

**Pioneer Memorial
Log House
1936**

**San Jacinto Chapter
D. R. T.**

by

Sarah Groce Berlet

CONCEPTION OF THE
PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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Dedication

COMPILED BY SARAH GROCE BERLET--General Chairman
Pioneer Memorial Committee

Conception of the Memorial Log House.

Following the chapter meeting at the home of Mrs. Frank Andrews, October 4th, 1934, Mrs. Madge Hearne called a meeting of the Scrap Book Committee at her home. There were present about twenty-five active members of Sam Jacinto Chapter, and the subject of the increasing membership, and lack of housing space was discussed.

Very few members of the chapter had homes large enough to accommodate the membership, and some of the ladies said they thought it was an imposition to ask the same members to entertain the chapter year after year.

Mrs. Erl R. Ramsey, President of Sam Jacinto Chapter, asked Mrs. George Berlet, to tell the others of an idea which she had expressed to Mrs. Ramsey a few weeks previous, which she thought would meet the need.

Mrs. Berlet said that it was just a day dream which she had had for several years, and was possibly too idealistic to ever come true, but she told them of it any way.

The idea was, "to build a simple log house on property donated by the City of Houston,--- To furnish it in pioneer style, and use it for a chapter home, as well as a hospitality house for the many Centennial visitors in 1936. The foundation and chimney were to be built of rocks, sand, old bricks etc. from the ruins of the homes of our pioneer ancestors, and the place dedicated to their memory.

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The idea was accepted by all present with enthusiasm, and it was decided to bring the subject up at the next regular meeting of the chapter.

Mrs. Berlet suggested that a few members interview Mayor Holcomb, and ascertain if it was feasible and possible to build on City property, before putting the idea before the Chapter.

Accordingly, Mrs. Ramsey appointed the following committee to interview the Mayor with herself-- Mrs. Madge Hearne, Mrs. Carrie F. Kemp, Miss Mary Todd, and Mrs. George Berlet.

Mrs. Berlet was asked to draft her idea on paper, and the following was presented to the Mayor October 16, 1934.

We present for your serious consideration the following plan and purpose of a Texas pioneer shrine in the City of Houston, as a land mark for all time, and a mecca for Centennial visitors and celebrants in 1936.

In as much as our Texas forefathers had as their only available building materials hand hewn logs, there being no saw mills in our sovereign state until about 1830, it seems entirely fitting and proper that a log cabin be constructed, using logs to be secured from, and donated by patriotic land owners of wooded sections in the immediate vicinity of the city of Houston.

It would seem a splendid civic movement, worth in dollars and cents infinitely more, than the intrinsic value of such vacant property, as it would become necessary for the city of Houston to grant, with the sanction and approval of the city Fathers.

The log cabin shrine, it is suggested, is to be furnished in the manner and style of early pioneer days and would house heirlooms and objects of historical interest of that period.

We suggest that ladies of San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, serve in alternate relays as hostesses, during the Centennial, to extend traditional southern hospitality and a cup of coffee or tea to all Centennial visitors, and be prepared to answer questions concerning Texas history.

As a final factor in its favor unemployed carpenters and others in allied trades necessary to such a project may be gainfully employed.

We hope for favorable consideration both by the City Council, and the Centennial Planning Commission, and if it does meet with their approval, we ask that San Jacinto Chapter be appointed custodians of the shrine, and be allowed to use it as a chapter home.

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Mayor Holcomb seemed pleased with the idea. He said it was feasible, and that personally he would do all he could to advance the plan. However, he advised against taking the matter up with the City Council at that time, as they were in the midst of their campaigns, but that he would submit the plan to them after the election.

The next meeting of the chapter was held at the home of Mrs. L.T. Barrow, on November 1st. 1934. The idea of the Memorial Log House was presented to the chapter as a recommendation from the Board.

Mrs. Berlet was asked to read a copy of her draft, which had been presented to the Mayor, and with the following preamble she complied.

"With deep appreciation to the members of San Jacinto Chapter, who have so often thrown open their beautiful homes as a meeting place, and in consideration of the fact that each year our membership has grown larger, (and we hope to double our membership within the next few years, making it impossible to meet in private homes) we find it is expedient and necessary that we have a chapter home.

The Chapter voted to accept the recommendation of the Board, and the following ladies were appointed to serve on the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee.

Mrs. George Berlet--Chairman; Mrs. Madie W. Hearne, Mrs. Carrie F. Kemp; Miss Mary Todd; Mrs. T.F. White.
Mrs. Erl R. Ramsey, President, exofficio member.

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Activities of the Pioneer Memorial Committee

The committee could only patiently await the pleasure of the City Fathers. On November 19, a letter was written to the Mayor, by Mrs. Ramsey, to remind him of his promise. (See letter next page)

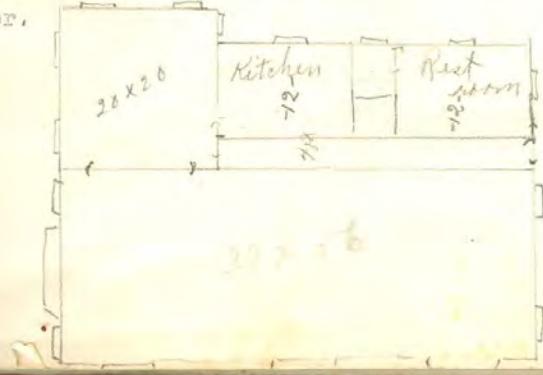
Very little was accomplished in December 1934. However, each member of the committee was active.

Mrs. Kemp and Mrs. Berlet called on Commissioner Pierson, and Commissioner Barker. Both said that they had not heard of ~~that~~ plan to build on City property, from the Mayor as yet; but they promised their support.

Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Berlet called on Mr. Robert Morris, President of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, for the purpose of asking Mr the support of the State Society, Sons of the Republic of Texas. Mr. Morris was very interested, in our project, so much so that he offered to donate all the logs necessary for the construction of the Log House.

January 1935

At the regular monthly meeting of Sam Jacinto January 3rd, 1935, at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Milby, Mrs. Berlet presented a ground floor plan of a log house, which she had drawn for the purpose of drawing expressions from the members, as to size shape etc. The following is the plan she first presented. Mrs. Milby thought a large gallery the full length of the house would be better.



Copy.

Houston, Texas, Nov. 19, 1934.

Mayor Oscar Holcombe,
Houston

Dear Mayor Holcombe:

You will remember that - a Committee from San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, called upon you about Oct. 16th, in regard to - a pioneer log house to be located on City owned property. You said that, personally, you would do all you could, but advised ~~not~~ sagamah taking the matter up with the City Council at that time, as all of you were in the middle of your campaign, but you promised to submit the plans - after election.

We are very much in earnest about this log house, which we desire to dedicate to the "Pioneer men and women of Texas", and hope the Planning Committee will help us perfect our plans, but our first move must be to find a location. We left you a typewritten copy of a letter outlining the character of the proposed building, and its uses and benefits to Centennial visitors and others.

Hoping you will bring this matter before the City Fathers, at an early date, and with best wishes, we are,

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Mrs. G. R. Ramsey, Pres.
Mrs. Geo. Berlek F
Miss Mary God
Mrs. Madge M. Heane
Mrs. Carrie F. Kemp
Mrs. G. F. White

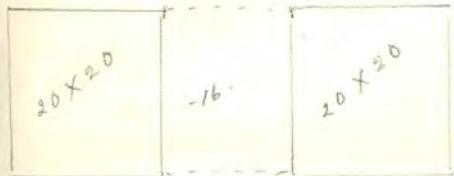
Committee

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After much discussion, the President suggested a call meeting at the Library on January 11th, to decide the ~~best~~ plan of the Log House.

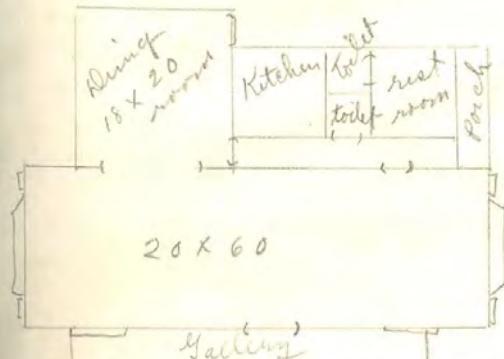
At this meeting, January 11th., a black board was used by Mrs. Berlet to illustrate several pioneer log homes. She first drew one large room 20 by 20 ft. Then 16 ft. over, she drew another room 20 by 20 ft.



This style of house was called a double log house with a run-way or "dog trot" between. The pioneers in time boarded up the open

passage, and another room was the result.

As members recommended omissions and additions, she erased and drew with chalk, until all seemed satisfied with the result as follows.



Mrs. E. T. Adkins suggested that the chapter members save green trading stamps, for the purpose of accumulating silver for the future home.

Mrs. Adkins was appointed Chairman by Mrs. Remsey, of the Silver Committee.

It was suggested that a letter be written to five hundred patriotic Houstonians asking donations toward building the log house.

Mrs. Berlet drew the ground plan of the house accepted by the chapter at the call meeting, January 11th. and a pen sketch of the house as she thought it would look when finished, and inclosed it in the following letter to Mayor Holcomb.

Copy

February 3rd., 1935.

Hon. Oscar Holcombe,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mayor Holcombe:-

We, the Pioneer Memorial Committee of San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, submit the enclosed tentative plan for the log house, and hope it meets with your approval,- but we would be glad for any suggestion you may offer for its improvement. It is larger than most of the pioneer homes, but is drawn from descriptions and pictures of the true pioneer type, with the addition of the modern kitchen and rest room, which will not be under the main roof, but an old-fashioned "lean-to".

The logs for the house have been donated by Mr. Robert M. Morris, President of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, and we only await the site on Buffalo Drive, which you promised, to begin our entertainments and solicitations for this most worthy memorial, which we hope to have finished and furnished in time for Houston City's one hundredth anniversary, as well as the Texas Centennial.

In selecting the site for this log house we should bear in mind to place it above possible overflow. We notice there are several small areas between the drive

and Buffalo River between Waugh Drive and Shepherd Drive,
and we were wondering if one of these would not be a
suitable place for it.

Again thanking you for your co-operation and
valuable contribution, we are,

Very truly,

PIONEER MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
Mrs. George Brhatt Chairman.

COMMITTEE

Mrs. George Brhatt, Chairman.
Mrs. Erl R. Ramsey
Mrs. Madge Houston Hearne
Mrs. Carrie Franklin Kemp
Mrs. Thomas F. White
Miss Mary Tod.

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Mrs. H.A. Pulliam and Mrs. Frank Andrews
were added to the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee, February 5th, 1935,
at the board meeting of the chapter at the home of the President,
Mrs. Earl Ramsey.

At this meeting Mr Harry E. Weaver, came with recommendations
from Mr. Ed. Towns, bringing many drawings of log houses which he had built.
His price for plans and specifications for the house was \$100.00.

He said that he would draw a large colored house (from the sketch
presented by Mrs. Berlet) for \$20.00, which amount would deducted from the
\$100.00 if he was given the order to draw the whole etc.

The Board accepted his offer, and he did draw the picture of the
house which was used by the contractor, Mr. McKay.

February 7th. 1935

At the regular meeting of the chapter, February 7th. 1935, at the Rice
Hotel, Mrs. Berlet read a letter from Mayor Holcomb, in reply to one
from her of February 3rd. in which he suggested that her Committee
appear before the City Council on Wednesday, February 13th. at which
time they would be given an opportunity to present their request to
the Council. Mrs. Berlet asked her Committee to meet her at the City
Hall on that day.

Mrs. John M. Nagle was asked to serve on the Log House Committee.
The chapter voted to pay Mr. Weaver \$20.00 for the drawing of the proposed
house, to present before the City Council on the 13th.

OSCAR HOLCOMBE
MAYOR
CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS

February 5, 1935.

Mrs. George Berlet,
607 Willard Street,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Berlet:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 3rd with reference to a site for the location of a Memorial Building on Buffalo Bayou Drive.

I suggest that your Committee appear before the City Council on Wednesday, February 13th between the hours of 11:00 and 12:00, at which time you will be given an opportunity to present your request to the Council. As I previously told you, I will recommend that a location be given you.

Assuring you of my best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mayor

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COMMITTEE GOES BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

February 13th., 1935

The auspicious day arrived. The Committee turned out in full force, and headed by the President, Mrs. Erl Ramsey, who was spokesman, they marched up to the long council table, and stood at attention, while the City Fathers examined the picture and floor plans.

The committee at this time was composed of the following ladies. Mrs. Geo. Berlet-Chairman; Mrs. Madge Houston Hearne, Mrs. Thomas White, Mrs. H.A. Pulliam, Mrs. Frank Andrews, Mrs. Carrie Franklin Kemp, Miss Mary Tod and Mrs. John M. Nagle. (See news clipping from Houston Post)

Mayor Holcomb recommended that the Council grant the ladies of San Jacinto Chapter their request. He also stated that he thought it a splendid plan, and was heartily in favor of it. Then Mr. Pierson, moved that the Council donate land on which to build the house, the place to be selected later. This motion was unanimously carried.

This was a new experience to the Daughters of the Republic, since none of the Committee had ever had occasion to appear before the City Council before.

When they left the Council Chamber, they were interviewed by reporters- and notices appeared in the three local papers the following day.

THE HOUSTON POST: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1935

CITY COUNCIL WILL DONATE BUFFALO DRIVE SITE FOR LOG CABIN TO HONOR PIONEERS

City council Wednesday agreed to donate a site upon Buffalo drive to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, San Jacinto chapter, for the erection of a log cabin in commemoration of the pioneer men and women of this state.

Furnished in pioneer style, the home will be thrown open to the thousands of visitors who are expected to visit Houston next year during the celebration of the Texas Centennial, Mrs. E. R. Ramsey, president of the chapter, informed council Wednesday.

To raise funds for construction of the log cabin, the chapter is launching a drive, Mrs. Ramsey said.

"We call upon all public spirited citizens," she declared, "to support the move, regardless of whether they belong to our organization or are descendants of Texas pioneers. We are asking for donations in any amount. Contributions should be sent to Mrs. Healy Jackson, 2206 Park street, treasurer of the San Jacinto chapter. The names of all donors will be engraved upon a scroll which will be enshrined in the home."

The log cabin will cost from \$4000

to \$5000 to build and equip, Mrs. Ramsey said. Logs will be donated by Robert Morris, president of the Sons of the Republic of Texas.

Plans for the home have been drawn by Harry Weaver, Houston architect. They show a large assembly room, measuring 26 feet by 60 feet, a library, kitchen, rest room, hallway and other smaller rooms.

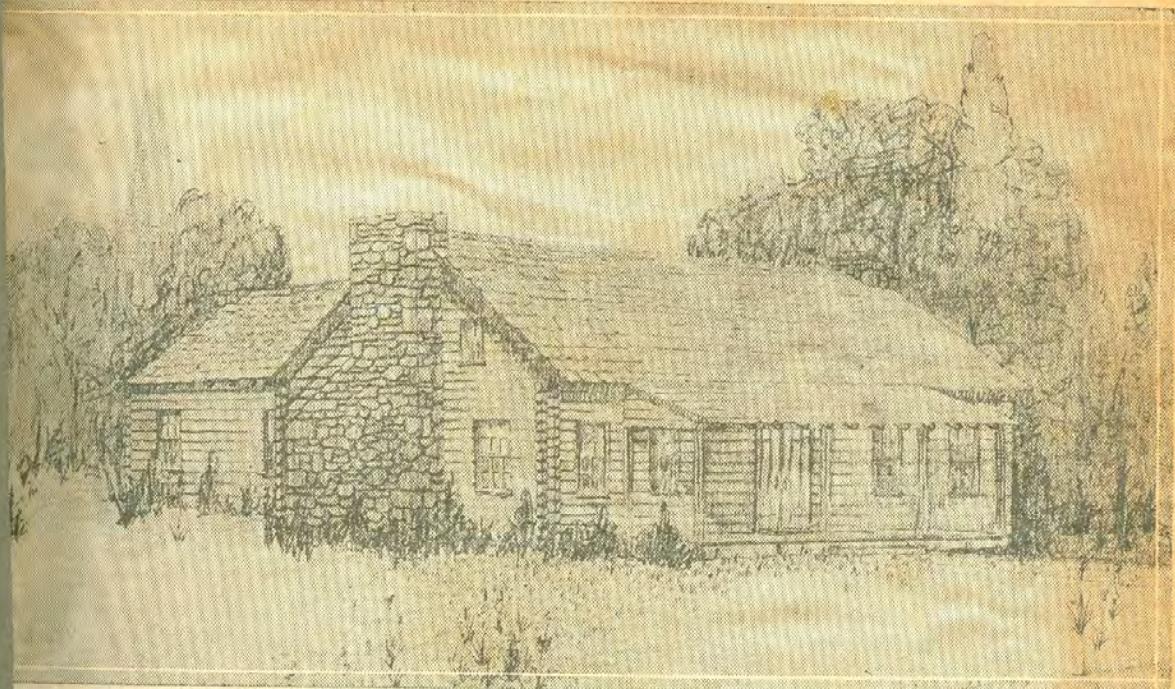
Placing their stamp of approval upon the project as outlined by Mrs. Ramsey, council members agreed at once to donate a site upon Buffalo drive for the home. They will make an inspection tour of all possible sites along the driveway before making a final selection, Mayor Oscar F. Holcombe told the delegation of women who called upon council Wednesday.

The delegation included Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. George Berlet, chairman; Mrs. Madge Houston Hearne, Mrs. Thomas White, Mrs. H. A. Pulliam, Mrs. Frank Andrew, Mrs. Carrie Franklin Kemp, Miss Mary Tod and Mrs. John M. Nagle.

"Ladies of the chapter," said Mrs. Ramsey, "will act as hostesses at the log home while the Texas Centennial is in progress."

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO PIONEER

February 14, 1935



Women Will Erect Log Cabin Shrine

Texas Daughters Plan
Place for Relics of
Early Days

A LOG CABIN shrine, a memorial to the pioneer men and women of the state, is being planned by the San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, as the group's Texas Centennial project.

The cabin, according to Mrs. George Berlet, chairman of the pioneer memorial committee, is to be an enlarged replica of the homes of the early settlers, whose courage and industry laid the foundations for the building and growth of Texas. Heirlooms and furnishings similar to those of a century ago will be used throughout the rooms to re-create the spirit of the pioneer days.

Above is shown the architect's conception of the log house to be built by San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, as a memorial to the pioneer men and women of Texas. It will be located either in Sam Houston Park or on Buffalo Drive.

The patriotic organization will furnish the home in pioneer type furnishings and heirlooms of the early days of Texas. Women of San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, plan to keep open house at the memorial cabin during the Texas Centennial celebration.

The City Council has agreed to allow the shrine to be placed on city property.

Visitors to the city during the Centennial celebration will be welcomed to the memorial home by members of the San Jacinto Chapter, who are to serve as hostesses at that time.

A site on Buffalo Drive will be furnished by the city and pine logs for the construction of the cabin will be provided by Robert B. Morris, president of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. The building, with its rock foundation and chimneys, will cost between \$4000 and \$5000, according to the estimate of Harry E. Weaver, architect for the project, and the chapter is launching a campaign to raise the funds necessary for its construction.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the memorial in addition to Mrs. Berlet, and Mrs. Erl R. Ramsey, chapter president, includes Mrs. Madge Houston Hearne, Mrs. Thomas White, Miss Mary Tod, Mrs. Carrie Franklin Kemp, Mrs. Frank Andrews, Mrs. John M. Nagle, Mrs. Eugene T. Harris, Mrs. H. H. Ueckert and Mrs. Fred Harris.

