From the President:

Welcome back to the Log House.

Program chair Jamie Moran has interesting speakers lined up. When you come to the October meeting, check out the newly planted Pioneer Garden and our new parking lot sign.

Exciting events are planned for October. On Wednesday evenings beginning October 1st, Marje Harris will present a six week lecture series on genealogy research. Sign up and learn tips from the expert! The new Pioneer Garden will be dedicated at a Texas Garden Party on October 18th. More information about these events is in the newsletter.

Our docents will open the Log House on the third weekend of the month. Leah Jorgensen, our new 1st VP, is working on the new Yearbook with the assistance of our Database Manager Tina Shelton. Our finance and bylaw committees are meeting. Our chapter registrar Marje Harris and CRT registrar Luanne Zacek are busy with applications. Martha Jorgensen has agreed to serve as our new Treasurer. Welcome on board to both, Leah and Martha!

Our CRT Chapter has an exciting year planned by 3rd VP Deborah Liss-Frank.

Christmas season planning is underway. In the Spring, the 4th and 7th grade essay winners and senior scholarship winners will be declared.

My thanks to Tamara Phillips for her work this summer as our Dues Chair and for taking the Country Store on the road.

The Log House looks great. Join us at for a great year.

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October 2nd Chapter Meeting 10:00 am at the Log House

“The History of Real Texas Chili”

Join us at the Log House on October 2nd at 10:00 for our first Chapter Meeting of 2014-2015. Our speaker is San Jacinto Chapter member Martha Sanchez Haydel.

Martha is a native Texan who grew up in Yoakum and Victoria. She joined the San Jacinto Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas after learning that her first Texas ancestors were the Leal family. They were part of the Spanish Canary Islanders who founded San Antonio in 1731.

Other ancestors include the Navarro family--Jose Antonio (lateral ancestor & signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence), Juana Navarro Perez Alsbury, her son Alejo E. Perez, youngest survivor; and her sister, Gertrudis Navarro (all survivors of the battle of the Alamo).

More recent ancestors include Martha’s grandfather, John Sanchez, who worked for Tex Tan Leather Co. in Yoakum; her father, Fred J Sanchez, who was a saddle maker and operated The Victoria Saddle Shop; and her brother, Fred L Sanchez, who became a calf roper in local rodeos.

One thing they all shared in common was eating good food, and Texas chili was at the top of the list! With a resume like this, you know that Martha has a few things to say about CHILI!

Jamie Moran, Program Chair

Need a Nametag?

Contact Linda Beverlin lsbey@att.net if you need a nametag.
Chapter Meetings and Programs at the Log House

San Jacinto Chapter meets at the Pioneer Memorial Log House. Hospitality begins at 10:00 am. The business meeting/program starts promptly at 10:30 am.

Thursday, October 2, 2014
President’s Report on the Log House
Program: Martha Haydel, “The History of Real Texas Chile”

Thursday, November 6, 2014
Program: Debbie Markey, “History of the Houston Arboretum”

Thursday, December 4, 2014 (11:30 am)
Christmas Luncheon, with Musical Presentation and New Member Ceremony

Thursday, January 8, 2015
Program: Mike Jackson, “The Great Texas Ranches!”

Thursday, February 5, 2015
Program: Richard Ambrus, “The History of Glenwood Cemetery”

Thursday, March 5, 2015
Field Trip to Galveston, “The Historic 1841 Trinity Episcopal Church and the Cradle in Galveston”
Lunch at Gaido’s

Thursday, April 2, 2015
Program: Surprise Speaker, “Crazy Texas Weather”

Thursday, May 7, 2015
Chapter Memorial Service
Program: Laney Dwyer, “The Texas Room at the Julia Ideson Library”

Thursday, June 4, 2015 (11:30 am)
June Luncheon, Lakeshore Country Club
New Officer Installation, New Member Ceremony, & State DRT Convention Report

Make Your Reservations Now

Combined District IV, VI, and IX Fall Workshop
Saturday, October 11, 2014 -- Humble
Pre-Workshop Dinner: October 10 at Spring Creek BBQ

Annual DRT Convention
Thurs, Fri, Sat, May 14-16, 2015
Information: http://www.drtinfo.org/members/about-drt/drt-convention/drt-convention
Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade
Reservations: www.omnihotels.com

Special Events for San Jacinto Chapter 2014-2015

Saturday, October 18, 2014 (11:00-3:00)
“Pioneer Garden” Party
Dedication at 1:00

Tuesday, December 2, 2014 (1:00)
Baked Potato Lunch / Log House and Tree Decorating

