



*The Daughters of the Republic of Texas*  
*San Jacinto Chapter, Houston*  
*The San Jacinto Dispatch*  
*September, 2010*



President's Message

As summer winds down, we are anxiously awaiting the first breath of cool weather that will signal the beginning of a new year for the San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas. What an exciting year it is going to be as we celebrate not only 175 years of Texas Independence, but also the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our beloved Log House.

Built in 1936 in honor of the Texas Centennial, the Log House Museum continues to serve as a memorial to our pioneer ancestors--those men and women of the Texas Revolution who achieved and maintained the independence of Texas. The chapter yearbook has been dedicated to the Log House and the newsletter will include a special section each month devoted to its history.

The San Jacinto Chapter will be holding two events to celebrate the Log House and this milestone anniversary. The first event will be an Anniversary Tea and Open House on February 27, 2011 in the afternoon. Luanne Zacek and Brenda Stover are co-chairs for the event. At the Anniversary Tea we will take a picture of all San Jacinto Chapter members, so please make plans now to attend. On March 2, 2011 there will be a Fundraising Dinner also at the Log House. Charlotte Taylor and Nancy Burch are co-chairs for this event. The Past Presidents of the chapter will serve as honorary members for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee.

Sarah Groce Berlet, Building Chairman for the Log House compiled a memory book. Cindie Gruetzmacher is currently scanning the book and Carolyn Gilbert will post it on the website so everyone will have an opportunity to view it. Also a color copy has been made of the original and will be placed in the Log House for both visitors and members. Nancy Burch will be presenting the February program entitled "How the Log House Came To Be."

Both the Chapter Executive Board and the Log House Board have been very busy this summer meeting and planning for the upcoming year. As I said before, it is going to be a very busy one, but a most exciting year as we commemorate 175 years of Texas Independence. Many events have been planned around the state.

Gonzales Day, October 2, a Texas Honor Day, is almost upon us. The Battle of Gonzales is considered the first military engagement of the Texas Revolution and sometimes called the "first shot of the Revolution."

It was fought near the between rebellious Texian troops. Although it was marked a clear break Mexican government. The an image of the cannon *Come and Take It*.



Texas town of Gonzales on October 2, 1835 settlers and a detachment of Mexican army minor as a military engagement, the skirmish between the American colonists and the Texians raised a homemade white banner, with painted in black in the center and the words

Source – Wikipedia

Please make every effort to join us this coming year as we celebrate 175 years of Texas Independence!!!

*Eron Brimberry Tynes*  
President, San Jacinto Chapter



### San Jacinto Board during Summer Break—The Planning Continues . . .



Gwen Kunz, Eron Tynes and Ann Tanner



Esther Simon and Luanne Zacek



Marilyn Chapman, Marje Harris and Carolyn Lightfoot

### 2010-2011 San Jacinto Chapter Programs

- Oct. 7, 2010 **“The Battleship TEXAS-History, Honorable, Service, and Fortune” by Steven Howell, Executive Director, Battleship Texas Foundation**
- Nov. 4, 2010 **“Glenwood Cemetery: Houston’s Silent Garden” by Jim Parsons, Greater Houston Preservation Alliance, Director, Museum of Houston**
- Dec. 9, 2010 **Christmas Luncheon at the Pioneer Memorial Log House**
- Jan. 6, 2011 **“The Critical Importance of Rotting Papers”  
By Retired State District Judge Mark Davidson**
- Feb. 3, 2011 **“How the Pioneer Log House Came To Be” by Nancy Burch, SJC member**
- March 16, 2011 **Field Trip--Goliad, TX  
Lunch at The Blue Quail Deli**
- April 7, 2011 **“A Handful of This and a Sackful of That” by Sharon Hanan, SJC member**
- May 5, 2011 **Kenny Lewis, Cowboy Poet, and Memorial Service**
- June 2, 2011 **June Luncheon, Installation of Officers, Location to be Announced**



### **Battleship Texas October 7, 2010 - San Jacinto Chapter Program**

**We, the San Jacinto Chapter of the DRT, proudly begin this very special year with Steven Howell’s presentation on “The Battleship TEXAS-History, Honorable, Service, and Fortune.”** Did you know when the Battleship Texas was commissioned on March 12, 1914, she was the most powerful weapon in the world and the most complex product of an industrial nation. Mr. Howell will enlighten us with historical significant facts and its role and service in World War I and II. We are indeed fortunate to have Mr. Howell as he is the Executive Director, Battleship Texas, speak on October 7, 2010 at our first meeting of this current year, 2010-2011.



