

The Sherman Sentinel

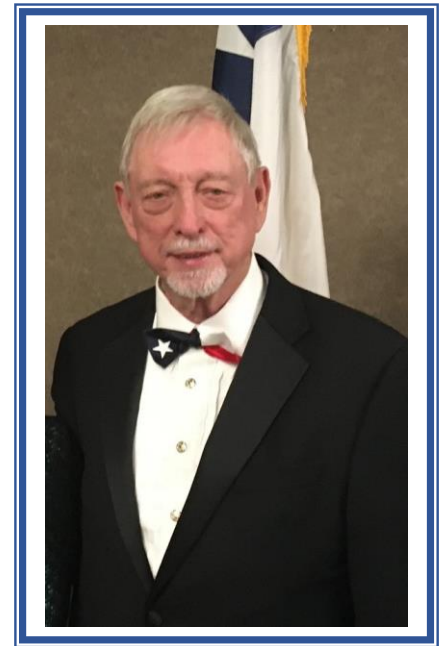
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SIDNEY SHERMAN CHAPTER, NO. 2 – GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was early April, 1836 – **The Alamo had fallen, Goliad had fallen.** The Texian Army had also been defeated at other battles, San Patricio, Agua Dolce Creek and Refugio. Over 800 men had given their lives in the struggle for Liberty and Independence. Since the massacre at Goliad on a Palm Sunday, March 27th, where 350 men, after surrendering, were taken out and shot, the Texian Army continued its retreat east.

The people also fled east in what became known as the **Runaway Scrape** towards the Sabine River and the safety of Louisiana. Homes and towns were burned. It was a cold, wet, muddy spring and the rivers were swollen. Thousands of people with their wagons, cattle, and oxen waited several days to cross the San Jacinto River at the Lynchburg Ferry Crossing.



As we reflect back 188 years ago the men rushed to join General Sam Houston's Army or worked to provide supplies to the Army. Crossing the Brazos was treacherous as the rivers were so full. General Houston then marched the Texian Army to the site of present-day Hempstead, where two cannons awaited them. The two cannons were donated by the people of Cincinnati and would become known as the "Twin Sisters" - the only artillery he would have at San Jacinto.

Arriving at Groce's Ferry on March 31st, Houston made great efforts to bring discipline to his army. This was an army of warriors, but never soldiers. Most of the men in the Texian Army were volunteers, raw recruits, stockmen and adventurers. They were unused to discipline and not accustomed to taking orders from officers. The men charged that Houston was running away when he should be standing and fighting.

During the nearly two weeks that they were encamped at Groce's plantation, T. R. Fehnrebach, author noted the lack of formal training. At Groce's, Houston worked desperately to bring some order and discipline to the motley crew of 1400 which made up his army. With the exception of Houston and a few officers, none had ever fought in formal warfare. They knew nothing of taking orders from commanding officers, of forming columns, of fighting in line.

Sir: The enemy are laughing you to scorn. You must fight them. You must retreat no further. The country expects you to fight. The salvation of the country depends upon you doing so.

And on April 14th, Thomas Rusk, Secretary of War, visits Houston at Groce's Plantation. He, too, said it was time to stop the retreat and begin to fight. General Houston, who was more concerned with training and drilling his army said "I consulted none---held no councils of war. If I err, the blame is mine."

On April 16th, as the army proceeded eastward they came to the "fork" in the road and made the turn south towards the plains of San Jacinto. This timeline of those days in April is so familiar to all of us as we track General Houston's Army on the road to San Jacinto. Our ancestors who sacrificed and gave so much of themselves for Texas Independence are all truly Texas Heroes. As always, we will be present at the San Jacinto Battleground on April 21, 2024, to commemorate the **most significant Battle of the Western Hemisphere**.

