

## DOCUMENTATION

The following are suggested as sources of proof of a qualifying ancestor's residence in or service to the Republic of Texas:

### A. FAMILY RECORDS:

1. Family Bibles
2. Marriage licenses, birth and death certificates
3. Letters and memoirs

### B. POPULATION RECORDS:

1. Republic of Texas Census, 1840
2. Federal Censuses, 1850-1910
3. Castro's Colonists (University of Texas Library, Austin)
4. DeWitt's Colonists (County Clerk's Office, Gonzales County)

### C. MILITARY RECORDS:

1. Muster Rolls, etc. (State Archives, Austin)
2. San Jacinto Roll (metropolitan libraries)

### D. LAND RECORDS:

1. General Land Office records (Austin)
2. Headright records (County Clerks' offices)
3. Deed Indexes (County Clerks' offices)
4. Probate records (County Clerks' offices)
5. District Court Indexes (District Courts offices)
6. Grand Jury and Petit Jury lists (District Courts offices)

### E. PUBLISHED WORKS:

Jean Carefoot, Guide to Genealogical Resources in the Texas State Archives (Texas State Library, 1977 & 1984)

Frederick Charles Chabot, With the Makers of San Antonio (1937)

Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Founders and Patriots of the Republic of Texas: Vol. I (1963), Vol. II (1974), and Vol. III (1985)

Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Muster Rolls of the Texas Revolution (1986)

Samuel Houston Dixon & Louis Wiltz Kemp, Louis Wiltz Kemp & Thomas Lloyd Miller List of Participants & Personnel on Detached Service (San Antonio Museum of History, 1974)

Louis Wiltz Kemp, Signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence (Anson Jones Press, 1959)

Thomas Lloyd Miller, Bounty & Donation Land Grants of Texas: 1835-1888 (University of Texas Press, 1967)

Marion Day Mullins, Republic of Texas Poll Lists for 1846 (GPC, 1974). Must include copy from microfilm.

General Land Office, Republic of Texas Pension Application Abstracts (Austin Genealogical Society 1987)

Virginia H. Taylor, Spanish Archives of the General Land Office of Texas (Lone Star Press, 1955)

General Land Office, Abstract of the Original Titles of Record in the GLO (Pemberton Press, 1964; Research Publications, 1981)

Texas Legislature, Biographical Directory of the Texan Conventions & Congresses: 1832-1845 (1942)

Texas State Historical Association, Handbook of Texas (1952)

Gifford E. White, 1840 Citizens of Texas (Ericson Books, 1983)

Gifford E. White, 1840 Census of the Republic of Texas (Pemberton Press, 1966)

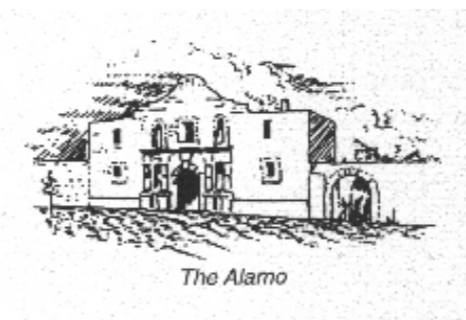
Gifford E. White, 1830 Citizens of Texas (Eakin Press, 1983)

Gifford E. White, Character Certificates in the General Land Office of Texas (Ericson Books, 1985)



Villamae William, Stephen F. Austin's Register of Families (Ericson Books, 1984)

The Sons of the Republic of Texas maintains the Spanish-Texas Microfilm Center at the Library of the University of Texas at San Antonio. The Center is the repository of research materials recorded on microfilm for the study of the three hundred years of Spanish influence on Texas culture. Also located at the Center is the O'Connor Collection of Spanish Colonial books and documents



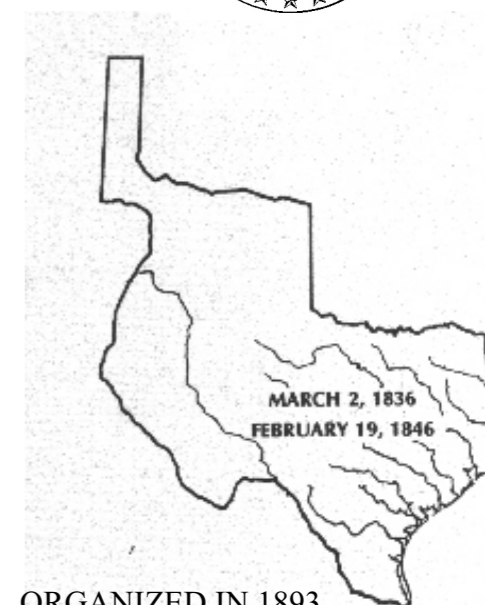
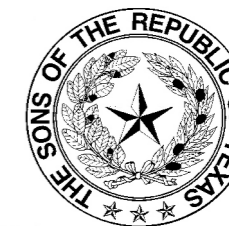
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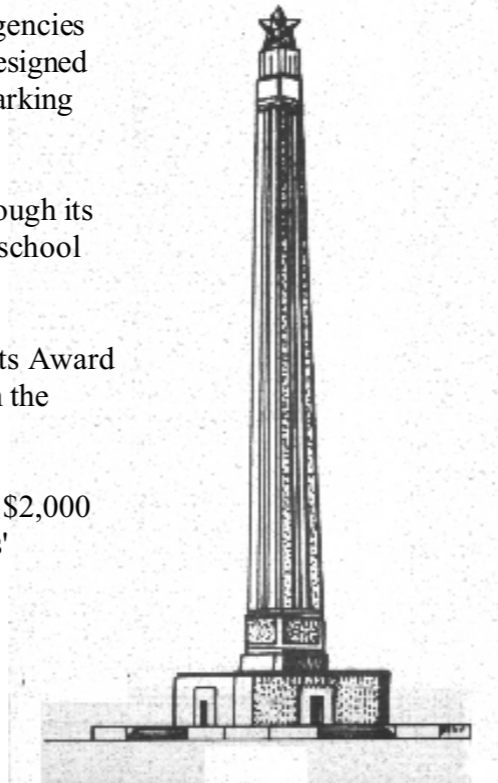


