



*Daughters of the Republic of Texas
San Jacinto Chapter, Houston
The San Jacinto Dispatch*



Eron Brimberry Tynes, President

♥♥ February 2008 ♥♥

Linda Beverlin, Editor



President's Message



On February 12, 1836 Santa Anna crosses the Rio Grande and heads north into Texas to reclaim the Alamo and end the rebellion. In Texas, revolution is in the air, our pioneer ancestors are preparing to defend Texas and fight for Liberty and Independence. A Convention has been called at Washington-on-the-Brazos. Delegates are planning to travel there and other men are contemplating whether to go to the Alamo, Goliad, or to join the Texian Army. The Texian Army will need arms, supplies and munitions.

The siege of the Alamo begins February 23 and Colonel William Travis will pen his famous letter on February 24, “. . . To the people of Texas and all Americans in the world,” Travis writes “. . .” Then I call on you in the name of Liberty, of patriotism and everything dear to the American character to come to our aid, with all dispatch, . . .”

During this time of the Texas Revolution, 172 years ago, we reflect not only on the bravery and courage of our pioneer ancestors, but also on the sacrifices and the struggles. Where would we be today, were it not for these men and women? As descendants of these men and women, we, as Daughters of the Republic of Texas have as our heritage the unique responsibility to preserve and promote our Texas History.

We are in the final planning stages for our own Texas Independence Day Celebration and Chili Cook-off to be held on February 24. How fortunate we are to own our Log House built in 1936 by the members of the San Jacinto Chapter in honor of our pioneer ancestors. What a wonderful tribute to our pioneer ancestors when we gather with our Texas friends, the SRT, CRT and the Texian Army to commemorate Texas Independence. It is always a special day as the children conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony.

There is not a more appropriate observance of our Texas Independence than a group of Texians gathered together outdoors with our marvelous winter weather, eating delicious food, listening to good music and enjoying the company of our friends. Please make a special effort to join us this year, as we perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the independence of Texas.

In the immortal words of Colonel William Barrett Travis,

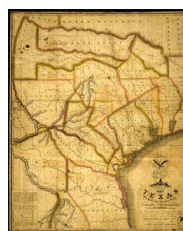
“I shall never surrender or retreat”
“Victory or Death”



Eron Tynes, President

February 7th Meeting

“Conversations with a Texas Map Collector”



From Paul Gervais Bell's wife giving him a Christmas gift in the 1970s of an early Texas map, he was “addicted” to collecting Texas maps. Texas maps are unique in that our history is so different from other states. This land of ours has had six different governments. Mr. Bell's enthusiasm for map collecting was quite evident in his talk as it was comprehensive including early well-known maps, finding maps, storing maps, where to purchase Texas maps, and websites for maps. He gave good advice to appreciate our trip to the San Jacinto Museum in March to view the special exhibit of “Early Maps of Texas”.

Ann Bevil, Second Vice-President

SJC to Participate in Sugar Land Genealogy Fair



Saturday, February 23, 2008
10:00am-4:00pm
Genealogy Fair

Sugar Land Community Center
226 Matlage Way
Sugar Land 77478



This is your last reminder of the upcoming genealogy fair in Sugar Land in which several members of SJC will represent our chapter.

The Sugar Land Genealogy Fair will be on Saturday, February 23, 2008. The fair is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We encourage you to attend and bring your children or grandchildren, family and friends. Our own Eron Tynes will be one of the featured speakers at the fair in the afternoon. Her topic will be "From the Alamo to San Jacinto."

Chapter members have volunteered to assist at the chapter's two tables. The "country store" will offer many of its items for sale to the public, with Sally Whittington at the helm.

Marje Harris, chapter Registrar, will be there to introduce DRT to new prospects, and assist with the information about an application of those that know their ancestor. Other members have signed up to present brochures about SJC and DRT to strolling attendees. Information packets will be passed out to anyone interested in the Log House Museum. Pamphlets put in their hands are the key to others knowing about the Log House Museum as well as membership in DRT.

Several authors will be there to sign their books. Many lineage societies will be represented and information will be available to all about joining other historical organizations. A local Chick-Fil-A will provide a wonderful selection of fresh food, soft drinks, and coffee for lunch. The sponsoring organization, Alexander Hodge Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution will hold a raffle. Tickets will be available at the door. Come join in and have some fun, rain or shine.