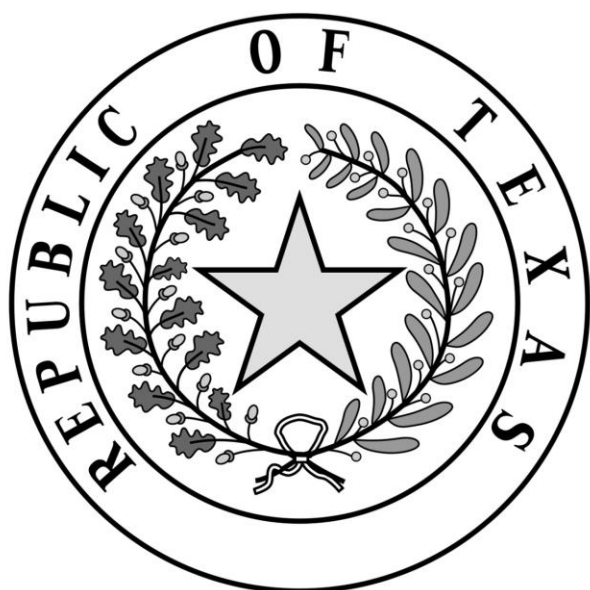
I look forward to seeing many of you as we work together this San Jacinto Day to honor our ancestors as we follow our mission:

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



God Bless Texas

*Carl V. Hill, Jr.
President*



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MARCH MEETING

President Hill announced an unusual situation occurred in that our newest member, Bernard James Rapp had recently passed away. Carl proceeded to induct Mr. Rapp, posthumously with the membership answering for Bernard. President Hill said that the transition of the treasury from Billy Mayo to Jess Colwell is complete.

Steve Nicol announced that several applications are in the works. President Hill indicated that the chapter participated in the activities of Independence Day (March 2) at the Sam Houston Statute in Houston and then at Washington on the Brazos.

Steve Manis indicated that he had met with Henry (Hank) Hall who said he regretted not being able to make our meetings but gave Steve two (2) checks totaling \$500 donation to the chapter. Steve then called Hank Hall and the membership gave Hank a rousing "Thank You" for his generosity.

We also had members participate in the activities of Dawn at the Alamo, our wreath being delivered by our President Carl Hill and First Vice-President Robert Schnuriger. Carl reported on the Annual Meeting where our scrapbook won first place with a cash prize of \$100.00

President Hill then discussed the San Jacinto Activity to occur this Thursday, March 19th at the Battleground. They expect some 60 students to attend and need guidance through the various points of interest in the Park.



Nancy Potter discussed her novel "Barbour's Cut: Beyond the Rivers Reach" which encompasses the life of Captain Clyde Barbour who had the idea and began dredging Barbour's Cut in 1928. Captain Clyde A. Barbour was a young and ambitious steamboat captain who helped shape the city of Houston and transform Port Houston into the fastest growing container port in the United States and the first in overall tonnage.

He envisioned and undertook a bold endeavor to cut the five-hour trip from ships traveling from the Gulf of Mexico to Port Houston in half by dredging an inlet that included a turning basin off the Houston Ship Channel only two and a half hours from the Gulf of Mexico. He named the inlet and terminal Barbours Cut and Barbours Terminal, respectively. His ambitious project catapulted Port Houston to the forefront of container activity in the Gulf Coast.

Barbour owned the Galveston, Harrisburg and Houston Transportation Company, as well as other companies, and was awarded the contract in 1910 to supply concrete for the first great causeway over Galveston Bay between Galveston Island and the mainland, making building materials one of the largest branches of trade in Houston.



Upcoming Events

April Meeting

Jess Stuart was born and raised in Richmond, Texas. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology and is an eighth generation Texan. Jess is married to Terri and they have with two children, Grace and Foster. He is the Community Development Executive for the YMCA of Greater Houston and has worked for the YMCA of Greater Houston for 31 years.

He serves as the Vice President of the Old Foster Museum and is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Richmond. He also is a member of the Fort Bend County Historical Commission, Historic Richmond Commission and Vice President of Stephen F. Austins Old 300 Descendants.



Jess Stuart, President, Mirabeau B. Lamar Chapter will speak on the “The Old Three Hundred and Stuart Ranch history”.

