



Pine Shavings



**PineyWoods Chapter #51
Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution**

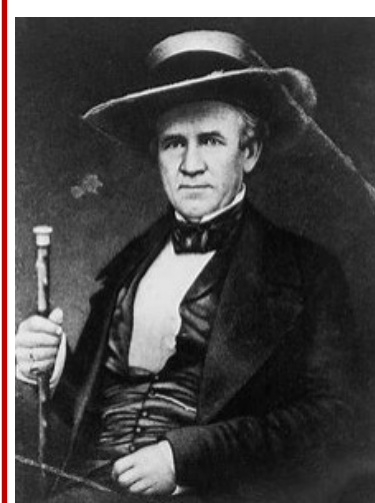


My wife and I had a wonderful opportunity this past week. We took our grandsons (twins) up to Washington DC for their 13th birthday. This coincided with Columbus Day and coincidentally the Judge Kavanaugh confirmation. We had a capital tour scheduled. When we came out there were numerous demonstrators. Our grandsons on the right in the picture were eyewitness to some real history. Regardless of politics, this was peaceful protest in action. There are many places where demonstrations such as these would not be allowed. The top photo is of our grandsons at Mt. Vernon. It's a beautiful place. Unfortunately, it was overrun with tourists like us. The third picture is of a plaque we discovered by our hotel. The location is at 15th street and avenue I. It's about 4 blocks from the White House. The plaque shows the location of our organizations founding. I have been up here probably 6 or 7 times. There are always surprises. If you get an opportunity to go, I encourage you to do



so. I would also encourage you to come to our upcoming meeting in October. We will have a great speaker and an opportunity for good fellowship. See you in the 20th!

We have a great program this Saturday on Sam Houston this Saturday October 20th at Jimmy G's! See you there. Jim Pinkerton



Sam Houston: A Presentation by Denton Florian

THIS SATURDAY

Denton Florian is a native Houstonian and graduate of both The University of Texas at Austin and Texas State University. A lifelong enthusiast of early American history, Denton organized the team that produced the celebrated documentary, "Sam Houston," which won five EMMY Awards. It has also been recognized for excellence by concurrent resolutions of the Texas House and Senate and by the Governor of Texas. (see Page 3)

"Govern wisely, and as little as possible"
Sam Houston
1793-1863

**PineyWoods Chap 51 Meeting
October 20, 2018**

Jimmy G's,
307 N. Sam Houston E. Parkway,
Greenspoint
12:30 p.m.

RSVP for the Meeting
Please respond with the number of people attending and names by Thursday before the meeting date.
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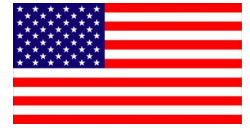
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Calendar of Events

National Events



Leadership/
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Louisville—TBA

State Events



TEXAS SOCIETY

TBA

Chapter Events

Chapter Meeting-Jimmy G's

Oct. 20, 2018

Nov. 17, 2018

Dec. 15, 2018

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New Braunfels BOM News

PineyWoods Members John Beard, Jim Jones and Dianne, and Larry Stevens attended the BOM in New Braunfels October 12-14 attending all functions. Friday afternoon Larry gave a presentation on Colonial Life using items from his traveling Trunk and some slides. At 6 O'Clock that evening, there was a dinner (own your own but with reserved seats) at Krause's Biergarten. The German Food and Beer was good and the Folk Dancing to traditional music was even better.