A main assembly room in the cabin will contain two fireplaces and in one of them a vault will be built for the safe keeping of valuable heirlooms. The cabin will also have a dining room, hallway, kitchen and large gallery.

Houston Chronicle
Feb. 14, 1935

DAUGHTERS OF TEXAS SEEK FUNDS FOR MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE; CITY GRANTS SITE

A drive for funds with which to construct a pioneer type log house as a memorial to the pioneer men and women of Texas has been begun by the San Jacinto Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

A delegation from the chapter, headed by Mrs. Erl R. Ramsey, president, appeared before the City Council Wednesday and asked permission to locate the memorial cabin on city property, either along Buffalo Drive or in Sam Houston Park. The council granted the request, the exact location to be fixed later by the council.

The delegation also presented the council with the proposed plans of the structure as drawn by Harry Weaver, architect. The plans show that the shrine will have one large room, 28x60 feet, a library 18x19 feet, and a kitchen, rest room, and porch.

Cost \$4000 to \$5000.

Mrs. Ramsey said that the cost of the memorial would be between \$4000 and \$5000 and that Robert B. Morris, president of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, has already agreed to donate the logs that will be used in the structure.

"The cabin will be a shrine to the pioneer men and women of Houston and the state," Mrs. Ramsey told the council. "Our organization intends to furnish the structure in Texas pioneer type furnishings and to place pioneer heirlooms in the building.

"We intend to have the memorial cabin completed in time for the celebration of the City of Houston's one hundredth anniversary as well as for the Texas Centennial. Our organization plans to keep open house at the shrine

each day during the Centennial celebration and to serve refreshments and dispense true Southern hospitality to all visitors.

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Prefer Sam Houston Park.

"We would rather have the shrine located in Sam Houston Park for it is in that location that early settlers of Houston lived and it is close to other spots of historical interest."

"I think that such a structure would be an asset to Houston and that we should allow it," Mayor Holecombe stated.

"It is a very laudable undertaking and I make a motion that their request for a location be granted," Commissioner Walter Pierson said. Other council members agreed and the motion passed unanimously.

It was explained that persons wishing to donate toward building the shrine may send their donations to Mrs. Hadley Jackson, treasurer of the organization, 2206 Park.

Those on the shrine committee include Mrs. George Berlet, chairman; Mrs. Madge Houston Hearne, Mrs. Thomas White, Mrs. H. A. Pulliam, Mrs. Frank Andrews, Mrs. Carrie Franklin Kemp, Miss Mary Tod, Mrs. John M. Nagle, and Mrs. Ramsey.

Chronicle

DRIVE FOR FUNDS TO ERECT MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE BY D. R. T. TO BE LAUNCHED

The drive for funds to construct a memorial log house on Buffalo Drive will be launched immediately by the San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

The house will be a replica of a pioneer Texas home, and will be completed in time for the Texas Centennial. Cost of the structure is estimated at \$5000. A site has been given by the city. Mrs. George Beylet is chairman of the log house committee.

"In asking for contributions, the chapter feels it is giving the patriotic-minded men and women the privilege to express their appreciation and gratitude in a material way to those brave men whose brawny arms forged the bolts which hold our great state," said a statement issued by Mrs. H. A. Pulliam, member of the committee, and Mrs. Neta V. Taylor, chairman of the publicity committee.

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To Be Built for Future.

"This house is to be so constructed that when, in another 100 years, Texas is celebrating its bicentennial, the grandchildren of the donors will be proud to see the names of their ancestors enshrined in the old log house, with many relics which will be preserved for all time."

The chapter is co-operating in the Spring Jubilee being sponsored by The Chronicle, business, civic, religious, educational and patriotic interests of the city, and was the first to reserve a booth in the Spring Jubilee project. Money raised by selling hot dogs in the booth next month will go to the chapter fund.

An outline of the chapter's accomplishments and an accounting of money raised for various patriotic projects was given by the organization as follows:

Since its inception in 1891, the chapter has worked with one idea in mind—acquisition and preservation of historic spots and keeping the fires of patriotism burning in the hearts of all those Texans whose ancestors braved the perils of frontier life.

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Battleground Park.

Purchase and conversion of San Jacinto Battleground into a state park in 1897 were due to efforts of the chapter, assisted by Waller

*Written by Mrs.
H. A. Pulliam*

Burns, a member of the legislature from Harris County, together with the aid of their sister chapters throughout the state.

Undaunted by the apparently unsurmountable obstacles and hardships, this little handful of courageous women undertook the task of beautifying and improving the battleground. June 4, 1901, the members, accompanied by J. W. Winters of Big Foot, Frio County, the only Texas veteran able to undergo the fatigue of the trip, marked the various spots by driving one-inch galvanized iron pipes bearing a small inscribed cross on the top. This expense was borne by the chapter and members individually.

In 1912 this same little group reported at the state convention that all iron pipe and cross-markers had been replaced with granite boulders, 20 in all, at a cost of \$650 to the chapter. They are also responsible for the fence being built, protecting this hallowed ground.

Since 1912 nine historic locations in and around Houston have been marked with suitable tablets properly inscribed. This work has cost San Jacinto Chapter \$550. They have many other projects in mind which they hope to have completed prior to the opening of Centennial activities. All of this work entails a large outlay of money, which will of course be borne by San Jacinto Chapter. Generous contributions all these years have been made toward upkeep of the state museum in Austin, as well as a state scholarship fund. Each year they have added to the San Jacinto memorial fund, which amounts to \$95 at this time.

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CITY DONATES SITE FOR PIONEER CABIN

Daughters of Republic of Texas
Will Erect Building

City Council voted Wednesday to donate a site on Buffalo Drive to Daughters of the Republic of Texas as a location for a log cabin to be erected in memory of the pioneer men and women of Texas.

The home, which will be furnished in pioneer style, will be thrown open to the visitors expected to come to Houston during the Centennial celebration.

The organization will launch a drive for funds for construction of the cabin, which will cost approximately \$4000.

Mrs. E. R. Ramsey, president of the San Jacinto Chapter of the organization, headed the delegation that appeared before Council.

Definite location of the cabin will be determined after investigation by Council members.



A Call to Texas Patriotism

The San Jacinto Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas should have the wholehearted co-operation of Texans, and of Houstonians in particular, in their campaign for funds to construct a memorial log house on Buffalo Drive, the structure to be a replica of a pioneer Texas home. A site has been given by the city, some \$5000 is needed for the construction work, the job to be completed before the Centennial visitors begin to arrive next year.

The San Jacinto Chapter has had a noteworthy career in securing for public use notable sites of Texas history, and in making a large number of historic locations. The chapter was primarily responsible for the purchase by the state in 1897 of the San Jacinto Battleground, and year after year has worked for such improvements as have been made there.

Except for its activities—except for the never-flagging zeal of its members in preserving the history and traditions of Texas—we would today doubtless be without any historic shrines in this section. What a tragedy that would appear as the Centennial draws near!

If for no other reason than to pay some of our debts to them for past services we should come to the aid of this most worthwhile organization. But they are not asking payment, they are simply asking aid in doing something to perpetuate Texas history, and to honor Texas pioneers, which clearly every Texan should wish to do.

Editorial in Houston Post

Mrs. Berlet called a meeting of the Pioneer Memorial Committee at her home, February 21st. Those present were Mesdames Ramsey, Hearne, Kemp, Pulliam, White, Nagle, Berlet and Miss Mary Tod. Mrs. Andrews, absent. The meeting was called for the purpose of formulating some plans to raise money for the building of the log house.

Mrs. Berlet stated that on the 19th of February, Mr. Aikers of Dallas called her on the phone, and said he had a proposition to put before the committee, whereby they could raise funds for building the log house, and that she had given him permission to appear before the committee that day.

He represented the Compton Fire Works of Dallas, and wanted the committee to sponsor a display of Fire Works depicting scenes from Texas history etc. The committee decided to put the matter before the chapter, for they considered it too big a thing to handle alone, since it would require the cooperation of the whole membership to make it a success.

Mrs. Ramsey called a meeting of the chapter for the following Monday February 25th, at the Library, where Mr. Akers was told he could put his proposition before them again.

Mrs. Berlet asked the following members of her committee to act as follows.

Mrs. Thomas F. White, Historian of Sam Jacinto Chapter, to write historic stories about their pioneer ancestors for the papers, hoping thereby to arouse interest in the memorial home.

Mrs. Madge Houston Hearne, was asked to act as sub chairman of the house furnishing committee, to see that only furniture suitable of the period of the days of the Republic was accepted.

Mrs. Carrie F. Kemp was asked to visit the Houston Post, and ask for publicity in that paper.

Mrs. Pulliam was asked to visit the Chronicle, and Miss Mary Tod to visit the Houston Press for the same purpose.

Mrs. Berlet read a copy of a letter which she had written to Mr. Judd Mortimer Lewis on the 15th. of Feb. and his reply of the 19th.

(Both letters on next page.)

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Seal

San Jacinto Chapter
Daughters of the Republic of Texas
Houston, Texas

February 15, 1935

Mr. Judd Mortimer Lewis
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

As a Centennial project, San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, have planned to build a log house as a memorial to the pioneer men and women of Texas, on a site donated by the City Council.

(See Houston Post February 14th. last page.)

If the house is to be finished and furnished in time to celebrate our City's one hundredth anniversary, we will need much publicity in order to raise the necessary funds.

Will you assist San Jacinto Chapter by writing a poem, dedicated to the Texas Pioneers? The pen of a poet saved "Old Iron-sides", made Paul Revere famous, and we believe you can do even more in bringing to remembrance the deeds of our Texas Pioneers.

If the editor of the Post will give our project a boost at the same time your poem is published, you both will have our lasting gratitude.

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs. George) Sarah Grace Borlet
Chairman, Pioneer Memorial Committee.

Vice President
Associate Editor
Poet Laureate of Texas

THE HOUSTON POST

HOUSTON, TEXAS

February Nineteen

Office Of
JUDD MORTIMER LEWIS, M.D.

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Mrs. George Berlet,
607 Willard,
City.

Dear Mrs. Berlet:-

I fear that written-to-order poems never reach a high plane; However I have written some verses entitled "PIONEERS OF TEXAS", and have asked that they be printed next Monday, and have so notified the editorial department. I hope the matter will get the attention of that department despite the disorganization caused by the prevailing flu epidemic,

Cordially yours,

Judd Mortimer Lewis.

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San Jacinto Chapter
Daughters of the Republic of Texas
Houston Texas

February 22nd, 1935

Mr. Judd Mortimer Lewis
The Houston Printing Co.
Polk and Dowling Sts.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

The Pioneer Memorial Committee met with me yesterday, at which time your letter was read, and received with acclamations of joy.

I wish to thank you in behalf of the committee. We are looking forward with great pleasure to our Monday's Post.

Sincerely yours
(Mrs. George) Sarah Groce Berlet

THE HOUSTON POST: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1935

Tampering With Trifles

By JUDD MORTIMER LEWIS.

PIONEERS OF TEXAS.

The pioneers of Texas,
Those mighty men of old,
They watched her forests burgeon,
Her prairies turn to gold,
Erected their log cabins
By field and wood and stream,
And toiled and fought and suffered
To hold their splendid dream.

The pioneers of Texas,
Grim was the toil they knew;
Their foemen were a legion,
Scattered were they, and few,
And oftentimes their loved ones
When the hard days were sped
Crouched in their little cabins
Through nights of watchful dread.

The pioneers of Texas,
They put all pleasures by,
Toiled bravely for existence
Went bravely forth to die
Whenever duty calleth them
'Gainst the invading foe;
They died at Goliad, they
Died in the Alamo.

The pioneers of Texas
Died to make Texas free;
They had the splendid vision
Of ages yet to be;
To keep their mem'ry splendid
Is our unending pledge;
Their courage is our glory,
Our lasting heritage.

Use of P.W.A. labor in building log house.

On February 23rd. 1935, Mrs. Erl Ramsey, Mrs. Carrie F. Kemp and Mrs. George Berlet, called on Mr. Perry Moore, in regard to using P.W.A. labor.

Mr. Moore advised them to see Mr. Sterling Hogan, City Secretary, who in turn advised them to write to the Mayor and City Council.

The following letter, (worded in substance by Mr Hogan) was written the same day.

(See copy of letter and reply on next page.)

Copy

February 23, 1935.

To
The Honorable Mayor and City Council,
Houston, Texas.

Gentlemen:-

In our first discussion of the plans for the construction of the Pioneer Log House, which we intend using as a Hospitality Center during the Centennial, it was contemplated to endeavor to secure P. W. A. labor.

We have today discussed the matter of building our pioneer log house on property which the City of Houston so graciously has donated to us with Mr. Perry Moore. He explained that his activity is confined to organizations of political subdivisions, however, he suggested that, with the permission of the City Council, he could furnish labor for our enterprise the same as was done in the case of the Florence Crittenden Home matter.

We hereby respectfully ask and petition the City Council to assist us in any way necessary to the erection of this log house, which will be only the matter of using the City's name in asking for the ~~needed~~ labor from the Texas Relief Commission.

As we have already advised, logs for the contemplated structure have been donated by Mr. Robert B. Morris, and our Chapter has in its treasury the necessary money it will take to furnish other material and supplies for the construction. It is, of course, understood that this will not cost the City of Houston any money.

Thanking you sincerely for past kindnesses, and hoping you will grant this request, in order that we may start this work as soon as possible, we remain,

Yours sincerely,

San Jacinto Chapter,
Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Erl R. Ramsey President.

Mrs. George Berlet Chairman.

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| Mrs. George Berlet | Hrs. Thos. F. White |
| " Erl R. Ramsey | Mrs. J. H. Nagle |
| " Madge W. Hearne | Miss Mary Tod |
| " Carrie Franklin Kemp | Mrs. H. M. Pulliam. |
| " Frank Andrews | |

The Called Meeting

February 25, 1935, at Library.

Mrs. Erl Ramsey presided.

Mr. Aikers presented the Fire Works plan to the Chapter. After much discussion it was voted to accept his proposition, provided that the contract was read and approved by a lawyer selected by the chapter.

First donation of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Mrs. H.H.Ueckert pledged the first donation of \$100.00 toward the building fund of the "Log House."

Mrs. Berlet stated that Mr. Berlet would donate the letter heads, to be used in writing to the patriotic citizens asking for donations, and asked how many would be needed. Mrs. Hally Bryan Perry suggested that we have at least 700.

Mrs. H.H.Ueckert and Mrs. Eugene Truet Harris were appointed on the Log House Committee.

(They proved to be very valuable members)

The contract was signed a few days later when Mrs. Ramsey, President of the Chapter, Mrs. Pulliam, Recording Secretary, and Mrs. Berlet Chairman of the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee, accompanied by Mr. Erl Ramsey, met with Mr. Aikers at the Rice Hotel.

NOTE--- The above contract was nullified because Mr Aikers could not get the Buffalo Ball Stadium at the appointed time.



Program



Annual Luncheon

Texas

Independence Day

Joint Auspices

Daughters of Republic of Texas

and

The Sons of the Republic of Texas



March, 2nd 1935

Rice Hotel Houston,



Program

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| Invocation..... | Rev. J. H. H. Ellis |
| Greetings from Daughters | Mrs. Earl R. Ramsey |
| Greetings from Sons..... | C. E. Gilbert |
| Musical Direction..... | Mrs. A. C. Barrett |
| Song..... | Miss Margaret Bonner Accompanied by Mrs. J. R. Abercrombie |
| Accordion Solo..... | Mrs. J. L. Ledford |
| Reading of Declaration of Independence..... | Kenneth Krahf |
| Report of Progress on Memorial at San Jacinto Park..... | State President Robert B. Morris, of the Sons |
| Speaker of the Day..... | Hon. Geo. A. Hill |

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The Chapter Officers and Mesdames Madge W. Hearne,
W. T. Cook and Miss Mary Tod.



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ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR

CITY OF Houston

TEXAS

March 1, 1935,

Mrs Berleth

Mrs. E. R. Ramsey,
2609 Smith Street,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Ramsey:

Your communication of February 23, 1935, requesting Council to make application for TRC labor for the construction of the hospitality house proposed by the San Jacinto Chapter of the Daughters of Texas Republic, was presented to Council and referred to the Acting Director of Public Works for recommendation.

When final action is taken by Council, you will be advised of its decision in the matter.

Yours truly,

Sterling Hogan
City Secretary.

MHW

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ON, LTD.

March 8, 1935,

Mrs. E. R. Ramsey,
2609 Smith Street,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Ramsey:

This is to advise you Council passed a motion on March 6, 1935, authorizing the Acting Director of Public Works to make application to the TRC for labor in constructing your proposed hospitality house.

Kindly work out details with Mr. Nagle.

Yours truly,

Sterling Hogan
City Secretary. *mew*

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Houston, Texas
March 27, 1935

San Jacinto Chapter
Daughters of the Republic of Texas,
2609 Smith,
Houston, Texas.

Att: Mrs. Erl R. Ramsey, President.

Dear Mesdames:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 25th to Mr. W. L. Clayton, which has arrived during his absence from the city and has been passed to the writer for reply.

As you are fully aware, the Government has reduced cotton production to a point where all cotton merchants are now only handling a small fraction of the cotton they are equipped and staffed to handle. Therefore, we are finding it impossible to keep our present employes fully occupied.

It has become a question of letting a number of them go or reducing all other overhead expenses considerably, so as to keep more of these people on the payroll. We have chosen the latter course and have made it a fixed rule in this organization not to subscribe or donate to any but necessary trade organizations as long as this condition continues.

We sincerely regret the necessity of advising you it is impossible at this time to make a contribution to your project, but we feel sure that you will understand why it is impossible for us to do so.

Yours very truly,

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April 1, 1935.

Mrs. Erl R. Ramsey, President,
San Jacinto Chapter,
Daughters of the Republic of Texas,
2609 Smith,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of March 25th to Mr. Andrews has been received during his absence from the office. It will be brought to his attention upon his return the latter part of the month.

Very truly yours,
Mary Louise Gilmore
Secretary to Mr. Andrews



Copy of form letter

San Jacinto Chapter
Daughters of the Republic of Texas
Houston, Tex.

PIONEER MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

Mrs. George Shultz, Chairman

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Miss T. F. Bell Gray
Mrs. Charles E. Moore

President
Mrs. Billie H. Hammon
Vice President

Mr. - - - - -

One of seven hundred
Letter heads, I donated by Mr. George
Bullock.

The ladies of San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, have planned to build a log house in commemoration of the pioneer men and women of Texas.

The Home is to be furnished in true pioneer style and San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas plans to keep open house during the Texas Centennial.

The site on Buffalo Drive has been contributed by the City Council, and the necessary logs have been donated by Mr. Robert Morris, President of the Sons of the Republic of Texas.

In order that the Memorial Home may be finished and furnished in time to celebrate our City's one Hundredth anniversary, as well as the Texas Centennial, San Jacinto Chapter asks contributions from a few public spirited men and women. Will you assist us in this worthy project?

