

# The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

January 2023

Next Chapter Meeting: February 2, 2023

February Program Information  
Speaker: Debra Blacklock-Sloan  
Topic: The Last Slaveholder



Debra Blacklock-Sloan is a sixth-generation Texan, native Houstonian, self-employed historical researcher and professional genealogist. She also is the historic research director and docent director for the R.B.H. Yates Museum in the Freedmen's Town National Register Historic District. She is an avid preservationist, responsible for the placement of 32 historical markers.

She has presented several local workshops on African American family research and has been featured in several newspapers and publications, and appeared on Great Day Houston segments where she researched talk show host Debra Duncan's maternal and paternal ancestors. She leads African American Sites bus tours for Touring Texas.

Debra is a member of the Harris County Historical Commission where she chairs the Marker Dedication Committee. Other memberships include the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society and the Friends of the Gregory Library.

- Nancy Burch

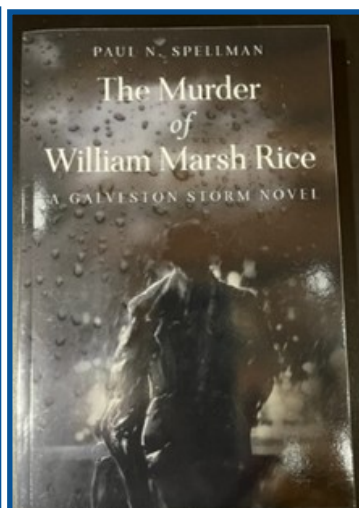
From the President:

Happy New Year 2023! We were thrilled to see so many of you at our first meeting of the new year on January 5th, 2023! Our guest speaker, Dr. Paul Spellman, talked to us about his research into the 'Old 300'. He tried to find information about all of the people listed in Stephen F. Austin's first 300 settlers to Texas and has published that info in his book, Old 300 Gone to Texas, pictured to the left, below. Did you know settlers came not only from the United States, but also from Canada, Ireland, Scotland and England? Stephen Austin had a few rules about those who could settle in his colony: no ministers, no criminals, and no single men! All three rules were broken by single men coming in pairs forming a partnership! There were also six women who were the heads of their families and four Native Americans! It was a fascinating talk. Dr. Spellman has also written a book of historical fiction called The Murder of William Marsh Rice, the founder of Rice University. His books are available on Amazon.

At our Business meeting, the Chapter approved the naming of Dr. Caroline Crimm as an Honorary Member of our Chapter. We also welcomed three prospective members to our Chapter: Heather Collins, Shana Creech, and Gayla Sonderegger, and we approved the Posthumous application of Corina Cortinas, great-grandmother of our member Vanessa Flores.

Scholarship applications for this year are available on our website, [www.sanjacintodrt.org](http://www.sanjacintodrt.org). We raised \$135 with the raffle of a flag at our Open House and we donated \$1,100 worth of toys to CPS Houston. Our next workday is January 19th and our next Chapter meeting will be on February 2nd. Please join us in person or by Zoom!!

-Beth Garrett McCarty



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## Essay Contest Information!

Do you know a student who is in 4<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade?

Our DRT Essay Contest is open to all students in Texas.

Deadline to send us their essay is February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Topics this year are:

Ben Milam, *Hero of the Siege of Bexar* for 4<sup>th</sup> graders  
And

any one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence  
(student's choice of 59 signers - it could be your ancestor!) for  
7<sup>th</sup> graders.

See the flyers attached to this newsletter for  
instructions and guidelines.

Prizes include money!!

## Now accepting Thelma Maresh Scholarship Applications!

Application Forms and Instructions for the 2023 Thelma Maresh Scholarships  
are now available on our website!

Just go to to our website:

[www.sanjacintodrt.org](http://www.sanjacintodrt.org)

and click on the "Teaching Texas" tab to access the instructions and form.

Please note there is a FIRM deadline of March 10, 2023  
ALL components of the application must be complete and received by March  
10.

If you have children or grandchildren who are seniors in high school and who  
are headed to a 4-year Texas College or University this fall, please encourage  
them to apply!