This third annual genealogy fair is held at the Community Center at 226 Matlage Way in Sugar Land, TX.

(Directions: From Hwy 59 South, exit US 90 Alt. West, go 2.5 miles and turn left on Ulrich Street, which becomes Guenther St., then turn Right onto Matlage Way. Insert the address into Google for a map you can print)

For questions about the event you may contact Phyllis V. Moody, at moodyphyll@pdq.net or 713-621-1884.

Texas Independence Day Celebration & Chili Cook-Off



Come join the San Jacinto Chapter, DRT and CRT as we celebrate Texas Independence Day with the Texian Army on Sunday, **February 24, 2008**, at 2:00 p.m. at the Log House. It will be a Living History Festival, along with a Flag Retirement Ceremony. Tom Green, SRT, will be there to display his Texas Flags, along with Larry Hoff, Blacksmith, and Edwin Erwin who will be on hand to sign Land Grants. The Texian Army in conjunction with the Sons of the Republic of Texas will present the reading of William Barrett Travis' famous letter. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 per child under 16. Please feel free to come in period dress or your favorite Texana.

It is time to dig out Uncle Bob's old chili recipe and start chopping those red hot chili peppers. Prizes will be given for: Best Authentic Texian Chili, Best Deer Meat Chili, Best Armadillo Style Chili, Best Roadkill Chili, Best Trailriders' Chili, Best Rattlesnake Rattle Chili, Best Red Hot Pepper Chili, Best Possum Chili, Best Squirrel Chili and more. If you are interested in having a Chili Team please contact Eron Tynes @ 281-820-0676.

As part of our celebration, we will have a **Flag Retirement Ceremony**. Last year the Flag Retirement Ceremony was held and a number of the children participated. This year we are inviting all children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc., to participate in this moving patriotic ceremony. We will hold a rehearsal on **February 24** at 1:30 pm. This will allow the children to become familiar with the ceremony itself.

We will also be holding a Silent Auction to raise money for our Log House. If you have anything you would like to donate, call Luanne Zacek at 281 391-8464. Also, we need Chapter members to assist with Registration, judging the Chili Cook-off, and with setting and cleaning up. If you can help out, please call Eron Tynes at 281-820-0676 or email: 54texan@peoplepc.com



District VI Proposed By-Laws Meeting

There will be a District VI Proposed By-laws committee meeting on **Saturday, February 23**, 1p.m - 4pm. It will be held in a large conference room at the new Adele Looscan Branch of the Houston Public Library, 2510 Willowick, Houston, 77027. The library is just off the corner of Westheimer and Wesleyan. Wesleyan at the intersection becomes Willowick as the same street continues north to West Alabama. This area is away from The Galleria toward Downtown. You can exit Westheimer off 610 West, go away from The Galleria toward town, or exit the Southwest Freeway (I 59 south) onto Wesleyan and go north away from Rice Univ./West U area.



Texas Independence Day Dinner
Saturday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m.

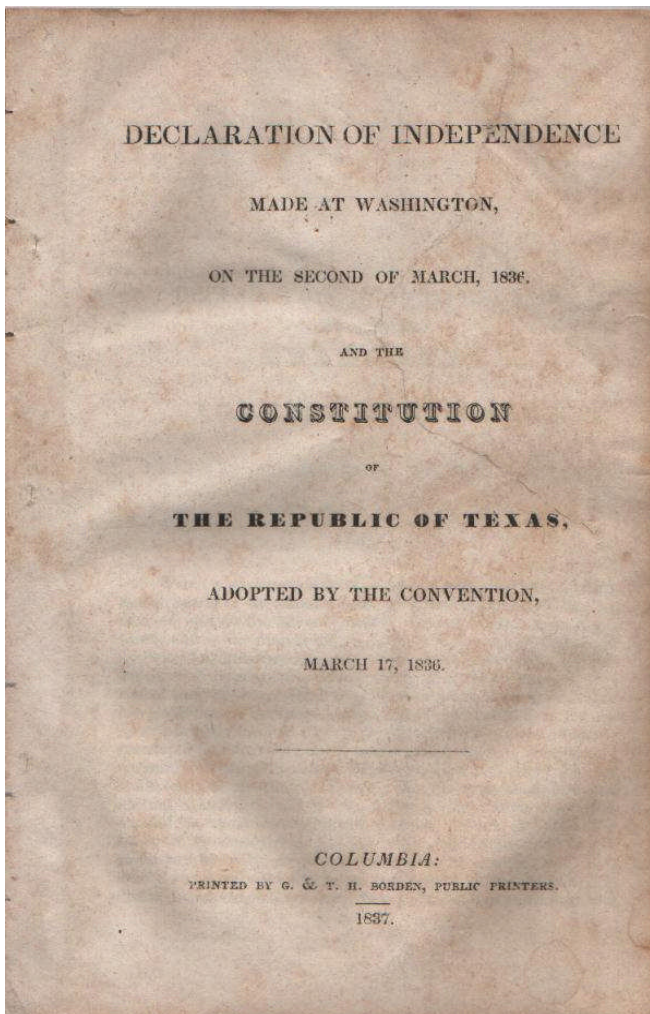
Come join the area SRT chapters, the DRT, and the San Jacinto Descendants as we celebrate Texas Independence Day at the Steamboat House in the Log Cabin room. This will be one of those seemingly, rare opportunities to meet our fellow patriots outside of our chapter along with their spouses or any other guests

