

# The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



December 2020

## Coming Up In January:

Our January program will once again feature our own members sharing stories about their ancestors. This year, one of our associate members, Beverly McMahan, will join Carla Brown and Laura Kaplan in offering us insights into those who preceded us and played a role in Texas history.

-Nancy Burch

## Recipe!

### Grandmother Ehlinger's Tea Cakes

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 3/4 cups flour, divided

Cream butter. Add egg and water; beat. Work in 2 cups flour mixed with cinnamon. Turn out on board, using remaining flour to keep from sticking. Cut out and bake at 375 for 12 to 15 minutes. Fill center with pecan or cherry. Makes 3 1/2 dozen (2 1/2 inch) cookies.

Recipe of Wilhelmina Frels who married Judge Joseph Ehlinger. Her grandfather fought at the Battle of Bexar and the town of Frelsburg was named for him, whereas his grandfather, Joseph Ehlinger, fought at the battle of San Jacinto and had the little town of Ellinger named for him.

Taken directly from *Log House Collection—San Jacinto Chapter Favorite Recipes 1988*



From the President:

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year 2021, Ladies!

Our next meeting will be on January 7, 2021. It will be virtual and three of our members will tell their ancestor stories via ZOOM. Please plan to join us! We will send you a link a few days before the 7th; it will come from Carla Brown via her SJC Treasurer email.

Welcome to two new members, both approved by the State on December 1, 2020. Sherill Jewel Pool Elizondo is DRT # 34531; her ancestor is Jacob Woodward. Her sweet son, Carlos Elizondo, has done all of the research and submitted the application so he can present it to her as a Christmas gift!

Adelaide Smith Christensen is DRT # 34532; her ancestor is Kinchen Alford Welborn. Both of these ancestors are new for our chapter. We are thrilled to have you, Sherill and Addy!

I hope you and your family have a peaceful and wonderful holiday season.

-Beth Garrett McCarty

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Did you know...

## LET THERE BE LIGHT

In January 1936 the Pioneer Memorial Log House was still under construction. **Mrs. Laura Carnal Ueckert**, Chair of the Building Committee and Past President 1928-1930, reported to the San Jacinto Chapter that:

“our dear and precious **Mrs. Maggie Grant (Tod) Milby** (1854-1941) mailed me a check for \$50 with the sweetest note saying to me to use it wherever needed on the Log House.....As we are still without lighting fixtures in the assembly room, dining room and front porch, my thought along the line is to dedicate the assembly room fixture to our Mrs. Maggie Milby---for what could be more symbolic of her life than LIGHT and a bright and shining light. For it was she who kept San Jacinto Chapter alive during the days when things historical were not so interesting to most of us.”

The task of finding the light fixtures fell to **Mrs. Madge Williams Hearne**, member of the Building Committee, and her daughter-in-law **Mrs. Eleanor Hearne**. Luckily Washington Avenue was filled with antique shops and the two ladies found old wagon wheels and a lantern that could be electrified.



Mrs. Milby was the daughter of Captain John Grant Tod, who served both as secretary of the Navy and as commodore of the fleet during the Republic of Texas. Her father was an original stockholder of the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos & Colorado Railroad (BBB & C) completed in 1853, the first operating railroad in Texas.



Submitted by: Gwen Kunz

Notes: *Docent Manual*, San Jacinto Chapter, DRT  
*Pioneer Memorial Log House 1936*, San Jacinto Chapter DRT  
*Houston's Forgotten Heritage*, Junior League of Houston

Photos: C. H. Milby House, *Houston's Forgotten Heritage*, Junior League of Houston

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## San Jacinto Chapter - Calendar of Events

(See yearbook for details)

### 2021

Chapter Meeting (10:30 Meeting via Zoom)	January 7
Chapter Meeting (10:00 Social/10:30 Meeting)	February 4
Celebration of 85th Birthday of the Log House and 185th Birthday of Houston and of Texas	February 27
Texas Independence Day	March 2
Chapter Field Trip (TBA)	March 4
Texas History Pioneer Day	March 15
Chapter Meeting (10:00 Social/10:30 Meeting)	April 1
San Jacinto Day Ceremony	April 21
“Come and Sip It” Fund Raiser	(TBA Spring)
Chapter Meeting (10:00 Social/10:30 Meeting)	May 6
DRT Annual Convention, San Antonio	May 13– May15
June Luncheon	June 3



### Would you like to be part of history at the Log House?

Become a Docent. The Docents Committee is responsible for conveying to visitors the history of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, San Jacinto Chapter, Pioneer Memorial Log House, and the chapter early Texas history collection. Join our Log House committee to preserve history. The Pioneer Memorial Log House & Garden Committee has the responsibility to preserve, care for, and maintain the Pioneer Memorial Log House, the chapter early Texas history collection, Brooks Cottage, the gardens, and associated grounds.

If you would like to be a Docent or a member of The Log House Committee, please contact Sharolyn Wood, woodsharolyn@aol.com or (713) 305-2750.



## In Memoriam

### Nellie May Galny

(December 14, 1923 -  
December 5, 2020)



Nellie had been a 58 year member of the San Jacinto Chapter (since September 26, 1962). Her ancestor, Isaac Coleman Hoskins was her grandfather.

Nellie was a fighter and survivor throughout her life. When she was twelve and suffering from a near-fatal case of pneumonia, she recalled Jesus floated in through her window, standing at the foot of the bed. He asked her, “Are you ready?” She informed him she was not ready... she wanted to grow up, get married and have three children. He left, she fully recovered, married her childhood sweetheart, and was blessed with three children. Nellie loved being a devoted wife and mother to their children. The happy couple spent many years traveling together to every corner of the globe, most notably on an around-the-world tour on the Concord. She will be truly missed.

### Larry Spasic

(May 19, 1951 – December 6, 2020)

Larry Spasic, retired President of the San Jacinto Museum of History, passed away on December 6, 2020. Larry loved Texas history, particularly all history involving the Battle of San Jacinto and the Battle-ground and delighted in interacting with the many visitors to the San Jacinto Monument. The San Jacinto Battle Reenactment and the San Jacinto Festival were part of his responsibility, and he and his staff at the Museum worked with the San Jacinto Day Committee to make that celebration possible. He worked tirelessly supporting the San Jacinto Museum of History. He leaves behind a wife and two sons.





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*Let's support our SJC when we buy groceries!! \*\* Corrected shopping number\*\**



# 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 #14197 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!*

## *Holiday Wishes*

*We wish you a peaceful and joyous holiday season as we say goodbye to this crazy year and say hello to new beginnings and a new year!*

**Next Chapter Meeting:**

**Via Zoom**

**January 7, 2021**

**You should have received our annual yearbook via mail! If you have not yet received your yearbook, please let us know!**



Bed, Cradle and Dress located in our Pioneer Log House

# PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE

## Become a "Friend of the Log House" for 2020-2021

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*.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you wish to be printed)

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

General Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution in memory / honor of \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send card to: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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**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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