

# The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



November 2020

## Coming Up In January:

Once again, our January meeting will feature members presenting short talks about an ancestor. Last year, three ladies shared fascinating stories about theirs, and no doubt more of you have tales to tell. Your ancestor does not have to be the one connected to your membership. He or she can be someone from another era with an interesting history.

If you are interested in participating, email me at [nburch2@juno.com](mailto:nburch2@juno.com) and let me know.

-Nancy Burch

## Holiday Luncheon!



*Please send in your reservations for our upcoming December Holiday Luncheon as soon as possible!!*

*December 3rd ~ 11:30 am*

*Tony's Restaurant*

*3755 Richmond Avenue*

*Accepting reservations*

*until November 30*

*Reservation form attached to the*

*end of this newsletter*

*\* No Chapter meeting will be held during the luncheon*



From the President:

Hello, Ladies and Happy November! We had a wonderful Chapter meeting via ZOOM on November 5th. Anne Sloan showed us a timeline of the Women's Suffrage Movement. I had no idea it took 72 years of struggle for women to get the vote! Of the 300 women who started the movement, only one survived to 1920! It made us all wonder if any of our ancestors were suffragists. Luckily, Angela Mahmarian sent us some helpful info: "If you would like to see if your ancestor was on the 1920 Harris County poll tax list, google 'Houston Suffragists Project' and go to 'List of women' and see if your ancestor is on the list. Then if you would like to share a biography of your ancestor with the project, please contact Angela Mahmarian at [amgiraffe@aol.com](mailto:amgiraffe@aol.com). They would love to hear from you!" I tried this and found the name of my great-grandmother, Virginia Baldwin! Woo hoo! So proud of her!

At our meeting, we approved two new Prospective Members: Patti Randolph and Tish Wolter. Welcome! We look forward to getting to know you both! We also elected our next Nominating Committee. Thank you to Nancy Burch, Laura Kaplan, Gwen Koch, Angela Mahmarian, and Susan Stormer for agreeing to serve! The minutes of the meeting are attached to this email as is a form to order a Paver honoring your ancestor at the Republic of Texas History Center (RTHC) in Austin.

Our second Country Store Sale Day was an even bigger success than our first! We sold \$735 of ornaments and other items on November 7th! Thanks to Gwen Koch, Carla Brown, Luanne Zacek, and Sharolyn Wood for working the tables! This has motivated us to have one more Sale Day before Christmas: Saturday, December 12, 2020, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please let Gwen Koch know when you anticipate coming so we can manage social distancing!

The December Luncheon at Tony's Restaurant is scheduled for 11:30 am on December 3, 2020. This will not be a Chapter meeting, but rather a social event for those able to attend. Please make your reservation by using the form attached and sending a check to Jamie Moran. If you need to cancel a reservation, please do that by November 30th.

We hope you are well. We miss you; please keep us posted on your lives!

-Beth Garrett McCarty

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## We need your birthdays!

### November Birthdays

At this time, these are the only members who have shared their birthdate information so we can recognize them in the monthly newsletter. These are our November members to whom we wish a Happy Birthday!

Laura Kaplan	November 6
Sharolyn wood	November 7
Laura Cox	November 15
Carolyn Shimek	November 17
Jamie Moran	November 21

If we missed your birthday, please be sure and get that information to our database manager, Susan Stormer. Remember to send the Month, Day and YEAR to [susan@familyaggies.com](mailto:susan@familyaggies.com)

Pictured: Items from our wonderful collection in the Log House



Blue "Remember The Alamo" glass pitcher donated by Nancy Burch



Wooden plunger with lid for churn (the pussy willow will be removed and the churn put back together)

Framed picture of the Log House



## OUR CHAPTER NEEDS YOU!

We need lots of volunteers to keep our chapter and log house in good shape! If you have not already done so, please respond to our Volunteer Survey (powered by "SurveyMonkey").

You should receive a survey reminder on or about November 17th!

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Did you know...

## TEXAS CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE PLATES

### Texian Campaign Ware

In the mid 1800's the American frontier and the Mexican War of 1846 captured the interest of Europeans and the imagination of England's prolific ceramists and potters. Manufactured from about 1846 until 1852, the earthenware pottery was decorated with hand-pulled transfer prints in traditional Staffordshire blue as well as other colors. These prints were created by artists who were not familiar with the war on the American frontier and were styled along the familiar English and European formal military battle styles with combatants in matching uniforms.