Dinner, including gratuity and coffee service, will be \$45 per person. There will be a cash bar. Dinner selections will be:

- 12 oz. rib eye served with choice of baked potato or garlic-mashed potatoes and a salad
- Spicy peach chicken breast with grilled quail served over wild rice with sautéed vegetables and a salad.

Payment of \$45 per person needs to be received by February 20. Please make your check payable to:
San Jacinto Chapter – memo - March dinner

Send your check to: **Pat Craig**
845 Augusta #17
Houston, Texas 77057



Texas Independence Day
Houston City Hall

On **March 3, 2008** at 11:00 a.m., the San Jacinto and Sam Houston Chapters of the Sons of the Republic of Texas and the San Jacinto Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas are co-sponsoring a ceremony on the steps of the Houston City Hall (901 Bagby, Houston, Texas) with the City of Houston, to commemorate the 172nd anniversary of the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

The Mayor of Houston, Bill White, will begin the program by welcoming everyone and reading a proclamation. Officials of the Sons and Daughters of The Republic of Texas will be speaking about the impact the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence had in shaping modern day Texas. We will conclude the ceremony by toasting those brave men who signed the Texas Declaration of Independence with good old Texas water.

Recognized by statute as an official state holiday, Texas Independence Day originally began with the signing of the Declaration of Independence by the 54 delegates to the Convention that met at Washington-on-the-Brazos beginning on March 1, 1836. Everyone is invited to join us at 11:00 a.m. on the front steps of the Houston City Hall to honor those brave men who took that first important step toward making Texas what it is today! For additional details about the celebration, please contact Event Chairman, Tom Green, KSJ at 281-922-1118.

We have a bus reserved for this day and need a minimum of 10 people. It will leave St. Luke's Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m. Please let Phyllis Moody know by February 28 if you plan to ride the bus. Phone: 713-621-1884 or Email: moodyphyll@pdq.net

Field Trip to the San Jacinto Battleground



Our trip to the San Jacinto Battleground will be on the first Thursday, March 6, 2008. We will leave from the St. Luke's Methodist Church parking lot (in the back near the Lamar HS field. Please park in the back of the parking area.) Our departure time is 9:00 am. We will be driving through the Park with a Park Ranger who will direct our attention to DRT markers and Santa Anna's capture site. Our next stop will be the San Jacinto Museum in which Lisa Struthers will give a presentation on "Maps of the Battleground". Afterwards, you will be given the opportunity to visit the map exhibit.

Lunch will be at the Monument Inn. Please mail a \$26.00 check made to the *San Jacinto Chapter, DRT* to Pat Craig by February 15, 2008. After February 15, 2008, the price will be \$30.00. Visitors are welcome. Come join us as we should have an interesting time and fun.