Thursday, December 4, 2014 (11:30)
Chapter Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, December 7, 2014 (2:00-4:00)
PMLHM Christmas Open House

March Spring Break 2015
Texas History Pioneer Days

Saturday, April 18, 2015
San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Reenactment

Tuesday, April 21, 2015
San Jacinto Day Ceremony with presentation of Thelma Maresh Scholarships

Sunday, May 3, 2014
Reception for Texas History Essay Winners

Celebrating the Seasons --Children of--
The Republic of Texas

Saturday, October 25, 2014, (2:00-4:00 pm)
CRT Pumpkin Decorating and Halloween Fun

Sunday, December 7, 2014 (2:00-4:00 pm)
PMLHM Christmas Open House

March Spring Break 2015
(Dates To Be Announced)
Texas History Pioneer Days

Saturday, May 2, 2015 (2:00-4:00 pm)
CRT Celebrates Summer - Field Trip
Tour the HPD Horse Facility
5005 Little York Road, Houston, TX 77016
San Jacinto Chapter “Pioneer Garden” Party
Saturday, October 18 – 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
You are invited.

In honor of the 2014 Hermann Park Centennial Celebration, the San Jacinto Chapter Texas Heritage Garden volunteers will dedicate the newly planted Pioneer Garden on the grounds of the Pioneer Memorial Log House, 1510 Cambridge, on October 18 at 1:00 pm.

The San Jacinto Chapter, the Pioneer Memorial Log House docents, and the Texas Heritage Garden volunteers will host expanded hours at the Pioneer Memorial Log House from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Tours will feature the Pioneer Memorial Log House, including Phoebe’s cottage vintage log cabin exhibits, and Texas heritage plants located on the grounds of the Pioneer Memorial Log House, featuring the newly planted Pioneer Garden. There is no admittance charge. Voluntary contributions to Pioneer Garden fund are accepted.

PMLH Museum News:
Update on Repairs and Maintenance at the Log House

Our Pioneer Memorial Log House was built in 1936 and is a “real” log house located in a park and garden setting, with all the beauty we enjoy—as well as upkeep issues. These upkeep issues have kept us busy at the Log House.

- The Heritage Garden Committee, under the leadership of 6th Vice President Margie Forster, has transformed the front of the Log House with the creation of our Texas Pioneer Garden. The re-landscaping of the large flower bed in front of the Log House was launched after the City Forestry Department removed the tree stumps of the two trees which we have lost. Our volunteers and our community sponsors have created a beautiful garden.

- The roof leak has been repaired, and other repairs are underway on the broken sidewalk (broken when the tree fell), on a falling log at the rear corner of the LH, and to seal open spots in the log walls. Better security and weather sealing for the front door are being studied. The windows will be caulked.

- A/C and heating units have been serviced and extensive repairs undertaken, including installing modern thermostats to better control operation of the units and sealing units and vents to better control moisture. French drains have been installed to address the excess condensation problem. Due to the past A/C and heating problems, tours and events were cancelled last year as we could not satisfactorily cool the Log House last summer or heat the Log House in December.

- Extensive landscaping work has been undertaken by our Texas Heritage Garden Committee. New roses were planted in the Lila Smith Memorial Garden; roses have been pruned; plants and bulbs have been transplanted; beds fertilized, cleaned, and weeded. Margie is also evaluating what we can do to save other trees from the effects of the past drought. Thanks to Deborah Liss-Frank for her help with our sprinkler system.

- The parking lot entrance has a new sign—engraved in wood by the same craftsman who made the signs in front. Thanks to Margie Forster for having the sign made and to husband Lee for erecting the new sign.
Open House, Tours & Events

Open House: San Jacinto Docents open the Pioneer Log House Museum for tours on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 1-3 pm.

Ann Tanner continues as the chair of the San Jacinto Chapter Docents Committee. Members of the Docents Committee for 2013-2015 are Brenda Auld, Carolyn Gilbert, Jo Frances Greenlaw, Marje Harris, Beth McCarty, Sharolyn Wood, and Luanne Zacek. If you are interested in becoming a Docent, please contact Ann Tanner.

Tours: Groups may schedule a tour of the Pioneer Memorial Log House by calling our chapter telephone, (713) 522-0396, and leaving a message, or by contacting Luanne Zacek at (281) 391-8464 or lzacek-sjcdrt@hotmail.com.

Rentals: The Log House is available for rental for meetings, receptions, dinners, parties and other special events.

Thanks to Luanne, Ann, and our Docents who help with our rentals. Income from these rentals helps support Log House repairs and maintenance.