It has been noted that while the potters had a relaxed sense of accuracy, they had a very keen sense of marketing. Staffordshire pottery with its vibrant colors was much sought after. These 'wares' were shipped to the American market as well as to shops along the English trade routes into Latin America and Canada. Despite its historic inaccuracy, Texian Campaign Ware is highly regarded within Texas antiques and historical circles. By the mid 1950's, after celebration of the centennial of Texas annexation to the union, these plates were highly sought after by collectors – the Bayou Bend Collection of the Museum of Fine Arts has a collection of over 100 pieces of original Texian ware.

### Texas Centennial Plates

Inspired by the English Staffordshire Texian Campaign Ware pottery of the mid 1800's, the state organization of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas sponsored manufacture of commemorative plates in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Texas annexation to the union. The plates were made in Staffordshire, England and by the Bedford Potteries. While these plates are not as rare as the Texian Ware, they are still within reach of Texas history collectors.

Below are some of the **Staffordshire** plates in our Early Texas History Collection.



Also displayed in the Log House is a 12-plate porcelain series made in **Czechoslovakia** to commemorate the 1936 Texas Centennial. The same collection is held by the Bullock Texas State History Museum.



- Submitted by Beverly McMahan

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## San Jacinto Chapter - Calendar of Events

(See yearbook for details)

### 2020

Holiday Luncheon (11:30 Tony's Restaurant) December 3

### 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.



## Order your Texas Capitol ornament!

Texas Capitol Ornament  
Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the  
Texas Ornament  
Program



This special ornament is available from the Country Store at the Pioneer Memorial Log House for \$25. Order now from Luanne Zacek. [email lzacek@hotmail.com; cell (713) 962-0398]

Watch for more news on how you can shop from the Country Store in compliance with current guidelines.

"This year's ornament design was inspired by the south façade of the statehouse and pays homage to the very first Texas Capitol Ornament designed in 1996. Finished in 24K gold, this three-dimensional keepsake features the Capitol dome and south entrance, colored in the same hue as the Texas Sunset Red granite used to build the Capitol. Above the south entrance are the six seals of Texas. The Capitol dome is complimented by the American flag and Texas flag, flying just as they do every day over Capitol Square. The doors open to reveal the statehouse south foyer, framed by the marble statues of Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston, which were sculpted by celebrated artist Elisabet Ney in her Hyde Park studio in Austin, Texas. Inside, you can see the circa 1936 terrazzo floor leading to the Capitol rotunda that showcases portraits of the Presidents of the Republic and Governors of the State of Texas." From the Texas Capitol Gift Shop

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

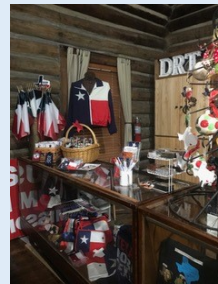


# Randalls

*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!*

## Correction and Heartfelt Apologies:

**In last month's listing of donations under the "Gold Star" donations column, we incorrectly listed a donation. We listed Sally Whittington's gift with the wording "In Memory of" instead of the correct wording "In Honor of" Meg Sparks. Our sincerest apologies!**



**Please let us know if you are interested in ordering anything from our Country Store and we will bag it up for you. We will allow a few shoppers at a time to come in and browse and shop, but you need to let either Gwen Koch, Carla Brown, or Sharolyn Wood know what time you'd like to come.**

## 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!**



The view of our beautiful Log House building is improved with the removal of vegetation and the old fences and vines.

# 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 (4<sup>th</sup> Vice President – Ways and Means)  
2015 Banks St., Houston, Texas 77098**

<b>★★★★★★PMLH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES★★★★★★</b>
How I can help:
<input type="checkbox"/> Restoration Projects
<input type="checkbox"/> Tours / Docents / Greet visitors at monthly Open House
<input type="checkbox"/> Assist with identifying craftsmen and professionals for maintenance projects
<input type="checkbox"/> Assist with opening log house for special events
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.

*Please join us for the San Jacinto Chapter  
Daughters of the Republic of Texas*

*Holiday Luncheon  
December 3, 2020 11:30 a.m.*

*Tony's  
3755 Richmond Ave  
Houston, TX 77046*

*\$39 per person  
(Valet parking is \$5 per car)*

=====*Clip and mail with your check*=====

*San Jacinto Chapter Holiday Luncheon  
December 3, 2020 11:30 a.m.*

*Reservations must be received by November 30, 2020*

*Please print*

*Reservation for \_\_\_\_\_*

*My Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_*

*Check for \$39 each payable to:  
San Jacinto Chapter DRT*

*Mail to: Jamie Moran  
11406 Mullins Dr  
Houston, TX 77035  
713-584-0254*