Donations should be sent to Mrs. Hedley Jackson, Treasurer, 2206 Park Street. The names of all donors will be engraved upon the scroll to be enshrined in the Home.

Sincerely yours,

President.

Secretary.



San Jacinto Chapter
Daughters of the Republic
of Texas
Houston, - Texas



PIONEER MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:

MRS. GEORGE BERLET, CHAIRMAN

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MRS. H. A. PULLIAM MRS. EUGENE T. HARRIS

PRESIDENT:
MRS. ERL R. RAMSEY
2609 SMITH

One of seven hundred
letter heads, donated by Mr. George
Berlet.

Mr. Erl Ramsey donated \$3.12 toward
the cut of the Log House, the price of \$4.00
which was \$7.12 - The balance of \$4.
was donated by the Southwestern Engraving
Co. (which made the cut) by the
solicitation of Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Berlet.
Mr. George C. Yax, President of the
Southwestern Engraving Co. said that he
was glad to contribute toward such
a worthy cause -

MARCH 1935

At the regular meeting of the chapter, March 7th, 1935, at the home of Miss Ima Hogg, Mrs. Ramsey spoke of securing Booth No. I at the Charity bazaar, to be held at the City Auditorium April 8th, 9th, & 10th. She asked donations of candy, cookies etc. to sell, the proceeds to go on the building fund of the log house. Mrs. T. Fred Harris of the Ways and means Committee, assisted by the Log House Memorial Committee, were to have charge of the booth.

(See News Clipping on opposite page.)

It was decided to write 500 letters to as many citizens, asking for donations. Mrs. Berlet asked that every member send the names of ten or more men and women to her,---- She was to check them, eliminate all duplicates, and asked who would offer to write them. Those responding were, Mrs. Carrie Franklin Kemp, Mrs. J.D. Kelley, (for her Daughter Ann) Mrs. Henry R. Maresh, Mrs. H.H. Ueckert, Mrs. H.H. Jennings.

It was voted to send out a form letter, and Mrs. Berlet was asked to write it. (See Form Letter, next page.)

When writing to friends, some of the ladies were granted the privilege to word their own letters.

The names came in slowly. Deciding that every one attending the meeting did not hear Mrs. Berlet's request, it was decided to remind the members by phone or letter. Mrs. Pulliem, Mrs. Kemp and Mrs. Berlet divided the membership between them, and their effort accomplished quick results.

Mrs. Fred Harris, Mrs. Kemp and Miss Ann Kelley, made about 25 copies of the Form Letter, which were distributed among the ladies who offered to write the 500 letters.

Wednesday, March 6, 1935

THE HOUSTO

SEARCH FOR BEAUTY QUEEN HAS STARTED

Any Girl in Harris or Adjacent Counties May Enter Contest to Reign Over Spring Jubilee.

Somewhere in Harris County or one of the seven adjacent counties, a beautiful girl is going about her daily affairs, unaware that the splendid, joyous days are in store for her as queen of Houston's First Annual Spring Jubilee, April 8, 9 and 10.

Perhaps at this moment she is helping her mother in the kitchen, answering calls on a switchboard, entertaining guests, pounding a typewriter in an office, making a newspaper bid, doubled and reduced, standing behind a counter, attending a high school class, or even milking a cow.

She may be a blonde or a brunette or a red-head, with long hair or bobbed hair, curly or straight. She may be tall or short. She may have blue eyes or hazel or gray. She may come from the city, small town or country.

Perhaps her picture is already on the jubilee director's desk. A lot of pictures are—ready to receive a number and be filed carefully away for the consideration of the judges. Perhaps she is still balking about whether or not to submit a picture. Perhaps, even, she hasn't heard yet that opportunity is knocking at her door.

offering a prize in tribute to her beauty.

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To Be Crowned Queen.

Only one thing is certain. Somehow or other, the "Search for Beauty" will find her and proclaim her as the most beautiful girl in the eight counties of Southeast Texas and crown her queen of Houston's First Annual Spring Jubilee.

Nor will the "Search for Beauty" end with the finding of a queen. Thirty-six other beautiful girls must be chosen as members of the royal court, to attend the queen on the round of teas, receptions, luncheons, shopping tours and other entertainments being arranged for the three days of the Spring Jubilee.

Who will these 37 "most beautiful girls" be?

Here are the simple rules that govern the "Search for Beauty."

Only single girls between the ages of 16 to 21 who live either in Harris County or in one of the seven adjacent counties, Waller, Montgomery, Liberty, Chambers, Galveston, Brazoria or Fort Bend, are eligible.

Every girl with these qualifications is invited to send her picture to "The Jubilee Director, Houston Chronicle, Houston, Texas," and urged to do it right away. Since the first announcement last Sunday the pictures have been coming in in a steady stream.

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Impersonal Selection.

Each picture—studio portrait, snapshot or tintype—must have the subject's name, age and address, color of hair and eyes, and weight written across the back. The jubilee director will file this information, obliterate the writing on the picture and assign it a number.

The judges, who will be named when the "Search for Beauty" ends April 1, will make their selections by number only. They are interested only in finding the 37 most beautiful girls. They will not even know the names of the girls they select until the jubilee director checks the 37 winning numbers

against his lists and announces the names.

Although the jubilee director will not be responsible for pictures submitted in the "Search for Beauty" he will make every reasonable effort to preserve them and return them to the owners who call or send for them.

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Other Features.

But the "Search for Beauty" is only one feature of Houston's First Annual Spring Jubilee. There will also be a big, free electrical exposition in the City Auditorium, eight free vaudeville shows at eight different downtown locations each day, parades and parties and a charity bazaar on a scale that has not been seen before in Houston.

The Chronicle's contribution to the charity bazaar is the offer of free space and a decorated booth to any women's club that wants one. Only stipulation is that the women in charge of the booth must agree to wear bright, colorful costumes.

Applications for space in the charity bazaar should be made at once either by telephoning the jubilee director at Preston 2211 or writing "The Jubilee Director, Houston Chronicle, Houston, Texas."

Applications for space already are coming in. To be sure that your club or organization will secure a booth it would be best to act quickly.

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Booth Awarded.

San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Texas Republic, has been awarded Booth No. 1 at the charity bazaar, the jubilee director announced Wednesday. The chapter, through its president, Mrs. Erl R. Ramsey of 2609 Smith, was the first women's organization to make application for space.

Proceeds of the sale at the Daughters of the Texas Republic booth will go into a fund which is to be used for construction of the pioneer log cabin which is to be built by the San Jacinto Chapter, Mrs. Ramsey said.

The log cabin, for which a location on Buffalo Drive already has been provided by City Council, will be operated as a historical information bureau during the Texas Centennial and open house will be maintained there by members of the chapter during the Centennial.

MRS. ERL R. RAMSEY



DONATIONS TO THE LOG HOUSE

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| Mrs. H.H. Heckert | Sakowitz Bros |
| Mrs. W.E. Dwyer | City Natl. Bank |
| Mrs. Erl Ramsey | Mrs. M.M. Dallas |
| Mr. Bernhardt Wall | Mrs. Laura T. Barrow |
| Miss Annie Williams | Williams & Porter |
| Miss Madie Williams | Mrs. Norma Sandel |
| Mrs. R.B. Browder | Mrs. Rosa W. Taylor |
| Friend of Mrs. Heckert | Mrs. L.J. Martin |
| Mrs. Frank Andrews | Mrs. Nell W. Mercer |
| Miss Ima Hogg | Dr. A.A. Ledbetter |
| Temple Lumber Co. | Mrs. A.B. Foster |
| L.W. Kemp | Mrs. H.V. Jackson |
| Graham Hall | Mr. R.L. Blaffer |
| Colonial Dames of America | Mrs. Jno L. Wortham |
| Maurice Hirsch | Woolworth |
| Nancy D. Corbett-Bay City | 1st Natl. Bank |
| Mollie B. Towles " | Miss Ann Lide |
| Sallie L Matthews " | Miss Francis Lide |
| Mrs. Harrington " | Mrs. C.P. Coleman |
| Mrs. Daisy Lewis " | Mrs. Bena Habermacher |
| Mrs. A.S. Morton " | Mrs. Mita Traylor |
| Mrs. Fred Robbins " | Mrs. Mildred McClellan |
| Mr. Herbert Godwin | Mrs. WM. Hansen |
| Jesse H. Jones | Mrs. W.S. Hunt |
| Lewis R. Bryan | Mrs. W.D. Hood |
| Mrs. E.T. Adkins | South Texas Comm'l Bank |
| Mrs. Geo Berlet | Mrs. M. Ives |
| Mrs. Bertha McKay | Mr. H.C. Wiess - Humble |
| Mrs. C.F. Pierce | Southwest Bell Tel Co |
| Mrs. Kyle Hamblen | Mrs. Jennie M. Decker |
| Mrs. B.M. Carr | Mrs. Merrem |
| Mrs. Thos F. White | Mrs. G.J. Scott |
| Miss Mary Tod | Mrs. Clem L Bassett |
| Mrs. Osceola Tod | Mrs. Mildred Carroll |
| Mrs. Eugene Harris | Mrs. Lula B. Rembaud |
| Mrs. Geo Baldwin | Mrs. Leland Hemmer |
| Mrs. Carrie Kemp | Mrs. O.H. Eichblatt |
| Mrs. Hallye B. Perry | Mrs. H.W. Fling |
| Mrs. Sallie Bibb | Mrs. Alice Rubank |
| Mr. Arthur Lefevre | Lady W. Ch. D.A.R. |
| Mrs. Henry R. Maresh | J.S. Cullinan |
| Mrs. P.S. Griffith | Mrs. Jewett |
| Mrs. Ezwoh Shead | Mrs. M.T. Gardner |
| Mrs. F.M. Bowles | Current Literature Club |
| Mr. Wharton Terry - Galveston | Mrs. Fred Harris |
| Robt E. Lee CH. U.D.C. | Mrs. A.A. Moore |
| Mrs. M.G. Milby | Texas Co. |
| Mrs. Lucy Anderson | Mrs. E.H. Suhr |
| Mrs. Garey Arnold | Mrs. Carrie Seureaux |
| Mrs. Barney Fugain | W.S. Curtis Co |
| Mrs. Geo Herman | R.W. Franklin |
| Mrs. S.W. Mabry | Mrs. O. R. Weyrich |
| Miss Laura Millem | Mrs. J.D. Kelley |
| Mrs. J.G.T. Milby | Mrs. P.F. Phelps |
| Mrs. Guy Picket | H.E. Maddox |
| Mrs. Joe H. Eagle | Mrs. W.R. Snyder |
| Mrs. Madge Hearne | Mr. Robert Edwin Kemp |
| Henke & Pillot | Mr. Franklin B. Kemp |
| Supt. Ry Express | |
| W.R. Torrey | |

DONATIONS TO THE LOG HOUSE

Miss Beatrice Groce
Mrs. Leila Groce Cravens
Mrs. Alfred Cravens Campbell
Miss Estella Groce
Mrs. F.H. Devine
Mrs. C.C. Oden
Mrs. H.M. Garwood
Mrs. Stude
Mrs. R.J. Calder
Mrs. O.M. Jackson
Dr. John T. Moore
Mary Janet Harris
Oran M. Roberts Chapter- Daus. of the Confederacy
H.G. and Mrs. Sandland

From Mrs. Hedley Jackson- Treasurer

NAMES OF DONORS GIVING MATERIAL

Spencer Saurer Lumber Co.
Peden Iron & Steel Co.
Henke & Pilot
Shepherd Drive Rock & Stone Co.
National Lumber & Creosoting Co.
Mr. John MacKay
W.R. Chase & Co. (Public Service Plumbing Co.)
Jacobe Brothers (Electric Co/
G.E. Bustin (Cement man)
R.B. Morris-- logs- 250
United Creosote Co.

From Mrs. Ueckert

APRIL 1935

During the month of April, 1935 about 300 letters were written by the following ladies, asking donations for the building fund of the Memorial Log House.

Miss Ann Kelley----- 58

Mrs. Carrie F. Kemp----- 47

Mrs. H. H. Jennings----- 56

Mrs. H. R. Maresh----- 62

Mrs. George Baldwin--- 32

Mrs. H. H. Ueckert-----

The number of letters written by Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Berlet were not recorded. They made many trips to town, and walking from one business house to another, asked personally for donations.

Mrs. Carl Fennity was added to the Memorial Log House Committee.

Spring Jubilee and Charity Bazaar.

April 8, 9, & 10

The Booth which Mrs. Ramsey had secured was decorated with Texas flags. Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Berlet were dressed in pioneer costumes, and assisted by Miss Annie Lee Harris (who took the place of her mother) and Mrs. Carl Fennity, they sold candy and cookies (donated by the members of the chapter,) and of all things HOT DOGS. From 4 P.M. to 10 P.M. these ladies labored faithfully, for three days, but after all expenses were paid, they cleared only \$11.50.

Donations began to come in from members of the chapter, as well as from friends. (See Treasurer's report.)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS
LOG HOUSE ACCOUNT

OUTSIDE CONTRIBUTIONS

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| Mr. Bernhardt Wall | 1.00 |
| Mrs. R. B. Browder | 1.00 |
| Friend of Mrs. Ueckert | 1.00 |
| Temple Lumber Company | 10.00 |
| L.W. Kemp | 5.00 |
| Graham Hall | 5.00 |
| Colonial Dames of America | 5.00 |
| Maurice Hirsch | 2.50 |
| Nancy Corbett | 2.50 |
| Sallie L. Matthews | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Harrington | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Daisy Lewis | 5.00 |
| Mrs. A.S. Morton | 5.00 |
| Herbert Godwin | 5.00 |
| Jesse H. Jones | 10.00 |
| Lewis R. Bryan | 5.00 |
| Arthur Lefevre | 5.00 |
| Wharton Terry | 20.00 |
| Robt. E. Lee Chapter, U.D.C. | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Joe H. Eagle | 7.00 |
| Henke & Pillot | 25.00 |
| Superintendent Railway Express Agy. | 1.00 |
| W. T. Torrey | 5.00 |
| Sakowitz Bros. | 10.00 |
| City National Bank | 25.00 |
| Williams & Porter | 10.00 |
| Dr. A. A. Ledbetter | 3.00 |
| R. L. Blaffer | 25.00 |
| Mrs. John L. Wortham | 10.00 |
| Woolworths | 5.00 |
| First National Bank | 10.00 |
| South Texas Commercial National Bank | 15.00 |
| H. C. Weiss - Humble Oil Company | 25.00 |
| S. W. Bell Telephone Company | 15.00 |
| Lady Washington Chapter, D. A. R. | 5.00 |
| J. S. Cullinan | 100.00 |
| Mrs. Jewett | 1.00 |
| Current Literature Club | 5.00 |
| Texas Company | 50.00 |
| W. S. Curtis Company | 10.00 |
| R. W. Franklin | 10.00 |
| H.E. Maddox | 1.00 |
| Beatrice Groce | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Lelia Groce Cravens | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Alfred C. Campbell | 1.00 |
| Estele Groce | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Stude | 10.00 |
| Mrs. O.M. Jackson | 5.00 |
| Axon Club | 5.00 |
| Mrs. R.J. Calder | 3.00 |
| Dr. John T. Moore | 2.00 |
| Robert E. Kemp | 2.00 |
| Franklin B. Kemp | 2.00 |

\$ 504.00

MISCELLANEOUS CONTRIBUTIONS ETC.

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| March 2nd luncheon | .32 |
| Jubilee Sales | 22.59 |
| Stamps | .50 |
| Maps | 4.60 |
| Card Party | 146.15 |
| Auto Plates | 47.50 |
| Memorial Fund | 1,009.75 |
| Flag account | 275.00 |
| San Jacinto Chapter, D.R.T. | 100.00 |
| Loan from Mrs. E.L. Perry | 500.00 |

2,106.41

Members San Jacinto Chapter, D.R.T.

1,029.00

TOTAL

\$ 3,639.41

Itemized list of expenditures incident to the erection of the Log House

| | REBURNS |
|--|-----------------|
| San Jacinto Chapter - Change for Jubilee | 5.00 |
| Hairy Weaver - Architect - Sign for Jubilee | 2.75 |
| Mrs. Eugene Harris - Weinors - jubilee | 5.10 |
| Cocox Cola Bot. Wms - Jubilee | 5.24 |
| Waddells - Rental on chairs card party - Sanitary dairy | 1.80 |
| Mrs. Dallas' check returned | 25.00 |
| Hairy Weaver's architects fee in full | 30.00 |
| Isaac Bracey - Log cutting | 190.00 |
| Eugene Harris - overseeing log cutting | 10.00 |
| S.W. Bell Tel Co check returned a/c endorsement | 15.00 |
| Refunds from San Jacinto Memorial fund | 46.91 |
| West End Lbr. Co - rough lumber log house | 968.00 |
| Automobile plates | 50.00 |
| Houston Underwriter agency - Compensation ins. A.W.Larkin | 55.00 |
| G.P. Bustin - Foundation | 265.00 |
| Sam Hawkins - hauling logs from creosote plant to site | 45.00 |
| John McKay - Contract \$650.00 plus \$2.00 Miscellaneous | 652.00 |
| Peden Iron & Steel Co. - rough hardware | 121.34 |
| Fred. Nethers - hauling dirt for porch | 7.50 |
| E. Kilecky & Co - millwork | 383.00 |
| Mrs. E.T. Harris - 1 centennial memb. mdc deposit made to wrong account | 1.00 |
| Mrs. F.H. Ueckert - cleaning yard log house | 5.00 |
| Walton Morgan - stain job | 30.00 |
| Plumbing service Co. - Log house | 2.00 |
| R. Wright - finishing floors | 275.00 |
| Jacobe Bros. elec wiring | 55.00 |
| Bustin Mays - step stones | 216.40 |
| T.J. Burnet - fire extinguishers | 5.00 |
| | <u>5.00</u> |
| TOTAL | 5,553.04 |
| Mrs Lewis Bryan | 5.00 |
| Profit from Jubilee | 1.00 |

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

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| Total receipts | 3,660.41 |
| Disbursements | 3,553.04 |
| | Balanced |
| Cash on hand in bank, April, 30, 1936 | 107.87 |

Treasurer, San Jacinto Ch. D.R.T.

TREASURER'S REPORTS
Log Cabin Fund

Balance on hand

Cash received 386.26

Cash Disbursements

Expense incurred during Jubilee 16.09
Balance on Hand 370.17

Received during Month

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| L.W. Kemp | 5.00 |
| Graham Hall | 5.00 |
| Colonial Dames | 5.00 |
| Mr. Maurice Hirsch | 2.50 |
| Mrs. Nancy Corbett Bay City | 2.50 |
| Mrs. Mollie Towles | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Sallie Matthews | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Harrington | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Daisy Lewis | 5.00 |
| Mrs A.S Morton | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Fred S. Robbins | 25.00 |
| Mr. Herbert Godwin | 5.00 |
| Mr. Jesse Jones | 10.00 |
| Mrs Lewis Bryan | 5.00 |
| Profit from Jubilee | 11.50 |

Respectfully submitted

Dorah K Jackson

Treasurer, San Jacinto Chapter, D.R.T.

MAY 1935

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At the regular meeting of the chapter San Jacinto Chapter, May 2nd. 1935, at the home of Mrs. H.R. Maresh, it was voted to leave the building of the Log House entirely in the hands of the Pioneer Memorial Committee. This did away with the necessity of called meetings of the chapter during the Summer months.

