

The Sherman Sentinel

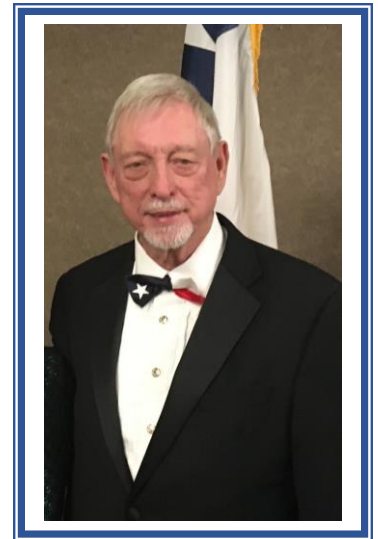
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SIDNEY SHERMAN CHAPTER, NO. 2 – GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The largest, bloodiest, deadliest battle in Texas was fought on August 18, 1813 near the town of Leming, Texas that is just about 20 miles south of San Antonio. This battle involved the Republican Army of the North against the Spanish Empire.

Occurring during a very confused and turbulent period of world history, the Battle of Medina affected the destinies of Spain, Mexico, the United States, England, and France. Mexico and Latin America were in revolt against Spain, whose king was Joseph Bonaparte, brother of Napoleon, who was on a rampage in Europe, and the United States was at war with England, later to be called the War of 1812.



The Republican Army of the North led by Colonel Augustus Magee consisting of approximately 1,400 Tejano-Mexican and Tejano-American revolutionaries was defeated by the Spanish Royalist Troops, commanded by General Joaquín de Arredondo. Fewer than 100 of the 1,400 soldiers survived as the Spanish army killed many of the fleeing soldiers. Those who were captured were summarily executed. A young Lieutenant, Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna who fought in the bloody battle followed his superior's orders of taking no prisoners. For the Texan and Tejano soldiers in this battle, almost all of them were killed. It is unknown how many survived as the soldiers who did survive couldn't tell people that they had been a part of this fight for most of their

The Battle of Medina, as the clash in the oak grove would come to be known, was one of the deadliest and most one-sided battles in North American history, with some 1,300 of the 1,400 men of the American and revolutionary army dying in the conflict and its aftermath. Joaquín de Arredondo's Spanish forces suffered only 55 dead. The battle was also historically significant. The royalist victory helped suppress the three-year-long revolution against the Spanish colonial government that had raged across northeastern New Spain, and it put on hold hopes that Texas would be independent or become a part of the United States.

The actual battle site has never really been determined. Tom Green began holding a Commemoration Ceremony on Applewhite Road approximately 20 years ago. I was one of the first people to work with Tom as we established an annual ceremony and then later the Symposium. I went down there every year with Tom to remember these brave men in their struggle for Independence.

I am happy to report that our First Annual Sidney Sherman Birthday Dinner was quite a success. Over 40 people attended including Robert Kendall, KSJ, a direct descendant of Sidney Sherman and who was there to “cut” the cake. We were also honored to have our President General, Randy Pollard and his wife, Trisha also attend, in addition to other State Executive Board members, District Representatives, SRT Chapter Presidents, other SRT Members and ladies from the San Jacinto Chapter, DRT.

We made over \$1200.00 for our Keeping Texas History Alive Educational Project through our Auctions. Successful events happen because of the efforts of numerous people who assist with the planning and preparation. As President, I am honored to work with so many dedicated Chapter members who worked to make the Dinner a success. Our treasurer, Billy Mayo did an outstanding job in collecting the funds and developing the spreadsheets for both the dinner and the Auctions. Other members who provided valuable assistance in setting up and cleaning up were Robert and Cindy Schnuriger, Larry and Marsha Armstrong, Steve and Vicki Nicol, Steve Manis and Eron Tynes.

What a great evening it was as we honored our namesake Sidney Sherman with our fellow SRT members and continued our mission to

perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the Independence of Texas.

