

Daughters of the Republic of Texas
San Jacinto Chapter, Houston

The San Jacinto Dispatch

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Welcome back Ladies, I hope each of you had a great summer. Get ready to start another season of great programs and events.

October Program

Retired Channel 2 News Anchor **Ron Stone** will be our speaker at the **October 5th** meeting. His topic is "Two Texas Lawyers." Come to the Log House that day and find out who they are.

This year, we are changing the format for our meetings. We'll begin at **10:00 a.m.** with refreshments and socializing. The meeting will be called to order at 10:30, with the speaker to be introduced following the welcome and pledges to the flags. The business meeting will follow the program.

We hope to see everyone at our first meeting. Come and see how beautiful our Log House looks.

Nancy Burch

Friends of the Log House

The Log House welcomes everyone back with open arms and a fresh, new face! I look great for an "old gal" with my sturdy roof, the historic fireplace that no longer leaks and the recent re-chinking and renovations to the logs! Not bad for a 70-year-old Texas hospitality center and home to the San Jacinto Chapter DRT.

You might also have noticed my beautiful lawn and gardens. My continuing thanks to Esther Simon and Gwen Kunz, along with their committee for overseeing the improvements. Now, don't you think that I'm forgetting the house cleaners and dusters who polished every nook and cranny in house, either. You should have seen those gals get to work--they were formidable. Why, I am just about to bust my buttons with pride and gratitude to everyone.

Lest I forget--let me tell you about that Carolyn Lightfoot. She is really a darling, with lots of know-how and contacts in the construction industry. What a blessing for her to come along as president when I was in such dire need for a person of her caliber. I am truly blessed!

Having said all that, let me tell you a little secret. YOU, too, can help me just a little if you will. You may already know that it takes at least \$1000 per month to keep me going. That's a lot more than Eron Tynes can do all by herself with the country store items--do the math!

Anyone can become a member of the Friends of the Log House Society by contributing \$25, \$50, \$100 or more. You do not have to be a DRT member to be one of my "Friends." And I hate to mention this, but donating one time is only a start. It would be great if I were on your list for a yearly donation. I have a lot of friends, but the more, the merrier.

I am just like a girl with a new dress; I want to show myself off to all my friends, and to the San Jacinto daughters who make it all possible. Y'all come see me now, y'hear!
Martha Haydel

Refreshments

Ann Tanner and Pat Craig have graciously volunteered to continue to co-chair the Social Committee, which provides the wonderful refreshments for the monthly meetings and other special events held at the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum.

There is a lot of work and effort involved in providing "lunch" for our monthly meetings. However, due to the lack of volunteers and participation with the refreshment committee, we have been forced to choose a different format. For now, we will have light refreshments **before** our meeting. We will place a basket in the refreshment area for each of you who would like to make a donation to help cover the cost. If you would like to write a check, please make it out to the San Jacinto Chapter, DRT, noting the refreshment fund.

If you would like to sign up and volunteer for the Refreshment Committee, please contact Ann Tanner at 713-782-4055, or Pat Craig at 713-974-2729. Sara Parr

From District VI Representative

Our **San Jacinto Chapter** is hosting the **District VI Fall Workshop**, Saturday, **October 14, 2006**, 9:00 am-2:00 pm, at the Briar Club, 2603 Timmons Lane, Houston. The cost is \$27.50 before October 6,2006. After Oct. 6, the cost is \$32.50. The registration form is included with this newsletter. One of the main discussions of business is to elect a **District Representative**. If you are qualified and would be interested in running for the office, please contact one of our Board Members.
Anita Cooper

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NATIVE TEXAN LICENSE PLATE PHOTO CONTEST

Your District VI Representative will hold a “contest” for the most Native Texan License Plates in each chapter. The Chapter with the most Native Texan License Plate owners will win a prize from the District VI Representative. This should be fun!!!

Take pictures of chapter members (and families) with their Native Texan License Plate. Display these photos at the District Meeting. Be creative in your display!!!

This is the first of its kind in our district. We can have fun with this and help advertise our License Plate. Let’s set an example for all other districts.

Please bring your pictures to our first Meeting on October 5th. Anita Cooper
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The DRT Capital Project is now in progress. The Board voted to sign the contract with DINI Corp. so Eron Bowman can start the fundraising. Alamo Committee and Architects plans should be finished by December.