Mrs. George Baldwin was added to the Pioneer Memorial Committee.
May 8th. 1935

The Pioneer Memorial Committee met at the home of Mrs. George Berlet, May 8th. 1935, with the following ladies present.

Mrs. Erl Ramsey, President, Mrs. George Berlet, General Chairman, and Mesdames, Madge Hearne, Carrie F. Kemp, Thomas F. White, H.A. Pulliam, John M. Nagle, H.H. Ueckert, Eugene T. Harris, & George Baldwin, and Miss Mary Tod. Absent, Mrs. Fred Harris(ill) Mrs. Frank Andrews, and Mrs. Carl Fennity.

This meeting was called for the purpose of mapping out the Summer work of the Committee.

Miss Mary Tod suggested that the committee charter Mr. Dow's boat, and after a ride down the Bayou, to serve lunch at the "San Jacinto Battle Grounds." Miss Tod was asked to see Mr. Dow in regard to his boat.

Another suggestion was a book review and card party at the Sterling home at Bay Ridge. Mrs. Baldwin was asked to write Mrs. Sterling asking for the use of her home.

Mrs. Pulliam suggested a card party at the Recreation Center on Buffalo Drive. She was asked to find out price of room etc.

Mrs. H.H. Ueckert appointed Chairman of Building Committee.
Mr. Harry Weaver was invited to attend this meeting and to tell the Committee definitely the cost of construction etc. When he entered the room, and saw so many ladies, he became confused. He said that

it was impossible for him to deal with the committee as a whole, and suggested that two or three members be appointed to deal with him. This was satisfactory with the whole committee, but few wished to take the responsibility. After much discussion, Mrs. Berlet asked who would act as Chairman of the Construction end. No response-- Then she asked Mrs. H.H.Ueckert if she would act, and she reluctantly consented. This was a great burden lifted from the incompetent soldiers of the general chairman. Mrs. George Baldwin and Mrs. Eugene T.Harris were asked to serve with Mrs. Ueckert on the Building Committee.

Their work speaks for its self. No better chairman could have been chosen. (Mrs. Ueckert's reports are to be found at the end of this article.)

May 29th. 1935

The Pioneer Memorial Committee met at the home of Mrs. John Tod. Miss Tod reported failure to get the Dow boat.

Mrs. Pulliam reported that the Recreation Center on Buffalo Drive charged \$5.00 for the use of their room. The Committee decided to arrange for a bridge luncheon at the new Sanitary Dairy- no charge for the use of room. Mrs. Pulliam was- consisted to act as Chairman, assisted by Mrs. Fennity, to handle the affair.

Mrs. Baldwin reported that Mrs. Sterling refused the use of her home for a card party and book review.

Mrs. Ueckert read letter from Mr. H.M. Rollins regarding arrangements for treating the logs.

JUNE 14th 1935

The Pioneer Memorial Committee met at the home of Mrs. Hedley Jackson, ----

Mrs. Ueckert, Chairman of the building committee, reported on work done. She wanted instructions as to: Screens ? The Committee voted yes. Reverse plans of house to one chimney. South end to have three windows for light and ventilation. Carried.
(Mrs. Berlet and Mrs. Harris voted No.)

Small plain windows- yes.

Ceil the house- yes.

Oak floors- yes.

The General Committee voted confidence in the Chairman of Building Committee, and she be allowed to use her own judgement in connection with arrangements.

Report from Card Party(Mrs. Pulliam and Mrs. Fennity) \$56.56-
Several small contributions coming in later.)

Mrs. Carrie F. Kamp, Acting Sec.

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August 1935

The Pioneer Memorial Committee met at the Rice Hotel to hear Mr. Akers proposition re display of fire works, previously considered. He suggested a different procedure. Asked that a member of the Chapter accompany him in approaching business firms with a view to their assisting in arrangements for same, especially in sponsoring set pieces. Ladies agreed to take turns in this solicitation. Handled in this way, an office with telephone etc. expenses would not be necessary.

Cost of fire works \$1100.00 . After this is paid, final division, fifty-fifty, be made between firm and of Compton's and San Jacinto Chapter.

Building Chairman, Mrs. Ueckert, leaving the city, on account of illness of husband, to be away about two months, Mrs. E.T. Harris was asked to handle matters in connection with building, seeing to cutting of logs and anything necessary during Chairman's absence.

Mrs. Pulliam was asked to take charge of arrangements for fire works display.

(As stated before the contract with the Compton's Co. was cancelled.)

Mrs. Carrie F. Kemp, Acting Secretary.

The remaining activities of the Pioneer Memorial Committee are imbibed in the monthly reports of the Building Chairman, Mrs. H.H. Ueckert.

The general Committee met often, but when the actual building of the log house began, there was little for them to do, except to act as consultants for the Building Committee. The President was untiring in her devotion to the building of the home. Few days passed that she did not drive out to see that all was going well.

For dedication and first meeting in the home, see News Clippings, at the end of this article.

With a heart full of gratitude to the Building Committee, and all others who assisted in making her dream come true, the General Chairman of the Pioneer Memorial Committee dedicates this little book.

Sarah Groce Berlet

LOG HOUSE DONATIONS

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| 2- 1935 | Mrs. H.H. Ueckert | 100.00 |
| 2-21-1935 | Mrs. W.E. Dwyer | 100.00 |
| 2-25-1935 | Mrs. Earl Ramsey | 25.00 |
| 4-7- 1935 | Mr. Bernhardt Wall | 1.00 |
| | March 2nd Luncheon | .52 |
| 4-11-1935 | Miss Annie Williams | 1.00 |
| 4-11-1935 | Miss Madie Williams | 5.00 |
| 4- 1935 | Mrs. R.B. Browder | 1.00 |
| | Friend of Mrs. Ueckert | 1.00 |
| 4-1- 1935 | Mrs. Frank Andrews | 25.00 |
| 4-25-1935 | Miss Ima Hogg | 10.00 |
| 4-1- 1935 | Temple Lumber Co | 10.00 |
| 4-1- 1935 | L.W. Kemp | 5.00 |
| 4-5- 1935 | Graham Hall | 5.00 |
| 4-5- 1935 | Colonial Dames of America | 5.00 |
| 4-4- 1935 | Maurice Hirsch | 2.50 |
| 4-19-1935 | Nancy D. Corbett, Bay City, Texas | 2.50 |
| 4-19-1935 | Mallie B. Towles, Bay City (Wm Mathews Penny) | 2.00 |
| 4-19-1935 | Sallie L. Matthews, Bay City (Sallie Belle Penny) | 2.00 |
| 4-19-1935 | Mrs. Harrington | 2.00 |
| 4-19-1935 | Mrs. Daisy Lewis | 15.00 |
| 4-19-1935 | Mrs. A.S. Morton | 5.00 |
| 4-19-1935 | Mrs. Fred Robbins | 25.00 |
| 4-19-1935 | Herbert Godwin | 5.00 |
| 4-19-1935 | Jesse H. Jones | 10.00 |
| 4- 1935 | Lewis R. Bryen | 5.00 |
| 4- 1935 | Change returned Jubilee Sales | 5.00 |
| | Jubilee Sales | 22.59 |
| 4- 1935 | Stamps - Mrs. Peel | .50 |
| 5-2- 1935 | Mrs. E.T. Adkins | 5.00 |
| 5-2- 1935 | Mrs. Geo. Berlet | 5.00 |
| 4-2- 1935 | Mrs. C.F. Pierce | 10.00 |
| 5-2- 1935 | Mrs. Kyle Hamblen | 2.50 |
| 5-2- 1935 | Mrs. B.M. Carr | 2.00 |
| 5-10-1935 | Mrs. Thos. F. White | 5.00 |
| 5-10-1935 | Miss Mary Tod | 15.00 |
| 5-10-1935 | Mrs. Osceola Tod | 20.00 |
| 5-10-1935 | Mrs. Eugene Harris | 50.00 |
| 5-10-1935 | Mrs. Geo. Baldwin | 5.00 |
| 5-10-1935 | Mrs. Carrie Kemp | 5.00 |
| 5-10-1935 | Mrs. Hally B. Penny | 25.00 |
| 5-10-1935 | Mrs. Sallie Bibb | 5.00 |
| 5-10-1935 | Mrs. Arthur Lefevre | 5.00 |
| 5-3- 1935 | Mrs. Henry R. Marsh | 10.00 |
| 5-11-1935 | Mrs. P.S. Griffith | 5.00 |
| 5-15-1935 | Mrs. Ezwoh Snead | 5.00 |
| 5-16-1935 | Mrs. F.M. Bowles | 5.00 |
| 5-17-1935 | Mr. Wharton Terry | 20.00 |
| 5-2- 1935 | Mrs. Bertha Mackay | 5.00 |
| 5-18-1935 | Robt. E. Lee Ch. U.D.C. | 5.00 |
| 6-5- 1935 | Mrs. M.G. Milby | 50.00 |
| 6-5- 1935 | Mrs Lucy Anderson, Mrs. Garey Arnold, Barney Feagin Geo Herman, S.W. Mabry, J.G.T. Milby, Guy Picket, Joe H. Eagle, Miss Laura Milam | |
| 5-29-1935 | Sale of Maps | 85.00 |
| 5-30-1935 | Mrs. Madge Hearne | 1.80 |
| 5-24-1935 | Henke & Pillot | 25.00 |
| | | 25.00 |

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| 5- 1935 | Supt. Ry Express | 1.00 |
| 5- 1935 | Mrs. W. T. Torrey | 5.00 |
| 6-5- 1935 | Sakowitz Bros. | 10.00 |
| 6-6- 1935 | City National Bank | 25.00 |
| 6-6- 1935 | Mrs. M.M. Dallas (Ch rot'd) | 25.00 |
| 6-5- 1935 | Mrs. Laura T. Barrow | 15.00 |
| 6-8- 1935 | William & Porter | 10.00 |
| 6-13-1935 | Mrs. Norma Sandel | 5.00 |
| 6-13-1935 | Mrs. Rosa W. Taylor r | 4.00 |
| 6-13-1935 | Card Party (1 check of \$1.50 to Waddells - Chairs) | 56.66 |
| 6-28-1935 | Mrs. L.J. Martin | 5.00 |
| 6-28-1935 | Mrs. Nell W. Mercer | 5.00 |
| 6-28-1935 | Dx. A.A. Ledbatter | 3.00 |
| 6-28-1935 | Mrs. A.B. Foster | 10.00 |
| 6-28-1935 | Mrs. H.V. Jackson | 5.00 |
| 6-28-1935 | Mrs. R.L. Blaffer | 25.00 |
| 6-28-1935 | Mrs. Jno L. Wortham | 10.00 |
| 6-28-1935 | Woolworth | 5.00 |
| 7-1- 1935 | 1st National Bank | 10.00 |
| 7-1- 1935 | San Jacinto Memorial Fund | 1,009.75 |
| 7-8- 1935 | Mrs. Geo. Baldwin | 10.00 |
| 7-8- 1935 | Miss Ann Lide | 5.00 |
| 7-8- 1935 | Miss Frances Lide | 5.00 |
| 7-8- 1935 | Mrs. C.P. Coleman | 10.00 |
| 7-8- 1935 | Mrs. Bena Habermacher | 2.50 |
| 7-8- 1935 | Mrs. Mita Treylor | 3.00 |
| 7-8- 1935 | Mrs. Mildred McClellan | 5.00 |
| 7-8- 1935 | Mrs. Wm. Hansen | 5.00 |
| 7-17-1935 | Mrs. M.M. Dallas | 25.00 |
| 7-17-1935 | Mrs. W.S. Hunt | 25.00 |
| 7-17-1935 | Mrs. W.D. Hood | 5.00 |
| 7-17-1935 | South Texas Commercial Natl Bank | 15.00 |
| 7-17-1935 | Card Party (Sanitary) | 2.00 |
| 7-17-1935 | Mrs. R.M. Ives | 2.00 |
| 7-17-1935 | Mr. H.C. Wiess (Humble) | 25.00 |
| 7-24-1935 | Southwestern Bell Tel Co. | 15.00 |
| 7-27-1935 | Mrs. Jennie M. Decker | 10.00 |
| 7-27-1935 | Mrs. W.E. Merron | 2.00 |
| 8-6- 1935 | Card Party | 2.00 |
| 8-6- 1935 | Mrs. G.J. Scott | 2.00 |
| 8-6- 1935 | Mrs. Clem L. Bassett | 3.00 |
| 8-29-1935 | Mrs. Mildred Carroll | 5.00 |
| 9-27-1935 | Mrs. Geo. Baldwin | 5.00 |
| 9-27-1935 | Card Party (Peel) | 2.00 |
| 9-27-1935 | Mrs. Lula B. Rambaud | 25.00 |
| 10-3-1935 | Mrs. Leland Hamner | 5.00 |
| 10-3-1935 | Mrs. Fred Robbins | 10.00 |
| 10-3-1935 | Mrs. O.H. Eichblatt | 10.00 |
| 10-18-1935 | Card Party | 61.04 |
| 10-25-1935 | Card Party (Mrs. Liams) | 2.00 |
| 10-25-1935 | Mrs. H.W. Fling | 5.00 |
| 10-25-1935 | Mrs. Alice Euhank | 5.00 |
| 10-14-1935 | Lady Washington Ch. D.A.R. | 5.00 |
| 10-25-1935 | Mr. J.S. Cullinan | 100.00 |
| 11-7-1935 | Card Party | 11.80 |
| 11-7-1935 | Mrs. Jewett | 1.00 |
| 11-7-1935 | Mrs. M.T. Gardner | 5.00 |
| 11-7-1935 | Mrs. Geo. Baldwin | 10.00 |

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| 11-7-1935 | Current Literature Club | 5.00 |
| 11-7-1935 | Mrs. Fred Robbins | 10.00 |
| 11-7-1935 | Mrs. Fred Harris | 5.00 |
| 11-7-1935 | Mrs. A.A. Moore | 5.00 |
| 11-14-1935 | Texas Company | 50.00 |
| 11-14-1935 | Mrs. E.H. Suhr | 10.00 |
| 11-22-1935 | Mrs. Hally Perry (auto plates) | 2.50 |
| 11-22-1935 | Mrs. Carrie Seureaux | 10.00 |
| 12-3-1935 | Southwest Bell Tel Co. | 15.00 |
| 12-3-1935 | W.S. Curtis Co. | 10.00 |
| 12-3-1935 | R.W. Franklin | 10.00 |
| 12-5-1935 | Mrs. O.R. Weyrich | 5.00 |
| 12-5-1935 | Mrs. J.D. Kelley | 3.00 |
| 12-5-1935 | Mrs. B.F. Phelps | 2.50 |
| 12-5-1935 | Utility Table Card Party | 7.15 |
| 12-5-1935 | Auto Plates | 21.75 |
| 1-3-1936 | Mrs. Frank Andrews | 25.00 |
| 1-3-1936 | Sale of Maps | 2.80 |
| 1-3-1936 | Mrs. Geo. Baldwin | 5.00 |
| 1-3-1936 | Auto Plates | 7.00 |
| 1-3-1936 | Utility Table card party | .50 |
| 1-3-1936 | H.E. Maddox | 1.00 |
| 1-3-1936 | Auto Plates (Phelps) | 2.50 |
| 1-3-1936 | Auto Plates (Hood) | 1.00 |
| 1-7-1936 | Janet Harris | 10.00 |
| 1-17-1936 | Auto Plates (Howard) | 1.25 |
| 1-17-1936 | Auto Plates (Winter) | 5.00 |
| 1-17-1936 | Auto Plates (Lewis, Bay City) | 6.00 |
| 1-17-1936 | Mrs. J.C. Harris (Cent. Memb) | 1.00 |
| 1-17-1936 | San Jacinto Ch. D.R.T. | 100.00 |
| 2-7-1936 | Mrs. W.R. Snyder | 1.00 |
| 2-7-1936 | Beatrice Grece | 2.00 |
| 2-7-1936 | Mrs. Leila Grece Cravens | 1.00 |
| 2-7-1936 | Mrs. Alfred Cravens Campbell | 1.00 |
| 2-7-1936 | Mrs. Estela Grece | 1.00 |
| 2-8-1936 | Mrs. F.H. Devine | 2.50 |
| 2-8-1936 | Mrs. C.C. Oden | 5.00 |
| 2-8-1936 | Auto Plates | .50 |
| 3-3-1936 | Mrs. H.M. Garwood | 5.00 |
| 3-3-1936 | Mrs. Stude | 10.00 |
| 3-15-1936 | Mrs. Carl Benity | 5.00 |
| 3-15-1936 | Mrs. Marian Whittemore | 5.00 |
| 3-15-1936 | Mr. O.M. Jackson | 5.00 |
| 3-15-1936 | Axon Club (Mrs. Turner) | 5.00 |
| 4-2-1936 | Mrs. W.T. Cook | 5.00 |
| 4-8-1936 | Mrs. R.J. Calder | 5.00 |
| 4-8-1936 | Dr. Jno T. Moore | 2.00 |
| 4-16-1936 | Balance left from table donated by | |
| 4-22-1936 | Mrs. Hally Perry | 1.00 |
| 4-22-1936 | Mrs. Robert E. Kamp | 2.00 |
| 4-22-1936 | Mrs. Franklin B. Kamp | 2.00 |
| 4-16-1936 | Loan from Mrs. Hally Perry | 500.00 |
| 5-28-1936 | Flag Acet. San Jacinto Ch. D.R.T. | 275.00 |
| 5-6-1936 | Profile from concession-San Jacinto BattleG. | 82.60 |
| 5-13-1936 | Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Sandland | 5.00 |
| 5-13-1936 | Credit West End Lumber Co. | 24.15 |
| 5-20-1936 | Mr. E.T. Harris, Jr. | 10.00 |
| 5-6-1936 | Auto Plates | 4.50 |

January 8th - 1936

D. R. T. DEDICATION CEREMONIES



Officers and members of the San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, are shown at dedication ceremonies at the Pioneer Log Cabin in Hermann Park when work began on a memorial chimney. Stones and relics from many historic buildings in Texas will be used in the construction which is a part of the San Jacinto Centennial activities. In the foreground are Mrs. Erl R. Ramsey, president of the chapter; Mrs. Charles H. Milby, daughter of Admiral Ted of the Texas navy; Mrs. Alice Eubank, daughter of Alphonso Steele, who fought in the battle of San Jacinto; Mrs. George Berlet, general chairman of the Memorial Log Cabin committee; and little Sarah Francis Jackson, great, great grand-daughter of Benjamin Franklin. Others in the group are Mrs. Eugene Truett Harris, Mrs. George W. Baldwin, Mrs. Hedley Jackson, Mrs. MaBelle DeLescernier Carr, Mrs. E. Thurman Adkins, Mrs. J. D. Kelley, Mrs. T. M. Howard, Mrs. H. H. Jennings, Mrs. Frank Andrews, Mrs. Calvin N. Blake, Mrs. J. B. Peel, Mrs. B. F. Phelps, Mrs. W. T. Cook, Mrs. Nell Williams Mercer, Mrs. Carrie Franklin Kemp, Mrs. H. D. Morse, Mrs. Mary Cook King, Mrs. John Marion Nagle and Mrs. Thomas F. White.

This historic chimney is made of colorful stone from an old grist mill near Marble Falls, Texas, which was in operation when Texas history was in the making. The grindstone was brought from France, and settlers from miles around, including Indians, brought their yearly supply of grain to this old mill.