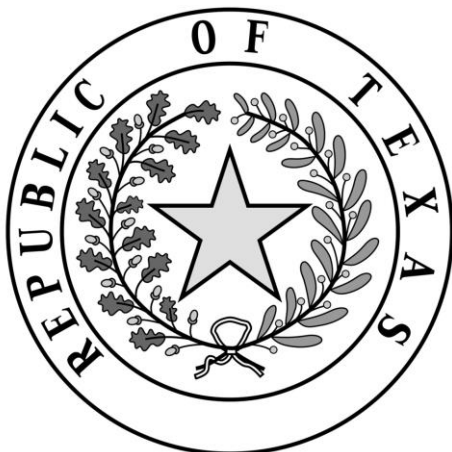


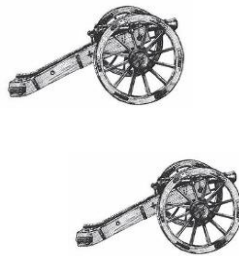
God Bless Texas

*Carl V. Hill,
President*

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Sidney Sherman Birthday Dinner

Over 40 SRT members, family and friends gathered to celebrate the First Annual Sidney Sherman Birthday at Pacific Seafood in Dickinson, Texas. During the Dinner, two presentations were made. The first was the SRT Military Veterans Medal to Steve Nicol for his military service in the U.S. Navy. The second was to Ron Schoolcraft for his service as President of the Chapter.



Billy Mayo, Treasurer joined Carl Hill is presenting the SRT Military Veterans Medal to Steve along with a Certificate. During the Vietnam War he served on the USS Prairie, AD 15, which was a repair ship for destroyers, from 1968-1970 with two Westpac cruises. The certificate reads

Served in the United States Military and was honorably discharged is hereby awarded the Sons of the Republic of Texas Veterans award for his sacrifice, service, duty, and dedication to Texas and the United States of America.

Ron Schoolcraft, President January 2021 - January 2023

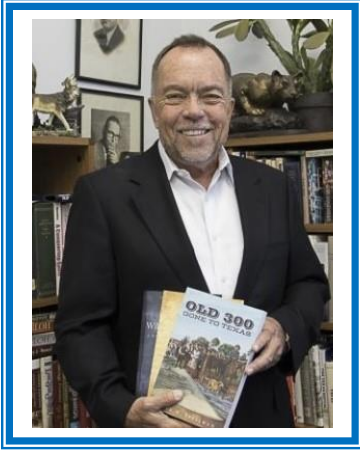
Carl Hill then presented to Ron Schoolcraft a plaque for recognition of his term as President of the Chapter. The plaque reads.

*The Sons of the Republic of Texas, Sidney Sherman
Chapter, No 2*

*Presented in grateful appreciation for your leadership
and dedicated service.*



Sidney Sherman Dinner



The keynote speaker was Dr. Paul Spellman who spoke on the Old Three Hundred. Dr. Spellman has recently retired from Wharton County Junior College and presented numerous interesting facts about the Old Three Hundred. In addition to providing the music, Steve Manis, KSJ gave a history on the reactivation of the Chapter.

Left – Dr. Spellman
Right - Randy Pollard, President General with his wife, Trisha.



Steve Manis, KSJ with Sally Whittington and Admiral Beth Fisher, San Jacinto Chapter, DRT.

Special thanks to Robyn Davis, District Representative, for donating the Birthday Cake.

Robert Kendall, KSJ, Sidney Sherman descendant cutting the cake with Eron Tynes.



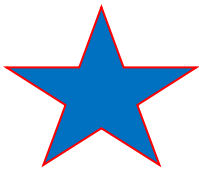
Robert Schnuriger, Chaplain with his wife Cindy.



Ray Beall, President, Stephen F. Austin Chapter and District Representative.