One of the items important to some of was the passage of the PineyWoods Chapter 51 resolution for the Texas SAR to reduce the fee charged for Memorial Applications to \$6.00. This motion was approved by the BOM effective January 1, 2019. With the National Memorial Fee reduction at the Houston 2018 Congress to \$115, Texas Fee now \$6, and the Chapter change the Fee to \$6; a Memorial Application will be \$127.00. LGS

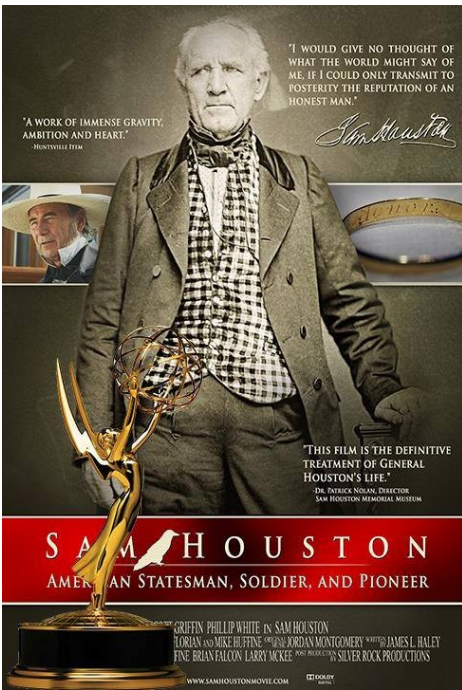
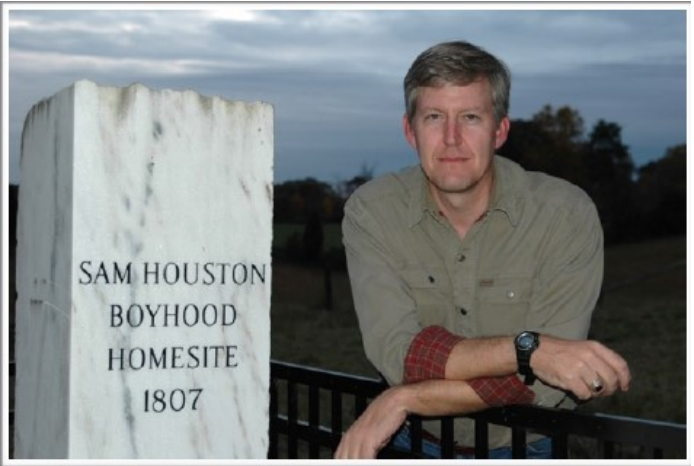


Sam Houston

by Denton Florian

Denton Florian is a native Texan and graduate of both The University of Texas at Austin and Texas State University. After completing his MBA he served as the VP of Operations for a start up company that grew into the largest distributor of medical mobility equipment in the United States. He has also worked

with nonprofit organizations in the areas of strategic planning, team building and organizational change.



A lifelong enthusiast of early American history, Mr. Florian organized and led the team that produced the celebrated documentary, *Sam Houston*, which won five EMMY Awards. It has also been recognized for excellence by concurrent resolutions of the Texas House and Senate, and by the Governor of Texas.

Additionally, Mr. Florian created the film's companion web site, www.samhoustonsmovie.com, which is used by researchers and teachers all over the world. The film, the web site, and the assets that have been collected in the project's hard drives represent the largest collection of digital information on Sam Houston's life that has ever been assembled.

In his leisure time he is a Boy Scout leader, backpacker, photographer, fisherman, and an Airline Transport Rated Flight Instructor who enjoys the great outdoors. He and his wife of 25 years, Mary Lou, live in Spring, Texas with their two children, Mindy and Daniel, and their dog, Moose.

“Denton has a historian’s brain, an artists eye and he’s a great storyteller. He has thoroughly researched the general’s life and is among the top authorities on Houston. He can more than hold his own in any discussion about him.” Sam Houston IV—Great-Grandson of Sam Houston

*Sam Houston IV (left) with Joe Davidson
San Jacinto Chapter Sons of the Republic of Texas
April 21, 2012*



This Day in History

September 28, 1781 to October 19, 1781 – The Siege of Yorktown or the Battle of Yorktown and the last major military action in the American Colonies during the American Revolution.

The overland Journey to Yorktown began months earlier with the French Army commanded by **General Jean-Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur de comte Rochambeau** and the American Continental Army by **General George Washington**. Rochambeau, by far the more experienced commander never the less recognized Washington as the commander of their combined force.