Among the articles gathered from historic spots, which were worked into the back of this chimney, and plainly visible, are:

- X Brick from old cistern at First Capitol of Texas, at West Columbia.
- X Brick from old well at San Felipe, the Capital of Austin's Colony.
- X Rocks from old Spanish Fort at Anahuac.
- X Stone from Old Washington on the Brazos.
- X Stones from La Bahia Mission at Goliad.
- X Brick from David G. Burnet's home. Burnet was ~~President~~ ³ interim of Texas from Mar. 2, to Oct. 22, 1836.
- X Stones from old Fort at Nacogdoches.
- X Brick from well at home of Mirabeau B. Lamar, Second President of Texas, Richmond, Texas.
- X Brick from cistern at home of Capt. Robert J. Calder, Richmond, Texas.
- X " " " at home of Mrs. Jane Long, styled "The Mother of Texas" at Richmond, Tex. This was also the location of old Fort Bend.
- " from the Sam Calder home, Richmond. He married Pres-Lamar's only daughter, and lived on the Lamar plantation.
- 10" from cistern at "Bernardo", the home of Jared E. Groce in Waller Co., built in 1822.
- 11" from fireplace at Eagle Island, the Wharton home, built in 1828.
- " " Benj. C. Franklin home at Galveston.
- Honeycomb rock from home of Jesse Lindsay McCrocklin
- French coin belonging to Sam'l. de Lamothe.
- Rocks from Palo Pinto County
- Brick from Jane Harris Home at Harrisburg
- " from C. H. Milby home in Harrisburg.
- " " home of Wm. Harrison King
- " " fireplace of old McLean home. The brick was made from the soil on the banks of Cedar Bayou, where Christian Smith, of the Old 300, located his league when he came to Texas with Austin. The grant was in the original Spanish. Title was given in 1822.
- Brick from home of John R. Fenn
- Brick from John R. King home at Seguin
- X Stones from Rutersville College, incorporated by the Republic of Texas.

built in 1832.
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- X¹³ Large stone from home of General Sam Houston, Huntsville, Texas.
- X¹⁴ Barite from the home of Moses Austin, Potosi, Mo., where Stephen F. Austin spent his childhood.
- (15) Brick from the original tomb of Stephen F. Austin, at Gulf Prairie cemetery, Peach Point, which was the home of Mrs. James F. Perry, his sister.
- X¹⁶ Stone from fireplace of old home of Dr. Chas. B. Stewart, First Signer of the Declaration of Independence, located one mile East of the old town of Montgomery, Texas.
- 1 Stones from home of Mrs. Obedience Smith and from the home her daughter, Mrs. Piety Hadley.
- X¹⁷ Brick from Sam Houston's Home (Steamboat House) West of Huntsville.

Mrs. E. R. Ramsey, President,
San Jacinto Chapter,
Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

A brick from the home of Yoakum, Sheppard's Valley, near Huntsville, Walker Co.

D O N A T I O N S

THE CITY OF HOUSTON

Hon. Oscar F. Holcombe, Mayor

Hon. D. Barker, Commissioner #1
Hon. Frank L. Holton, Commissioner #2
Hon. S. A. Starkey, Commissioner #3
Hon. Walter Pierson, Commissioner #4

in the memory of John R. and George Allen,
founders of Houston, the site on which the Memorial Log
House was constructed.

The City of Houston, through its Mayor, Hon. Oscar F. Holcombe, and its
City Commissioners, Honorable D. Barker, Frank L. Holton, S. A. Starkey
and Walter Pierson, the site on which the Memorial Log House ~~was~~ con-
structed was given to perpetuate the memory of the founders of Houston,

John R. ALLEN and George ALLEN.

Since its inception in 1891, San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, has worked unceasingly with one idea in mind—the acquisition and preservation of historic spots and keeping the fires of patriotism burning in the hearts of all those Texans whose ancestors braved the perils of frontier life.

The purchase and conversion of San Jacinto Battlefield into a State Park in 1897, was due to the efforts of San Jacinto Chapter of Houston, assisted by Hon. Walter Burns, a member of State Legislature from Harris County, together with the aid of their sister chapters thru out the State.

Undaunted by the apparently unsurmountable obstacles and hardships, this little handful of courageous women undertook the task of beautifying and improving San Jacinto's little Field of Glory. On June 4th, 1901, the members of San Jacinto Chapter, accompanied by Mr. J. W. Winters of Big Foot, Frio County, Texas, the only Texas Veteran able to undergo the fatigue of a trip to the Battlefield, marked the various spots by driving one inch galvanized iron pipes bearing a small inscribed cross on the top. This expense was borne by San Jacinto Chapter and members individually.

In 1912 this same little group of Texas patriots from San Jacinto Chapter reported at their State Convention, that all iron pipe and cross markers had been replaced with granite boulders, twenty in all, at a cost of \$650.00 to the chapter. It is needless to say this money was earned by these same determined and untiring Texas Daughters. They are also responsible for the fence being built which encloses the battlefield, protecting this hallowed ground from vandals and intruders.

Since 1912, nine historic locations in and around Houston have been marked with suitable tablets properly inscribed. This work has cost San Jacinto Chapter \$ 550.00. They have many other projects in mind, which they hope to have completed prior to the opening of the Centennial activities. All of this work entails a large outlay of money, which will of course, be borne by San Jacinto Chapter. Generous contributions all these years have been made towards the upkeep of their State Museum in Austin as well as a State Scholarship Fund. Each year they have added to the San Jacinto Memorial Fund which amounts to \$ 995.00 at this time.

In asking for contributions to the Pioneer Memorial Log House, the Chapter feels, it is giving the patriotic minded men and women thru out the city, state and United States, the privilege to express their appreciation and gratitude in a material way to those brave men whose brawny arms forged the bolts which hold our great state.

This house is to be so constructed that when another hundred years roll round and Texas is celebrating its Bi-Centennial, the grandchildren of the donors will be proud to see the name of their ancestor enshrined in the old log house, together with ~~many~~ other relics which will be preserved for all time. *(many)*

Over a year ago, San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, deemed it their duty and privilege to do something by way of celebrating the Centennial year, and one of our Past Presidents, Mrs. Rosalie Groce Berlet, conceived the idea of constructing a log cabin, to be dedicated to the pioneer men and women of Texas, wherein we could receive and entertain Houston's visitors, from far and near, during our Centennial year.

This idea seemed to meet with the approval of everyone, and we received hearty co-operation from many sources. The Mayor and City Commissioners gave us a beautiful wooded site in Herman Park, adjoining the hospital grounds. Mr. Robert B. Morris, State President of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, donated the logs, which the National Lumber & Creosoting Company treated, free of charge, making them permanently immune from rot and insect attack, also creosoting the shingles, and many and organizations firms, and individuals made generous contributions, a record of which will be kept inside the building.

Work upon this house began several months ago, and is now nearing completion. It contains a living room 60 x 26 ft., a library 22 x 18 ft., kitchen, rest rooms and hallway, with a large front gallery.

The huge chimney, which contains an oldfashioned "warming oven" at one side, is made of colorful stone from an old grist mill near Marble Falls, Texas, which was in operation when Texas history was in the making. The grindstone was brought from France, and settlers from miles around, including Indians, brought their yearly supply of grain to this old mill.

On January 13th., when the chimney was started, members of San Jacinto Chapter gathered together, bringing articles from the homes of their forefathers, and other historic spots in Texas, and these were

worked into the chimney, among them being stones, bricks and rocks from:
the following places:

The home of Moses Austin, in Missouri, where Stephen F. Austin spent
his childhood.

Old well at San Felipe, Capitol of Austin's Colony.

The Old Spanish Fort at Anahuac, where Wm. Barrett Travis and Patrick
C. Jack were held prisoners by Bradburn^{W.M.} until released by their friends
from Brazoria County.

La Bahia Mission at Goliad, where the first Declaration of Independence
was drafted and signed, but was not adopted.

Old Washington-on-the-Brazos, where the Republic of Texas was born
March 2nd., 1836, and where the Texas Congress accepted the terms
of annexation offered by the Congress of the United States in 1845,
although the Republic did not cease to exist un Feb. 16, 1846, at Austin

Home of David G. Burnet, President ad interim from Mar. 2nd., to
October 22nd., 1836.

From cistern at the first Capital of Texas at West Columbia, where
the first Congress met, and where Sam Houston was ~~fix~~ inaugurated as
the first elected President of the Republic.

~~xxxxxxMirabeauB.LamarxxxxSecondPresidentxxxx~~

Home of General Sam Houston at Huntsville, and also from the
Steamboat House, in which General Houston died.

Home of Mirabeau B. Lamar, Second President of Texas, at Richmond.

~~original~~
From the tomb of Stephen F. Austin, at Peach Point.

Home Of Dr. Chas. B. Stewart, near Montgomery, Secretary ~~of state~~
of the Provisional Government of 1835, and first signer of the
Declaration of Independence of March 2nd., 1836.

The old stone fort at Nacogdoches.

The home of Mrs. Jane Long, ~~xxx~~ called the "Mother of Texas",
which was also the site of old Fort Bend, from which Fort Bend
County gets its name.

From Rutersville College, which was incorporated by the Republic of
Texas, ~~and from various other homes,~~ and from various ~~other~~ homes,
which time will not permit me to mention.

While this building was started several months ago, in ample
time, we thought, for its completion and furnishing before March 2nd.,
Texas Independence Day, the San Jacinto Centennial Association having

adopted us and included the dedication ceremonies in their program of March 2nd., there has been so much bad weather during the winter that the work is behind schedule, and while it is not customary to dedicate a building before it is actually completed, it has been decided that our hospitality house will be so near completion that we will not be doing violence to precedent by proceeding with the dedication ceremonies as planned.

Therefore, you and all of your friends are here and now cordially invited to come out at 3:30 P. M. March 2nd., and assist us in a patriotic dedication of this Memorial Log Cabin to the Pioneer Men and Women who established and maintained the Republic of Texas. Bishop A. Frank Smith, himself a descendant of early pioneers, will give the invocation and benediction, and Mr. Daffan Gilmer, a son of the Republic of Texas, will be the principle speaker.

Mrs. Erl R. Ramsey, President

TEXAS CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

GULF STATES LIFE BLDG.

DALLAS, TEXAS

March 6, 1935

Mrs. Earl R. Ramsey, President
San Jacinto Chapter
Daughters of the Republic of Texas
Houston, Texas

My dear Mrs. Ramsey:

We thought perhaps you might be interested in knowing that the enclosed news article, in which your organization is mentioned, has been sent from this office to 665 Texas newspapers and publications, and to 294 County Centennial chairmen in Texas, in connection with the campaign, designed to augment interest in the forthcoming Centennial celebrations in 1936.

Cordially yours,

John D. Middleton
John D. Middleton, Chairman
Publicity & Educational Committee

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FROM THE TEXAS CENTENNIAL COMMISSION
Dallas, Texas

RELEASE ON RECEIPT

HOUSTON, Texas, March 2 (Special) The Houston City Council has donated a site on Buffalo Drive here to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas as a location for a pioneer-style log cabin to be erected in memory of the pioneer men and women of Texas.

The house, which will be fitted with furnishings such as were used in the early days, will be thrown open to visitors expected in the city during the Centennial celebration of 1936. Women of the San Jacinto Chapter, D.R.T., plan to keep open house there during the gala event.

Part of the material for the building will be donated by Robert Morris, President of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, and a drive for funds for the construction of the cabin, which will cost approximately \$4,000, has been launched by the Daughters.

Plans for the structure provide for one large room, 26x60 feet, a library 18x19 feet, and a kitchen, rest room and porch. In the structure will be housed many heirlooms and relics of the earlier days.

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The logs have been treated and are ready to be hauled to the site in Herman Park. We have progressed quite a bit, sometimes I feel as tho we are standing still, but there are so many angles to this undertaking and the further handieap of small capital to work with, it is marvelous that we are as near our goal as we are. If we owned the ground, we could borrow, as it is, we are compelled to have all the money on hand before we can start. We cannot use free labor, for the reason our money would have to be turned over to the City. Judging from the three bids received, this amount in the hands of the City would go no where and their first requirement is that we have ALL the money in hand. The cheapest bid I have received and that is for the large Auditorium, rest room and kitchen, for it would be too impractical to build without restroom facilities, for what sort of hospitality could we extend to Centennial visitors without this feature and at that distance from town? The bid for this was \$3600.00.

The committee has even entertained the idea of a smaller auditorium but this did not help the situation any. The facts I am presenting have been gleaned from days, weeks and months of investigation and hard work. Never in my life have I ever worked so hard and accomplished so little but we must never accept defeat. As a last resort, I determined to ask for bids on the various parts of the building, which I shall submit below just to demonstrate WHY the building, minus the library, will cost \$2600.00, securing separate bids as about the only solution of the problem.

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| Wiring, plus fixtures | \$ 250.00 |
| Plumbing, including septic tank | 500.00 |
| Lumber, material etc | 1400.00 |
| Foundation | 200.00 |
| Chimney | 200.00 |
| Hauling Logs to site | 60.00 |
| Labor of construction | 700.00 |

These estimates are not final, only a close approximation, but when they are assured we are going ahead, a final estimate somewhat below these figures will be submitted.

We have in the Log House Fund \$400.77. In the Flag Fund is \$425.00 \$200.00 of which can be added to the Log House Fund - this Memorial House is one of the largest markers we have ever attempted and as I have done most of the work in connection with the sale of the flags, I feel priveleged in suggesting this as a means to an end. San Jacinto Chapter could add \$150.00 or \$200.00 by not paying State dues until March when they are actually due and owing. This would raise the fund to \$2400.00 and I actually believe when I get the final estimates \$2500.00 will pay for the building. What if we did have to leave off the lighting fixtures or the varnishing of the logs for a month or two until we could provide or make more money? Why should we be asking outsiders for help when we can help ourselves? What we want is ACTION. We must go forward, we cannot go backward for the reason that \$200

of this Fund has been spent on preparing the logs. We cannot fail this near our goal. We are in a critical position in the eyes of the public and as I see it, there is nothing left to do but build the house. We should all be delighted beyond measure with the prospect of a lovely meeting place such as this will be. We may not be able to provide all the comforts at first but they will follow just as surely as the sun shines. Just fancy having a 26 X 60 ft assembly room in which to meet and hold our parties, book reviews and even allow others to meet for a certain donation as we will be tax free and cannot ask a regular rental but a donation. The Library may be added at a later date when we have the necessary money.

Quite a few of the members who pledged have paid and several since last meeting but in order to meet the building requirements, I am asking and urging the rest of you to pay now or not later than the last of the month. Also pay your dues as that will enable the chapter to add to the building fund. This is your Log House and I should think that each and every loyal daughter of the Republic should feel it a privilege and a sacred duty to contribute to this fund. Now is the time to show your patriotism and an opportunity to honor that ancestor of whom you are so proud and which entitles you to membership in this exclusive organization. If you can give no more than \$1, let us have it, but give until it hurts, we must all work and give if we expect to realize our dream. Just remember, an opportunity is extended to the treasurer or Secretary will be happy to receive your donation or pledge, Mrs Fullam is Finance Chairman of the Log House. I move that San Jacinto Chapter suspend payment of State dues until March in order to add to the building fund and let the work of construction start at once.

I am wondering how many of the members would make a loan of \$25.00 or more to this Log House Fund until such time as the Chapter could repay it? This is another method I suggest of raising \$100.00 Or more if need be.

I have given my time and effort freely but I have also reached the ~~point~~ breaking point unless more interest and co-operation is shown, now is the time to put your shoulder to the wheel and let us go over 100%, or select another chairman to carry on the work, someone else may be able to do more with it than I have. I have given you the best there is in me and shall continue to do so but I must have help, I have gone as far as I can do it is humanly possible to do.

November 7th, 1936

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Carnal Ueckert,
Building Chairman

Mary Belle Smith Harris
Virginia Turley Baldwin
Co-Chairman

Houston, Texas, December 5th, 1935

—Report on Log House—

Since the last meeting of San Jacinto Chapter, many events have transpired. We are happy to report much progress on our beloved Memorial Log House.

On Nov 21st, 1935 the Log House Committee held a meeting in the home of the Building Chairman and after hearing the report of the Building Com and discussing the matter at length, voted unanimously to accept the findings of the Com. We finally succeeded in contacting a man by the name of Mr John Mackay who is an experienced builder and also understands log construction and after many attempts and much effort we succeeded in reducing the cost of the building as per plans of Mr Harry Weaver, Architect, to a figure much below our expectations, for until we got Mr Mackay to figure for us, the lowest price we received on the building as outlined, was \$5500.00. The log work was the stumbling block. By taking each unit or component part of the building separately, we finally arrived at a cost of \$3185.06. In other words we have a separate contract with the electrician, plumber, stone mason, log and carpenter work, also foundation. Mr Mackay will handle the log, carpenter and foundation work, and have supervision over all the other contractors, which is a big relief to the Building Chairman. This price of \$3185.06, however, does not include lighting fixtures, finishing of floors, landscaping of grounds nor miscellaneous expense. In the miss expense is the item of compensation insurance and public liability, which the Chairman has taken out, fully protecting the workman as well as the public. This cost the sum of \$35.00, which is ten dollars below the minimum fee, consequently there will be no rebate in case of no accident. This was a \$10 contribution by the Houston Underwriters Agency thru their agent, Mr Larkin.

The contract was signed at the home of our President on November 27th, 1935, in the presence of the Building Chairman, Mr Mackay and Mrs H R Ramsey and work on the foundation was started on November 28th, Thanksgiving Day. Quite a bit of lumber has been laid on the ground and the foundation work is progressing slowly, because the carpenter made only half of the forms instead of all of them, as a measure of economy, consequently will have to wait until the piers are dry enough to remove the forms and start the others. We have figured in every manner to save material and labor and if the work appears to move slowly, just have patience and be grateful to the man who has done his utmost to come within our requirements. In order to obtain the low discount on all of the lumber to be used in the building, the Lumber Co required us to pay for the bill as made and figured, also check by several, cash in advance. We have a separate agreement whereby any material not ordered out of the yards, is to be paid for at face value, any lumber picked up and returned by the Lbm Co, would be at a 10% discount. The West End Lumber Co was the lowest bidder and in this agreement between us is to haul free of charge all of the necessary shingles out to the Paint of the National Cross-tongue Co to be creosoted, pick them up and haul out to the job, also give us all of the slabs needed for finishing work on the doors and window frames, the carpenter is to do the selecting and hauling of them, this agreement is in writing. All of the other contracts, except carpenter labor and log work, are to be paid upon completion and acceptance of the work. The Carpenter will have a weekly pay roll, after the work is completed. The Carpenter is to take out builder's risk insurance. We all should feel very happy and thankful over our good fortune and look forward with eagerness to the day when the house will be finished and ready for occupancy, as well as be patient with any delays which may occur.

Log House #2

The logs are to be hauled to the site this week, starting tomorrow morning. Your chairman feels extremely fortunate in getting a man to haul the logs for \$35 when we had virtually closed with another man for \$45. The bids ranged from \$120.00 to \$35.00. Mr Mackay located this man thru one of his carpenters.

On behalf of the building committee, your chairman wishes to thank those of you who have paid your pledges in full and to urge the rest of you to complete your pledges as soon as possible, and to do so not later than the 20th of December. We expect to have the building finished in six weeks from date of contract and the money must be in the bank to meet these bills.