Ann Bevil, Second Vice-President

Texas Honor Days ~~ Fly Your Flag

 February 19 ~~ Texas Statehood Day
 March 2 ~~ Texas Independence Day
 March 6 ~~ Alamo Heroes Day

Historical Dates



1793	March 2	Sam Houston is born in Virginia.
1807	February 20	James Butler Bonham is born in South Carolina.
1836	February 8	David Crockett and some of his "Tennessee boys" arrive at the Alamo
1836	February 11	Col. James Neill leaves the Alamo; Travis takes command
1836	February 23	The 13 day siege of the Alamo begins.
1836	February 24	Col. Travis writes his famous letter asking for aid for the Alamo.
1836	March 1	Thirty-two men from Gonzales fight their way into the Alamo. No other volunteers come.
1836	March 2	The Texas Declaration of Independence is adopted at Washington-on-the-Brazos.
1836	March 4	Sam Houston is elected commander-in-chief of the Texas army.
1836	March 6	The Alamo falls.
1836	March 11	Sam Houston assumes command of the army at Gonzales.
1836	March 13	Gonzales is burned as the Runaway Scrape begins.



Registrar's Report 02 February 2008

This month, there have been no new members, and no transfers in or out of the chapter.

The most recent members to become inactive are:

#09527 Flowe, Effie Rice Burgess
 #11924 Bay, Sarah Van Zandt Smith
 #17266 Dietrich, Adele Marie Odom
 #22557 Gorman, Deborah Lou Cooper
 #24815 Carte, Wanda Marie Chebret
 #24816 Carte, Rebecca Suzanne
 #25549 Woodford, Megan Renee
 #25601 Gonzales, Paula
 #25959 Scoggins, Amelia Jane Davis

SJC had one resignation from membership:

#24841 Cruse, Susan Knight

SJC is saddened to report the death of two members:

#3928 Donohue, Mary Jane Roos (Mrs. William M.) passed away quietly at her home in Houston on Tuesday, January 15, 2008

#200602A Hill, Glendora M., (Mrs. Charles) an associate member of SJC, died on January 17, 2008 with burial on Thursday, January 24th at Houston National Cemetery.

In January, the Registrar General approved no new applications or supplemental applications for SJC. SJC has 2 (two) applications pending which were sent to the Registrar General on 12/07/2007:



Brown, Christy Beth Matthews

Ancestor: John Talbot
 Sponsors: Gina Bouchard
 Jan Dunham

Stachowiak, Diana Gail Akers

Ancestor: Benjamin Akers
 Sponsors: Phyllis V. Moody
 Allison Moody Ball



Membership of 362 to date



Chaplain's Report

Mary Jane Roos Donohue

MRS. MARY JANE ROOS DONOHUE passed away quietly at her home in Houston on Tuesday, January 15, 2008. She was born in Victoria, Texas on January 25, 1913, to Angela Regan Roos and Rutherford B. Roos. She was a graduate of Nazareth Academy in Victoria and the University of Texas at Austin. She met her future husband, Dr. William Michael Donohue in Houston, and several years later they were married on August 16, 1942 in Victoria, Texas. At the beginning of the Second World War, she lived with her husband who was stationed at Foster Air Field in Victoria as a Captain in the Army Air Force. Later, she moved to Washington, D.C. where her husband served as Chief of Medicine at the Army Air Force Station Hospitals from 1942 until 1946. She returned to Houston after the War where she raised her five children--Angela, Mary, Claire, Michael, and Louise--with the faithful support of Pearl B. Craft. Mrs. Donohue was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Her organizational affiliations included the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, the Charity Guild of Catholic Women, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Texas Historical Association. In addition, she had a particular passion for plants and birds and was an original docent for the Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Dr. William M. Donohue. She is survived by her sister Grace Tower and her brother-in-law Russ Tower, her five children, Angela Donohue, Mary Donohue Craig, Claire Donohue Pluecker, Michael Thomas Donohue, and Louise Donohue Jones. She is also survived by thirteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. The Mass of Resurrection was held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 19, 2008, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church Rite of Committal followed at Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery.

Glendora Montandon Hill

Glendora Hill, the Mayor Pro Tem of the City of El Lago, passed away on January 17, 2008 at St. John Hospital in Nassau Bay. She is survived by brother Charles Montandon of Houston; sister Faye and husband Cecil Antrim; sister Pat Montandon; brother James Montandon and wife Jerri, as well as numerous nieces and nephews; her treasured Pomeranians Boy and Blaise, and friends, especially Gloria Watts and Vickie Pickard. Glendora retired from Monsanto Chemical Company. She loved the City of El Lago and served on the city council. She was a volunteer extraordinaire and served the community in many different ways. She was the founder and organizer of the El Lago Historical Society. She was a charter member of the Bay Area Turning Point auxiliary, a member of the Eastern Star, Daughter of the American Revolution, The Bay Area Republican Women, the Houston Symphony League of Bay Area and an associate member of SJC-DRT. A funeral service was held at Seabrook United Methodist Church.