### FRIENDS OF THE LOG HOUSE

Through the long, hot summer many of our members have kindly remembered to send needed contributions to our Log House. The funds helped to keep us going through these past months. Thanks to everyone who made the effort! You should find everything in tip-top shape when you return in October for another action-packed year with the San Jacinto Chapter.

#### Memorials and Honorariums

Dorothy Cagle in memory of Ernie McNeil  
 Gina Bouchard in memory of Shirley Lightfoot  
 Pamela Covington in memory of Shirley Lightfoot  
 Pamela Covington in memory of Beth Dabaghi  
 Carolyn Lightfoot in memory of Shirley Lightfoot  
 Francita Ulmer in memory of Rosa Williams  
 Isabell Andrews in honor of Mary Helen Richardson  
 Gayle Kelsey in honor of Olga McLaren

Sharlet Warner  
 Mary Jo Bair  
 Caroline Prince  
 Bette Shumake  
 Clare Deaver

Camille Simpson  
 Maryanne Tallichet  
 Martha Strang  
 Kae Theilen  
 Margaret Standard

Annette Segura  
 Margaret McGinty  
 Esther Simon  
 Bette J. Burkett

Special thanks to Tina Shelton for her very generous donation of items for the Country Store.

#### Log House Rental

The Pioneer Memorial Log House is currently used for a variety of occasions including San Jacinto Chapter activities and fundraising rentals. Because of the growing popularity of the Log House and in order to avoid “double booking,” it is important to coordinate all use of the Log House. Please contact Brenda Auld at 281-497-0528 or [bauld@comcast.net](mailto:bauld@comcast.net) regarding the availability of the Log House for any function and to schedule an event at the Log House.

#### LOG HOUSE DOCENTS

Please be advised that the burglar alarm permits have been received for the Log House and are now posted. The alarm has been activated.



**THE COUNTRY STORE**

There is so much excitement over the new Keep Texas Beautiful ornament. It is a gorgeous Monarch Butterfly. You must have one in your collection. Remember the Capitol and KTB ornaments may be displayed all year in your home.

Many at convention wanted primary and elementary books on Texas heroes. I have seven new titles that you will want to see. All of the Texas hero books are priced at \$18.00.

I have made 3x5 inch Texas calendars. They make wonderful gifts and are unique and colorful. I have donated all the materials and my time. Calendars sell for \$10 and are in limited supply.

Hope you are looking for Texas items to add to the store.

See you in my corner,  
Luanne

**FOUNDERS DAY LUNCHEON IN GALVESTON**

**Make plans now to attend the joint Founders Day Luncheon with the Sidney Sherman Chapter in Galveston. The luncheon will be held November 9, 2010 and we will also visit The Cradle. A bus has been reserved. More information will be available soon.**

**SJC-DRT OFFICERS 2010-2011**

President . . . . . Eron Brimberry Tynes  
First Vice President . . . . . Anita Cooper  
Second Vice President . . . . . Ann Bevil  
Third Vice President . . . Loretta Williams  
Fourth Vice President . . . . Luanne Zacek  
Fifth Vice President . . . . . Esther Simon  
Chaplain . . . . . Mary Jane Harmon  
Recording Secretary . . . . . Ann Tanner

Corresponding Secy. . . . . Sally Whittington  
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Registrar . . . . . Marje Harris  
CRT Registrar . . . . . Marilyn Chapman  
Historian . . . . . Martha Haydel  
Advisors . . Brenda Auld and Phyllis Moody  
Past President . . . . . Carolyn Lightfoot  
Parliamentarian . . . . . Nancy Burch



You Are Cordially Invited  
*to*  
help Gonzales celebrate  
*the*  
175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Firing  
*of the*  
First Shot for Texas Independence  
*at the*  
50<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Service

★ Sponsored by the Gonzales Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas ★



Gonzales Memorial Museum  
414 Smith Street  
Gonzales, Texas  
Sunday, October 3, 2010  
12:15 in the afternoon

Honored Ancestor:  
Elizabeth Dearduff-George, Runaway Scrape Survivor  
Wife and Sister of Alamo Defenders  
James George and William Dearduff

★ Tour of the Gonzales Memorial Museum will follow ★  
★ The Memorial Service will be moved to the DAR House directly  
behind the Memorial Museum if inclement weather occurs ★

## DIGITIZING DRT APPLICATIONS

We have good news for DRT!! The Mormons have agreed to digitize our applications, including proofs, at **no** cost to the organization!!