ORGANIZED IN 1893  
REORGANIZED IN 1922  
INCORPORATED IN 1934

Ephraim M. Daggett, Chapter 36  
Fort Worth, Texas  
Chapter President: J. Duane Blair  
Chapter VicePresident: Albert DeLeon

# The Sons of the Republic of Texas:

- ★ Seeks to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who settled Texas and won its independence through great personal sacrifice and dedication to the cause of freedom;
- ★ Encourages historical research, fosters preservation of documents and relics of Texana, and recommends the publication of original records as well as biographical and other historical works based on the Republic of Texas;
- ★ Promotes appropriate observance by private citizens and public bodies of days memorable in the Republic, including Independence Day (March 2), the Fall of the Alamo (March 6), the Massacre at Goliad (March 27), San Jacinto Day (April 21), the Battle of Gonzales (October 2), and Stephen F. Austin's birthday (November 3);
- ★ Works independently or in cooperation with state agencies and with other patriotic organizations in activities designed to obtain proper recognition, preservation and/or marking of places of historical significance;
- ★ Advocates the study of Texas history in schools through its annual essay contest for scholarship awards to high school seniors;
- ★ Sponsors the annual \$2,500 Summerfield G. Roberts Award in literature based on history of people and events in the Republic of Texas;
- ★ Administers the annual Presidio La Bahia Award of \$2,000 for research or other work in connection with Texas' Spanish Colonial period; and
- ★ Maintains the Spanish-Texas Microfilm Center and O'Connor Collection of historical materials.



Membership in the **Sons of the Republic of Texas** is available to any male who is a direct descendant of an ancestor who was a resident and loyal citizen of Texas prior to her annexation. The applicant must also be of good moral character and be otherwise acceptable to the organization.

Application forms may be secured from any member or from the Executive Office at 1717 8th Street, Bay City, Texas, 77414. The form should be prepared in accordance with the instructions printed thereon. If assistance is needed, it can be obtained through the Executive Office at the address above. When the form is completed, it should be mailed directly to the Executive Office, accompanied by a check for the non-refundable application fee.

## There are five types of membership:

**REGULAR** (18 or over): Dues for regular members are \$40 a year. Applicants for regular membership pay a non-refundable processing fee of \$50. Their dues are waived for the current year.

**JUNIOR** (under 18): Junior members pay no annual dues but may not vote nor hold office. At age 18 they are automatically upgraded to adult membership. Applicants for junior membership pay a non-refundable processing fee of \$20.

**LIFE**: Life membership, which exempts members from payment of annual dues, is open to a member of any age for a fee of \$600-\$1000. Applicants for life membership pay this fee in addition to the processing fee of \$50 described above.

**POSTHUMOUS** (deceased): Application for posthumous membership may be made on behalf of any deceased person who would otherwise be eligible for membership, so long as his death occurred after the founding of the SRT (March 30, 1922). The \$100 fee includes processing and a bronze grave marker.

**HONORARY**: Honorary membership is granted to a maximum of three people a year by vote of the general membership. Honorary members, who cannot be eligible by reason of lineal descent, are chosen for having rendered outstanding service to Texas by furthering the aims and goals of the Sons of the Republic of Texas.

When enough members reside in an area, they are encouraged to organize a local chapter which elects officers, meets at regular times, and sponsors local projects in keeping with the SRT program. The national organization holds an annual meeting each spring before San Jacinto Day to which all members are invited.

Elected national officers of the SRT are President General, First Vice-President General, Second Vice-President General, Secretary General, Treasurer General, Historian General, Chaplain General and two Executive Committeemen. These nine men comprise the Executive Committee.

The highest honor bestowed by the Sons of the Republic of Texas is election of a member to knighthood in the Order of San Jacinto. This elite honorary organization was established in 1843 by General Sam Houston, leader of the victorious Texans at the Battle of San Jacinto. This honor is accorded those who have rendered outstanding service to Texas in keeping with the aims of the SRT. Only three members may be elected to the Order in any one year.

Dues and contributions to the Sons of the Republic of Texas are deductible on federal income tax returns, and bequests are tax deductible on federal estate tax returns.