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Plan to attend our next chapter event.

We hope to see you there!

June Guest Speaker David Hanover, “The Cherokee War of 1839”

First Vice President General David Hanover, a member of the SRT Speakers Bureau, will present “The Cherokee War of 1839” at the June 9 meeting. David’s interest in the subject stems from his living in Tyler, about 15 miles away from the locations of the two-day Battle of the Neches and the death site of Chief Bowles. He will take you on “field trips” to several key locations related to the events, all in East Texas!

David is a seventh-generation Texan and a charter member of the Piney Woods Chapter #52, Tyler. During Texas History Month in March of each year, he assists the Daughters of the Republic of Texas in Tyler with fourth grade classroom presentations and tells the students about the “Heroes of Texas.” He serves as chairman of the SRT Texas Navy Committee, helping to plan Texian Navy Day celebrations on the third Saturday in September of each year. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, and the Texas Navy Association.



The **2nd** quarterly meeting of the Thomas J. Rusk Chapter # 8 for 2011 is **Thursday, 9 June 2011**, at Texas Land & Cattle, Richardson. **SEE MAP ON PAGE 3.** The Cash bar opens at 6:30pm with dinner at 7:00pm. The cost is **\$25** per person, pay by cash or check at the door. Dress is business casual. **RSVP by e-mail to JimNyfeler@verizon.net or phone at 972 202-1133.** All RSVP’s are required by **7 March.**



Jim Nyfeler

CHAPTER PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow SRT Compatriots:

This is the 175th anniversary year of Texas Independence and interest is growing in the Sons of the Republic of Texas. Welcome everyone, particularly our newest member, Joshua Frederick Bucy. We have a number of

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individuals working on their membership applications. Thanks also to Tim Gibson, a member of this chapter for coordinating the signing by the Mayor of Dallas of the proclamation recognizing the 175th anniversary of the establishment of the Republic of Texas.

Several significant events in Texas history have occurred in the last several months including the fall of the Alamo, the defeat of Santa Ana at San Jacinto, and the Black Bean incident of Mier Expedition.

Several significant events involving the chapter are occurring during the remainder of the year. The most significant is *Texas! The Exhibition*. This exhibit honoring the founding of the Republic of Texas is currently at the Houston Museum of Natural History. It is coming to Fair Park in time for the State Fair. The exhibit includes artifacts and documents relating to the period when Texas was a republic. Many of the items on display are from the collections of the Dallas Historical Society. Our membership has the opportunity to serve as guides or docents while the exhibit is in Dallas. Tim Gibson is also coordinating this event and will have more to say about this at our June and September meetings.

If you haven't done so, please look at the latest *The Texian*, the newsletter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. It is full of interesting articles of current events around the state. It can be found at www.srttexas.org/Texian/2011/Texian-04_11.pdf

Your officers are working hard to bring you articles and programs that may be interesting to you. Once again, welcome everyone and give us your ideas and feedback on how to improve the chapter.

Jim

God Bless America! and God Bless Texas!

SUPPLEMENTAL ANCESTOR CONTEST

Our national SRT has implemented a Supplemental Ancestor Contest running during 2011. An award acknowledging the member with the most supplemental applications submitted during the contest period will be presented by the President General at the Annual Meeting in March 2012.

When one joins SRT they join on one initial qualifying ancestor. However, one may submit what is termed a supplemental application for each additional eligible ancestor who was a resident of the Republic of Texas whether they be man, woman or child. The criteria for a supplemental, as with one's initial ancestor, is that the ancestor must have been a resident of the Republic of Texas prior to the raising of the American flag in Austin on February 19, 1846.

For more information on the contest or to submit a supplemental application contact our chapter Historian Rusty Windle at rlwindle@sbcglobal.net.

MARCH MEETING REVIEW

The quarterly meeting of the Thomas J. Rusk Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas was held in March at the Texas Land and Cattle, in Richardson.

SAM W. HAYNES is associate professor at the University of Texas at Arlington, where he teaches courses in Texas history and early nineteenth-century U.S. history.