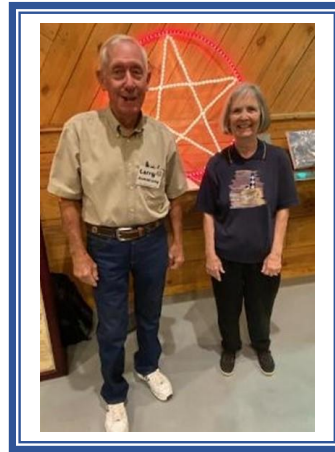
Ron Schoolcraft, Past President and his wife Kim.



Special thanks to the Schnirigers, the Armstrongs and the Nicols for all their efforts in assisting with the Dinner, especially Set up and Clean Up. Steve Nicol also assisted with the Silent Auction.



Robert Schnuriger, Chaplain with his wife Cindy and son Cody.



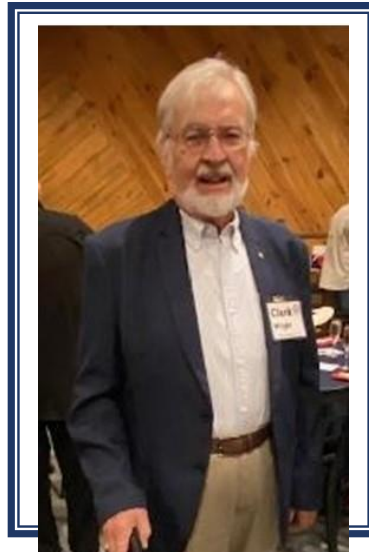
Larry Armstrong, Quartermaster and his wife, Marsha.



Steve Nicol, Registrar and his wife Vicki.



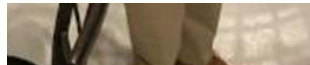
Sidney Sherman Chapter members J.B. Kline and Albert Seguin with Robert Kendall, KSJ, Past President, SRT.



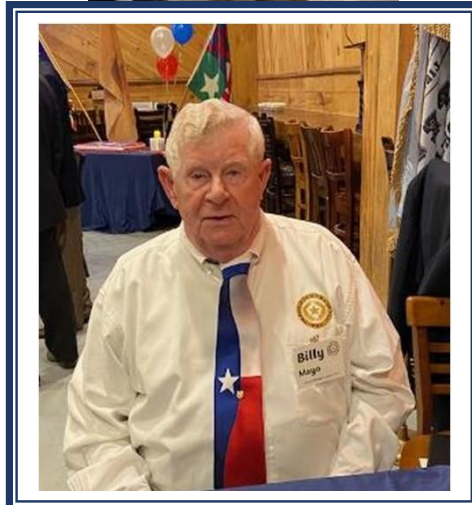
Clark Wright, Secretary & Webmaster



Mike Mitchel (Sidney Sherman Chapter Member) and his wife, Cindy Mitchell (Honorary Member)



Carl Hill with San Jacinto Chapter Members, DRT – Eron Tynes, Sally Whittington, Admiral Beth Fisher and Gwen Koch, President.



Billy Mayo, Treasurer



Jennifer and John Lucas, Sidney Sherman Chapter Member.

Silent and Live Auction

Both Auctions were a big success. Approximately \$1200.00 was raised for the Keeping Texas History Alive Educational Project. We greatly appreciate the auction donations from all our donors.

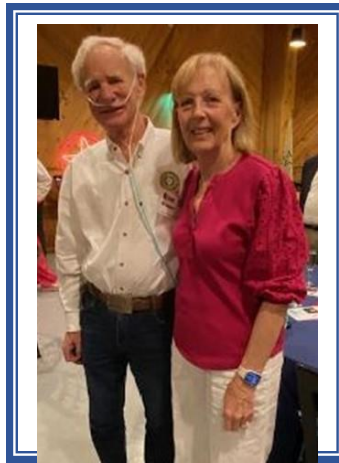
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| Larry Armstrong | Marshall Brown |
| Robyn Davis | Nina Hendee |
| Christie Erickson | Carl Hill |
| Steve Manis | Steve Nicol |
| Jeff Corbin | Albert Seguin |
| Mike & Carolyn Mitchell | |
| Sidney Sherman Chapter, DRT | |
| Cindy & Robert Schnuriger | |



Jeff Corbin
Historian General,
Robert Schnuriger,
Chaplain, and Steve
Nicol, Registrar,
Sidney Sherman
Chapter.