San Jacinto

The 188th Anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto is fast approaching. This year the ceremony will be Sunday, April 21st at 2:00 p.m. Prior to that the San Jacinto School Days will be on Friday, April 19th and the San Jacinto Festival will be April 20th. Please see Pages 6–8 for more information about all the upcoming activities on San Jacinto Weekend and the San Jacinto Symposium to be held April 26th & 27th. Please make every effort to join us as we celebrate the most significant Battle of the Western Hemisphere.

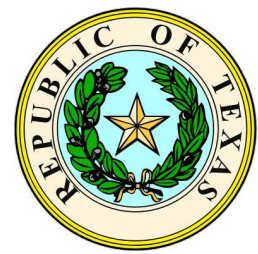


Remember the Alamo
Remember La Bahia

Victory at San Jacinto

A New Republic is Born

Promoting Texas History



Above – Darren Merryman and Carl Hill.

Below & Below right - Carl Hill and David Martin posing with the students.

On a wet windy day, March 19th, Sidney Sherman Chapter member, Darren Merryman brought approximately 60 seventh grade students from San Jacinto Middle School, Pasadena for a tour of the Texian Army Camp. Due to the inclement weather, Andy Smith, Site Manager, allowed us to use the old Battleship Gift shop. Carl Hill talked about the life of a Texian Soldier during the days of the Texas Revolution. David Martin presented an account of a soldier during the Battle of San Jacinto and Eron Tynes talked about some of the Battle Flags.

The students greatly enjoyed the 2-hour presentation and are anxious to come back as soon as possible. It was a wonderful opportunity to teach these young people about our illustrious Texas history.



At the Battleground March 30th

SRT members
David Martin, Randall Hankla
and Carl Hill





SAVE THE DATE

188TH SAN JACINTO DAY CEREMONY

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST 2:00 PM
SAN JACINTO MONUMENT



On **Saturday, April 20**, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the 2024 San Jacinto Day Celebration, presented by the San Jacinto Museum and Battlefield Association and the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site, will be a day of fun, reenactments, and living history activities celebrating the 188th anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto.



From 2023

Above picture – The Texas Army advancing during the Re-enactment.

Below picture – The Sidney Sherman Chapter with their booth during Festival Day.



Friday, April 19, 2024 will be School days at the Battleground. The Sidney Sherman Chapter will be sponsoring a booth both on School Day and Festival Day. There will also be historic flags. **If you are interested in joining us, please email Carl Hill at easygoal1@hotmail.com.**

Celebrate the most significant battle of the Western Hemisphere



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE
OFFICIAL SAN JACINTO DAY CEREMONY
COMMEMORATING THE
188th ANNIVERSARY OF THE

Battle of San Jacinto

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024, AT 2:00 PM
SAN JACINTO MONUMENT

PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

PAUL SPELLMAN, PhD

TEXAS HISTORIAN, SPEAKER & AUTHOR

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LAYING OF THE WREATH
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23RD ANNUAL SAN JACINTO SYMPOSIUM

“The Battle of San Jacinto: Before, During and After”
April 26-27, 2024, Houston, TX



SAN JACINTO
Legacy Of Liberty

2024 THEME

THE BATTLE OF SAN JACINTO: BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER

Presented by Texas State Historical Association and the San Jacinto Battleground Association. The annual Battle of San Jacinto Symposium is the preeminent conference on the Texas Revolution era. The objective is to promote public awareness and scholarship on the Mexican national era in Texas (1821-1835), the Texas Revolution (1835-1836), the Battle of San Jacinto (1836), and the Republic of Texas (1836-1845). These pivotal years mark the transition from Spanish and Mexican sovereignty to independent Texas and annexation to the United States.