Because of a couple of members expressing concerns regarding the scanning of their applications, we are offering the option to decline having your application scanned. **You must send your name and application number to Headquarters so that it can be flagged to prevent its being scanned. Please notify us by October 15, 2010.**

Reasons why all applications should be scanned:

1. Paper copies are in jeopardy.
2. Records will be incomplete if any applications are left out.
3. DRT asked the Mormons to scan the applications back in early 1990's but no one followed through with the process.
4. SRT has already had their applications scanned by the Mormons.

Further, to address the concerns of the few who have questions, are the following:

1. Social Security publishes a Social Security Index that is available.
2. Texas Public Data can be subscribed to for \$25.00 per year, giving your Texas Driver's License information (birth date, present address and voter registration number).
3. Social Security only protects LIVING persons.
4. Texas Bureau of Vital Statistics gives or sells their information to entities such as "Center for Disease Control," cancer research, etc.
5. Family Search already has birth records.
6. CRT will NOT be included.

Please call or email me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you,

**Lana Boussidan**  
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# CELEBRATING 75 YEARS



## BUILT IN HONOR OF THE TEXAS CENTENNIAL

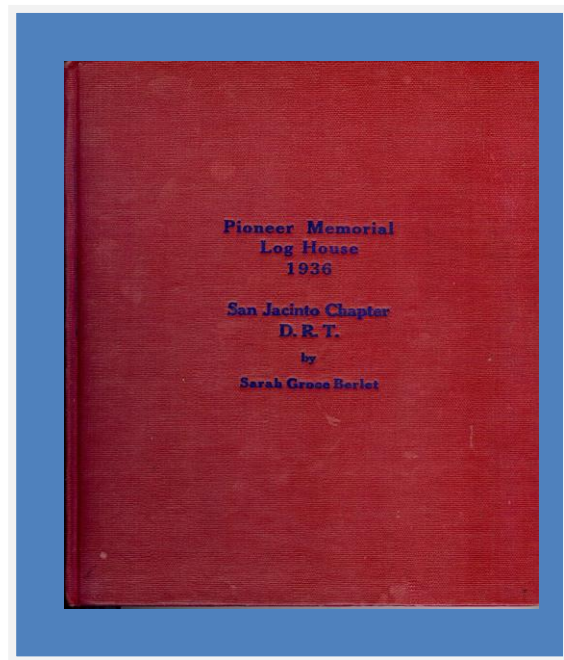
On March 2, 2010, the Pioneer Memorial Log House will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Houston landmark. Conceived and built in 1936 by the San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, as a hospitality venue for activities during the Texas Centennial and to honor DRT pioneer ancestors, its walls have heard epic stories of our state's unique history throughout the last three-fourths of a century.

During this coming year, there will be a special section in the newsletter dedicated to the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum and its history. We are so fortunate that Sarah Groce Berlet, Building Chairman prepared a book and we will share with you in the coming months information and pictures from this account.

### *Conception of the Pioneer Memorial Log House:*

*October 4, 1934, following the chapter meeting, Mrs. Madge Hearne called a meeting of the Scrap Book Committee at her home. . . the subject of the increasing membership, and lack of housing space was discussed. . . Mrs. Earl Ramsey, President of San Jacinto Chapter, asked Mrs. George Berlet, to tell the others of an idea which she had expressed to Mrs. Ramsey a few weeks previous. . .*

*Mrs. Berlet said that it was just a day dream she had had for several years, and was possibly too idealistic to ever come true, but she told 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 home of our pioneer ancestors, and the place dedicated to their memory.’*

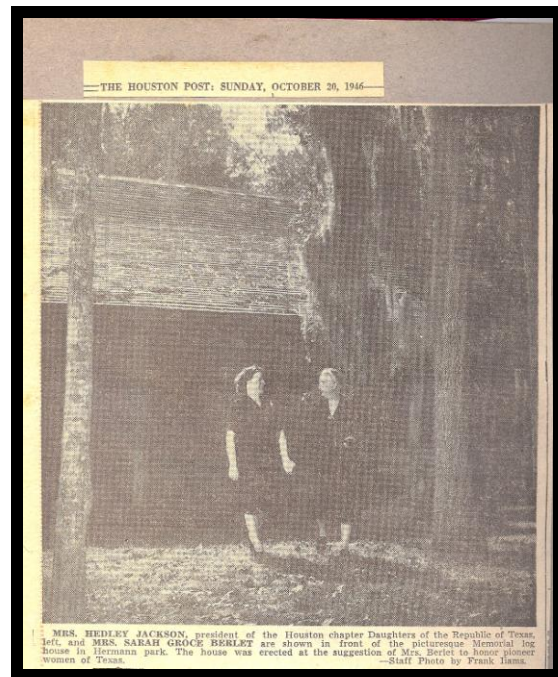
Members of the Pioneer Memorial Committee were:

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|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Mrs. Sarah Groce Berlet | Mrs. Erl Ramsey     | Mrs. Frank Andrews    | Mrs. H. H. Ueckert |
| Mrs. George Baldwin     | Mrs. Carl Fenity    | Mrs. Eugene T. Harris | Mrs. Thomas White  |
| Mrs. T. Fred Harris     | Mrs. Madge Hearne   | Mrs. Carrie Kemp      | Miss Mary Todd     |
| Mrs. John Nagle         | Mrs. H. A. Pulliman |                       |                    |

### Proposed Log House Drawing



The drawing is a placard designed by Mrs. Berlet for the March 2, 1935, Texas Independence Day Luncheon at the Rice Hotel. The luncheon was held in conjunction with the Sons of the Republic of Texas. Note that the chimney was originally on the left side of the Log House.



Mrs. Sarah Groce Berlet is pictured on the right with Mrs. Hadley Jackson.

If anyone is a descendant or related to one of the Building Committee members, please contact Eron Tynes. Also, if you have any old pictures of the Log House or Building Committee members, please send. We will be compiling a Memory Book for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## REMEMBERING . . .

### SHIRLEY LIGHTFOOT

The funeral service for Shirley Lightfoot was held in the chapel of Klein Funeral Home, Cy-Fair at 10:00 AM on Monday, July 5, 2010. Interment followed in Klein Memorial Park, Magnolia.

Mrs. Lightfoot was a dedicated and loyal member of the San Jacinto Chapter. As a retired school teacher, she had a passion and deep love for Texas history. As 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President, she managed the Country Store, served as Chapter Treasurer and was a docent for many years. Along with Cora Beth Dabaghi (deceased February 9, 2009) she co-chaired the Patriotic Education Committee.

Any memorial contributions for the Daughters of the Republic of Texas should be sent to Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum c/o Kae Theilen, 5047 Oak Shadows, Houston, Texas, 77091.



### ALICE CADE FOSTER

Mrs. Alice Lula Cade Foster, 91, Houston, Texas, died peacefully Wednesday, 30 June 2010. Mrs. Foster was a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Houstonian, a 5<sup>th</sup> generation Texan and a 13<sup>th</sup> generation American. She was the daughter of DeEtte Eddings Fuller Cade and Richard Charles Cade. She was the granddaughter of James Robert Cade and Ann Mortimer Cade and Henry Clay Fuller and Alice Gertrude Lea Jones Fuller.

Mrs. Alice Cade Foster's American ancestry has been fully documented back to 1613 in Jamestown, Virginia, the cradle of our country. Her early proven Virginia ancestors, who helped develop the first colony of the New World before 1625, were John Clay, Richard Pace, and Samuel Maycock. Mrs. Foster was honored with life membership in the **Order of First Families of Virginia, 1607-1624/5**; a life member of the Jamestown Society; San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, and the National Society Magna Charta Dames. She was a member of the First Texas Company, Jamestown Society, where she served as Company Historian for many years. She was a past member of Colonial Dames of America, Chapter No. 8, Houston; Lady Washington Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and United Daughters of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis No. 1637. She spent over 40 years working as a volunteer for

Shriners Hospital for Children in Houston and Galveston. Mrs. Foster was honored by the American Business Women's Association.

Mrs. Foster was a life-long Episcopalian. She was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, DeAnna DuPree Walker, and by her two husbands, her son-in-law, Ernest Van Nesbitt, and her brother, Richard Charles Cade, Jr. Mrs. Foster is survived by daughter, DeEtte DuPree Nesbitt and son, Raymond D. DuPree and wife, Pam. Grandchildren, Michael C. Walker; Alice L. Massey; C. Scott Nesbitt, wife Suzanna, great-granddaughter, Luna J. Nesbitt; Michael A. DuPree, wife, Norma, and Christopher S. DuPree, all of Houston, Texas. Seven Great-grandchildren. Sister-in-law, Mildred Cade; niece, Mrs. Caroline Cade Liles; nephews, Richard C. Cade, III and Ronald Cade.