Mike Wilson, Second Vice President General and his wife Cheryl.



Ron Brown, First Vice President General and his wife Pam.



Robyn Davis, District Representative with his wife Destiny.



Other persons in attendance were Tim Rainey, Sidney Sherman Chapter along with John Thompson and David Hamaker from the Lone Star Chapter. Joe Koch was also there with his wife Gwen Koch, President, San Jacinto Chapter, DRT. In addition, Joe Tennant, President, San Jacinto Descendants and his wife Sudie attended.



Tony Cerda, Past President, Deaf Smith Chapter with his wife Patty.



Eron Tynes and Cindy Schnuriger with Wildflower Ornaments given by Carl Hill for their assistance with the dinner.

Sidney Sherman Chapter

August Meeting

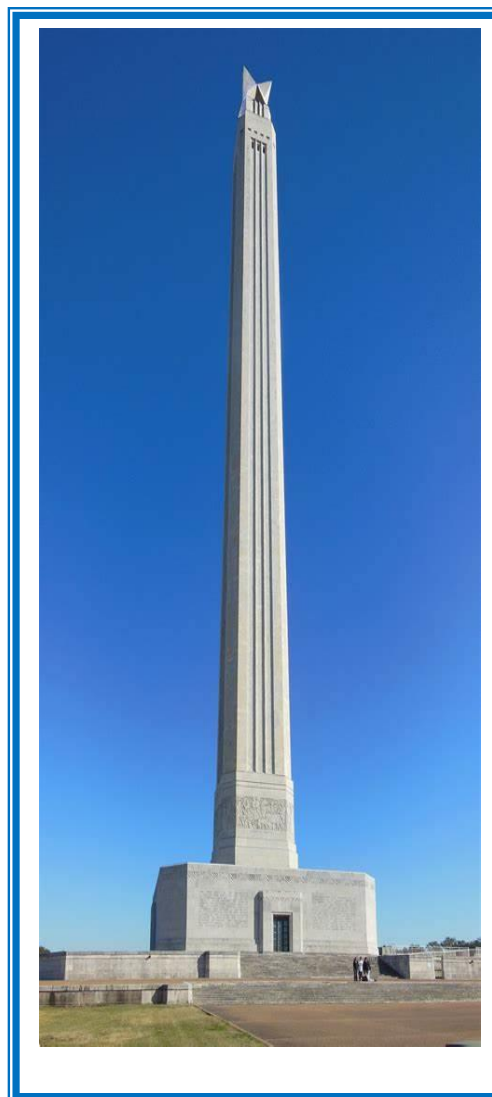


The Sidney Sherman Chapter is honored to have Amy Rogers, Executive Director, San Jacinto Battleground, Monument, and Museum as our August Speaker. She will update us on the upcoming plans for the San Jacinto Battleground. Since becoming CEO in 2021, there have been numerous improvements and upgrades to the grounds and additional educations programs for both children and adults.

Prior to joining the team, she was the Executive Director of the 1940 Air Terminal Museum at William P. Hobby Airport where she held that position for 12 years. Amy holds a BA in History from Sam Houston State University and a MA in Nonprofit Management from the University of Houston-Downtown. She is an accomplished grant writer and fundraiser having secured funding for multiple programs and capital projects.



In addition to her work at the museum Amy was elected in 2012 to serve as Councilor at Large of the Southeast Texas Museums Association (SETMA) and then served as the organization's Secretary for 5 years. She has also served as a member of the Texas Association of Museums (TAM) Program Committee and was elected to TAM Council in 2016. She holds membership in TAM, SETMA, American Alliance of Museums (AAM), and young professional organizations such as Pier & Beam (a branch of Preservation Houston) and Urban Green (Hermann Park Conservancy). Amy truly has a passion for historic preservation, nonprofit organizations, and museum operations and enjoys working with others who dedicate their time and talents to this field.