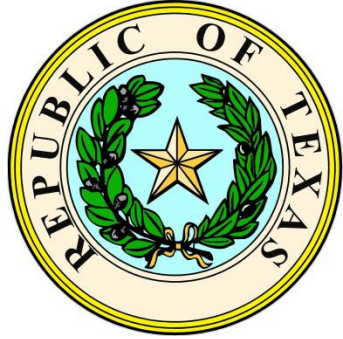
Dr. Gregg Dimmick Dr. Donald Frazier Dr. Caroline Castillo Crimm Jeff Dunn



LOCATION

Friday, April 26th
Patron's Dinner
To be held at the famous Coronado Club in Houston, TX

Saturday, April 27th
San Jacinto Symposium
To be held at the San Jacinto Battleground in the Jesse H. Jones Theatre



Save the Date

Second Annual Sidney Sherman Birthday Celebration

NOTE – CHANGE OF DATE
JULY MEETING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 27, 2024, Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. – We will host the Second Annual Sidney Sherman Birthday Celebration. Sherman was born on July 23, 1805 – 219 years ago.

The regular chapter meeting date has been changed from July 16th to Saturday, July 27th. The speaker will be Chandler Wahrmund, Educator, Fanthorp Inn.



**Margaret Buckner Sapp - Ewers Young
1826 – 1904**



In June 1826, I was born to Patience Wells and Peter Sapp in Pike County, Missouri. My family were farmers. In 1833, my brother, James William Sapp was born in Pike County, Missouri. It was a difficult time in Missouri and my parents eventually divorced. My mother decided to move to Texas in 1834. We lived near my mother's cousins Major James Kerr and Henry S. Brown on the Lavaca River near Navidad in Jackson County. Major James Kerr was a Rancher and Farmer. He also served in the Texas Army and fought in several of the major Battles for Texas Independence. Henry S. Brown was involved in Texas affairs from 1824 till his death in 1834. My relatives were both settlers with Stephen F. Austin and part of the colonists at San Felipe de Austin. After Henry S. Brown died, his son John Henry Brown came to Texas in 1837 with his family. He was an Historian who wrote several books on the History of Texas.

My mother, Patience Wells, was born in Kentucky to Richard "Tidley" Wells Jr. and Jane Brown. They moved to Pike County, Missouri to be near relatives. However, my mother decided to move to Texas for land and start a new life with relatives that could help her. When we arrived in Texas in 1834, my mother received 1285 acres of land because she was a single women and head of household with two children.

In July 1838, my mother married Samuel Shupe in Texanna located in Jackson County, Texas by Elijah Stapp. Together they had two children, Zerilda Ruth and Elizabeth. Samuel had arrived at Gonzales, March 27, 1827, and secured one-fourth of a league of land situated in De Witt's Colony near Lockhart. In December, 1835, he participated in the Storming and Capture of Bexar. At the Battle of San Jacinto, he was a member of Captain Thomas H. McIntires Company and received additional land for his service in the Texas Army. He later moved to Jackson County, Texas and settled on the land he had received for his service as a Veteran of the Texas Army.

On July 7, 1843, at the age of 17 years, I married John J. Ewers in Jackson County, Texas. John was a farmer and rancher. He served in the Matagorda Volunteers alongside many relatives. He fought in the Vasquez Campaign and many small skirmishes in Texas. John and I had three children, Sarah Frances "Fanny", William, and Zereledia Ann. John and I continued to farm and ranch in Lavaca County, Texas. John Latcha who was born in France in 1794 lived on our farm. He was a gifted Cooper who specialized in wood crafts.

In 1848, Samuel Shupe became ill at sea while on his way to New Orleans in search of medical attention. He passed away and was buried at sea. Scarlet Fever and Cholera were causing many deaths in the area. We also had some folks pass from tetanus and pneumonia. Life was not easy in Texas during the early settlement days and especially after the Battle of the Alamo and Battle of San Jacinto.

My mother was having difficulty managing the ranch by herself. She married Charles Simmons in Jackson County, Texas on May 17, 1849. They later moved to Lockhart, Texas on the land that Samuel Shupe had obtained for his service in the Texas Army. My husband, John J. Ewers, became ill and passed away in 1860 in Jackson County, Texas. John was laid to rest in a cemetery along the Navidad River in Lavaca County, Texas. I was left to care for the farm and ranch alone with my three children.