San Jacinto Symposium

"Expanding the Horizons of Texas History"

This year's San Jacinto Symposium will be on Saturday, April 19, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the University Hilton on the University of Houston campus.



This year's program will feature:

Steve Harrington, author of *The Gates of the Alamo*, a New York Times best-seller and winner of the Spur Award for the Best Novel of the West, and *Comanche Midnight*. Mr. Harrington's presentation will be "Historical Fact, Historical Fiction: Early Texas Through a Novelist's Eyes."

Drenna Belden, from the University of North Texas, will "Explore the Texas Revolution Online Through the Portal to Texas History" as she demonstrates this new digital gateway to the collections of some seventy museums, libraries and universities. The Portal is sponsored by the University of North Texas. Belden is coordinator of grants and development at the UNT libraries.

Betsy Davis, ties to--and unbounded passion for--the history of Texas and the revolution have made her one of the state's best fourth grade school teachers. Her ability to bring history to life for her students has won awards from the Austin Historical Society and the Austin Federation of Teachers. Her topic: "Making History Personal."

Stuart Reid, author of *The Secret War for Texas*, a recent book about British agent James Grant and the Texas Revolution will place the Texas Revolution into the context of the "great game" played out during the first half of the nineteenth century between Washington and London over mastery of the North American continent. Reid, a Scot and author of *The Secret War for Texas* (Texas A&M University Press, 2007), is the great-great-great grandson of his book's protagonist, Dr. James Grant.

Miguel Angel Gonzales Quiroga, of the U.A. De Nuevo Leon in Monterrey, Mexico, will discuss "Commonality and Conflict: Northeast Mexico and the Texas Revolution and Republic, 1835-1845."

The cost of the symposium is \$45, which includes lunch and free parking in the Hilton garage. Registrations may be made by check to Friends of the San Jacinto Battleground, P.O. Box 940536, Houston, TX 77094-7536. Payments should be made by April 11. After April 11, the registration fee will be \$50, based on availability.



The Country Store

The new Keep Texas Beautiful ornaments are in and they are beautiful. The price is \$25. We have new metal Texas stars that can be used for place cards or any other idea you might come up with. There are 4 in a set. The Texas tin cutouts are really nice and can be used as ornaments or to hang on an empty nail or knob. The tins are cut out with "Deep in the heart of Texas" on them. A lot is happening in the country store so mosey by and take a look. See you in my corner!

Luanne Zacek, Co-chair, Country Store



CRT Report



The CRT will have two teams participating in the Chili Cook- Off : the grandchildren of Jan DeVault and Helen and Catarina Williams.

On April 21 at 5:00 p.m., the CRT will be placing a wreath at the Brigham Monument. Dinner will be at the Monument Inn. Mrs. Jan DeVault will be saying a few words, followed by Mr. Benny C. Martinez, member of the Canary Island Descendants and volunteer of the Texas Parks and Wildlife, Goliad, Texas. This will be a short program.

If you have grandchildren that are in the CRT, please remember that the convention will be held here in Houston, Texas and encourage them to attend. Remember, they must register to attend. Please contact Loretta Williams for more information



Upcoming Events

February 23, 2008 – 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sugarland Genealogy Conference

February 23, 2008 – 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
District VI – Proposed By-Law meeting

February 24, 2008 - 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Texas Independence Day Celebration & Chili Cook-Off
Pioneer Memorial Log House

March 1, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.
SRT/DRT Texas Independence Day Dinner
Steamboat House Restaurant

March 2, 2008, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY
Washington-on-the Brazos

March 3, 2008 – 11:00 a.m.
Texas Independence Day Celebration
Houston City Hall with Mayor Bill White

March 8, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Museum Educator's Workshop



Remember to keep us informed of special events in your life. If you have an article for the newsletter, you may send it to me by email by the 8th of the month.
(Please reference SJC DRT.)