SAN JACINTO
Legacy Of Liberty

The most significant Battle of the Western Hemisphere

Keeping Texas History Alive



Honoring
Sam Houston

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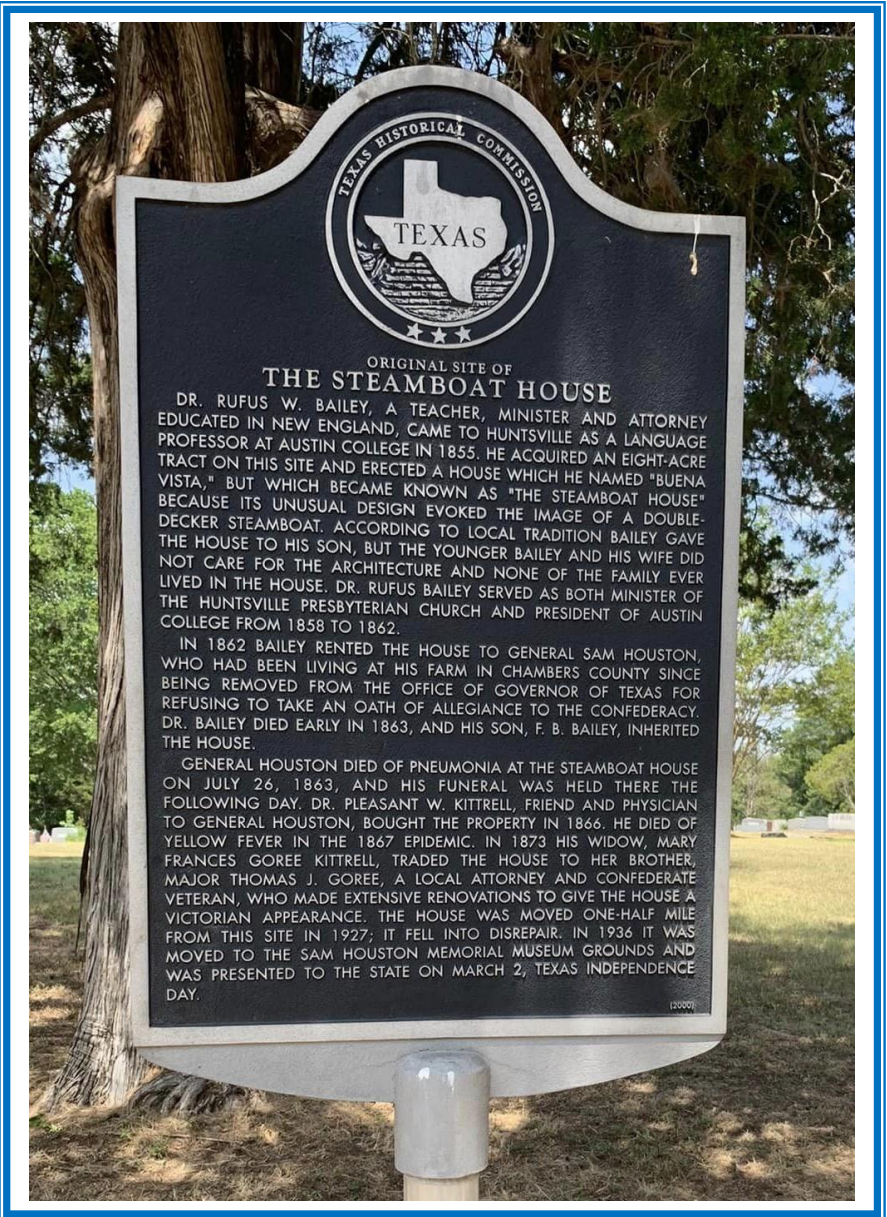
Steamboat House
July 26, 2023

Huntsville, Texas



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Ron Schoolcraft

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Robert Gindratt



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Ron McAnear
Lone Star Chapter