In 1861, I married my second husband, Henry Young in Lavaca County, Texas. We had three children Elizabeth, Minnie, and Annie. After the passing of my husband in 1870, I moved to Losoya located in Bexar County, Texas to live with my children, Elizabeth Young and William "Willie" Ewers. We continued to farm and ranch in the Black Jack Oak Sand Hills not far from where the Battle of Medina was fought.

In January 1882, Elizabeth married James K. Polk Payton. Together they had 8 children. James was a farmer and rancher and introduced many of the folks in the area to making their own spirit water. He made sure that his offspring continued to improve the recipe.

In 1904, I passed away and I now rest in the Barney Williams Cemetery in Losoya located in Bexar County, Texas.

Keeping Texas History Alive

San Jacinto Award San Jacinto Descendants

Sidney Sherman Chapter Honorary Member, Eron Brimberry Tynes was selected by the Executive Board of the San Jacinto Descendants to receive the San Jacinto Award. This award is presented to the individual who has demonstrated a commitment to preserving Texas history and who possesses the highest level of patriotism, leadership, and service not only to the State of Texas but also to their local community.



She works with several historical groups to recognize Texas Honor Days, organizes the Annual Alamo Dinner for DRT and SRT members and recently reactivated the “Chili Cookoff” at the Pioneer Memorial Log House. She also serves on the San Jacinto Day Planning Committee and hosts a booth during the San Jacinto School Day and Festival Day at the Battleground during San Jacinto weekend. Eron says that it is important we all work together to recognize our Texas Honor Days and to Keep Texas History Alive.

She is a Past President of the San Jacinto Chapter, DRT and served two terms as President from 2007 – 2011. At this time, she is Chair of the Relics and Preservation of Historic Sites Committee for the San Jacinto Chapter. In addition, she became an Honorary Member of the Lone Star Chapter, SRT in June, 2011.

She has given numerous presentations - one - “*The Treacherous Road to Victory* and the current one “*So you think you know San Jacinto?*” Her talk focuses on the history of the development of the Battleground and the key historical groups involved. In addition, she is scheduled to be one of the speakers this November at the Battleground for the *History - Under the Star Lecture Series*.

*Honor Your
Ancestors*

For Sidney Sherman Chapter Members that wish to list their ancestor's name next to their name on the website.

Go to our website at www.ss2srt.org and select members to see the list. Next send your ancestor's full name to our webmaster Clark Wright at cpwright2@verizon.net. Should you wish to also send your ancestor's bio, send the bio as a PDF or in Word to the webmaster. The webmaster will add your ancestor's name and if you send the bio he will also add that to the website.

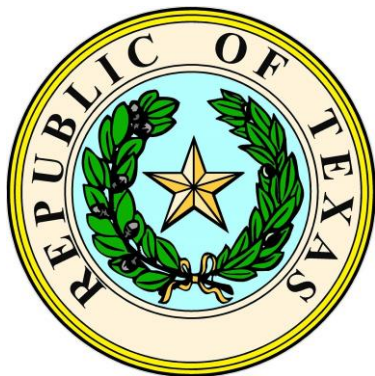
Texas Patriot Corner

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 will occur.

ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024

April 16, 2024	Chapter Meeting	Speaker – Jess Stuart “The Old Three Hundred”
April 19, 2024	San Jacinto Battleground School Days 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	
April 20, 2024	San Jacinto Battleground San Jacinto Festival 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	
APRIL 21, 2024	SAN JACINTO DAY Commemorative Ceremony 2:00 p.m.	
April 26-27, 2024	San Jacinto Symposium	
MAY 14, 2024	TREATY OF VELASCO	
May 21, 2024	Chapter Meeting	Speaker – Kameron Searle “Myths busting Texas History”
June 18, 2024	Chapter Meeting	Speaker – TBD
July 27, 2024 (Saturday)	Second Annual Sidney Sherman Birthday Dinner	Speaker - Chandler Wahrmond



Chapter Meetings are held at Kelley's Country Cooking, 4604 Gulf Freeway, La Marque, Texas. We gather at 5:30 p.m. for dinner. The meeting is gaveled to order at 6:00 p.m.



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