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Mark your Calendar for this Fun Event

## Lunch and Learn About Your Genealogy

We boast 100% approvals on all the DRT applications we submit. Many ask us questions about how we do it. Come and learn the how and where with this fun activity. You will also gain insight on how to continue your genealogy research on your family and beyond from our chapter's volunteer genealogists. This event is free but donations to the chapter are always needed and welcomed.

### Where and When:

San Jacinto Pioneer Memorial Log House/Brooks' Cottage

1510 Cambridge Street, Houston, Texas 77030

Saturday, March 11, 2023 ~ 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

### Bring:

Lunch for yourself and a little extra to share. (We will provide coffee and tea).

Your laptop Computer and Hot spot just in case we overwhelm the current Wi-Fi

Please sign up to [www.familysearch.com](http://www.familysearch.com) (it is free) before you arrive

[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) if you have it

Your previously approved application if you have it

Please RSVP to [dgrig1@comcast.net](mailto:dgrig1@comcast.net) so I can plan accordingly. Hope to see you there!

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## San Jacinto Chapter - 2022~2023 Calendar of Events

(See yearbook for details)

### 2023

<b>Chapter Meeting</b> Log House/Zoom, 10:00 am	February 2
Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m.	February 16
Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m.	February 18
Chapter Field Trip, Celebrate TX Independence!	March 2
Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m.	March 16
Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m.	March 18
<b>Chapter Meeting</b> Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m.	April 6
San Jacinto Day Ceremony	April 21
No Open House	April 22
Reception for Essay Contest winners and Scholarship recipients, Log House, 2:00 p.m.	April 30
DRT Annual Convention, San Antonio	May 4 – May 6
~Moody Gardens, Galveston, Texas	
<b>Chapter Meeting</b> Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m.	May 11
Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m.	May 18
Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m.	May 20
June Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.	June 1
CRT Annual Convention, Center, Texas	June 23-24



Visitors at our Open House  
December 17.  
They are originally from Colombia, S.A.



**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!

### Welcome New Member!

**DRT San Jacinto welcomes Nancy Lang Stokes as our newest member of our chapter. Nancy is a retired educator and loves Texas History. Please seek her out and extend a warm welcome at our next Chapter Meeting.**



# Daughters of the Republic of Texas

## ☆ 7th Grade Essay Contest ☆

### Attention 7th Graders!

The San Jacinto Chapter Daughters of the Republic of Texas wants YOU to participate in the DRT Texas History Essay Contest! Our first prize winner will receive \$100 and your essay will advance to District Level judging. District winners will receive a monetary prize and advance to National judging. The National winner will receive a plaque and \$500!

TOPIC: There were 59 delegates who signed the Texas Declaration of Independence. Select one of these 59 for your essay and tell how he helped shape the history of Texas. Who was this man? Where was he from? Why did he choose to be a delegate and sign the Texas Declaration of Independence? What contributions did he make to the history of Texas?

### Contest Rules

**Deadline:** Essays must be submitted to the San Jacinto Chapter DRT by February 15, 2023. Please submit via email to [sjcdrtpres@gmail.com](mailto:sjcdrtpres@gmail.com). Each entry must include a completed 7th grade essay contest submission form.

**Formatting:** TYPED essays are to be double-spaced on 8½ X 11" paper, using Times New Roman font, size 12. Top and bottom page margins are to be 1", with side margins being 1.25". The body of the essay can be no less than 2 ½ pages. No word count requirements.

HANDWRITTEN essays are to be on ruled 8½ X 11" paper. Word count should be between 800 and 825 words. All essays must be submitted in English.

**Requirements:** A minimum of four (4) references are needed. No more than two (2) may be internet references. References should be listed on a separate page, but not counted as part of the essay length. Included in the bibliography should be the name of the author and title of the book. Newspaper articles should include the name, city, and date of the publication. Facts cited and research references will be checked by the committee. Spelling, punctuation, grammar, and neatness are a consideration in judging. The essay should be original, interesting, and well-organized. The most important aspect of the essay should be historical accuracy.