Bylaws Committee to Present Proposed Amendments

The Bylaws Committee will have several proposed amendments to present at the October Chapter Meeting.

Updates to our Chapter Bylaws will be offered to comply with changes from State DRT. Several amendments to the State DRT Bylaws will be reflected in Chapter Bylaws. One is the creation of an “affiliated” member—allowing a member to retain membership in her home chapter after moving and to actively participate in a chapter near her new home.

The Bylaws Committee has also worked on proposed amendments to rewrite and reorganize the committee section of the Bylaws. One result will be that committees will be listed alphabetically.

The proposed amendments will be voted on at the November Chapter Meeting.

CRT Pumpkin Decorating and Halloween Fun

Celebrating the Seasons—
Children of The Republic of Texas
Saturday, October 25th – 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Deborah Liss-Frank, 3rd Vice President, will welcome our CRT chapter members and guests at the “Spooky” Log House for Halloween fun. CRT members, chapter member children and grandchildren, and friends are all invited.

Deborah and her committee will have pumpkin crafts, face painting, cookie decorating, and Halloween treats for the children of all ages to enjoy. The Halloween Party was a hit with all those attending last year.

Texas Honor Days 2014

Fly your Texas flag!

Texas Heroes Day ⎯ September 18
Texian Navy Day (3rd Saturday) ⎯ September 20
Gonzales Day, 1835, Come and Take It ⎯ October 2
Stephen F. Austin’s Birthday ⎯ November 3
DRT Founders Day, 1891 ⎯ November 6
REGISTER NOW -- OCTOBER 10 & 11
COMBINED DISTRICT IV, VI & XI WORKSHOP & Dinner

REGISTRATION due September 25, 2014; make check payable to Seth Hurin Bates Chapter DRT
Marsha Richards, 4110 Fawn Creek Dr, Kingwood, TX 77339, mar@kingwoodcable.com, 281.358.2069

Workshop Date: October 11th, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm
Place: The Overlook (in Atascocita)  Address: 20114 Pinehurst Dr., Humble, TX 77346
Registration: 8:30-9:00 a.m.
Meeting: Begins at 9:00 am; Barbara Stevens, “Putting Flesh on the Bones” (finding your TX ancestors); Ellen McCaffrey, President General, “DRT 101”
Lunch: Garden Salad, Salad Trio Plate (chicken salad, tuna salad, pasta salad); Chocolate Mousse Cake
Speaker Susan Kauffman, "Writing Your Family History"
Adjourn: 1:30 pm

Pre-Workshop Dinner: Friday, October 10th, 6:30-8:30 pm
Place: Spring Creek BBQ, 5613 FM 1960 East, Humble TX 77346
Register now to join our District Representative, Lucretia McReynolds, and to meet with DRT President General, Ellen McCaffrey, and our other State DRT officers.

Sept. 4th Bus Trip to Washington-on-the-Brazos

On September 4th, San Jacinto Chapter members enjoyed a trip to Brenham for lunch and then to Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site. Thanks to Jamie Moran, 2nd Vice President, for organizing the trip.

Beginning at the Visitors Center, a docent in period costume guided our tour of Old Washington Town Site, on the banks of the Brazos River, including Independence Hall, where the March 2nd Declaration of Independence was signed. Independence Hall has been rebuilt on the site of the original building.

Members then toured the Star of the Republic Museum before returning to Houston.

Registrar’s Report

San Jacinto Chapter welcomes new members:

#30973 Calvin, Susan Elizabeth
Approved: 1 May 2014
Ancestor: Elkanah Brush
Sponsors: Phyllis Moody and Marilyn Chapman

#31029 Hutton, Bonnie Piel
Approved: 6 June 2014
Ancestor: Blassingame W. Harvey
Sponsors: Jamie Moran and Marjorie Forster

#31054 Barta, Cheryl Renee LeBleu
Approved: 2 July 2014
Ancestor: Rayford Crawford Balance
Sponsors: Marje Harris and Phyllis Moody

#31102 Milby, Mary Josephine
Approved: 7 Aug 2014
Ancestor: William Polk Milby
Sponsors: Marilyn Chapman and Anita Cooper

# 31108 Calhoun, Rose Marie Taylor
Approved: 8 Aug 2014
Ancestor: William S. Box
Sponsors: Sharolyn Wood and Luanne Zacek

Marje Harris, Registrar
“Getting Acquainted” With Your Ancestors: An Introduction to Genealogy

Featured Lecturer -- Marje Harris

Wednesday Evenings; October 1 thru November 5 – 5:30 to 8 pm
Pioneer Memorial Log House, 1510 Cambridge

In six, two-hour sessions, Marje Harris will give you the tools you need to discover your family’s history. Ms. Harris is a much sought after genealogy lecturer and the Registrar for San Jacinto Chapter, DRT. We are so pleased she will be teaching this six week course.

