeca tribes will be detailed, the establishment of Nuevo Santander in 1748, as well as the major events that occurred after the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848. You’ll also learn how peyote saved Stephen F. Austin.

Ted Herrera was born in the Coahuilteco Sacred Land in Miranda City, Texas. He descends from Tlaxcalteca, Chichimeca, Huichol, and Coahuiltecan Indians. He is married to DRT member Jo Ann Garcia Herrera. Ted is the hereditary Tlachtli (Principle Speaker) for the Tlaxcalteca and Affiliated Tribes of Texas headquartered in San Antonio, Texas. Ted and Jo Ann live in Alamogordo, NM.

El Camino Real de los Tejas: Past and Present will focus on the history and modern developments of El Camino Real. The presentation will define what it means to be a Camino Real; go over a brief history of the trail; discuss modern developments leading up to the designation of the Camino as a National Historic Trail; review what it means to be a National Historic Trail and part of the National Trails System; and illustrate how you can see and experience the trail.

Lynn Fornay Young, a native Houstonian and graduate of the University of Houston, has been actively engaged in preserving and promoting our nation’s history for decades. She has been a member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution for more than 40 years, serving as President General 2013-2016. She joined the San Jacinto Chapter DRT in 1994. Lynn currently serves as the Chair of the Milam County Historical Commission and is on the Board of the El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Association.

A Legacy of Land - Finding the Old 300 in the Records of the Texas General Land Office (GLO)
The Archives of the Texas GLO contains nearly 36 million documents, maps, and sketches that detail the history of the public lands of Texas dating to the sixteenth century. The Spanish Collection – a group of records that covers the periods of Spanish and Mexican sovereignty in Texas. Included in the Spanish Collection are the colonial records of Stephen F. Austin and the land grants for the Old 300 settlers, who helped shape Texas as we know it today.

Patrick Walsh is a Research and Outreach Specialist for the Texas General Land Office Archives and Records Program. He writes and edits for the GLO’s blog (http://www.medium.com/@texasglo), works to promote the State Texas History Program, speaks to historical and genealogical groups across the state, and provides support for historians, genealogists, energy industry professionals, surveyors, and landmen.

Registration MUST be received by Monday, 25 February 2019. – Please register early. Seating is limited.

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Please direct any questions or dietary restrictions to Julia Lopez, Museum Chair at republicoftexasmuseumchair@drtinfo.org.
Please remit this completed registration form along with your check in the amount of $60 per registrant to “DRT Museum”
Mail to: Republic of Texas Museum, 510 East Anderson Lane, Austin, TX 78752