

Alamo Mission Chapter - DRT

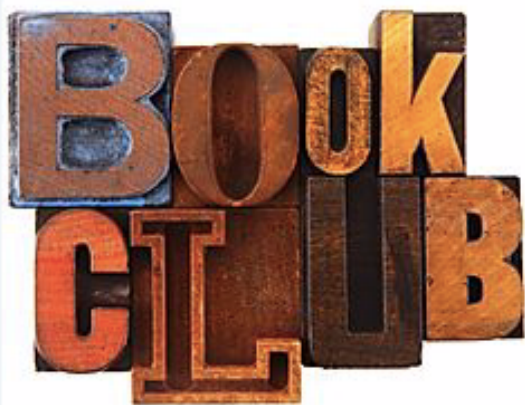
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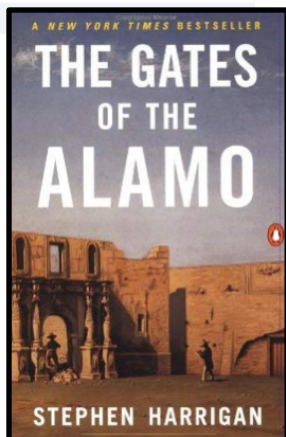
OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Ann Krause

Hemisphere History and Revitalization



DAUGHTERS READING TO REMEMBER



Tuesday, January 28, 2020

6pm - 8pm

Olmos Perk Coffee Bar
5223 McCullough Ave
San Antonio, Tx 78212

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 - 2020

2020

Jan 14th: **General Meeting - 12:30 am**
San Antonio Area Foundation

Jan 28th: **Daughters Reading to Remember- 6 pm**
Olmos Perk Coffee Bar

Feb 11th: **General Meeting - 11:30 am**
San Antonio Area Foundation

Mar 2nd: **Texas Independence Day**

Mar 6th: **Alamo Heroes Day**

Mar 6th: **"The Confessions of Davy Crockett"**
- 8th Josephine Street Theater

Mar 10th: **General Meeting - 11:30 am**
San Antonio Area Foundation

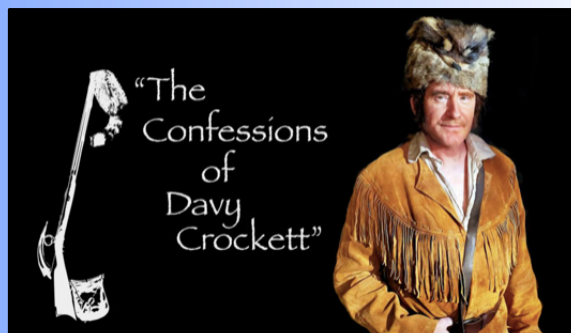
Apr 14th: **General Meeting - 11:30 am**
San Antonio Area Foundation

Apr 20th: **Pilgrimage To The Alamo - 3:30pm**
Tobin Center to the Alamo

May 7th: **Garden Party**

May 12th: **Memorial Service - 11:30am**
San Antonio Area Foundation

May 14th: **Convention - Houston Area**
-16th



March 6 - 8th

Josephine Street Theater

Tickets:

www.theconfessionsofdavycrockett

Visit our website at www.alamomissionchapter.com

Alamo Mission Chapter Welcomes New Members

Dawn Love Turner,
Kelly Turner Rakowitz,
Emily Krawczynski Schneider
Patsy "Ruth" Allen

GET INVOLVED

The following upcoming events need your assistance. If you can **volunteer** to help in any of the following please notify Carla Miller at carlalynnmiller456@gmail.com

March 2nd - Texas Independence Day

March 6th - Alamo Heroes Day

**March 6 - 8th- "The Confessions of
Davy Crockett" by Steve Warren**

- 1) 6 volunteers per showing to help usher
- 2) 2 box office ticket receivers
- 3) publicity help

DRT CONVENTION 2020

May 14 - 16

Marriott Houston City Place
Springwood Village
1200 Lake Plaza
Spring, Tx

For more information and
to make your DRT Marriott rate
room reservation
go to

www.drinfo.org/members/

you will find the Convention
information and Marriott link on the bottom
right of the DRT page

Ruth Allen 101 yrs old Alamo Mission Chapters oldest member to be inducted

On Saturday, December 7, 2019,
President General Carolyn Raney
traveled to Winnsboro, Tx to present
Ruth Allen with her certificate and
induct her into the DRT.....*For more
information see attachment. (photo
courtesy of Taylor Nye, SSNT)*