Ron Schoolcraft



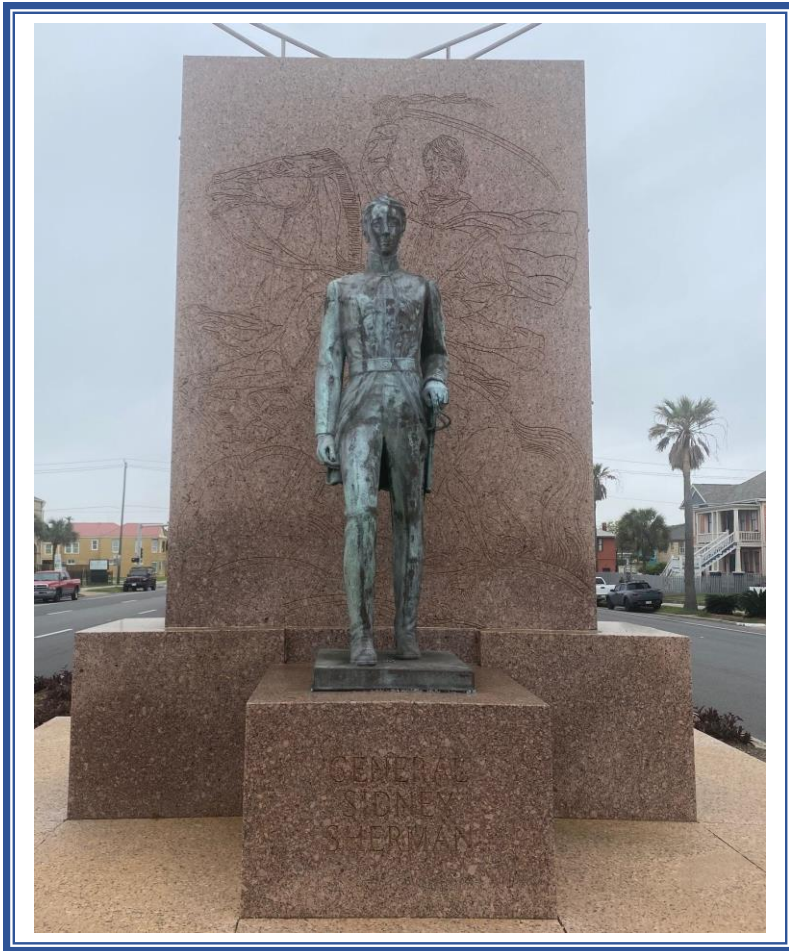
Sidney Sherman Marker and Statute



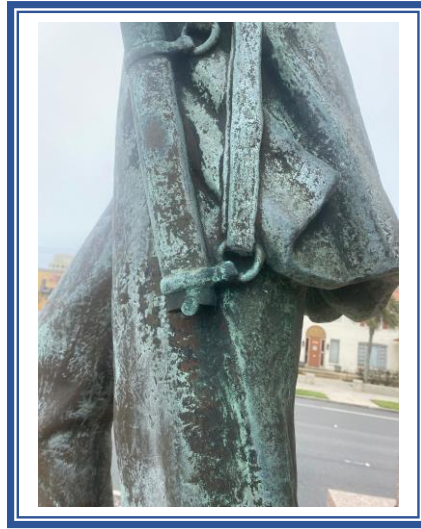
Galveston

The Sidney Sherman Marker and Statute is located in Galveston at the intersection of Broadway and 7th street. It was erected in 1936 by the State of Texas. The sculptor for the Sidney Sherman Statute was Gaetano Cecere 1894-1985. Gaetano Cecere was an American Sculptor based in New York City and a member of the National Sculpture Society. In 1920 he won the Prix de Rome and studied at the American Academy in Rome for several years. He sculpted the model for the first version of the Distinguished Cross and later designed the Soldier's Medal.

