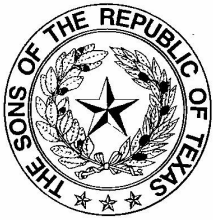


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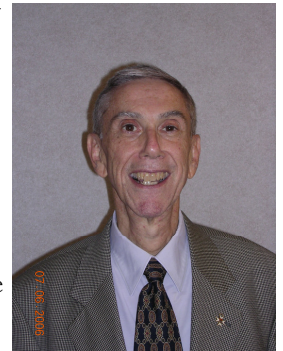
Plan to attend our next chapter event.
We hope to see you there!

December Meeting Planned - Lloyd Bockstruck Guest Speaker

The fourth quarterly meeting of the Thomas J. Rusk Chapter # 8 for 2007 is scheduled for **Thursday, 13 December 2007, at Margaux's Restaurant** located at 150 Turtle Creek Boulevard at Irving Boulevard. Our guest speaker will be Lloyd Bockstruck. The Cash bar opens at 6:30PM with dinner at 7pm. The cost is \$20 per person, pay by cash or check at the door. Dress is business casual. **RSVP by e-mail to mrccoker@yahoo.com or by phone at 972-733-0357.** All RSVP's are required by 10 December.

Lloyd Bockstruck has been with the Dallas Public Library since 1973 and currently serves as the Supervisor of the Genealogy Section. He has been on the faculty of Samford University's Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research since 1974 and was the first recipient of the Institute's Outstanding Alumni Award.

Bockstruck is the author of *Virginia's Colonial Soldiers, Genealogical Research in Texas, Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants Awarded by State Governments, and Family Tree: Weekly Newspaper columns from the Dallas Morning News 1991-1996.* He received the Award of Merit from the NGS in 1982 and was named a Fellow of the Society in 1993. In 1999, he was named as the first recipient of the "Filby Prize for Genealogical Librarianship" offered by the Scholarly Resources and the National Genealogical Society. His latest books are *Denizations and Naturalizations in the British Colonies I America, 1607-1775* and *Bounty and Donation Land Grants in British Colonial America.*



In 2003, Bockstruck was recognized by the North East Texas Library System with the Lifetime Achievement Award. He is active in numerous lineage societies and is featured in *Who's Who in America.* He is a member of many heritage societies in Texas and across the nation. Bockstruck is an Honorary Member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas.

Message from the Chapter President



Frank R. Brown
President TJR Chapter # 8

Fellow Texans,

As each year comes to a close, we tend to look back at our accomplishments and failures. In 2007, the Thomas J. Rusk Chapter SRT added some and lost some, but our growth was positive. We built and implemented a new web site with an "Ancestral" section, wherein our members may post biographies of their Republic of Texas ancestors. We were successful in hosting a dinner meeting in honor of our past presidents, and presented them special "Texas" plaques for their year of service to our Chapter. We had some very good and informative programs, and were

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successful in our outreach to other Texas Heritage societies like DRT and Texas Navy, and established a "standing invitation" to them for attending our meetings. And speaking of the meetings, attendance was up over previous years, and it is expected to continue to increase under future leadership.

The last meeting of this year, our December 13th meeting, promises to be a great one. We will elect new officers for the upcoming year, and our program is to be given by Loyd Bockstruck, who is the head of the genealogy dept. at the Dallas Library and a knowledgeable historian.

It has been a great honor and a privilege to serve the Chapter as president this year, and I thank you for your confidence and support. I look forward to seeing you at the December meeting.

Sincerely,

Dick Brown
President 2007

TJR '08 Meeting Schedule

The tentative meeting dates for Thomas J. Rusk Chapter 8 for 2008 is as follows:

Thursday, 13 March 2008

Thursday, 12 June 2008

Thursday, 11 September 2008

Thursday, 11 December 2008

TJR Officer Profile – Don Stevenson, Chaplin

Don Stevenson is currently serving as Chaplin of the Thomas J. Rusk Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas and has been a member since 2003. He retired in 2006 from Intercon Insurance and Financial Services. He spent his professional life in computer software development and related management. He held several board positions in professional organizations and a credit union. He is active in the Arapaho United Methodist Church's Methodist Men's Group. He is a member of the Dallas Genealogy Society and Genealogy Friends of the Plano Library.

Several of my ancestors were in Texas during the Republic but my membership was based on great-grandmother Mary Emily Wood. She was born in Montgomery County in 1838. Her mother was 48 when Mary was born. When Mary was six, her father died of yellow fever. She received \$600, a horse and a slave, Cate, in his will.

Don Stevenson and his wife Sharon live in Dallas, Texas. They have two daughters and a granddaughter and a grandson.