Lesson One. Let’s Begin
Basic Concepts & Terminology; Getting Organized & Record Keeping
Lesson 2. Census and Tax Records
Lesson 3. Military Records
Lesson 4. State and Federal Land Records
Lesson 5. Immigration, Naturalization, Passport and Migrations
Lesson 6. County Courthouse Records

Details:
Fee for the six week course: $75. Fee includes printed course materials. ($15 discount for DRT and SRT members; also DAR, SAR, UCD, & San Jacinto Descendants)
Dates: Wednesday evenings -- October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5
Time: Classes are from 5:30 to 8 pm. Refreshments at 5:30 pm; Class begins at 6:00.
RSVP by September 29th
Use the registration form below or email sjcdrtpres@gmail.com
Where: Pioneer Memorial Log House, located in Hermann Park at 1510 Cambridge Street, Houston.

The Pioneer Memorial Log House is located between Fannin and McGregor, across Cambrige Street from Houston Zoo entrance #3.
Use Medical Center Entrance 21 to park in the Log House rear parking lot or the Ben Taub Garage.

Proceeds Benefit the Pioneer Memorial Log House

----------Registration Form----------

“Getting Acquainted” With Your Ancestors: An Introduction to Genealogy

Name_________________________________ Email______________________________

Address/City/Zip____________________________________________________________

Register by September 29, 2014, at sjcdrtpres@gmail.com
or by mail at: Martha Jorgensen, SJC Treasurer
702 Wycliffe Drive, Houston, TX 77079

Make Check Payable to: San Jacinto Chapter DRT
Memorial Ceremony

San Jacinto Chapter’s 2014 Memorial Ceremony was observed at the May 1st chapter meeting to honor each of our Daughters who have passed away this last year.

Marje Harris called the Roll, reading the members’ names and membership information. Chaplain Ann Tanner gave the Tribute, mentioning what each member has done and meant to the Chapter. As a Remembrance, when each name was called, 2nd Vice President Jamie Moran placed a white rose in front of each symbolic candle as it was lit by President Sharolyn Wood.

Yearbook: a work in progress

Leah Jorgensen, 1st Vice President, is editing the new edition of the San Jacinto Chapter Yearbook. Now that dues renewals have come in, she is updating member information and putting together San Jacinto Chapter and State DRT information for 2014-2015.

--In Memoriam--

Robin Hunt McCorquodale

Robin Hunt McCorquodale (September 2, 1934 - July 15, 2014) died peacefully while traveling with her partner William Guest in South Carolina as a result of a stroke on July 15, 2014. Robin attended Mills College and graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a degree in music. Robin was a novelist and poet. In addition to poems and short stories, she published two novels, Dansville and Stella Landry, and has a book of poems scheduled to come out this fall from Ink Brush Press.

Robin was a member and past president of the Houston Philosophical Society, the Philosophical Society of Texas, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, and the Junior League.

Born September 2, 1934, Robin was the daughter of Judge Wilmer Brady Hunt and Eugenia Howard Hunt and the granddaughter of Dr. A. Philo Howard. She was preceded in death by her husband Malcolm Scott McCorquodale, Jr. and survived by her three sons: Malcolm Scott McCorquodale III, Angus Howard McCorquodale and Wilmer Hunt McCorquodale, as well as her partner William Guest, all of Houston. She is also survived by her sister, Nancy Lou Hunt Kiesling of Menlo Park, CA; brother Sperry Hunt and spouse Spring of Seattle, WA; and brother Grainger Hunt and spouse Teri of McArthur, CA.

Services for Robin were held at the Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church, with interment following at Glenwood Cemetery.
June 5th Luncheon

Lakeside Country Club

San Jacinto Chapter’s June Luncheon was held at Lakeside Country Club on June 5, 2014. Over 40 members and guests enjoyed a trio salad in a private dining room overlooking beautifully landscaped gardens. Music Committee members leading the traditional singing of Texas Our Texas and Blest Be The Tie That Binds were Martha and Leah Jorgensen, Tamara Phillips, and Sally Whittington.

The nominations of Martha Jorgensen as SJC Treasurer and Leah Jorgensen as 1st Vice President were announced by President Sharolyn Wood. The nominations of Martha and Leah will be voted on by the Executive Board at its June meeting.