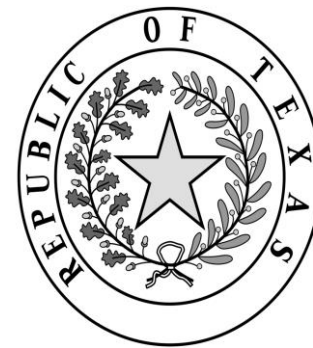
The scabbard that holds the sword on the Sidney Sherman statue has been broken off. The chapter hopes to facilitate the repair of the statue. We are not sure where the missing piece of the statue is, or even if it still exists. We will be contacting the Texas Historical Commission to see what the protocol is to address the repair issue and we will be reporting back to the chapter.



If anyone has information on the broken piece of the statue, please let me know.
Carl Hill, President.



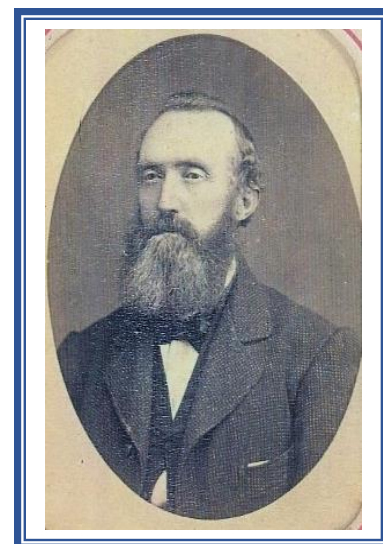
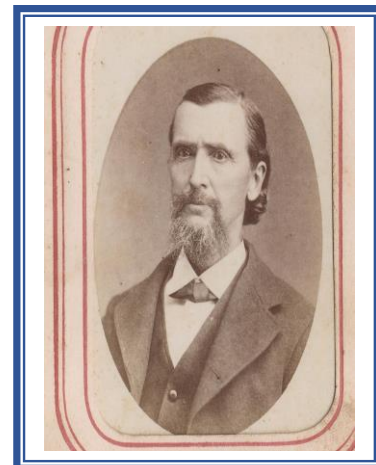
Texas Patriot Corner



My qualifying ancestor was Theodore Gustavus Adolphus Willis (1822-1886) who came to Texas in 1838 along with his Father, Dr. Robert Lee Willis (1799-1892) and his mother Bethunia Bostick Barner (1802-1858) and five brothers and sisters. Dr. Willis and TGA both received their Republic of Texas Land in Shelby County.

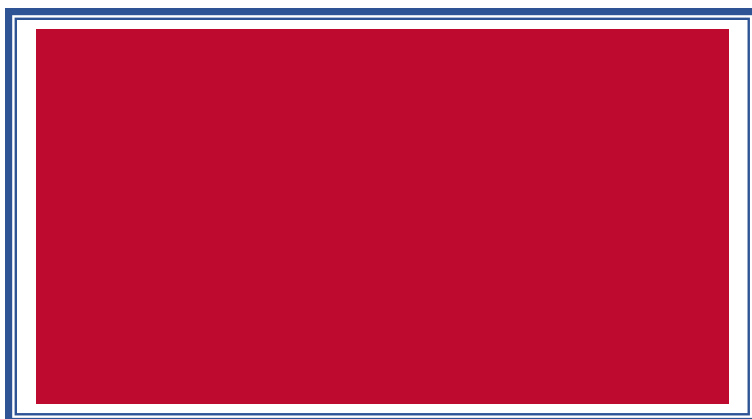
They came to the Republic of Texas from Lincoln Co. Kentucky after the banking panic of 1837, as great inducements were offered by the Republic of Texas. They came to Texas to make a new start and a new life. His father was of English and Irish parentage and his relatives were early settlers of the colonies. His mother was a French Huguenot whose relatives also came early to the colonies settling in Virginia.