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Linda Beverlin

The Texas Declaration of Independence (March 2, 1836)

The Texas Declaration of Independence was produced, literally, overnight. Its urgency was paramount, because while it was being prepared, the Alamo in San Antonio was under siege by Santa Anna's army of Mexico.

Immediately upon the assemblage of the Convention of 1836 on March 1, a committee of five of its delegates were appointed to draft the document. The committee, consisting of George C. Childress, Edward Conrad, James Gaines, Bailey Hardeman, and Collin McKinney, prepared the declaration in record time. It was briefly reviewed, then adopted by the delegates of the convention the following day.

As seen from the transcription below, the document parallels somewhat that of the United States, signed almost sixty years earlier. It contains statements on the function and responsibility of government, followed by a list of grievances. Finally, it concludes by declaring Texas a free and independent republic.

The full text of the document is as follows:



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Declaration of Independence
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in General Convention
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on the 2^d day of March 1836*

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When a government has ceased to protect the lives, liberty and property of the people, from whom its legitimate powers are derived, and for the advancement of whose happiness it was instituted, and so far from being a guarantee for the enjoyment of those inestimable and inalienable rights, becomes an instrument in the hands of evil rulers for their oppression.

When the Federal Republican Constitution of their country, which they have sworn to support, no longer has a substantial existence, and the whole nature of their government has been forcibly changed, without their consent, from a restricted federative republic, composed of sovereign states, to a consolidated central military despotism, in which every interest is disregarded but that of the army and the priesthood, both the eternal enemies of civil liberty, the everready minions of power, and the usual instruments of tyrants.

When, long after the spirit of the constitution has departed, moderation is at length so far lost by those in power, that even the semblance of freedom is removed, and the forms themselves of the constitution discontinued, and so far from their petitions and remonstrances being regarded, the agents who bear them are thrown into dungeons, and mercenary armies sent forth to force a new government upon them at the point of the bayonet.

When, in consequence of such acts of malfeasance and abdication on the part of the government, anarchy prevails, and civil society is dissolved into its original elements. In such a crisis, the first law of nature, the right of self-preservation, the inherent and inalienable rights of the people to appeal to first principles, and take their political affairs into their own hands in extreme cases, enjoins it as a right towards themselves, and a sacred obligation to their posterity, to abolish such government, and create another in its stead, calculated to rescue them from impending dangers, and to secure their future welfare and happiness.

Nations, as well as individuals, are amenable for their acts to the public opinion of mankind. A statement of a part of our grievances is therefore submitted to an impartial world, in justification of the hazardous but unavoidable step now taken, of severing our political connection with the Mexican people, and assuming an independent attitude among the nations of the earth.

The Mexican government, by its colonization laws, invited and induced the Anglo-American population of Texas to colonize its wilderness under the pledged faith of a written constitution, that they should continue to enjoy that constitutional liberty and republican government to which they had been habituated in the land of their birth, the United States of America.

In this expectation they have been cruelly disappointed, inasmuch as the Mexican nation has acquiesced in the late changes made in the government by General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, who having overturned the constitution of his country, now offers us the cruel alternative, either to abandon our homes, acquired by so many privations, or submit to the most intolerable of all tyranny, the combined despotism of the sword and the priesthood.

It has sacrificed our welfare to the state of Coahuila, by which our interests have been continually depressed through a jealous and partial course of legislation, carried on at a far distant seat of government, by a hostile majority, in an unknown tongue, and this too, notwithstanding we have petitioned in the humblest terms for the establishment of a separate state government, and have, in accordance with the provisions of the national constitution, presented to the general Congress a republican constitution, which was, without just cause, contemptuously rejected.

It incarcerated in a dungeon, for a long time, one of our citizens, for no other cause but a zealous endeavor to procure the acceptance of our constitution, and the establishment of a state government.

It has failed and refused to secure, on a firm basis, the right of trial by jury, that palladium of civil liberty, and only safe guarantee for the life, liberty, and property of the citizen.

It has failed to establish any public system of education, although possessed of almost boundless resources, (the public domain,) and although it is an axiom in political science, that unless a people are educated and enlightened, it is idle to expect the continuance of civil liberty, or the capacity for self government.

It has suffered the military commandants, stationed among us, to exercise arbitrary acts of oppression and tyranny, thus trampling upon the most sacred rights of the citizens, and rendering the military superior to the civil power.