New Member Ceremony. Marje Harris, SJC Registrar, led the “New Member Ceremony”. New members for 2014 are Michelle Mattingly Williamson, Emily Maria Wallace, Lisa Jonelle White Watkins, Erika Caroline Wilcox, and Susan Elizabeth Calvin. Lisa Watkins was able to attend the ceremony.

25 Year Honorees. Four San Jacinto Chapter members were recognized at the State Convention as 25 Year DRT Members and were Honorees at our luncheon: Elizabeth G. McCarty (approved 14 July 1988), Elysee Hamlett Peavy (approved 13 October 1988), Yvonne T. Streit (approved 28 February 1989), and Kathleen C. Young (approved 15 April 1989). Congratulations to all these ladies. Beth McCarty received her certificate at the luncheon.

New Officer Installation. Margie Forster was installed as 6th Vice President, having been elected by the Executive Board to file the newly created position of 6th Vice President, which was created to be in charge of the Texas Heritage Garden, that is, the grounds at the Log House.

Many thanks to our hostess Brenda Stover, Social Committee Co-Chair, who handled all the arrangements for the luncheon, including the beautiful centerpieces.
New Look at the Log House

Spring 2013....Log House Tree Uprooted

At the end of April 2013, a storm rolled through Hermann Park, blowing down the large oak tree which had been the prominent feature in front of our Log House. This was the view from Cambridge Street in May 2013.

We were fortunate that the tree fell toward Cambridge Street. Unfortunately, the large oak seen here did not survive having its roots exposed. Our fence and sign were repaired last year. Our sidewalk is being repaired at this time.

Spring 2014....Log House Trees Removed

And one year later...the large root ball from our uprooted oak tree in front of the Log House porch was removed by City Forestry Department. Here is the view of the Log House from Cambridge Street in April 2014.

The large plants were transplanted to create our new garden.

Fall2014....Log House – Great Curb Appeal

Here is the Log House with the new Pioneer Garden.

Texas Heritage Garden Committee

Thanks to our Volunteers and Sponsors

I am amazed at how much the Log House Friends have accomplished in the last year with workdays on the grounds. We can hardly wait for you to see the results!

These special Friends include San Jacinto Chapter members Rhonda Barclay, Anne Brent, Margie Forster, Bonnie Hutton, Gwen Kunz, Deborah Liss-Frank, Beth McCarty, Jamie Moran, Ronee Schneider, Esther Simon and Laura Stover, friends in the Houston Rose Society and Texas Rose Rustlers, and Margie’s husband Lee Forster.

Photo taken Sept. 13, 2013, one of our first work days: Margie Forster, Rozanna Ruthven of Houston Rose Society, and Ronee Schneider

Sincere thanks go to the following Friends of the Log House, who have made our new Pioneer Garden a reality through their generous donation of time, professional services and products:

- San Jacinto Environmental / MicroLife Organic Fertilizers, Mike Serant – soil amendments.
- The Ground Up, Luis Chamorro – compost and mulch.
- Yale Stone, Laura Morin – moss boulders.
- Buchanan’s Native Plants – gift certificate for native Texas plants, and help with plant selection.
- Treesearch Farms, Heidi Sheesley and staff – expertise in helping to select native Texas plants.
- Todd Thrasher – adjustments to sprinkler system.
- Houston Pond Society, Dan Cook president.

Thanks to all who have made financial contributions or who have volunteered their service on the Log House grounds.

Marjorie Burleson Forster
SJC 6th VP; Texas Heritage Garden Committee Chair
May 1\textsuperscript{st} Chapter Meeting

Jamie Moran, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Vice President, introduced the program for the May 1\textsuperscript{st} Chapter meeting -- “Native Plants for the Urban Landscape.” Jamie Milhalcik, with Buchanan’s Native Plants for over 5 years, spoke about native plants, from trees and shrubs to wildflowers and groundcovers, that are native and lend themselves to being incorporated into the more formal and tame landscapes used closer to homes.

Our speaker Jamie Milhalcik with Sharolyn & Jamie

The traditional DRT Memorial Service was held, and members discussed the upcoming State Convention and our SJC June Luncheon. Officers presented reports, and the Chapter Budget for 2014-2015 was adopted. Registrar Marje Harris conducted the vote for prospective members.

Sally Whittington shows off the “Square,” our new e-charger for Country Store credit card purchases.

Refreshment table at May Chapter Meeting


6th VP Margie Forster with her daughters Laura Smith and Joy Kay

Hostesses for our May Meeting: Margaret Standard, Marje Harris, Susan Stormer, Phyllis Moody, Jamie Moran, Sharolyn Wood

Martha Haydel and Ester Simon. Thank you Martha for taking SJC photographs at our meetings and events.