It does not take much effort to visualize the completed building and it will really be a great source of pleasure to all of us and to know that each of us had a part in helping with the work and paying for it, however small the part may be, will make the Memorial Log House doubly dear to us.

Sincerely yours,

3227 Avalon Place

Laura Carnal Ueckert
Building Chairman

Mary Belle Smith Harris
Virginia Turley Baldwin
Co-Chairmen

In Re The Log House, Disbursements to date-----

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| Foundation, G E Bustin | \$ 190.00 |
| Cutting, peeling and hauling logs | 145.00 |
| Compensation Insurance | 35.00 |
| Rough Lumber, West End Lumber Co | 960.00 |
| Rough Hardware, Feden & Co | 99.54 |
| Finished Hardware, Feneden & Co | 27.00 |
| Dirt filling under front porch | 7.50 |
| John McKay, builder | 500.00 |
| E Mulcahy, Mill work, | \$ 250.00 |
| Total to date | \$2521.84 |

Contracts to be completed, due in two weeks.

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| Balance on Mill work | \$ 190.00 |
| Plumbing | 275.00 |
| Wiring | 200.00 |
| Plastering | 75.00 |
| John McKay, bal on labor contract | 150.00 |
| Total | \$830.00 |

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| Cash on hand in Log House Fund | \$266.06 | 561.08 |
| Cash on hand in Flag Acct | 275.00 | \$ 277.00 |
| Total cash | \$541.06 | \$ 277.00 Bal due |

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The item of \$400, cost of the chimney is to be taken care of by the San Jacinto Cen Ass'n, also the item of \$91.00 for the additional logs needed to complete the job. It hardly seems possible that we are this near completion and owe the small amount of \$277.08. The wiring contract was increased approximately \$48 for the reason that it was deemed advisable to add additional plugs and outlets for future use, for it was far less expensive to do so at the time of installation than to attempt it later and have exposed wiring. We were very fortunate to be able to conceal the wires, this was possible on account of all wiring being placed in a lead conduit, and chinking put on after the installation. We have provided service outlets for electric hot plate or stove in kitchen as well as for refrigeration, this was not taken care of in the first estimate nor was it shown on the plans. As yet we have no funds available for electric light fixtures nor finishing the floors, which of course can be done as we get to it. However, I would recommend that we finish the hardwood floors, add burlap drapes and folding chairs. Our plan for getting the folding chairs is to have each member buy her own chair, wholesale prices have been obtained on the best type of hardwood folding chairs, amply reinforced with steel, good solid, restful back.

The grounds will have to be filled, it will take around one hundred loads and then graded and ditched to carry the water off. Thru the efforts of Mr K C Lowry, the man who owns all the park concessions in Herman Park, we secured about 15 loads of free dirt which filled in the front but of course that is not enough. We had planned to use flag stepstones from the street to the steps, which Mr Sweeney of the Sheperd Drive Rock and Stone Co will supply and place just as soon as we can get the front graded which should be attended to just as soon as the contracts are all finished. A wishing well and a small barbecue pit would add to the setting, which the stone man will build and let us have time on, should we desire. The flag pole is one of the galvanized logs which will do service until we can install and pay for a pipe pole. Mr McKay took great pleasure in fixing it for us.

When the last flag statement was made, a balance of \$164.00 was indicated and the flag chairman pledged \$200.00 to the Log House Fund, to day we are happy to report \$275.00, enough to pay the plumbing contract, for which we are grateful to those who bought and sold flags. Mrs Baldwin bought two small companion sets, rs Kemp's daughterinlaw bought a set of the six flags for a Sunday school program, Mrs Blake bought a 2x8 ft bunting flag, Mrs Milby purchased 2 large two piece flag poles and one 4x6 ft bunting flag just prior to March Seond. Mrs Harris sola two sets of miniature flags, US and Tex. So you see we progress step by step thru the cooperation of the members and the \$275 from the flag fund is a great help, but when the check for that amount is paid into the Log House Fund, that wipes out the Flag Account but with your cooperation it willnot be long before the account will again be active. There has been a flag account since May 5th, 1936.

The matter of a circle graveled drive in the rear of the building has been taken up with Mr Nagle and he will let us know later what can be done. The ground is very low in the back and needs a quantity of dirt. The drive will have to be laid out by a landscape artist so he informed me and he promised to take it up with the man who does the work for the City, but lives in Kansas City.

The River Oaks Rose Club has promised us a Manolia tree and it should be planted just as soon as we can get to it. We should plant all native shrubs, such as dogwood, redbud, hawthorne, holly and Yupon, also yellow jasmine, woodbine and honeysuckle, the latter placed on trellisis. We have unlimited possibilities for beautifying the grounds and house and it can be made the outstanding attraction of the Park, and we owe it to the City to do this.

The Axson Club has promised to donate a nice piece of furniture in April.

We hope to have many surprises for you when we actually "move i in". We should be overjoyed with the prospect of this beautiful Memorial Log House as a permanent meeting place, with the great outdoors on all sides with the freedom of the pioneers, the whispering pines and the soft rustle of the leaves to accompaniment of a mocking bird symphony. May I express the hope as chairman of the construction work that each time you visit this place your interest and love will increase, for I never tire of sitting there dreaming and this is the fourth month of being out there daily. There is nothing in the City to compare with it, we have a meeting place second to none and how we should revere and treasure it, work for it, sacrifice and glory in the good fortune which has come our way.

Respectfully submitted,

January 2nd, 1936

Laura Carnal Ueckert,
Building Chairman

Mary Belle Smith Harris
Virginia Turley Baldwin
Co-Chairmen

Apr. 2nd 1936 - the
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regular
meeting
of the
Chapter.
(Minutes
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taken)

Our much cherished and long anticipated dream is at last a glorious reality. We are here and here to stay for a long, long time, I hope. To-day, is history in the making, a real epoch in the life of the Chapter. On March the Second, 1936, this Memorial Log House was dedicated to the memory of the Pioneer Women and Men of Texas - today, at our first Chapter meeting held here, every loyal Daughter of the Republic of Texas, rededicates herself and pledges her efforts anew in helping to perpetuate the memory, spirit and lofty ideals of those noble men and women of Early Texas.

When I reluctantly accepted the Chairmanship of the Building Committee, I fully realized that it would be a difficult task to carry to completion our undertaking, but by the wildest stretch of the imagination, I never dreamed of so many unheard of complications, but thanks to the hearty cooperation of our Mayor, City Council, our President, General Chairman and the Log House Committee, "we are here Lafayette".

We are forever indebted to the men who worked on the building, even to the negroes, who did such a pretty job of notching the logs. All of this work was tedious, heavy and difficult, with the worst sort of weather thrown in for good measure, but they stuck to the work until it was finished. Every man worked for less than the prevailing scale, the electrician gave us cost, the plumber gave us almost cost. The wiring was done by Jacob Bros, all of the wires are placed in lead conduit which greatly reduces fire hazard. The chimney which is the chief attraction of the assembly room, was made possible thru the Sheppard Drive Rock & Stone Co, the actual cost was over \$500, it cost us \$400, which makes Mr Erl Sweeny a large contributor to our work. Mr W R Ohse installed the plumbing and has done an excellent job.

The National Lumber and Creosoting Co, aside from the City, is our greatest benefactor, for it is due to the treatments given the logs, that we confidently expect the walls of this Log House to be here to help commemorate the next Centennial, barring all unprecedented happenings.

Mr G E Bustin, cement man had a sad fate - this being the first job of its kind he ever bid on, lost over a hundred dollars on the work. Someday when we are out of debt, I heartily recommend that we reimburse this good man for his loss, as he was kind enough to stay with it and finish.

To Mr John MacKay we owe much - for had it been anyone else, I fear he would have deserted us in the midst of the work - two weeks at a time he could do nothing. Everyone who sees the job, marvels at the workmanship particularly when you remember how crooked some of the logs were. The cement chinking will fall out in pieces from time to time as the house settles, that is expected, but on the whole we have a house that had it been built by the architect who drew the plans would have cost \$6 or \$7000.00 and I question it being as well built as this one is. Mr McKay takes a great pride in his work and expects this building to stand as a monument to his skill. He was forced to use cheaper labor than he is accustomed to but under his eagle eye we have a good job.

The Total cost of the building at this time will not be given for at the time this statement is being made, the work is still in progress but by the next meeting, we hope to give you a detailed statement of every dollar spent. There is one thing however, in connection with the cost of the building that I wish to speak of at this time. We came within \$257 of having enough money to finish the contracts as made. Last Fall when the

question of financing the project came up, Mrs Hally B Perry graciously offered to loan us the sum of \$500.00. I waited until I knew exactly what I should need to finish the contracts as made before a committee meeting of the entire Log House Com was called. This was done. The Committee decided that it was well to borrow the entire \$500 and finish the floors, stain the woodwork and pay off the balance of the contracts. This was done. Mrs E R Ramsey as President and Mrs H A Fulliam as Recording Secretary signed five - notes, of one hundred dollars each, bearing interest at the rate of 3% per annum, the notes are made on or before and may be taken up without interest before maturity; one note per year with interest must be paid, but I sincerely hope every effort will be made to pay this money back as soon as possible. In signing these notes as President and Secretary of San Jacinto Chapter, obligates each and every member of this Chapter to help in every way to meet this obligation. This is your home in which we hope you will feel a great pride and enjoyment in its possession, but it is also your obligation.

One of the greatest needs of the day is to make people feel a sense of personal responsibility - but loyal Daughters as we all must be to be worthy of our membership, need no urging to stand by their colors.

We have been most fortunate in having people do lovely things for us and I am quite sure as time goes on, we will be the recipient of many lovely gifts for the house and shrubbery for the yard. We are indebted to the River Oaks Rose Club for a lovely magnolia tree and two dogwood bushes for which we are appreciative.

Two of our members expressed a desire to donate some rawhide, hickory chairs, to be dedicated as follows:

Mrs Margaret Carnal Pierce gave fifteen of these chairs which are to be dedicated to the Founders of the organization of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Miss Betty Ballinger of Galveston and Mrs Hally Bryan Perry of Houston; to the organizers of San Jacinto Chapter and to the Past Presidents of San Jacinto Chapter, fourteen in number. The odd chair is for the use of Mrs Pierce. These chairs are truly typical of the period.

Mrs Gertrude Parnal Fulliam gave ten of the same sort of chairs dedicated in loving remembrance of our Mother, Mrs Elizabeth McCrocklin Carnal, these chairs are to have the names of the people to whom dedicated, burned into the wood, and are to be used by new members and visitors, one of them is to be reserved for use of Mrs Fulliam.

The small fireside rocker is dedicated to Mrs Anson Jones, the first President of the State organization, this is donated by your humble servant.

The larger chairs in rawhide occupied by the presiding officers are dedicated to the first Presidents of the Republic, Sam Houston, Mirabeau Lamar and Anson Jones. These chairs were presented by the descendants of these illustrious men, Mrs Madge Williams Hearne, Mrs Carrie Calder Blake and Miss Elizabeth Calder and Judge Charley Ashe. Later, we are to have a Council table dedicated to the memory of the Father of Texas, Stephen Fuller Austin. We are so proud of these donations coming from our own members, it means so much. The Austin table is being presented by the descendants here in Houston, it will be a rough table in accordance with everything else.

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My work as Chairman of our Memorial Log House is dedicated to all of the worthy Texas Pioneers, but particularly is it dedicated in loving remembrance of our Grandfather, Jesse Lindsay McCrocklin, a soldier of San Jacinto and one who served throughout the days of the Republic, and his faithful wife, Isabella Harris McCrocklin.

I feel that it has been the greatest privilege of my life to help build this home for all of us and the hardships and personal sacrifices I have made, fade into the misty distances in the realization of our project. There have been times that I felt I could not go on, but ever uppermost in my mind was the thought that "we cannot" fail, they did not fail us, how can we do less than they. All I ask as recompense is that you "not look a gift horse in the mouth" - the house is not perfect, but pass the imperfections by, see the rose and not the thorn.

Never once did I forget that I was representing San Jacinto Chapter in all of my dealings for them and tried to reflect the spirit of the organization at all times.

Since the Chapter is obligated to a great extent for the present time, there is one expense they voted to make and so far as I am personally concerned, I shall ask them to not make - sometime back a motion was passed to buy the past presidents' a pin - if at some future time, the money can be spared, the matter can be attended to then. I need neither thanks or praise for my part of the work - it was a selfish pleasure. I thoroughly enjoyed the work.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Carnal Ueckert,
Building Chairman

Mary Bell Smith Harris,
Co-Chairman

Virginia Turley Baldwin,
Co-Chairman

April Second,
1936-

Houston, Texas.

Houston, Texas, May 7th, 1936

--- Final Statement on Memorial Log House---

On November 21st, 1935, the Log House Committee met in the home of the Building Chairman, Mrs H H Uegkert, for the purpose of considering a bid submitted by Mr John MacKay, for the work of constructing our proposed Log House. The bid was accepted. It amounted to the sum of \$3185.06. It did not include finishing of floors nor staining wood work. The Com. also authorized an incidental expense not to exceed \$314.94, in other words the contract was not to exceed \$3500.00 if possible. The original contract as signed by the builder and accepted by the Com. and sub-contractors is hereto attached and made a part of this financial report.

Additional Logs had to be bought which amounted to \$91.00. The chimney cost over ran \$14.00 on account of adding tile flue linings. The chimney was \$400 and the \$91 for additional logs were taken care of by the San Jacinto Centennial Association. The wiring contract overran \$56.40 - this was due to adding several additional outlets, service wires in the kitchen for stove and electric refrigerator, and the beam lights in the assembly room, all of which was necessary and the money well spent. The staining job amounted to \$80.00 and the floors cost \$55.00. The Total cost of the job as it now stands is \$3396.24 exclusive of course, of the \$491 paid by the Centennial Association, would make \$3887.24, but the fact remains the cost to us was \$3396.24. The total receipts were \$3706.51, leaving a balance of \$ 123.23

You will recall that we came within \$254.00 of having enough money to finish the building as per contract when the Log House Committee decided to borrow the \$500.00 so graciously tendered by our Mrs Hally Bryan Perry at the low rate of interest of 3% per annum with the added privilege of taking the notes up before they are due WITHOUT INTEREST, could anything be fairer or nicer. This, Daughters is our first obligation. And remember, you have the privilege of contributing to this fund whenever you have it, and this should be a sacred privilege to help pay off this indebtedness which is quite small when you consider the lovely home we have for the small amount paid for it. No one but a loyal Daughter would have offered her money without security or collateral recognized by the bank, but Mrs Perry felt secure in the thought that the honor of the Daughters was sufficient security for her and she anticipated no trouble.

The building is fully protected by Insurance, fire windstorm and simple explosion, the amount of the premium was \$100.37 which has been paid. We were compelled to wait for a rate revision from Austin. The rate was \$2.76 per hundred but by installing fire extinguishers the rate was reduced 12¢. The explosion policy is written for three years, the other two for one. Three thousand on the building and \$500 on the contents.

We have a credit of \$24.13 at the West End Lumber Co, for lumber returned and some of it not ordered cut. The Log House Committee authorized the Building Chairman to erect a small wood shed in the rear to house wood and kindling salvaged from the construction work. This will be done just as soon as a suitable bid can be obtained. The lumber necessary to build will amount to about \$90 and the labor fifty.

The concessions handled by Mr K C Lowery at the Battlefield netted us \$82.60 according to our President who made the settlement with him and turned the money over to the Treasurer. We wish it had been more but are duly thankful for that amount.

Houston, Texas, May 7th, 1936

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—Memorial Log House Statement—

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| Balance on hand as of May 7th, 1936 | \$ 99.10 |
| Credit on Lumber at West End Lbr Co | <u>24.13</u> |
| | \$123.23 |
| Total receipts were | \$3706.51 |
| Of this amount the Chapter members paid | 1004.00 |
| Miscellaneous collections | <u>2198.51</u> |

The total receipts to date have been \$3706.51 - the total cost of the job as it now stands is \$3887.24, but San Jacinto Chapter paid of that amount only \$3396.24, the difference of \$491.00, the cost of the additional logs and the chimney were paid for by the Centennial Association. And always remember this, Mr R B Morris gave us two hundred and fifty logs out of which the house is built. Following is a copy of the actual cash paid out on the Log House proper:

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| Harry Weaver, Architect, Plans | \$ 80.00 |
| Isaac Bracey, cutting, hauling and peeling logs | 190.00 |
| Gene Harris, supervising cutting of logs | 10.00 |
| West End Lumber Co | 968.00 |
| Compensation Insurance protecting workmen | 35.00 |
| G E Bustin, cement foundation and chinking | 265.00 |
| Hauling logs from Creosote Works to site | 45.00 |
| John MacKay, Builder | 652.00 |
| Peden Iron & Steel Co, Rough and finished hardware | 121.34 |
| Dirt filling under front porch | 77.50 |
| E Mulcahey & Co, Mill Work | 383.00 |
| Cleaning yard | 5.00 |
| Painting & Staining | 80.00 |
| Plumbing & Fixtures | 275.00 |
| Scraping & Finishing Floors | 55.00 |
| Jacobe Bros, Wiring | 216.00 |
| Cement Stepstones | 3.00 |
| Fire Extinguishers | 6.00 |
| | \$3396.24 |

The itemized list of expenditures incident to the erection of the Log House was \$3553.04 but in that list were items not directly chargeable to the actual cost of building, therefore the building did not cost \$3553.04 but \$3396.24. I have just read you every contract price paid out either for labor or material, with the exceptions noted several times, the extra logs and the chimney, which makes the total cost to date \$3887.24 with a balance of \$99.10 on hand and the small indebtedness of \$500.00 to meet.

Your chairman plans to start construction of the wood shed just as soon as a suitable bid can be obtained. Whatever funds left will be used in securing light fixtures and filling the yard. We hope San Jacinto Chapter will have additional funds which can be diverted to this work. Every dollar in the flag fund is to be used in finishing the work necessary to make our house comfortable. Every endeavor will be made to make this money go as far as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Imara Carnal Ueckert
Building Chairman
Mary Belle Smith Harris
Virginia Turley Baldwin
Co-Chairmen

Log House #2

I have another surprise for you - our dear and precious Mrs Maggie Tod Milby mailed me a check for \$50 with the sweetest note saying for me to use it where ever needed on the Log House. This made me very happy for days - appreciation coming from Mrs Milby touches and warms the cockles of my heart. Mrs Milby has been very helpful in securing donations for this work - she secured \$130.00 from the Harrisburg members last Fall.

As we are still without lighting fixtures in the assembly room, dining room and front porch, my thought along the line is to dedicate the assembly room fixture to our Mrs Maggie Milby - for what could be more symbolical of her life than LIGHT and a bright and shining light. For it was she who kept San Jacinto Chapter alive during the days when things historical were not so interesting to most of us. I did not report this \$50 thru the regular channel for I wanted it as a complete surprise. I am sure all of you will agree with me in regard to the suggestion about the lights. This check was placed in the Flag Account as what little money remains will be added to that of Mrs Milby's to pay for the lights.