### MAVIS EPPES

MAVIS EPPES Age 73 - Funeral services for Ms. Mavis Eppes were held on Saturday, July 31, 2010, at 11:00a.m. at Bowers Funeral Home in Teague. Brother Corey Agricola and Kelli Barron Agricola will officiate. Interment followed the services at Greenwood Cemetery. She was born during a snowstorm on January 31, 1937, in Teague, Texas to Richmond "Rich" and Ruth Haynie Eppes.

After leaving Sam Houston State University, Mavis spent her entire career at Vinson & Elkins, a prestigious Houston law firm. After 40 years of service at Vinson & Elkins, Mavis retired in April 1999 as Director of Records and Information management, the first person in the firm to hold that title. Mavis was a member of the First Baptist Church Spring Branch, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, Jamestown Society, Society of the Descendants of Francis Eppes I of Virginia, Texas First Families, and Daughters of the Republic of Texas. She was recognized in Who's Who of American Women. Mavis loved her family, country, friends, dogs, antique furniture, her weekend home at the Teague Lake, fine dining, home-cooked food and a well-timed joke. Her wit is legendary.

She is survived by many dear friends as well as her loving family members: sister, Sue Eppes Ivy & husband Weldon of San Antonio; brother-in-law, Forest Irwin of Houston; twin brother, Davis Eppes & wife Jeanne of Trinity; three nephews, James David Ivy of San Antonio, Jeffery Weldon Ivy of Houston and Kerry Glen Eppes of Adell, GA.; and six nieces, Terry Irwin Cline of Houston, Penny Irwin Robertson of Sugar Land, Brenda Irwin Barlow of Friendswood, Sherry Eppes Bolduc of Pearland, Aimee Eppes Mamich of Bellevue, WA., and Jennifer Eppes Randles of Katy. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Mavis Eppes, FAI Excellence in Records Management Scholarship, ARMA International Educational Foundation, 1609 Terrie Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15241



**FLY THE TEXAS FLAG  
September/October Dates**

September 29<sup>th</sup>, FRENCH LEGATION - MEMORIAL DAY

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, GONZALES DAY - HONOR DAY

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**SAVE THE DATE**

75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TEA

PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE

FEBRUARY 27, 2011

75<sup>th</sup> FUNDRAISING DINNER

PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE

March 2, 2011

**Attendance Award**

Your attendance at each meeting entitles you to enter the drawing for complimentary dues for the year 2011-2012. Sign in when you come to the meeting and those members who attend all the meetings will be eligible. Betty Petty was last year's winner. The drawing will take place at our June Luncheon, 2011.



## Across Texas — in the years 1834 - 1845

**1834:** Three Methodist ministers ignore the Mexican government's prohibition against Protestant worship and hold a camp meeting on Caney Creek.

**1835:** Houston chairs a mass meeting in Nacogdoches to consider the possibility of convening a Consultation (similar to those of 1832 and 1833). Conclusion: "War between Texas and the Central Government is inevitable." Stephen F. Austin is released from 28 months in a Mexican prison, issues a call to arms.

**1836:** Houston elected first president of the Republic of Texas. He is not allowed to succeed himself.

**1837:** The U. S. Recognizes Texas as a sovereign nation, joining France, Belgium, the Netherlands and the Germanic States. Texas treasury notes begin circulating.

**1838:** Daniel Webster writes the Bank of the United States: "The decision of the Gov't of Texas to withdraw its application for a union with the U. States is, in my judgment, an event eminently favorable to both countries."

**1839:** The editor of the Telegraph and Texas Register writes: "More people should emigrate to Texas. Indian attacks are infrequent, the land is cheaper than places like Mississippi, planters can reap huge profits. And Texas is much healthier than the rest of the southwest because of a lack of swamps."

**1841:** Houston is again elected president.

**1842:** The capital is moved from Austin to Houston to Washington on the Brazos. In the Dawson Massacre near San Antonio, 36 Texans are killed by Mexican soldiers.

**1843:** After months of work by Sam Houston, the "Republic of Texas Treaty with the Indigenous Nations of the Delaware, Chickasaw, Waco, Tawakani, Keechi, Caddo, Anadahkah, Ionie, Biloxi, and Cherokee" is signed.

**1844:** Mexico releases 105 prisoners taken in the Dawson Massacre, Mier Expedition and Texan Santa Fe Expedition.

**1845:** The Constitution of the Proposed State of Texas is ratified by popular vote. It will be accepted by the U. S. Congress in December.

TEXAS, ONE AND INDIVISIBLE