Each chapter is asked to give \$1 per member to this Project. This will insure that 100% of DRT members are behind this project. Please send donations to Headquarters, made payable to DRT, Inc. (for Capital Project). Anita Cooper
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GLENWOOD CEMETERY PROJECT

District VI is proud to announce a district-wide project. On March 24, 2007, District VI will be marking at least 20 graves of Citizens and Defenders of the Republic of Texas at Glenwood Cemetery in Houston. This is one of the oldest cemeteries in Houston and includes notables such as Anson Jones, Thomas Lubbock, George Herman, Mrs. Augustus Allen and numerous other recognizable names from the Republic of Texas era.

Mary Jane Harris Briscoe is also buried here. It was in her home in Houston that the DRT was founded. One of her descendants is in the San Jacinto Chapter and is pleased to participate in this project.

Also buried here are many Houston volunteer firefighters. We are working on honoring them at a special City of Houston Firefighters Memorial in October. More details will be forthcoming.

All twelve chapters in our District will be working together on this project. We are all very excited about it. Our CRT has been invited to join us by placing Texas flags on each grave that we will mark.

Glenwood Cemetery Association is thrilled about getting these graves marked by DRT and are working with us to find living descendants, who will be asked to participate. We hope to have many descendants at the ceremony. We could gain a few prospective members for DRT!

Please mark your calendar for March 24, 2007 and plan to attend this ceremony with us. Contact Anita Cooper, ajcooper@cybergal.com for more details.

SJC Registrar Report for September

Special Workshop

This chapter Registrar will hold a short workshop for “prospective members only” immediately following the October 5th regular meeting. If you are a prospective member that has questions about your research/lineage, would like to show me your application/proofs, or just need general information about joining San Jacinto Chapter, DRT, please try to attend. DRT computer software will be available for sale. The software includes acid free paper, instructions, disc, and the acid free pen with which you must sign the application. I guarantee you it is the best way to fill out the applications. I hope to see you there. Phyllis Moody

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The San Jacinto Chapter welcomes 13 new members and 2 new Associate members. Show them a smile and ask them to get involved with projects, special events, and activities of the chapter.

DRT # 25829 - Priscilla Kay Farmer MacFarlane

Approved 10 May 2006, under the ancestor of William C. Hays, a resident of Rusk County who fought at the Battle of San Jacinto. She is Delores Landrum sister.

DRT # 25844 - Catherine Anne Prince Doxtater

DRT # 25845 - Caroline Lee Prince Bernstein

These two sisters were approved on 21 May 2006. Their ancestor, Almanzon Huston, was a Quartermaster General of the Texas Army from San Augustine.

DRT # 25848 - Martha Sue Dixon Bodine

DRT # 25849 – Robin Michelle Bodine Schoppe

Mother and daughter were approved 23 May 2006. Their ancestor Jared Ellison Groce II, was a delegate from Viesca to the Conventions of 1832 and 1833. His original land grant property is now known as “Liendo Plantation” near Hempstead on the Brazos River.

DRT # 25882 – Carol Louise Smith Giles

Approved on 6 June 2006, Carol’s ancestor is Edward “Edmund” Quirk of Galveston, whose signature is on the Goliad Declaration of Independence.

DRT # 25883 – Amber Marie Brannen Allan
Approved 6 June 2006, her ancestor, Alfred M. Hallmark of Houston County, was a soldier at the Battle of San Jacinto who also received several land grants.

DRT # 25930 – Barbara Lovelady Curtin Pace
Approved on 2 August 2006 under ancestor Phillip Singleton, a landowner in Harrisburg on the north side of Buffalo Bayou. Barbara also presented 3 supplemental applications, which were approved. Jane Curtin Reed is her sister.

DRT # 25958 - Susan Jan Davis
DRT # 25959 - Amelia Davis Scoggins
DRT # 25960 - Elizabeth Davis Woolsey Hill
These three family members were approved 31 August 2006 for ancestor Stephen Van Rensselear Eggleston of Bastrop who served in the Texas Revolutionary Army.

DRT # 25964 - Nancy Louise Craig Barton,
DRT # 25965 - Amanda Barton. Amanda is a student at TCU
Sister and niece of Chapter Historian, Pat Craig, were approved 01 September 2006 for ancestor, General Sidney Sherman, Battle of San Jacinto. Sherman was from Crescent, San Jacinto Bay, in Galveston County.

Six supplemental applications were approved for the following members;
DRT # 25831-S Martha Louise Sanchez Haydel for Alejo de la Encarnacion Perez
DRT # 25911-S Suzanne Sanger Taylor for ancestor, Benjamin Wightman
DRT # 25931-S Barbara Lovelady Curtin Pace for ancestor, Sara Jane Singleton
DRT #25932-S Barbara Lovelady Curtin Pace for ancestor, James W. Singleton
DRT # 25933-S Barbara Lovelady Curtin Pace for ancestor, Margaret Ryan
DRT # 25934-S Jane Curtin Street Reed for ancestor, Sara Jane Singleton

Two new *Associate* Members were approved for our chapter on 01 June 2006. Both are recognized mothers of two of our new members. They may not hold an office, but they can serve on a committee.

