

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



Happy Valentine's Day!

February 2021

Coming Up For The March Program:

After the decision was made to cancel the scheduled March field trip due to Covid 19, I was fortunate to persuade author James Haley to Zoom in from Austin and speak to us on March 4th. His topic will be "Women in Colonial Times and the Texas Republic." He notes these women enjoyed legal advantages that women in the U.S. could only dream about but once here, they had to work like the very devil to make the good life happen.



An award-winning historian and novelist, Jim grew up in Fort Worth, and graduated summa cum laude from the University of Texas at Arlington with a B.A. in Government-Pre Law. He attended the UT Austin School of Law for two years before resigning to pursue a literary career.

He is the author of more than 20 books, embracing the history of Texas and the American West, most prominently the biography of Sam Houston now in its 7th printing. Among several prizes, he has won the Western Writers of America Spur Award twice and the Texas Historical Commission Book Award twice. He is a member of the Texas Institute of Letters and a Fellow of the Texas State Historical Society.

Jim also is the author of seven novels, most recently an important new naval adventure series for J. P. Putnam's Sons. The fourth one, Captain Putnam for the Republic of Texas, which also features Sam Houston, has just been published.

In addition to being an extraordinary author, Jim is an outstanding and entertaining speaker.

-Nancy Burch

Thank you to the New Kentucky Chapter!!

Marie Howell, president of New Kentucky Chapter DRT, heard of our need to acknowledge five past President Generals from our chapter at the District VI Zoom meeting last fall. She approached her chapter about a donation, and at their January chapter meeting, members of New Kentucky voted to approve their donation of \$200 to assist San Jacinto Chapter's past President Generals Paver project.

From the President:

Hello, Friends! I hope you all are staying warm and safe! We had a wonderful meeting last week. Our speaker, Dr. Caroline Crimm, was fascinating and very knowledgeable. It seemed she was putting each of us back in the 1800's as we fought for Texas' Independence! It was amazing!

Next month we will have another Zoom meeting. We have postponed our Field Trip to the Houston Botanical Gardens and Nancy Burch has secured another amazing speaker for us. Please join us on your phone or computer at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2021.

We have also postponed our Log House's 85th Birthday Celebration, but we will open the Log House for a Sale/Pick-up Shopping Day on March 2, 2021 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please drop by and shop for all things Texas. Contact Gwen Koch if you would like to pre-order something. Don't forget your mask!

We have a new DRT member and a new CRT member! Luisa Milby Feagin was approved by the State on January 14, 2021 and Sarajane Wise, daughter of Nikki Wise and Judge Ken Wise, transferred to our CRT Chapter from the William B. Travis Chapter 3 in Austin. Welcome!!

Do you know a high school senior who is planning to attend a college or university in Texas next year? It is time to apply for our College Scholarships. An application is attached to this newsletter.

We have donated some children's books to the 4th grade Texas History Teachers at Horn Elementary School and several more books have been ordered for them. The teachers were thrilled and are very enthusiastic about teaching Texas History! It was wonderful to meet them. Their principal, Vanessa Flores, is a member of our SJChapter. Stay safe and we hope to see you soon!

-Beth Garrett McCarty

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Did you know...



Bust of Sam Houston

The Log House is fortunate to have this bust of Sam Houston. Houston led the Texan Army to victory at the [Battle of San Jacinto](#), was the first and third president of the Republic of Texas, served as the representative from Texas in the United States senate and was the seventh governor of the State of Texas. The bust was donated to the Log House in 1936 by its artist Penelope Lingan in honor of Mrs. Madge Hearne, a Sam Houston granddaughter who is a past president of San Jacinto Chapter and a past President General of DRT. San Jacinto Chapter has among it's current members three Sam Houston descendants: Nancy Burch, Anne Kennett and Charlotte Taylor.

Artist Penelope Lingan was born in North Carolina in 1860 and moved to Texas in 1882. She studied music at Queen's College, Charlotte, N.C. followed by art classes in Galveston with Maria Cage Kimball, then studied painting and sculpturing at Sophie Newcombe College in New Orleans, and was a student of the famous sculptors Lorado Taft and Albert Krehbiel at Chicago Art Institute. Her school of art in Houston was attended by many students who went on to become recognized for their works. A similar Sam Houston bust was placed in Sam Houston High School in Houston by Mrs. Lingan in June 1927. She has a portrait of George Bernard Shaw displayed at Yale University and one of Governor Miriam Amanda Ferguson in the rotunda of the State Capitol in Austin. She often exhibited her portraits and miniatures at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts. Mrs. Lingan was a member of the Colonial Dames of America, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Daughters of the Confederacy. She died in Houston in 1943.

The Bust of Sam Houston is in the Log House dining room and is displayed on a stand given by Bickley Bros. It is worth a special look!

Written by Brenda Auld

Photo: Gwen Kunz

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



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!

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.

San Jacinto Chapter - Calendar of Events

(See yearbook for details)

2021

Texas Independence Day	March 2
Chapter Meeting via Zoom (10:30 am)	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



**Beautiful Texas Red Maple
in bloom
at the Log House
Photo by Gwen Kunz**

Next Chapter Meeting:

Via Zoom

March 4, 2021

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We need your help!