The question of the yard is a momentous one - filling is needed to the enth degree and should be attended to at once. Since the front walk was put in the front yard, after a rain literally stands in water. We shall first build the wood shed and then fill the yard, preferably both at the same time, if we can possibly raise the money. I am happy to report that the Magnolia tree and dog wood, the gift of River Oaks Rose Club are growing nicely.

Mr Puttman of the National Lumber & Creosoting Co telephoned me that he had the marker ready for the building, I met him there and he selected the place to put it. Some day we should reimburse them for this marker as it was our place to buy it but they wanted to close the matter up. A letter should be written them. Mrs I B McFarland presented us with the attractive spinning wheel, Mrs R C Kerr loaned us the clock and gave us the brown pitcher. Henke & Pillot gave us a broom bucket and mop, the broom disappeared when we were putting in the walk. We all know of the handsome table presented to us by the Axson Club on April 28th, at the close of a most interesting program, the house was filled to capacity and many were turned away. The guests were enthusiastic over the building. The Lone Star Tire & Bagging Co, thru Mr & Mrs E T Harris, gave us the burlap for the drapes and thru Mrs Harris and her committee Foley Brothers made the curtains, hung them and gave the rods. Mrs Decker made and presented the curtains in the back room. Miss Tod presented a dozen or more tea towels, Mrs Decker also gave the paper towels. Mrs P S Griffith gave us the beautiful red punch bowl and 18 cups, also an extra pitcher and two mugs. Mrs Griffith also gave us our handsome guest book. So you see, Daughters each time we report, some one has been adding to our furnishings. We must all see that we have a chair for next Fall. The rawhide chairs are for VISITORS and NEW MEMBERS and Past Presidents. Each time we visit this beautiful home we should feel a new inspiration, a desire to help in every way possible. Mrs Belet our General Chairman entertained the Log House Com many times during the summer, hot weather, and always with a luncheon, when we were planning the work. Mrs Baldwin has answered all letters and acknowledged receipt of all donations. Mrs E T Harris and her son Gene looked after the cutting and hauling of the logs last summer during my absence in Colorado, the contract was let the night before we left.

--Log House #3--

Our President and members of the Committee made many trips to the City Hall and to the Council. Our President has been untiring in her efforts to assist in putting the project over. Mrs Jackson our treasurer has worked hard and co-operated at all times.

As Chairman, I have endeavored to give credit where credit is due, honor where honor is due and if I have overlooked snything, it is a mistake of the head and not of the heart and next Fall when we assemble for our first meeting let us come filled with joy and thanksgiving for the comfortable place in which to meet with all the freedom of our ancestors. Until then, we are

Sincerely yours,

Laura Carnal Ueckert,
Building Chairman
Mary Belle Smith Harris
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Honorable Sam Houston,
Professor of Geology,
Oklahoma Military Institute,
Claremore, Oklahoma.

Dear Professor:-

San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, have recently erected and dedicated to the Pioneer Men and Women of Texas, a Memorial Log House in Herman Park, Houston, Texas, and on Monday afternoon, April 20th., from 3:00 to 7:00 o'clock, the Sons and Daughters of the Republic of Texas will hold a reception for the descendants of those early pioneers.

At the suggestion of Mr. Geo. B. Wilson, I am introducing Captain Wm. C. Zuber, the late Captain W. P. Zuber, who with the late Alonzo Steele, were the last two survivors, at the time of the demolition of the Battle of San Jacinto. We wish to extend to you and your family a very special invitation, and trust that you will honor us with your presence.

Sincerely yours,

Very sincerely yours,

Mcdonald Meacham

Mrs. Erl R. Ramsey,
2609 Smith Street,
Houston, Texas.

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April 20, 1936.

Mrs. Erl R. Ramsey,
Pioneer Log Cabin,
Hermann Park,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Ramsey:

At the suggestion of Mr. Geo. D. Wilson, I am introducing Captain J. A. Zuber, son of the late Colonel W. P. Zuber, who with the late Alonzo Steele, were the last two survivors, at the time of their demise, of the Battle of San Jacinto.

Captain Zuber, from his father, knows many interesting details of that historic event.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Geo. Berlet
607 Willard St.
Houston, Tex.

Dear Mrs. Berlet,

I think you and your co-workers for the log house deserve a great deal of praise. To know that it is ready for use is the biggest thrill of our centennial year to me.

I seemed like to dedicate my claim to my grandmother Martha Jane Howe. She came to Texas as a little girl eight years old and lived in various parts of the state until she was 89. It is indeed a pleasure to honor her in this way.

Most sincerely yours
Gillian James Scher

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March 18, 1936

Mrs. George Berlet
Chairman, House Furnishing Committee
San Jacinto Chapter, D. A. T.
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Berlet:

Enclosed is my check for \$1.30 to pay for my chair in
The Log Cabin Memorial Home. If the chairs are to bear name
plates, or dedication plates, I wish mine to be in memory of
Colonel Robert S. Hamilton, the ancestor from whom I derive
eligibility to the D. A. T.

I am very proud to be a member of the chapter that has
completed such a worth achievement as this pioneer cabin.
It will serve to remind a generation which never knew the
pioneers of what we owe to those sturdy forefathers of ours;
and it will serve as an ideal chapter home.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Simpson Moore

Mrs. N. H. Moore.

Richmond Texas
March 25th/36

Dear Rosa

I am enclosing \$1.30
for chain for our Log Cabin -
I am dedicating it to the
memory of my Grandfather
Wm Burkhell Sweeny, who fought
in the Battle of San Jacinto
killing a Mexican Officer from whom
he took a silver mounted saddle,
bridle, & pistols. Afterwards he
had spoons & forks made from
this silver. I have the pistols
now in my possession - also
his discharge after the battle
signed by Sam Houston himself.
I am just recovering from "flu"
Expect to go to Marlin next week
& hope to return in time for the
celebration at San Jacinto battleground
Apr. 21st.

From Mrs. Libbie Bassett

2210 Wentworth Ave.
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Berlet:

I am enclosing a check for \$5.20 covering 4 chairs for the Log Cabin.

Please credit these chairs to the following people:

Mrs. Bena Habermacher--chair to be dedicated to William Alley.

Mrs. Luella Jarrard--Chair dedicated to Capt. John Alley.

Mrs. Mannie L. Coleman--chair dedicated to Lieut. Rawson Alley.

Mrs. Oliver L. Loranzo--chair dedicated to Gustavus Young.

Your friend,

Very sincerely yours,

Mannie L. Coleman

Dear Mrs. Berlet

I am enclosing
my check for \$1.30 for
the chair, I want it
dedicated to Judge
Williamson Daniels
who came to Texas at
an early day. I don't know
the year. yours

Sallie D. Bibb

Tuesday, April 9, 1935



Mrs. Earl Romney

Mrs. Gus Berlin

Anne Lee Harris

Mrs. Carl Fannin

Many colorful booths are to be seen at the Jubilee Bazaar at the City Auditorium. Top, left: The booth of the Banner Camp Royal Neighbors; right, a view of some of the booths in the front of the Auditorium.

Bottom: The Daughters of the Republic of Texas booth and some of the members dressed in the costumes of years ago.

Texas Republic Daughters Keep Memories Alive

Women Descendants Active in Building Monuments.

Keeping alive the memory of the men who made Texas is the chief purpose of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

And in doing this, they have beautified shrines and placed markers throughout the state that will remain through the years as testimonials to pioneer courage, perseverance and ideals.

Their activities are particularly numerous during the Centennial year, and many new clubs are being formed throughout the state, according to Mrs. Carrie Franklin Kemp, acting president of the state organization.

The building of the log cabin in Hermann park, in memory of "the pioneer men and women in Texas" is the latest project of this organization, which sponsors many projects of wide historical interest, in the state. The Daughters of the Republic are custodians of the Alamo, maintain the D. T. R. museum in the old land office building in Austin, and have taken many steps towards beautification of the San Jacinto battle ground.

It was actually the Daughters of the Republic who were responsible for the state's having purchased the battle field, according to an account which appeared in The Post in the nineties. A portion of it is as follows:

"The idea of purchasing the old battle field and of converting it into a state park originated with the members of San Jacinto chapter of Daughters of the Republic of this city, whose membership includes such well known ladies as Mrs. J. R. Fenn, Mrs. M. Looscan, Mrs. Urwitz, Mrs. Briscoe, Mrs. Anson Jones, Miss Bells Fenn and Mrs. J. J. McKeever Jr., whose ancestors were connected with the early struggles for Texas independence from Mexican domination and tyranny.

"These ladies having conceived the plan, immediately took steps to interest the other chapters of the Daughters, located in various cities of the state, in the consummation of the idea. They determined to get an appropriation from the state, if possible, to buy the battle field, and then when once secured they would inaugurate a movement for its improvement and beautification as a park."

The idea of such an organization

STATE LEADER



Mrs. Carrie Franklin Kemp heads the Daughters of the Republic of Texas as their acting president.

was conceived by two South Texas women, one of whom is still living, and a Houstonian. She is Mrs. Hally Bryan Perry, who, with the late Miss Betty Ballinger, was reading Yoakum's history of Texas. They consulted Colonel Guy M. Bryan, a veteran, who was still living, and a meeting was held in Houston, where the San Jacinto chapter, which now has over 200 members, was organized. Now, there are chapters in all sections of the state.

Purposes of the organization, as outlined in the by-laws, are as follows:

"To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the independence of Texas.

"To encourage historical research into the earliest records of Texas, especially those relating to the Revolution of 1835 and the events which followed; to foster the preservation of documents and relics; to encourage the publication of records of the individual service of the soldiers and patriots of the republic and other source material for the history of Texas.

"To promote the celebration of January 26 (Lamar day); March 2 (Independence day); March 6 (Heroes day); April 21 (San Jacinto day),

Descendants Of McCormick Living Today

Wharton's History of San Jacinto Lauds Pioneer.

Many descendants of Michael McCormick, on whose mother's farm the Battle of San Jacinto was fought 100 years ago, are living in Texas today.

They are H. L. A. M. and Edwin J. McCormick, Mrs. Frances Baird and Mrs. Helen Cook and their children of Houston; Jack, Hart, Edwin, Fanny and June McCormick, Mrs. Nell Colby and Mrs. Inez Lynn and their children of Bexar county and G. R. and Ida Belle McCormick of Galveston.

The part Michael McCormick played in Texas history was described graphically in Clarence Wharton's history of San Jacinto. The historian's reference to Michael McCormick follows:

Born in Ireland.

"Michael McCormick was born in Ireland but came to Texas early in the nineteenth century with his parents, Arthur and Margaret McCormick as well as a younger brother, John.

"In the town of San Felipe de Austin on the 10th day of August, 1824, Arthur McCormick was granted a league of land down where the bayou,

and November 3 (Stephen F. Austin's birthday); to secure and hallow all historic spots by erecting markers thereon; and to cherish and preserve the unity of Texas as achieved and established by the fathers and mothers of the Texas revolution.

"Any woman is eligible for membership, who is the age of 18 or over, whose ancestors were of the Old Three Hundred, served in a civil or military capacity, or received grants of lands as settlers before the annexation of Texas to the United States, February 19, 1846."

Mrs. Hal Sevier, of Corpus Christi, is president of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Other officers are as follows:

Mrs. Carrie Franklin Kemp, Houston, first vice president and acting president; Mrs. T. M. Webb, third vice president; Mrs. Walter Burress, Dallas, fourth vice president; Mrs. Frederick Schenkenberg, Dallas, fifth vice president; Mrs. C. M. Miller Jr., recording secretary; Mrs. J. A. Grantham, Austin, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. E. Connor, Kingsville, treasurer; Mrs. H. A. Pulliam, Houston, historian; Mrs. Joseph E. Taulman, Fort Worth, chaplain, and Mrs. John Hanna, Galveston, executive committee chairman.

Members of the executive committee include: Mrs. O. M. Farnsworth,

San Antonio; Mrs. C. P. Coleman, Houston; Mrs. Madge W. Hearne, Houston; Mrs. S. J. Smith, Austin; Mrs. T. A. Armstrong, Waco; Mrs. W. J. Hilderbrand, Gonzales; Mrs. J. C. Wilde, Corpus Christi; Mrs. Herman Gabagen, Dallas; Mrs. Joseph Carnal, San Antonio; Mrs. Emilie K. Hughes, Galveston, and Mrs. Charles H. Milby, Houston.

Charter members are: Mrs. Hally Bryan Perry, Mrs. Emily Perry Moore, Mrs. Carrie Franklin Kemp, Mrs. Minnie Phelps Vaerner, Miss Annie Hume, all of Houston, and Mrs. Laura Ballinger Randall of Galveston.

the river and the bay make a half moon curve which holds in the depth of its crescent memories of San Jacinto, he and his family settled. In 1827 when he was returning from San Felipe, where he had gone on business about his land, he was drowned in the bay while crossing above Lynchburg. His widow and the two boys still lived on the land in 1836. The house overlooked the landscape where many a soul found eternity on San Jacinto day.

"Michael McCormick was then a man in his twenties and was the express rider who carried dispatches to and fro between Burnet and Houston in those troubled days. Forty years later he was drowned, not far from the spot where his father had fallen.

Burnet's Home.

"President Burnet lived on the San Jacinto few miles above Lynchburg and went home to see about his family.

On April 14, 1836, just seven days before the Battle of San Jacinto, the Cayuga, a small steamer, came into Lynchburg on the night of the 13th, with the government on board. April 16th was a busy day along the bayou.

The Cayuga left Lynchburg in the early morning bearing the members of the government and others who sought safer climes. When the Cayuga reached Morgans Point the "Flash" an armed privateer in the Texas service (and too large a boat to enter the bayou) was anchored there. It was decided to transfer the officials from the Cayuga to the Flash and to take them on to Galveston.

"All of them, including their families, took passage, except President Burnet, who remained alone in a vain effort to communicate with Houston's army, which he had last heard from when it camped at Groce's. It was known that the Mexicans had reached Harrisburg. The Flash moved out from Bay Ridge toward Red Fish Bay and anchored for the night. About 5 o'clock in the afternoon Colonel Almonte rode out of Harrisburg on his way to Morgans Point with 50 mounted men.

Eluded Dragoons.

"The president spent a lonely night at Morgans Point. Michael McCormick, riding hard in the advance of Almonte's men dashed down to this land's end and advised Burnet that he had been unable to locate Houston's army and that Almonte was close behind him. Michael's maneuvers had been cut off by the arrival of the Mexican troops along the bayou and bayshore. Having given his final message, Michael eluded the Mexican dragoons and rode away. Almonte's cavalry came up, one of them close enough to have seized the president, who jumped into a skiff and rowed to the Flash, which was anchored two miles out.

"On August 3, 1838, Michael McCormick was given a grant of land. On October 4th, 1839, he was given another grant of 320 acres which states "To Michael McCormick for services in the Texas army from June 2nd, 1836, to October 1st, 1838." At the time of his death he was a member of the Texas Veterans association.

"Michael McCormick married Miss Esterine Purnell in 1836, some time after the Battle of San Jacinto, and moved to Galveston, where his two sons Capt. John A. McCormick, late of San Antonio, and Charles Pierce McCormick of Houston, were born. There are grandchildren and great-grandchildren living in both Houston and San Antonio.

"Michael McCormick was a brave, fearless man, of the true pioneer spirit, and served his country for many years after the San Jacinto battle.

"An appropriation has been made to erect a marker on the San Jacinto battle ground where the old homestead once stood."



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Texas Daughters Dedicate Pioneer Log Cabin



When members of San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, dedicated their Pioneer Cabin in Hermann Park Monday, Mrs. Marian Hearne Thornall, great-granddaughter of Gen. Sam Houston, used a pitcher of water from the Brazos River which has played such a large role in the history and development of the state. The cabin is located in a beautiful wooded spot near Hermann Hospital.

"Almost ready for Centennial visitors," say Mrs. H. H. Ueckert, chairman of the building committee, and Mrs. E. R. Ramsey, chapter president.



Principal speaker for the occasion was Daffan Gilmer of a pioneer Texas family.

More about the dedication on Page 2.



Real daughters of the Republic of Texas and visiting notables, here for the San Jacinto celebration, were honored Monday afternoon at a reception given at the Memorial Log Cabin in Hermann Park by the Sons and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

The log cabin, in its picturesque setting of pine trees in the park, was decorated with Texas' wild flowers, bluebonnets and Indian paint brush, and hung with Centennial banners. Grouped on the table in the center of the reception room were the six flags which have flown over Texas. The building was thronged during the afternoon with visitors, "real" daughters, their children and grandchildren.

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Cowboy Songs.

A brief program was given by the Burnett School Cowboy Band, directed by Mrs. Lillian Krell. About two dozen little boys, dressed in cowboy costumes, sang "Home on the Range," "Strawberry Roan" and "The Last Round-Up." On small fifes, they played "Will You Come to the Bower," the song played by Sam Houston's men at San Jacinto, and they spun lariats in expert cowboy style.

Following the program, Dickson's Orchestra played while guests danced or chatted. Old-fashioned waltzes were played often by request of the real daughters.

Among the distinguished guests was Mrs. E. H. Vasmer, whose grandfather was Dr. J. E. Phelps, owner of Orazimba plantation, where Santa Anna was given refuge when he fled from Velasco. Her father was one of the Mier prisoners, who was recognized by Santa Anna as the son of his bene-



factor, taken to the palace in Mexico City, outfitted and sent home.

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Born in Old Stone Fort.

Other "real" daughters were Mrs. Elizabeth Bodenheimer, who was born in the Old Stone Fort at Nacogdoches during the days of the republic; Mrs. Oliver Lorenzo, Mrs. Frances Cornelia Bell, who was born in Fort Bend County 92 years ago, Mrs. M. T. Gardner, Mrs. Maggy Grant Tod Milby, Mrs. William E. Dwyer, Mrs. Duncan C. McBryde and Mrs. Jesse W. Steele of Madisonville.

Members of the Children of the Republic, recently formed organization, served during the afternoon. Among them were Dorothy Nagle, Jane Weyrich, Jane Jennings, Ann Townes, Barbara Coleman, Rosemary Jarrard, Elizabeth Salmon, Betty Pierce, Emma Jane Peel, Helen Kelley, Anna Kelley, Virginia Albert, Nell Marie Martin and Annie Lee Harris. Mrs. George W. Baldwin had supervision over the punchbowl.

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Receiving Line.

Guests were received by Mrs. Erl R. Ramsay, president of the San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Mrs. C. P. Coleman, first vice president; Mrs. L. M. Hammer, second vice president; Mrs. H. W. Fling, third vice president; Mrs. Frank Andrews, fourth vice president; Mrs. Bena Habermacher, chaplain; Mrs. H. A. Pulliam, recording secretary, Mrs. G. W. Baldwin, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Hedley J. Jackson, treasurer; Mrs. Thomas F. White, historian; Mrs. George Berlet, registrar; Mrs. F. H. Devine, parliamentarian; Mrs. Carrie F. Kemp, acting state president, and Maj. John C. Townes, president of the San Jacinto Centennial Association.

Sons and Daughters of Texas

Give Reception at Memorial Cabin



Scenes at the reception given by the Sons and Daughters of the Republic of Texas at the Memorial Log Cabin in Hermann Park Monday afternoon.

In the upper left picture are Mrs. G. W. Baldwin, secretary of the San Jacinto Chapter, D. R. T., left, and Mrs. H. H. Ueckert, former president, as they greeted guests. At the upper right is Mrs. Carrie Franklin Kemp, acting state president, exhibiting an invitation to the Centennial festivities in San Antonio.