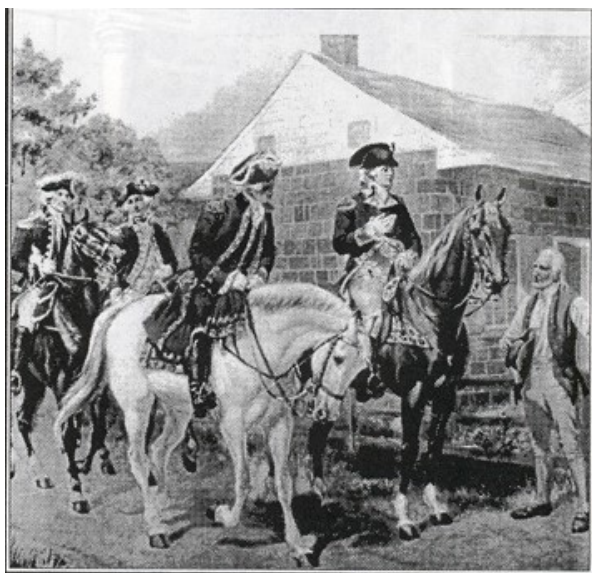
Rochambeau had landed at Newport Rhode Island in July of 1780 with about 6,000 men and he waited for De Grasse and the French Fleet, which never came. Finally Rochambeau floated his army across the bay to Providence and marched to meet Washington at White Plains, New York on June 18, 1781. After Rochambeau arrived, Washington marched the combined forces through New Jersey. Due to skirmishes with the British headquartered in New York, rumors spread that he was going to attack the British in New York. Only Washington, Rochambeau and some staffers knew his plan was to march south. Washington had split his army into three prongs. One comprised of Mounted Infantry marched close to the Hudson in case needed to fend off the British.



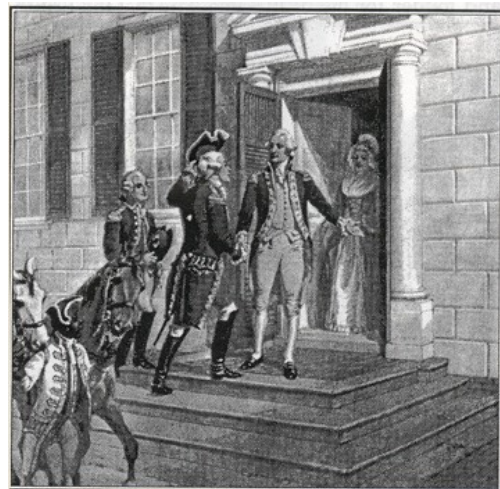
THE ARRIVAL OF THE COMTE DE ROCHAMBEAU AND THE FRENCH ARMY AT NEWPORT -- BY PERCY MORAN

Washington learned by dispatch on August 14 that Admiral de Grasse was sailing the French Fleet to the Chesapeake to block the port. And then on August 30th, Lafayette's letter reached Washington in New Jersey saying Cornwallis is fortifying Yorktown. After many stops along the road, Washington and Rochambeau arrived at Williamsburg with a combined strength of 18,000. They then marched to attack General Cornwallis at Yorktown on September. De Grasse won the battles of the Capes and had sealed off the entrance to the Chesapeake.

Washington knew Cornwallis had no escape route. Cornwallis surrendered October 19, 1781. Larry G. Stevens



GENERAL WASHINGTON AND THE COMTE DE ROCHAMBEAU STOPPING AT A FARM ALONG THE ROUTE OF MARCH. PAINTING BY: HENRY A. OGDEN



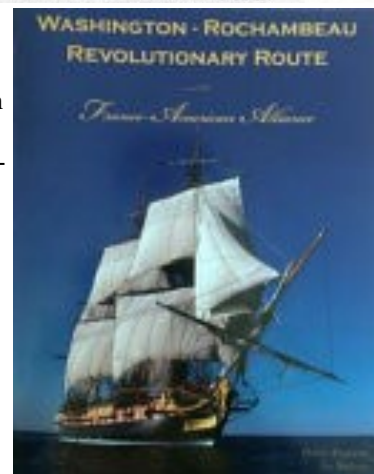
WASHINGTON STOPPED OFF AT HIS HOME, MOUNT VERNON, HE INVITED THE COMTE DE ROCHAMBEAU TO JOIN HIM. A PAINTING BY HENRY A. OGDEN



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Note: There are several great articles and books on the **Road to Yorktown**. I would like to thank Don Moran of the California Society for republishing and article by the Sons of Liberty Chapter, found on internet.