He received his B.A. from Columbia University and his Ph.D. from the University of Houston. He is the author of *Soldiers of Misfortune, The Somervell and Mier Expeditions* (1990) and *James K. Polk and the Expansionist Impulse* (1996). He has edited several books, including *Thomas Jefferson Green's Journal of the Texian Expedition Against Mier* (1992) and, with Christopher Morris, *Manifest Destiny and Empire, Essays in American Antebellum Expansionism* (1997).

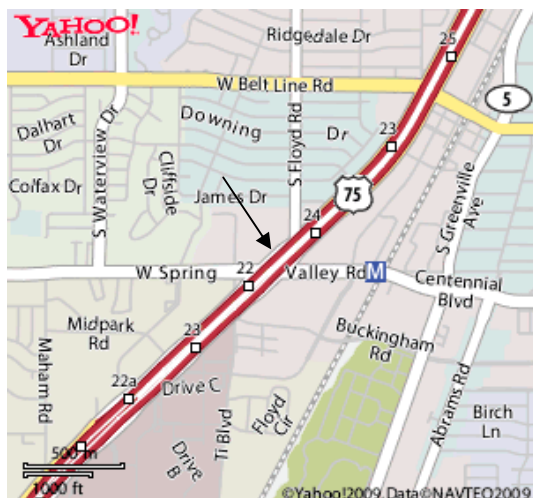


He also serves as associate editor of the reference work *The United States and Mexico at War, Nineteenth-Century Expansion and Conflict* (1998).

Flags of the Texas Colony and the Republic

Mr. Haynes presentation was on the many flags of the Colonization of Texas and the flags of the Republic. Mr. Haynes has won several research fellowships, as well as a Dobie- Paisano Writer's Fellowship sponsored by the Texas Institute of Letters. He is currently working on a study of American attitudes toward Great Britain during the Jacksonian period.

MAP TO MARCH MEETING LOCATION



*Map to Texas Land & Cattle
812 S. Central Expressway
(N.W. Corner of Central Expwy and Spring Valley)
Richardson, TX
Meeting location for March 10*

Ancestral Records of Our Own Members
Micajah M. Clark 1815 - ??
Ancestor of Tony Riddlesperger

Micajah M. Clark , born in South Carolina in 1815, came to Texas in 1837 and received from the Republic a land grant of 640 acres in Harrison County. He settled there, and in 1846 immigrated to become a founder of a new Henderson County settlement south of the towns of Athens and Malakoff named Science Hill. Science Hill, through the founding of Science Hill Academy, was the first community in the area to provide for outstanding educational needs of its people. Mr. Clark also received very early land grants from the State of Texas in Fayette and Henderson Counties. Judging from newspaper and other publications, he was active in the civic and political affairs of the area. In 1862, he married Mary Catherine Phillips Russell of Henderson County, and one of their children was Sarah Rosanna Clark. Sarah Rosanna married Stonewall Jackson Riddlesperger of a pioneer Henderson County family in 1886. To this union was born Hobart Clark Riddlesperger, who married a member of another pioneer Henderson County family, Stella Aline Gentry of Malakoff, in 1930. They had one child, Anthony Gentry Riddlesperger, an attorney, who married Miss Jane Johnston of Waco in 1956. The last mentioned couple had two children, Johnston Gentry Riddlesperger, a teacher and counselor, and Daniel Anthony Riddlesperger, a certified public accountant. Anthony, Johnston and Daniel are members of the Sons of the Republic of Texas

2011 San Jacinto Day Ceremony

The official State of Texas ceremony commemorating the 175th Anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto was held April 21st at the San Jacinto Monument. Ron Stone Jr. was the master of ceremonies and more than 600 people attended.

Former Governor Mark White gave the principal address. Gov. White spoke at the Sesquicentennial ceremony in 1986. The SRT presented awards to the essay contest winners and the DRT recognized their scholarship recipients



Mark White - Sam Houston IV
Photo courtesy of Doak Mc Bryde

Ron Brown President of the San Jacinto Chapter presented awards to the Sailor of the Year and Junior Sailor of the Year from the USS Texas (SNN-775), the nuclear submarine commissioned in 2006.

Following the laying of a memorial wreath, The Texas Army commanded by Sam Houston IV,KSJ. Fired the traditional musket salute.

