

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



January 2021

Coming Up For February's Program:

The program for our February meeting will be "Clara Driscoll and Adina de Zavala, Saviours of the Alamo," presented by Dr. Carolina Crimm.



Born in Mexico City to a Mexican father and an American mother, she is descended from early Tejanos on her father's side (Refugio, 1792) and the Rhode Island Gortons (1632) on her mother's side. She lived in Coyoacan, Mexico, until she was 17 and then moved to Miami.

A graduate of the University of Miami with a degree in history, she later received her MA in historic preservation from Texas Tech. In 1989, she received a scholarship to attend the University of Texas at Austin where she completed a Ph.D. in Latin American History. In 1992, Dr. Crimm joined the faculty at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville as an Assistant, then Associate and finally Full Professor in History. She retired as Professor Emeritus.

She has received numerous teaching awards, including the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation Award as one of the top teachers in Texas. She also worked as sponsor for the Walter P. Webb History Society. Dr. Crimm has spent her career entertaining and educating her audiences with fascinating stories about inspirational historical characters. Since her retirement from the university, she has begun speaking nationwide to corporations, teachers' groups, university students and historical associations.

-Nancy Burch

Please Note:

The 85th birthday celebration of the

San Jacinto Chapter

scheduled for February 27

is being postponed due to Covid.

From the President:

Happy New Year 2021! And a merry good-bye to 2020! Most of us would like to forget last year, but I did have two grandsons born in 2020, so the year wasn't a total waste!

Our Chapter meeting via ZOOM on January 7th was well-attended. We heard wonderful talks from three of our members: Beverly McMahan, Carla Brown, and Laura Kaplan. Their stories of their ancestors were very interesting and heart-wrenching! Thank you, Ladies!

Welcome to three new members: Tish Wolter (ancestor Sarah Burleson Howard), Sherrill Elizondo (ancestor Jacob Woodward), and Adelaide Christensen (ancestor Kinchen Alford Welborn)! We are thrilled that you have joined us!

We approved giving four college scholarships to graduating seniors in the amount of \$5,000 each using the Thelma Maresh Endowment funds, so if you know of a qualified high school senior, please encourage them to apply. Contact Luanne Zacek for information.

We have received a grant from the Herzstein Foundation for \$20,000! It is for maintenance and restoration of our beloved Log House. Thank you, Gwen Koch, for your wonderful work applying for grants!

Our next meeting will be via ZOOM on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. I have heard our guest speaker, Carolyn Crimm, speak and she is wonderful! Please join us!

-Beth Garrett McCarty

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Did you know...



Runaway Table ~ Relic of the Runaway Scrape

Early 1836 was a difficult time in Texas. The Alamo had fallen to Santa Anna who was attempting to take Texas and Mexican Troops seemed to be gathering strength in the South Central portions of Texas. Sam Houston learned of the fall of the Alamo and that Santa Anna was heading towards Gonzalez. Houston decided to retreat east toward the Colorado River as he only had about 400 men in Gonzalez. Sam Houston ordered all of the inhabitants in that area to flee east with him towards safety. Houston's retreat marked the beginning of the Runaway Scrape. Many Texans didn't have time to pack everything up so many hid their furniture and possessions in the forest for fear that the Mexican army would either steal or burn their possessions. It was a gut-wrenching time for these early Texans. Due to lack of planning, many had no means of transportation and were forced to walk. The conditions were grueling; they battled hunger, fatigue, terrible weather and sickness. Many died along their journey. When the Texans finally received word of victory at the Battle of San Jacinto and the surrender of Santa Anna, the Texans turned around and returned to their homes, many of which has been destroyed by the Mexican Army.

Our own San Jacinto Chapter member, Gwen Kunz, has an ancestor, Elizabeth Isaacs Clark who was a tragic victim of the Runaway Scrape. She was pregnant with her thirteenth child and died in childbirth while she and her family were fleeing the Mexicans.

The table pictured above is an actual relic from the Runaway Scrape. This table was first used in the home of Eliza Brandon Smith when Texas was still a part of Mexico. This table, along with other things was hidden in the woods and underbrush of the Brazos River Bottom. The silverware and more valuable possessions were either buried or hidden in hollow logs. When Eliza Brandon Smith married Samuel T Burnes, this table was used by them as a table for their slaves. It later passed down to her youngest daughter, Josephine T. Burnes Love who used it as a kitchen table. It next came to belong to one of her sons, John B. Love and then to his daughter, Daisy Elnor Love Cowart, who gave the table as a Runaway Scrape relic to the San Jacinto Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. It is a beautifully preserved relic of a very difficult time in early Texas history. Come by the Log House to see it!

Submitted by: Laura Kaplan Photo: Gwen Kunz

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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!

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

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	postponed
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- May 15
June Luncheon	June 3

Next Chapter Meeting:

Via Zoom

February 4, 2021

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Exciting News for our San Jacinto Chapter!

Our Chapter has received a very generous \$20,000 gift from the Herzstein Foundation to be used for improvements and upkeep of our treasured Log House.

Thank you Herzstein Foundation!

*Looking for Donations to purchase pavers at the new Texas History Center in Austin to honor the Presidents General from the San Jacinto Chapter !



MADGE WILLIAMS HEARNE

(Mrs. Roy Hearne)

1937 — 1939

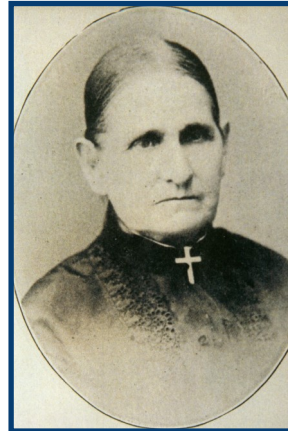
Ancestor: Sam Houston



THELMA BURNETT MARESH

(Mrs. Henry R. Maresh)

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

If you would like to make a donation to go towards the purchase of pavers honoring our past Presidents General, please send your donation to:

San Jacinto Chapter, c/o Gwen Koch (4th VP)
2015 Banks Street
Houston, Texas 77098



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

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.

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