Our Guest Speakers at the September meeting brought their latest work, "**Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route and the Franco-American Alliance**". This is a great book with lots of information on Rochambeau's march from Newport R.I. to Williamsburg Virginia.



Piney Woods Chapter 51 Texas Society SAR

Meeting at Jimmy G's at Greenspoint, Houston, TX 15 September 2018

President Jim Pinkerton welcomed all to the meeting at 12:30 PM. The invocation by Kermit Breed was followed by pledges to the US and Texas flags and the SAR pledge.

COMPATRIOTS PRESENT: Kermit Breed, Larry Stevens, B. Ray Mize, Bernie Kent, Jim Pinkerton, Ben Baskin, John Beard, John Worm, Terry Henson, Lawrence Grumboski, Abe Abdmoulaie, Sam Abdmoulaie and Bo Abdmoulaie

GUEST: Sandra Breed, Scott Weatherly, Barbara Stevens, Ann Kent, Sharon Mize, Edith Henson, David Berges, Karen Berges, Jan Smulcer, Donna Passmore, Linda Abdmoulaie and Sophia Abdmoulaie

MINUTES: Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from the August meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Beard reported a balance \$2,670.17. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Kermit Breed is working on applications for Jared Coco, Benjamin Sapp, Mark and David Berges. Larry Stevens is working on applications for Richard Setser, Michael Weyler, Christopher, James, and Kenneth Jordan.

NEWSLETTER: On line at: <https://www.txssar.org/PineyWoods/pdf/sep2018sar.pdf> Newsletter now goes out to 73 E-mail addresses.

OLD BUSINESS: Anyone with Military service is eligible for the Military or War Service Medal. A DD214 is required. Contact Kermit Breed at breedkermit@aol.com

NEW BUSINESS: President Pinkerton signed a letter to be presented to Board of Managers in New Braunfels, TX, October 13th, 2018 stating "That the Chapter and State Fee for Memorial Applications be reduced to \$6.00 for Chapter and \$6.00 for State."

A motion was made and seconded to purchase four stands for our flags. Motion carried. Sargent of Arms Ben Baskin accepted this task.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Donna Passmore and Jan Smulcer, who are real warriors fighting for teaching our children the stories of our Founding Fathers. They have traveled all over the country, visiting school districts and showing them the value added of adopting their educational program, "Why America Is Free" curriculum. Great presentation. President Pinkerton presented Jan and Donna a certificate of appreciation and a challenge coin.

NEW MEMBERS AND AWARDS: Lawrence Grumboski was sworn in and gave a short talk on his Massachusetts, Patriot Seaman, Captain Job Tripp Master of The Sloop Endeavor. Abe Abdmoulaie, Sam Abdmoulaie and Bo Abdmoulaie Were also sworn in as new member. Bo being our youngest member at age Six. Abe and Sam gave a short talk on their patriot Alexander Kirkpatrick of New Jersey. All were presented with a challenge coin

Members joined together in the SAR closing followed by the benediction by Kermit Breed. President Jim Pinkerton adjourned the meeting at 2:30 PM.

Piney Wood #51 Secretary Kermit Breed

NOTICE

PineyWoods Chapter meets the 3rd Saturday of each month except in June and July at Jimmy G's Cajun Seafood Restaurant. All meeting are Member and Guest unless otherwise published. PineyWoods as a set menu of several specialties at a cost of \$25 per meal.