SJC # 200603A – Anna Marie Berger Brannen
SJC # 200604A – Jo Frances Greene Greenlaw

Three SJC members have transferred from our chapter to other chapters; we wish them well.

DRT # 20636 Sarah Ann Hermann to Richard Fox Chapter, Brenham
DRT # 22053 Sandra Soika to Jane Wells Chapter, Burnet
DRT # 22054 Nikkie Quinn to Jane Wells Chapter, Burnet

Heartfelt Condolences

Our condolences are sent to the family of Mrs. Mary Sylvia Riley D'Eramo, DRT # 15807, who died on 19th June 2006. Mary joined our chapter in 1989. She had three proven ancestors. Her daughter, Miss Catherine Anne D'Eramo, is a member of SJC and 7 grandchildren are members of SJC-CRT. Mary will not

only be missed by her family and friends, but by two dogs who were her companions.

We are sad to report that past President General from 1987 -1989, Billie Averitte, died August 1, 2006 in Palestine, Texas.
Chapter Registrar, Phyllis Vaughan Moody

Remember to keep us informed of what is going on in Your life. If you have an article for the newsletter, send it to: Sara Parr at 215 Whitehall Place, Stafford, Texas 77477, or email s_parr1@msn.com. Please reference SJC DRT. Article deadline is the 10th of the month. Sara Parr

ALAMO GALA

Make plans now to attend the Fourth Annual Alamo Gala. This year's theme is "A Lone Star Celebration" and will honor the Kleberg Family. The DRT Lone Star Celebration will begin at 6:00 p.m on Saturday, October 28, 2006 in San Antonio, Texas at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on the Riverwalk at Paseo del Alamo, 123 Losoya Street. Activities for the evening include a cocktail hour, silent auction, dinner, grand auction, entertainment and dancing.

Individual tickets are \$125. \$5,000 for a reserved table for 8 with preferred forward seating. \$2,500 for a reserved table for 8 with preferred seating. And \$1000 for a table for 8. Last year this event raised over \$100,000. Funds raised by the DRT gala will benefit education, preservation and operations of The Alamo. Dress for this event is Black Tie Optional.

For more information, please call 210-225-1391, ext 34 or write to The DRT, Inc. - Alamo Fund, Lone Star Celebration, P.O. Box 2599, San Antonio, Texas, 78299. Or contact Gala Chairman, Melinda Navarro at telephone: 210-859-2481. Email: mlndnvr@aol.com Donations must be received by September 30, 2006. Checks should be made payable to DRT, INC. - Alamo Fund.

The Alamo depends solely upon money from sales in its Gift Shop, donations made from individuals and private foundations to fund its preservation, education and general operations. The Alamo receives no monetary help from local, state or federal government. The DRT, a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization, has served as custodian of the Alamo for the State of Texas since 1905.

The [Daughters of the Republic of Texas](#) have preserved and operated The Alamo for over 100 years. The State of Texas in "An Act Providing for the Purchase, Care, and Preservation of the Alamo," S.H. B. No. 1, January 26, 1905, legislated that "the governor shall deliver the property thus acquired, together with the Alamo Church property, already owned by the State [since 1883], to the custody and care of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, to be maintained by them in good order and repair, without charge to the State, as a sacred memorial to the heroes who immolated themselves upon that hallowed

ground; . . ." Let's help the Daughters in their continued efforts to preserve and operate of The Alamo.

So far the San Jacinto Chapter has filled one table and is working on a second. If you want to attend or have anything you would like to donate for the Auctions, please call Eron Brimberry Tynes, San Jacinto Chapter, at 281-820-0676.

IF YOU ARE A TEXAN BY BIRTH OR A TEXAN BY HEART.....

The Texas Highway Department's anti-litter slogan "Don't Mess With Texas" has been nominated for a very prestigious advertising award. If it were to win, a Bronze Plaque would be placed on Madison Avenue's "Advertising Walk of Fame" in New York City and would also get a permanent place at the Advertising Icon Museum in Kansas City.

Please go to the Advertising Week Favorite Slogan's Website http://advertising.yahoo.com/advertisingweek_06/slogan_poll.html and vote!

The competition is tough, like "Got Milk?" "What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas"; "The breakfast of Champions"; and others; so please vote before September 29, 2006 and tell your fellow Texans to do likewise.