**Cover Page:** The cover page should include the student's name, title of essay, name of school (including address and city), Daughters of the Republic of Texas Sponsoring Chapter name and city (San Jacinto Chapter, Houston), Chapter contact and telephone number (Tish Wolter, 713-449-8410), District Representative and District Number (Coyla Holmes, District VI), parent's name/phone number/mailing address.

### Signers of the

### Texas Declaration of Independence

Jesse B. Badgett, George Washington Barnett, Thomas Barnett, Stephen William Blount, John White Bower, Asa Brigham, Andrew Briscoe, John Wheeler Bunton, John Smith Davenport Byrom, Mathew Caldwell, Samuel Price Carson, George Campbell Childress, William Clark Jr., Robert M. Coleman, James Collinworth, Edward Conrad, William Carrol Crawford, Richard Ellis, Stephen Hendrickson Everett, John Fisher, Samuel Rhoads Fisher, James Gaines, Thomas Jefferson Gazley, Benjamin Briggs Goodrich, Jesse Grimes, Robert Hamilton, Bailey Hardeman, Augustine Blackburn Hardin, Samuel Houston, William Demetrius Lacy, Albert Hamilton Latimer, Edwin Oswald LeGrand, Samuel Augustus Maverick, Collin McKenney, Michel Branamour Menard, William Menefee, John W. Moore, Junius William Mottley, Jose Antonio Navarro, Martin Parmer, Sydney Oswald Pennington, Robert Potter, James Power, John S. Rovers, Sterling Clack Robertson, Jose Francisco Ruiz, Thomas Jefferson Rusk, William Bennett Scates, George Washington Smyth, Elijah Stapp, Charles Bellinger Tate Stewart, James Gribson Swisher, Charles Stanfield Taylor, David Thomas, John Turner, Edwin Waller, Claiborne West, James B. Woods, Lorenzo de Zavala

# Daughters of the Republic of Texas

## ☆ 4th Grade Essay Contest ☆

### Attention 4th Graders!

The San Jacinto Chapter Daughters of the Republic of Texas wants YOU to participate in the DRT Texas History Essay Contest! Our first prize winner will receive \$100 and your essay will advance to District Level judging. District winners will receive a monetary prize and advance to National judging. The National winner will receive a plaque and \$500!

### TOPIC

Colonel Benjamin Rush Milam  
"Hero of the Siege of Bexar"

Write an essay telling about Colonel Benjamin Rush Milam, his contributions to Texas, and the Siege of Bexar

### Contest Rules

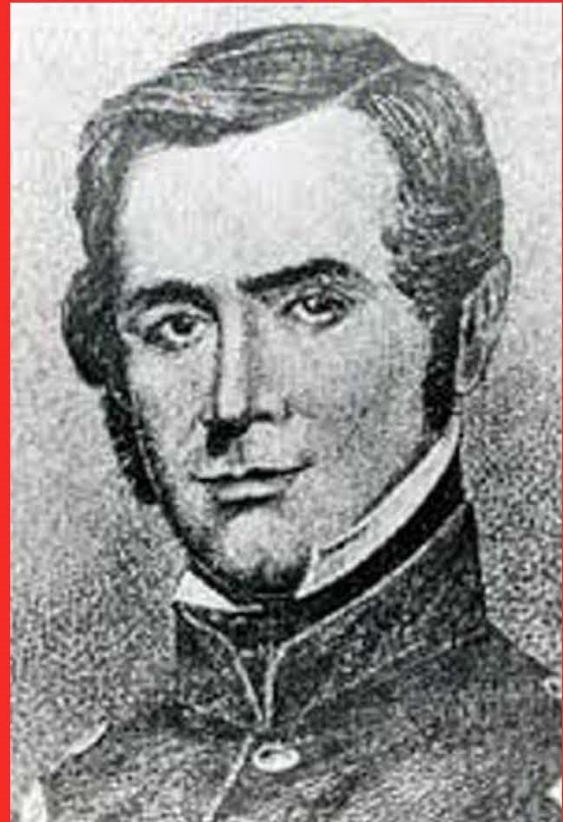
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