The highlight of the event was the presence of the Sam Houston State University Bearkat Marching Band which provided Texas themed patriotic music. It as a great day to be Texan!

NEW THOMAS J. RUSK CHAPTER MEMBERS

Name	Hometown	Ancestor(s)
Joshua Frederick Bucy	Lubbock, TX	William Banta, Elizabeth Barker Issac William Banta Harriet Stone Samuel John Smith John William Smith

THOMAS J. RUSK JUNIOR CHAPTER MEMBERS

Name	Hometown	Ancestor
William Domengeaux	Paris, TX	Thomas J. Rusk

MEMORIAL TO FALLEN MEMBERS

\John Byrd

SOUTHWESTERN HISTORICAL QUARTERLY

In July 1897, the Texas State Historical Commission began publication of a quarterly magazine devoted to Texas History. Each issue contains four or five articles, along with reviews of books concerning Texas history. It's highly readable topics furnish historians and genealogists with some of the best sources available, written by everyone from university professors to contemporary journalists, from personal letters describing events and everyday living in Texas, from it's earliest days to the present. It's not only the finest research source, but the articles are mostly very readable for the layman, professional researcher, or the casual reader. Many libraries contain complete, ongoing, collections of this work, along with an index of subject, author and title of the articles over the years. The Texas State Historical Association, publisher of the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, and now the publishers of the Texas Almanac has relocated to the

BOOK SHARING- REMINDER

Last year, a book-sharing activity was initiated , and his activity is encouraged. Members are encouraged to bring a book or two to share. Take one home with you to read, bring it back at a future meeting and we will have an active "lending library" develop.

Please bring your extra copies of Texas history or lore to share. Perhaps you will find one yourself, to take home and enjoy

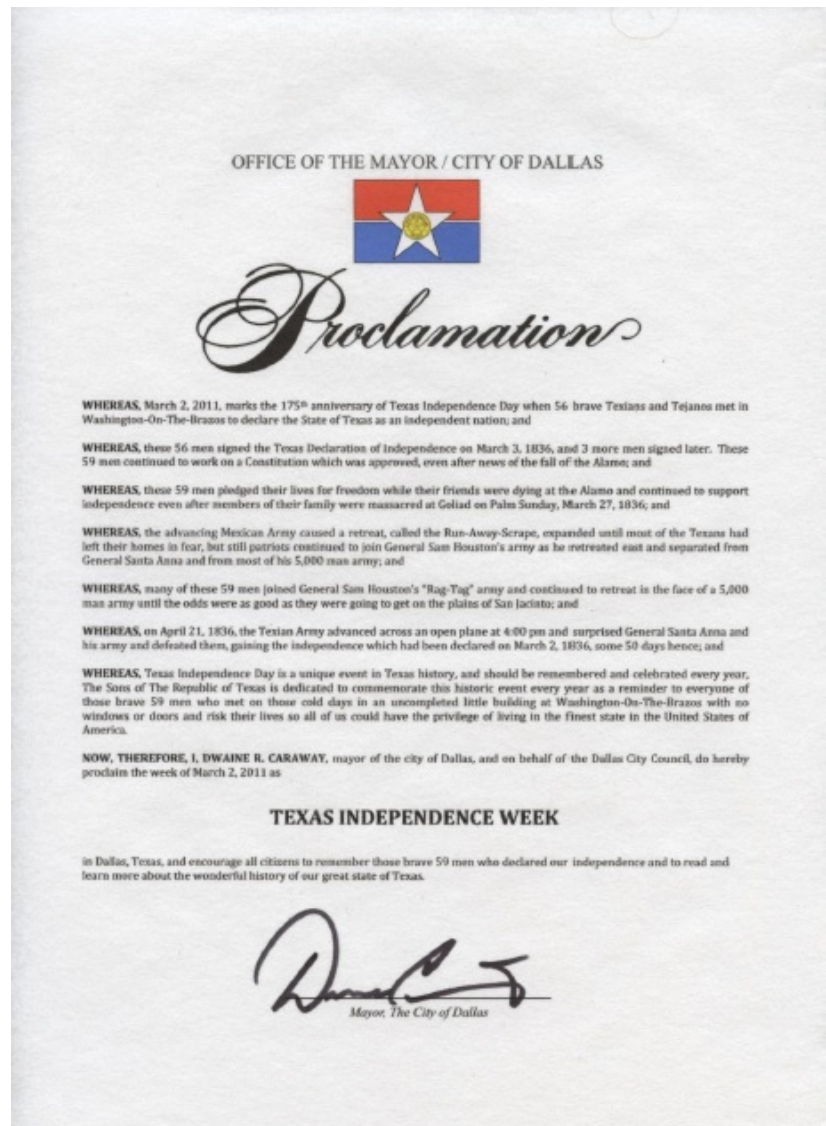
Thomas J Rusk Chapter supports TEXAS INDEPENDENCE WEEK in DALLAS