Theodore married Ann Maria Bass on September 30, 1848. Her family was also early colonial settlers of Virginia, and they fought in the American Revolution against the British. TGA was a Captain in Parson's Twelfth Texas Calvary during the Civil War serving as the Regimental Quartermaster. After the war TGA served in the Texas House of Representatives representing the 15th District as he lived in Troup, Smith Co. Texas. He also served as the Immigration Commissioner for the State of Texas. The picture I believe was from the time he served in the Texas legislature. I could not find his picture at the Capital because the Capital burned. The other picture is a little older picture of TGA.



These are not my only relatives that came to early Texas. One of my relatives was James Wilder. He came from Courtland, Alabama in 1836 with Captain Dr. Jack Shackelford. James Wilder was one of the Alabama Red Rovers that perished at Goliad fighting for Texas independence. When I reenact the Goliad battle and the massacre, I participate with the Red Rovers, and I always portray James Wilder - it's a way to honor the sacrifice he made for Texas.

Carl Hill, President



The flag of the Red Rovers of Alabama who were at the Battle of Coleto Creek

Texas Patriot Corner

A new section for the newsletter

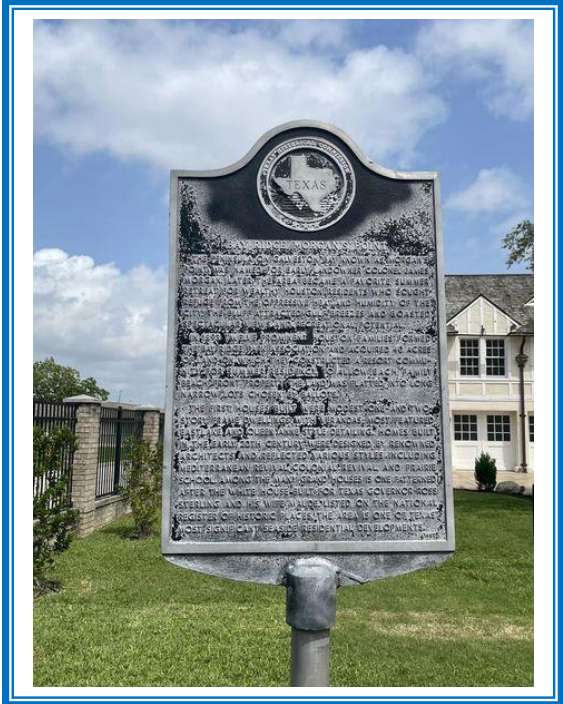
Please honor your Texas ancestor by submitting an article. Articles need to be submitted by the first of each month in Word to be included in that month's newsletter. Please feel free to include a picture of your ancestors. Pictures need to be sent as JPG's. Please note minor corrections for grammar and punctuation may occur.

Preserving Texas History

Preserving the Bay Ridge/Morgan's Point Texas Historical Commission Marker.



Robert Schnuriger, Robyn Davis
and Steve Manis



ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2023

August 15, 2023 Chapter Meeting Speaker – Amy Rogers, Executive Director
San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site

September 19, 2023 Chapter Meeting Speaker - Justice Ken Wise
14th Court of Appeals

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 **TEXIAN NAVY DAY**
San Jacinto Battleground

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 **TEXAS HEROES DAY**

OCTOBER 2, 2023 **GONZALES DAY**

October 17, 2023 Chapter Meeting Speaker – Charles Herbert,
Author “On The Run”

October 17, 2023 **Burnet-Sherman Marker Ceremony**

NOVEMBER 3, 2023 **STEPHEN F. AUSTIN’S BIRTHDAY**

November 21, 2023 Chapter Meeting Speaker - TBD

DECEMBER 9, 2023 **SEIGE OF BEXAR**

December 12, 2023 **Third Annual Christmas Party**
Antiques Pavilion, Galveston
Hosted by Jim Noonus

Upcoming Dates of Interest

August 18, 1813 **Battle of Medina**
Symposium - Atascosa County Historical Commission
August 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
25 E 5th St, Leming, Tx

October 22, 2023 Road to Independence, Celebrating our Heritage
Pioneer Memorial Log House
(owned by the San Jacinto Chapter, DRT)
2:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.

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