It has dissolved, by force of arms, the state Congress of Coahuila and Texas, and obliged our representatives to fly for their lives from the seat of government, thus depriving us of the fundamental political right of representation.

It has demanded the surrender of a number of our citizens, and ordered military detachments to seize and carry them into the Interior for trial, in contempt of the civil authorities, and in defiance of the laws and the constitution.

It has made piratical attacks upon our commerce, by commissioning foreign desperadoes, and authorizing them to seize our vessels, and convey the property of our citizens to far distant ports for confiscation.

It denies us the right of worshipping the Almighty according to the dictates of our own conscience, by the support of a national religion, calculated to promote the temporal interest of its human functionaries, rather than the glory of the true and living God.

It has demanded us to deliver up our arms, which are essential to our defence, the rightful property of freemen, and formidable only to tyrannical governments.

It has invaded our country both by sea and by land, with intent to lay waste our territory, and drive us from our homes; and has now a large mercenary army advancing, to carry on against us a war of extermination.

It has, through its emissaries, incited the merciless savage, with the tomahawk and scalping knife, to massacre the inhabitants of our defenseless frontiers.

It hath been, during the whole time of our connection with it, the contemptible sport and victim of successive military revolutions, and hath continually exhibited every characteristic of a weak, corrupt, and tyrannical government.

These, and other grievances, were patiently borne by the people of Texas, until they reached that point at which forbearance ceases to be a virtue. We then took up arms in defence of the national constitution. We appealed to our Mexican brethren for assistance. Our appeal has been made in vain. Though months have elapsed, no sympathetic response has yet been heard from the Interior. We are, therefore, forced to the melancholy conclusion, that the Mexican people have acquiesced in the destruction of their liberty, and the substitution therfor of a military government; that they are unfit to be free, and incapable of self government.

The necessity of self-preservation, therefore, now decrees our eternal political separation.

We, therefore, the delegates with plenary powers of the people of Texas, in solemn convention assembled, appealing to a candid world for the necessities of our condition, do hereby resolve and declare, that our political connection with the Mexican nation has forever ended, and that the people of Texas do now constitute a free, Sovereign, and independent republic, and are fully invested with all the rights and attributes which properly belong to independent nations; and, conscious of the rectitude of our intentions, we fearlessly and confidently commit the issue to the decision of the Supreme arbiter of the destinies of nations.

Richard Ellis, President
of the Convention & Delegate
from Red River
Charles B. Stewart
Thos. Barnett } Edwin Waller
Asa Brigham

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Francis Ruis
J. Antonio Navarro
Jesse B. Badgett
Wm D. Lacy
William Menifee
Jn. Fisher
Matthew Caldwell
William Motley
Lorenzo de Zavala
Stephen H. Everett
George W. Smyth
Elijah Stapp
Claiborne West
Wm. B. Scates
M. B. Menard
A. B. Hardin
J. W. Burton
Thos. J. Gazley
R. M. Coleman
Sterling C. Robertson

Geo. C. Childress
Bailey Hardeman
Rob. Potter
Thomas Jefferson Rusk
Chas. S. Taylor
John S. Roberts
Robert Hamilton
Collin McKinney
Albert H. Latimer
James Power
Sam Houston
David Thomas
Edwd. Conrad
Martin Parmer
Edwin O. Legrand
Stephen W. Blount
Jms. Gaines
Wm. Clark, Jr.
Sydney O. Pennington
Wm. Carrol Crawford
Jno. Turner

John S. D. Byrom
Francis Ruis
J. Antonio Navarro
Jesse B. Badgett
Wm D. Lacy
William Menifee
Jn. Fisher
Matthew Caldwell
William Motley
Lorenzo de Zavala
Stephen H. Everett
George W. Smyth
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A. B. Hardin
J. W. Burton
Thos. J. Gazley
R. M. Coleman
Sterling C. Robertson

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Wm. Clark, Jr.
Sydney O. Pennington
Wm. Carrol Crawford
Jno. Turner

Benj. Briggs Goodrich

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G. W. Barnett
James G. Swisher
Jesse Grimes
S. Rhoads Fisher
John W. Moore
John W. Bower
Saml. A. Maverick (from Bejar)
Sam P. Carson
A. Briscoe
J. B. Woods
H. S. Kimble, Secretary

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