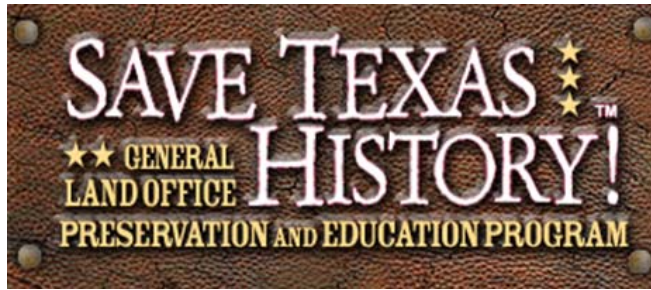
February was an exciting month in North Texas. Between the Super Bowl, the ice storms, and the resignation of Dallas' Mayor, the Thomas J Rusk chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas was able to have the City of Dallas proclaim that the Week of March 2, 2011 was Texas Independence Week.

The proclamation was achieved with the help of the Dallas Historical Society and in particular the help of the Executive Director of the Dallas Historical Society, Jack Bunning. Not only was this the 175th Anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Texas, but it is the 75th Anniversary of the Centennial Exposition of 1936 that created the Hall of State and Fair Park for the Great State Fair of Texas. For the 175th and the 75th anniversaries, the Dallas Historical Society is bringing a special traveling exhibit to the Hall of State that collects Texas Historical Treasures from throughout the state. This exhibit showcases many of the priceless artifacts that are owned by the Dallas Historical Society. The artifacts of the Dallas Historical Society include such items as Fannin's watch, Sam Houston's San Jacinto Battlefield Report, The Journals of the Convention of 1836, Santa Anna's Spurs plus over 3,000,000 other historical documents and objects, 10,000 garments, and 30,000 photographs. The Thomas J Rusk chapter hopes to volunteer during the State Fair as docents to assist in this important exhibit.



Thomas J Rusk Chapter President Jim Nyfeler & member Tim Gibson at the Hall of State with the proclamation





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susan.dorsey@glo.state.tx.us**

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NOTICES FROM THE TEXIAN

April, 2011 Issue of The Texian is now available at:
http://www.srttexas.org/Texian/2011/Texian-04_11.pdf

Remember: The dues for all members who are active duty personnel are WAIVED. Notify SRT office by email, postal service or telephone.

Members can now update their information online and make donations. Go to www.srttexas.org

December 4-5 Executive Meeting

***Hampton Inn,
7006 N. Navarro Street, Victoria, TX, 77904:
(361) 573-9911
Map: www.hampton.com***

Announcements

SRT Calendar of Events

Executive Committee Meetings

September 9,10

Drury Inn San Antonio near La Cantera,15806 IH-10 West, San Antonio TX ;(210) 696-0800

Executive Board Meeting – Victoria

December 2, 3

Hampton Inn,7006 N Navarro Street, Victoria77904 361-573-9911

2012 Annual Meeting – Kerrville

March 23-25

*Y. O. Ranch Resort Hotel & Conference Center
2033 Sidney Baker (highway 16 Kerrville TX:
877-967-3767*

TJR 2011-2012 MEETING SCHEDULE

June - David Hanover, First Vice President General, SRT

September - Tentative Presentation from the Dallas Historical Society (not confirmed)

December - TBA (not confirmed)

March,2012 - TBA

Remember: *We meet at Texas Land & Cattle, Richardson- See Page 3 for Map*