PineyWoods Chapter News

Beloved HODRT, James Prentice Richards 1927-2018



James P. Richards, 91, of Kingwood went to be with his Lord Tuesday, October 2, 2018. Jim was the widower of our dear Mary Richards. He was such a great HODRT. For many years Jim, Tom Robinson, and Larry Stevens all manned the Seth Hurin Bates sales table at Conventions and District Meetings. We also celebrated our end of year meeting at their lake home. The men enjoyed the meeting which was accompanied by a fishing trip

out in the boat.

Jim was a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas and the Sons of the American Revolution.

He was born Monday, January 10, 1927 to Prentice and Jennie Richards. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Joe B. Richards.

He is survived by his children; Steve Richards and wife June, Jim Richards and wife Patti, Don Richards and wife Lou, Dave Richards and wife Beth, Larry Richards and wife Sondra; grandchildren, Marcus, Matthew, Marci, Jessica, Cassie, Adell, Alyse, James, Joseph, Parker, Weston; great-grandchildren, Kendy, Kiernan, Kobe, Kylee, Evan, Camryn, Cali, Mick, Reid, Lucy, Jack, Guthrie, Rose; and many other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, October 27, 2018 at Rosewood Funeral Home in Porter. Interment will follow at Rosewood Memorial Park North, in Porter, Texas.

October 27, 2018, we will inter a very dear friend of PineyWoods in Rosewood Memorial Park in Porter. He will be by his longtime friend and wife Mary.

We first met Jim Richards in 1984 working on our lineage. He and his wife Mary, Barbara and I and many others, had a passion for Genealogy We discovered that our ancestors all settled in Palo Pinto County, Texas, in 1856-8 and were cattle ranchers. This was Commache Lands and the families stayed during the Civil War defending their property.

Jim Joined PineyWoods in 1994 just after the chapter was chartered. As the Sergeant at Arms, he brought the chapter flags to each meeting for posting. He attended meetings until he was not comfortable driving,

Jim had a great sense of humor and loved to talk about family history and fishing, We will miss Jim.

Larry Stevens

President Jim Pinker and wife Nancy Pinkerton took their twin 13



year old grandsons to Washington DC over the long holiday weekend, October 6th-9th; they toured the Capitol and went to Mt. Vernon. He said they liked touring Mt. Vernon but it was extremely crowded. If I remember correctly, the boys are pictured on the Potomac River side of the mansion. Walking around DC they stumbled across something I

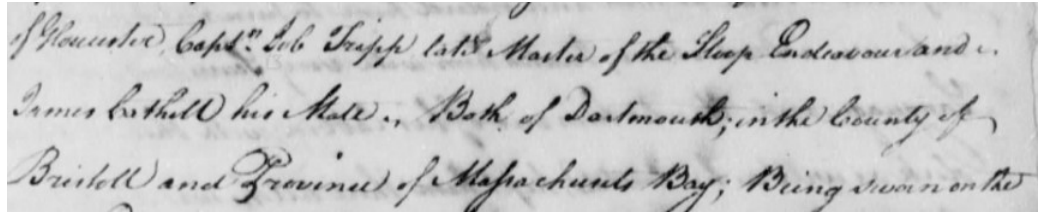
have never seen at 15th and I and that is the Plaque recognizing the site of where our SAR was organized April 19, 1890. They were treated to one of the highlights of Washington; and, that is one of the many protests. They walked by the "Kavanaugh Hearings". Witnessing this peaceful protests they can realized our founding father's guarantee of Free Speech; the First Amendment of the U. S. Constitution. ...***"Or abridging the freedom of speech, or the press; or..."***



PineyWoods Chapter 51 Business and Lunch Meeting



Lawrence 'Ski' Grumboski was inducted by Jim Pinkerton . His son Jeff and two grandsons are PineyWoods Members. Their Ancestor was Job Tripp, a Privateer Sea Captain of the Sloop Endeavour, Dartmouth, Mass.