San Jacinto Chapter has had six past President Generals. Carrie Franklin Kemp's family has generously paid for a paver in her name. The cost for three 8" X 12" pavers at DRT's new Republic of Texas History Center in honor of our chapter's past President Generals is \$2,550. A committee felt that Mary Smith Jones (Mrs. Anson Jones) as the first President General (and from San Jacinto Chapter) should be recognized with her own paver. And the other four past President Generals would be honored two each on the other two pavers.

This expense is not in our budget. As a chapter, we need to raise the funds. Other DRT chapters are donating pavers, and our chapter should too. We have until April 20, 2021 to raise the remaining \$2,350 so that ALL of our past President Generals can be honored.

San Jacinto Chapter is one of the largest DRT chapters, let us come together to support this project!

If you would like to make a donation to go towards the purchase of pavers honoring our past Presidents General, please fill out the attached form at the end of this newsletter, make your checks payable to *San Jacinto Chapter DRT* and send your donation to:

Pioneer Log House, c/o Gwen Koch (4th VP)
1510 Cambridge St.
Houston, Texas 77030-1732.

We appreciate your support!



MADGE WILLIAMS HEARNE

(Mrs. Roy Hearne)

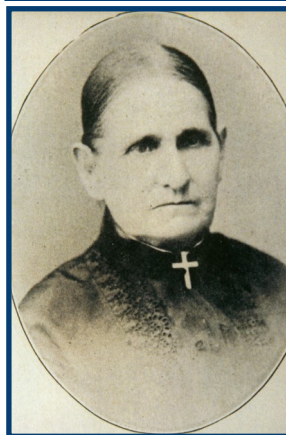
1937 — 1939



THELMA BURNETT MARESH

(Mrs. Henry R. Mares)

1947 — 1949



MARY SMITH JONES

(Mrs. Anson Jones)

1891 — 1908

Ancestor: Anson Jones



CARRIE FRANKLIN KEMP

(Mrs. Charles Milton Kemp)

1935 — 1937



JULIA MATHEWS

HAGAN

(Mrs. Herbert R. Hagan)

1959 — 1961



ERETTE REESE RED

(Mrs. George Plunkett Red)

1973 — 1975



Did you know... our current President General, Carolyn Raney is a member of the San Jacinto Chapter!

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In Memoriam



We are so sorry to announce that Beverly Huggins, a 26 year member of our Chapter, died this month on February 6.

Beverly Ann Kennon Huggins
Date of Death - 6 February 2021

Ancestors: Elizabeth Suggs, William Hill Cleveland, John Duncan Harvey, Zilphia Ann Harvey, Virginia Ann Cleveland

She was a native Houstonian, born on Valentine's Day in 1927. Beverly graduated from San Jacinto High School and the University of Houston. She met her husband at U of H and they were married 70 years. Her visitation and service are scheduled at Forest Park Lawndale on 2/27 at 1:00 and 2:00 in the afternoon, respectively.

Welcome new CRT Member

Sarajane Wise

Ancestor: John Dedrick Wilson

Sarajane is the daughter of Nikki Wise and Judge Ken Wise.

Sarajane transferred from the William B. Travis Chapter #3 in Austin.

We are thrilled to have you, Sarajane!



Beth McCarty (in coat, center) delivering gifts of Texas History books on February 12, 2021 to 4th grade Texas History teachers at Horn Elementary School. Left to right are: K. Dromgoole, T. Thorn, and C. Turner. Several more books have been ordered for them to use in their classrooms and/or place in their school library.

News from the Country Store!

**Country Store will be open for shopping 10 am – 3 pm,
Tuesday, March 2**

There are still no celebrations planned San Jacinto Chapter due to COVID 19 however, we will open the Country Store at the Pioneer Memorial Log House on **Texas Independence Day, March 2**. That date is also the 85th birthday of the log house. While we can't have a party yet, we can still remember our Texas heritage.

Come shop our Texas themed items in the Country Store. All sales support our chapter and log house. Call, text or email Gwen Koch, 713/826-9061 or jkoch11949@att.net if you plan to come shop so we can make sure to maintain safe social distancing. Wearing a mask and social distancing will be required.

I look forward to seeing you, and God Bless Texas!



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)	
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 (4th 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.

All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. San Jacinto Chapter DRT is a 501 (c) (3) organization.

DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS
New Texas History Center, Austin, Texas
PAVER MEMORIALS

Our Chapter is hoping to buy 3 pavers to honor our Past Presidents General. We need your support!

1st President General
Mary M Jones
1891 – 1908
San Jacinto Chapter

Presidents General
Madge Hearne 1937-39
Thelma Maresh 1947-49
San Jacinto Chapter

Presidents General
Julia Hagan 1959-1961
Erette Red 1973-1975
San Jacinto Chapter

The total cost for the 3 pavers is \$2,550.00

A gift of any amount is appreciated and will help us reach our goal. Please send your donation by April 10, 2021

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

Make check payable to:
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