Wouldn't it be cool for New Yorkers to have to walk past a Bronze Plaque every day that said, "DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS"?

P.S. Please pass this on to all of your Texas friends!! This is a matter of "Texas Pride"! We can win this if everybody forwards the link to their friends, and they vote. Do it now.

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New Texas History Web Site

Check out <http://texas-history-page.blogspot.com> for information regarding Texas History Events.

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Robert Hollmann is dedicated to preserving the Republic of Texas History and presenting it to our children.

Click on <http://www.lonestarlegends.org/> for a presentation given to school children and see how it brings Texas history to life for them. The David Crockett & Jim Bowie books are great for the children.

Log House Rental

The Pioneer Memorial Log House is currently used for a variety of occasions including San Jacinto Chapter activities, other DRT and CRT activities and fundraising rentals. Because of the growing popularity of the Log House and to avoid "double booking" it is important to coordinate **all use** of the Log House. Please contact Brenda Auld at 281-497-0528 or bauld@houston.rr.com to check

the availability of the Log House for **any** function and to schedule an event at the Log House.

TEXAS HONOR DAYS~~~~FLY YOUR TEXAS FLAG

SEPTEMBER 15 TEXIAN NAVY DAY

OCTOBER 2 GONZALES DAY
 The Texas Revoluton began in 1835 when Texans and their
“Come and Take It” Flag fought off the Mexican Army at
 the Battle of Gonzales.

Historical Dates

September 6, 1900	The mighty 1900 Storm leveled Galveston Island. Over 6000 people lost their lives on this tragic day.
September 25, 1839	The Treaty of Amity, Navigation, and Commerce was signed on this day. The treaty between Texas and France recognized Texas as an Independent Nation .
September 16, 1875	The teeming port city of Indianola on Matagorda Bay was completely destroyed by a devastating hurricane.
September 30, 1830	Jim Bowie was granted his Mexican Citizenship, allowing him to engage in business activities in Texas.
October 2, 1788	Ben Milam was born.
October 3, 1789	Lorenzo de Zavala the first Vice-President of the ad interim government of the Republic of Texas was born.
October 7, 1883	Susana Dickinson Hannig, sole Anglo survivor of the Alamo, died.
October 9, 1835	The Goliad Campaign ended when 51 Texans overran a small group of Mexican defenders at the presidio at Goliad.
October 10, 1835	Gail Borden’s first issue of the <i>Telegraph and Texas Register</i> was published.

CRT

Mrs. Jan DeVault, Past President of the DRT is organizing a VIP tour of the San Jacinto Monument for the CRT. I will contact all of the CRT members by telephone and email to inform them of the date.

The CRT and the DRT welcomes 7 new members to CRT San Jacinto Chapter. They are as follows:

Daniel Eloy Hernandez
 CRT # 8222
 Ancestor Mariano Cabrera

Jonathan David Hernandez
CRT # 8224
Ancestor Mariano Cabrera

Catherine Marie Hernandez
CRT # 8223
Ancestor Mariano Cabrera

Ariel Marie Gonzales
CRT # 008221
Ancestor Mariano Cabrera

Jordan Lynn Shelton
CRT # 8123
Ancestor Captain William Turner Sadler

Hailey Morgan Hoyt
CRT # 8124
Ancestor Captain William Turner Sadler

Reid Michael Richter
CRT #8292, Approved 6 July 2006
Ancestor: Thomas Jefferson Sweeny

Reid is the son of Kristin Lee Griffith Richter and Chad Michael Richter. He is an 8th generation Texan and a descendant of San Jacinto. His GGGGG grandmother was Diana Francis Haynie Sweeny DRT # 185 who was a real Daughter. Her father, the Reverend John Haynie was the first Chaplain of the first Congress of the Republic of TX, and her husband, Thomas Jefferson Sweeny fought at the Battle of San Jacinto. Sweeny, Texas was named for Thomas Jefferson Sweeny's father, John Sweeny. Reid's mother and grandmother are members of DRT, his great grandmother is Kay Martin a member of SJC DRT. Information provided by Kay Martin.

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If you have a story to add about your ancestor, please contact me at 713-673-1418 and we will include the history in the next issue. The CRT is proud to have members whose ancestors have contributed to the formation and distinction of Texas.
Loretta Williams

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For those ladies who needed clarification in regards to the CRT Scholarship fund, this is the link to the awards and scholarship fund for the CRT.

<http://drt-inc.org/members/forms/CRT%20AWARDS%20&%20FORMS1.pdf>