Bo Abdmoulaie is being inducted into the PineyWoods Chapter as a Youth Member. He is the youngest member ever inducted in a business meeting.



The **Abdmoulaie Family**; Left Linda, Sophia, Samuel, Abraham, and Bo with President Pinkerton



Our guest speakers Donna Passmore and Jan Smucler, founders of Values Through History, a non-profit were our guest speakers. Donna and Jan are both members of the DAR and Colonial Dames.

Donna and Jan wrote and produced "Why America Is Free Curriculum" which has been endorsed by the DAR and the SAR. Houlme ISD uses their program to enhance 5th grade studies of the period in the History of American 1750-1800.

Their presentation was on their new work "Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route and Franco-American Alliance" which took more than 6 years to write and produce. They had some copies of their book. The new books are \$25 with all proceeds going to fund the "Why America Is Free" program materials used at each school; books, etc. Members were able to purchase a copy after the meeting. It is also available on Amazon for \$24.95.

PineWoods Chapter

Members: We had a project in the past of sending articles to our troops overseas; especially in the Near east. This was a project of the Ladies Auxiliary. At the last meeting, John Worm, a new Chapter Member, but not to SAR, related the following project to me. He sent this to me in an e-mail and I talked briefly to President Pinkerton. This is a worthy project we can take on as a Chapter. John said he could serve as the committee chairman. We would bring coupons collected to him each meeting.

Larry,

*I spoke to you briefly last Saturday about **collecting manufacture's coupons to send to overseas military commissaries for use by the military members stationed there.** As you requested, here is a brief story of what is going on.*

For over two years I have coordinated the activities of a small group of individuals who collect manufacture's coupons from the newspapers and forward them on to overseas commissaries. Most of these overseas commissaries are in high cost of living locations, which as you might well imagine can put a world of hurt on the younger troops and their families trying to get by. Hopefully I can entice the Piney Woods Chapter membership to join us in this effort as we can certainly use more donations.

These coupons appear as inserts in the advertising section of Sunday's edition of the Houston Chronicle. Each insert is several pages in length, and there are usually two or three inserts in each paper. I have attached two examples of what these inserts look like.

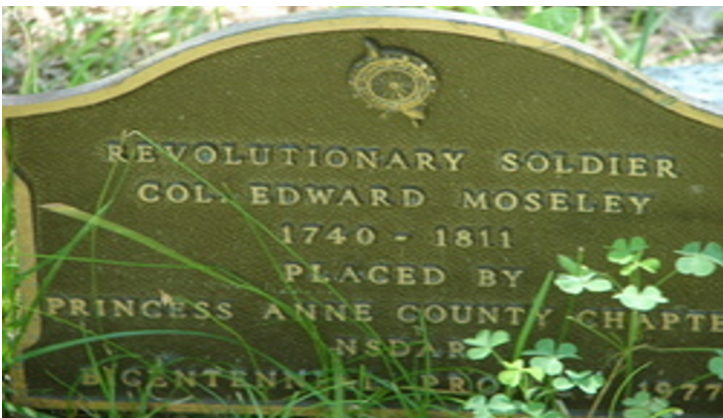
I can collect any donations at the chapter's monthly meeting as the expiration date that appears on each coupon is not a matter of concern. Overseas commissaries will accept coupons up to six months past their expiration date.

I (and the overseas families) will certainly appreciate any assistance you and the chapter members can give us.

John (Worm)



John Worm with John Beard



Ancestor of Dewayne High—Edward Mosley who service as a Captain in Virginia. Born 14 May 1718 in Henrico Co., VA and died 3 Sep 1808 in Charlotte Co., VA



Ancestor of Frank Mueller—**John Donelson** (1718–1785) was an American frontiersman, ironmaster, politician, city planner and explorer, who, along with James Robertson, co-founded the frontier settlement of Fort Nashborough, in Middle Tennessee, which would later become the city of Nashville, Tennessee. Donelson was also the father-in-law of future United States president, Andrew Jackson, who married his daughter, Rachel.