At the lower left are Miss Emma Jane Peel, at the punchbowl, and Miss Jane Jennings, who is assisting her. At the lower right are Mrs. C. S. Bodenheimer, a "real" daughter, and Miss Audrey Louise Jones.



Texas 'Real' Daughters And Other Visiting Notables Are Honored at Reception

Honor For Texas Pioneers

IT IS gratifying to know that one phase of the celebration in Houston of the Texas Centennial next year will be the commemoration of the pioneer men and women of the State.

It is peculiarly appropriate that this part of Houston's observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the winning of Texas' independence from Mexico should be sponsored by the San Jacinto chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, a band of noble patriotic women who have done much to instill into the hearts of the people of Texas a sense of appreciation of the greatness of those brave and hardy souls who laid the foundations for the present greatness of the State.

The memorial to the Texas pioneers projected as a part of next year's celebration is to take the form of a log house, to be built on a site facing Buffalo drive in Houston. The home is to be furnished in true pioneer style, and those visiting it will learn much of how the early Texans lived. The proposed

log home will have true historical value, and it no doubt will be a center of interest during the local Centennial observance, both to the people of this city and the State, and to the thousands of visitors who will come from beyond the Texas State lines.

San Jacinto chapter will keep open house in the log home to be constructed near Buffalo drive during the period of the Texas Centennial celebration, and plans for erecting the replica of the pioneer's house are going forward. The city council is to be commended for its action in making available a site for the structure, and Robert Morris has placed all patriotic Texans in his debt by contributing the logs to be used in the building. It goes without saying that the people of Houston will supply the chapter with what funds may be needed to finance the building of the home.

San Jacinto chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, was largely instrumental in securing the establishment by the State of the battleground of San Jacinto as a State park. Erection of this proposed pioneer home for the Texas Centennial will be another worthy accomplishment to be credited to the chapter.

THE HOUSTON PRESS

Wednesday, June 19, 1935

BUILD THAT LOG CABIN

WHILE we are planning for a memorial building at the San Jacinto Battlefield, we should not forget those good women who are trying to raise funds for a log cabin shrine to be erected on Buffalo drive as a tribute to the pioneers of Texas.

It is to be a replica of the type of home erected by those who came to Texas before it was a republic, and long before it became a state.

These early settlers had no money and no government to help them. Their homes were built with logs hewn by hand, and their food was obtained from products of the soil or from the game they killed. Often their clothes were made from the cotton woven on old-time spinning wheels, or from the furs of wild animals. They labored daily for their very existence, and they fought for their freedom and for ours. They gave us an empire which became the Republic of Texas.

We will honor those who fought for us at the San Jacinto Battlefield by erecting a memorial that may be a beautiful building or a great monument. Likewise we should pay tribute to those who struggled to make homes for their families when Texas was a wilderness.

A log cabin shrine facing Buffalo drive would be a novel sight for Centennial visitors and would be a reminder of our pioneer days for all patriotic Texans.

Members of the Daughters of the American Republic who are sponsoring the movement say the log cabin will cost only \$5000. Pine logs for the construction will be given by Robert W. Morris, president of the Sons of the Republic of Texas.

About \$3000 has been raised. There ought to be 20 citizens in Houston who would contribute \$100 each, or 100 that would give \$20 each, to complete the fund.

Mrs. Hedley Jackson, Hadley 1714, is treasurer of the Pioneer Memorial Committee. Telephone her your desire to co-operate.

April, 1935

H O U S T O N

A Memorial to Early Texas Heroes

By MRS. ERL R. RAMSEY, President,
San Jacinto Chapter Daughters of the
Republic of Texas



Desiring to honor those pioneer men and women who braved dangers, suffered hardships, fought, bled and died that Texas might be free, and who left to us an example of sacrifice and courage never to be forgotten, San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, has conceived the idea of a Texas pioneer shrine in the City of Houston, as a landmark for all time and a mecca for centennial visitors and celebrants in 1936.

Inasmuch as our forefathers had as their only available building materials hand-hewn logs, there being no saw-mills in our state until about 1830, it seems entirely fitting and proper that a log house be constructed, to be furnished in the style of early pioneer days, and to house heirlooms and objects of historical interest of that period. Ladies of San Jacinto Chapter will serve in relays during the centennial, to extend traditional southern hospitality to all centennial visitors and be prepared

to answer questions concerning Texas history.

The mayor and city council have generously donated a site on Buffalo Drive, and Robt. B. Morris, president of the state organization of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, is donating the logs. Harry E. Weaver, architect and contractor, will have charge of the construction. The floor plan calls for a living room 60 x 26 ft., a library 18 x 22 ft., kitchen, rest rooms and porches.

The work of San Jacinto Chapter consists almost entirely in marking historic spots in Houston and Harris County, and we have never before made a plea to the public for donations, depending upon selling flags and giving occasional silver teas and card parties for our funds.

We are now appealing to every patriotic citizen to help us put this worthwhile project through, and donations of any amount will be gratefully received. Possibly there may be a loved one in whose memory you would like to make a donation. The names of the donors will be listed in a permanent record inside the building.



*Forty-Eighth Annual Meeting
of the
Daughters of the Republic
of Texas*

*San Jacinto Chapter, Hostess
Pioneer Memorial Home*

Houston, Texas

May 11, 1939



*The Memorial Log House of San Jacinto Chapter
Daughters of the Republic of Texas; Hermann Park, Houston*

"The pioneers of Texas,
Those mighty men of old,
They watched the forests burgeon,
Her prairies turn to gold.
Erected their log cabins
By field and wood and stream,
And toiled and fought and suffered
To bold their splendid dream."

So sang our own Texas poet, Judd Mortimer Lewis, in response to a request by the San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, who wished a poem to launch the project of building a log house to the memory of the pioneer men and women of Texas.

The Houston newspapers gave us generous publicity, the City assured us an appropriate site, and Judge Robert Morris gave us logs for the building.

Plans were announced at the luncheon on March 2, 1935, and our hopes were completely realized in its dedication March 2, 1936.

All through the Centennial year open house was observed by ladies of the Chapter. The cabin is spacious and well ventilated, with treated logs, concrete base, screens and facilities for gas, plumbing and electricity.

The pioneer feeling is preserved in the log construction with chinks, the massive rock chimney and the wide, hospitable front gallery. The cabin is furnished appropriately with a spinning wheel on the hearth, a saw-buck table and raw-hide chairs.

Many gifts have been received, perhaps the most interesting being the pair of chandeliers, made of cart wheels rimmed about with lanterns, the gift of Mrs. C. H. Milby.

The rocks of the chimney are of historic interest, being gathered by the members from the sites of the old homes of pioneer Texans. The arched roof and rock chimney breast reaching to the ceiling furnish acoustics so perfect that even the most timid voice may be heard as we speak of the history of our great state and of things that concern her welfare.

The Pioneer Memorial Building Committee, with the exception of Mrs. Carrie Franklin Kemp, who was absent, on affairs of the organization, are shown in the picture. They are Miss Mary Tod, Mrs. Madge Hearne, Mrs. George Berlet, Mrs. Erl Ramsey, Mrs. H. H. Ueckert, Mrs. Eugene T. Harris, Mrs. George Baldwin, Mrs. Thomas F. White, Mrs. H. A. Pulliam, Mrs. Frank Andrews, Mrs. J. M. Nagle, Mrs. Fred Harris, Mrs. L. T. Barrow, and Mrs. Jennie Morrow Decker.

There the little cabin stands in the flickering evening shadows, nestled down in its border of wood fern, the stately forest forming its background.

Pioneers and deceased members honored.

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| Stephen Fuller Austin | (Mrs. Leonard W.) Courtney Ann Fulton Groce |
| Captain John Alley | Col. Leona rd Waller Groce |
| Lieut. Rawson ^y Alley | Jared Ellison Groce |
| William Alley | Capt. William Wharton Groce |
| Dr. A. W. Barton | (Mrs. Wm. W.) Kate Wyatt Groce |
| Mrs. A. W.) Lula H. Barton | Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Pilley Glenn |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Gilchrist Bodenhamer | General Sam Houston |
| Miss Betty Ballinger | (Mrs. Sam) Margaret Lea Houston |
| Mrs. Edward T.) Annie Wharton (Cleveland) Branch | |
| Mrs. Andrew Briscoe | Col. Robert S. Hamilton |
| Richard Brown | William P. Harris |
| James Pecham Caldwell | Mrs. ANN Ann Alley Daniels Henderson |
| Solomon W. Brill | Mrs. Maud Mitchell Henderson |
| Mrs. Amanda Craddock Cayton | Mrs. Mary Morris Iiames |
| Captain Robert James Calder | Dr. Anson Jones |
| (Mrs. Robert J.) Mary (Douglas) Calder | Mrs. Anson Jones |
| Mrs. Elizabeth McCrocklin Carnal | Mr. A. O. E. Kelley |
| Mrs. Care Bryan Chapman | Mrs. A. O. E. Kelley |
| Mrs. Bell Fenn Clark | Samuel V. de Lamethe |
| Dr. Henry Hale Cone | General Mirabeau B. Lamar |
| (Mrs. Henry H.) Saphronia Ellis Cone | Col. Jesse Lindsay McCrocklin |
| Judge Williamson Daniels | (Mrs. Jesse L.) Isabella (Harris) McCrocklin |
| Mrs. Cinthia Alley Daniels | Mrs. J. J. McKeever |
| Captain James Loraine Dallas | Mrs. Annie Houston Morrow |
| Mrs. Emma Tabor Ely | Mrs. Eliza Hamlin McDowell |
| Benjamin Franklin | Mrs. A. B. Looscan |
| Mrs. Eliza Carter Brantly Franklin | Mrs. Virginia Mossiss Menard |
| Mrs. J. R. Fenn | Louis Frederick de Lesdernier V. |
| Gerhardt Frels | Mrs. Eliza Granger de Lesdernier |

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James Franklin Perry
Mrs. Sarah Brown Perry
Thomas Shubrick Pinckney
George Roberts
William Burrell Sweeny
(Mrs. Alphonse) Mary Ann (Powell) Steele
Judge John G. Tod
Mrs. Mary Tabb
Mrs. Mary Ann Ashford Smith
Mrs. Martha Jane Rowe
George Turley
Mrs. M.B. Urwitz
Major James D. Whitten
Houston Williams
Robert Wilson
Captain J.C. Williams
(Mrs. J.C.) Ann Maria (Calder) Williams
(Mrs. Wm. H.) Sarah Ann (Groce) Wharton
Gustavus Young

Honor Roll

Houston, Texas, Thursday, March 2, 1933

Our Pioneers

By MRS. CHARLES G. BARRETT
Poet Laureate, Texas Division, U. D. C.

WHO can compute the debt we owe the Texas Pioneer;
The dangers, hardships he endured to win the wild frontier;
Romance and tragedy and blood, wild beasts and stealthy foe
He faced that Texas might be free. Great is the debt we owe.

He left to us this legacy of honor to maintain.
From far-flung prairie, hill and wood, from hero-haunted plain
Come echoes of the martial tread of Texas Pioneers
Whose deeds of dash and daring go thundering down the years.

They paid the price, these god-like men, that we might have today
A land of smiling plenty where peace and love hold sway;
But our Pioneers have left us and we must hold on high
Their Lone Star in a field of blue—blue as the Texas sky.

He struck the shackles from her limbs and made great Texas free
He always answered "Ready!" Now the call means you and me.
So fill the golden goblet, let it bubble to the brim,
In patriotism's nectared wine, we give our pledge to him.

Perhaps unchronicled his name, unepitaphed his tomb,
He may repose on sunlit hill or in the forest's gloom.
God met the gallant Pioneer beyond the sunset bars,
Where, after battle, comethm peace; after the storm, the stars.

IMMORTAL HOUSTON, thine the hand to write
On history's height a young republic's name,
At San Jacinto win the unequal fight
And weave our Lone Star flag from battle's flame.

Travis and Bowie, Crockett, Fannin, all
Our peerless heroes, belled Knights of Mars,
To Alexander, Ney and Caesar call,
And when they list their battles, count their scars.

Your names to brass and marble we entrust,
But as the waiting centuries unroll,
When monuments are immemorial dust,
Your names will wax the brighter on Time's scroll.

So rest thee, gallant Pioneers, beyond the sunset bars,
Where, after battle, comethm peace; after the storm, the stars.

At Reception for Texas Pioneers



Houstonians thronged the Pioneer Log House in Hermann Park Monday afternoon when a reception was held honoring the distinguished Texans here for the Centennial celebration Tuesday. The photographer snapped a picture as Mrs. Lucy Latham Boyles, whose father came to Texas in 1837 to establish his home, is being served punch. In the group of girls at the table are Misses Mary Jane Jennings, Emma Jane Peel, Betty Salmon, Annie Lee Harris, Betty Pierce and Ann Townes.

Monday, May 4, 1936

East Texas Visitors to Be Given Reception at Pioneer House Tuesday

San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of Republic to Be Hostesses; Week Opens With Number of Student Affairs

VISITING ladies with the East Texas Chamber of Commerce group will be guests of honor at an open house to be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Pioneer Log House, by the San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Mrs. George W. Baldwin will preside at the punch service and will be assisted by Mesdames H. A. Pulliam, E. H. Suhr, H. R. Maresh, Hedley V. Jackson and Miss Annie Lee Harris. Musical selections will be contributed by Mrs. Marie Vescova and Mrs. Harry R. McLean.

Axon Club Sponsors Tea And Review

Centennial Theme Is Emphasized; Gifts Presented

A CENTENNIAL theme featured the program of the open house and book review given by the Axson Club Tuesday at the Pioneer Log House in Hermann Park.

Miss Jasmine Sadler's review of "The Raven," was followed by a musical program presented by Mrs. Guy Stowell and members of the Texas Four Quartet. Countess de Caen of France gave a talk. She was followed by Mrs. George Ragsdale, chairman of the Centennial committee, who speaking for the Axson Club, presented a table and two benches to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas for the Pioneer House. Mrs. A. S. Foote, president of the club, presided at the presentation and Mrs. Erl Ramsey voiced the Daughters' thanks. Mrs. Foote concluded the program with an appreciation of the work of Mrs. H. R. Ueckert in connection with the establishment of the Pioneer Log House.

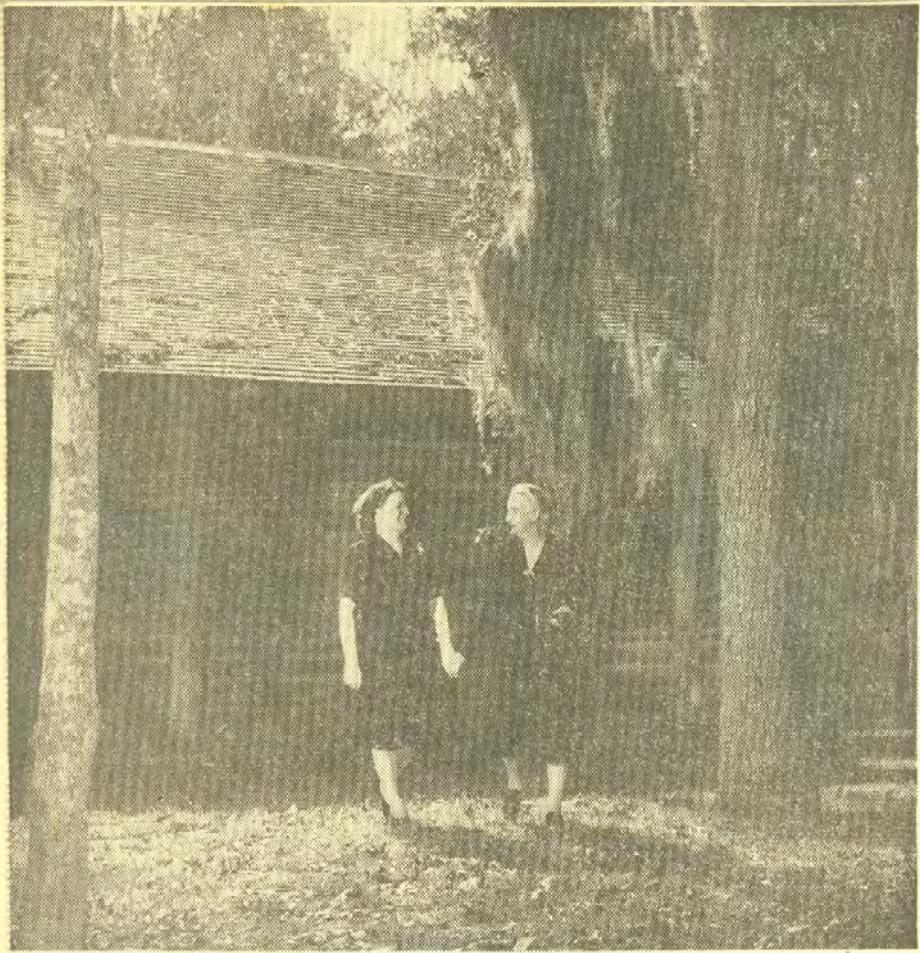
A social hour followed the program and punch was served from a table decorated with spring blossoms. Officers and committee chairmen served as hostesses.

Monday, April 6, 1936

They Rejoice at Completion of Memorial House



Mrs. Hally Bryan Perry, Mrs. Emily Perry Moore, Miss Annie Hume, Mrs. Carrie Franklin Kemp, Mrs. Lucy Sherman Craig and Mrs. Minnie Phelps Vasmer (reading from left) were among those who rejoiced over the official opening Sunday of the Memorial Log House in Hermann Park. They are charter members of San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas. The house was built by the chapter as a memorial to Texas pioneers and to serve as a hospitality house during Centennial year.



MRS. HEDLEY JACKSON, president of the Houston chapter Daughters of the Republic of Texas, left, and MRS. SARAH GROCE BERLET are shown in front of the picturesque Memorial log house in Hermann park. The house was erected at the suggestion of Mrs. Berlet to honor pioneer women of Texas.

—Staff Photo by Frank Liams.

D. R. T. Group To Be Honored

Houston women who were responsible for building the memorial log house in Hermann park will be honored by the Houston chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, when a bronze plaque bearing their names will be hung over the large fireplace in the house.

Committee members whose names will be inscribed on the plaque are Mrs. Sarah Groce Berlet, H. H. Ueckert, George W. Baldwin, Carl Fenity, E. T. Harris, T. Fred Harris, Madge Hearne, Carrie Franklin Kemp, John M. Nagle, H. A. Pujallan, Thomas F. White, Miss Mary Tood and Mrs. Erl Ramsey and Mrs. Frank Andrews, both deceased.

The house, which is used for business meetings and social activities of the chapter, was dedicated March 2, 1936. It was erected at the suggestion of Mrs. Berlet to

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honor the memory of pioneer women of Texas.

The lot for the building was furnished by the city council and the logs were given by the late Robert E. Morris, who served as a president of the Sons of the Republic of Texas.

Donations from patriotic citizens of Texas were used for the labor and other items in the building.

The house contains an assembly room, 60 by 30 feet, a dining room, kitchen and powder room. It is filled with articles from early Texas homes, including andirons, shovel and tongs, two large wagon wheels, yoke and bows, now electrified and used for lighting the building.

VISITING PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis A. Turner Jr. of Silver Springs, Md., are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis A. Turner Sr.