*(Ruth turns 102 yrs old on
January 18)*



February's Guest Speaker

Jerry & Rosemary Geyer, Charlie Carvajal
The Canary Islanders Arrival



Alamo Drawing by Mary A . Maverick

Plan now to attend the
District VII Workshop
August 14 & 15, 2020

Hosted by the
Alamo Mission Chapter
at the
Historic Menger Hotel

<https://reversations.menger.com/75799?groupid=2612224>

**Or 800.345.9285 ask for the Alamo Mission Chapter
Group Block**

THE DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS REPUBLIC OF TEXAS HISTORY CENTER GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY



Pres Gen Carolyn Raney, Doug McDonald, CEO of Alamo Trust, Treas Gen Sharon Skrobarcek, Cynthia Wilder & Dist VII Rep and AMC Pres - Carla Miller

The Groundbreaking for the new DRT headquarters was held November 15, 2019 and hosted by District VII and District VII rep Carla Miller



RTHC Committee

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Daughters of the Republic of Texas honors Ruth Allen, 101

Pickton native may be organization's oldest inducted member

By TAYLOR NYE

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Patsy Ruth Smith Allen of Pickton, or Ruth to her friends, will be 102 on her next birthday in January. She may just be the oldest member inducted into the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) in the whole state. Allen was honored this past weekend by the presence of the DRT at her Winnsboro home to present her with her membership into the society, which Allen called "a blessing."

The DRT, a patriotic women's organization, upholds the values of the Republic of Texas and are the caretakers of the Alamo mission. Induction into the society necessitates that one's ancestors have moved to Texas on or before March 1836. For Allen and her family, their Texas roots run deep.

In 1770, Allen's four-times great grandfather, Jehu Stokely, came to the U.S. from Wales, England. He settled the family in North Carolina, where he fought during the Battle of King's Mountain during the revolutionary war. The Stokely family moved to Tennessee, and in January 1836, patriarch Thomas Stokely came to Texas and immediately signed up to defend the fledgling nation.

Joining the Jasper volunteers, Stokely was commanded to defend Nacogdoches. Perceiving there was no danger, however, the company proceeded south to the Battle of San Jacinto. Along the way, they were stalled, perhaps by high water at the Trinity river, illness or an encounter with native peoples. For whatever reason, Stokely and the company did not arrive at San Jacinto until one day after the famous battle.

Stokely's widow, Mary, later certified



Ruth Allen (seated) admires her framed certificate from the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, given to her by Carolyn Thomas Raney (standing). Allen will also receive a commemorative medallion on her headstone.

Staff photo by Taylor Nye

to the Texas government her husband had died either in battle or a non-combat situation some time from April to July of that year.

For her husband's service, Mary was deeded a bounty of 320 acres in Hopkins County, which is currently bisected by Interstate 30 near Miller Grove. According to family historian Charles Forshaw, the land was quickly sold by Mary, as she had

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no husband to work the land.

Family members from 1860 onwards are buried in the Harmony cemetery near the Hopkins County line with Franklin County. Just a short distance away — about a mile as the crow flies — sits the family homestead, a two-story farmhouse that Allen has filled with historical artifacts and family treasures.

"I thought my blessings were over until the Lord came to take me home," Allen told family members and DRT representatives in her home. "This, today, is such a deep blessing."

Growing up in Pickton

in the early 1920s, Allen fondly recalled her earliest memories with no electricity and days spent picking cotton. As an outing, she would put on her Sunday shoes and observed the funerals taking place at Harmony cemetery.

Having attended church all her life, Allen said she "gave her heart to Jesus" at 8 years old.

"God's hand has been on me ever since," she said.

At 16 years old, Allen had her first public speaking engagement about her faith and soon after went out to California to attend Bible college. She returned home with her degree to find bounty on the farm, which she credits to God as well.

"You're standing on holy ground when you come up here," Allen said.

DRT President General Carolyn Thomas Raney said she was "very proud" of Allen.

Thomas Raney and DRT members confirmed Allen's membership, and gave Allen an oath in which she swore to uphold "the heritage bequeathed to us by the men and women who secured, established, maintained and defended the Republic of Texas." Allen vowed to "protect the memory of our [her] ancestors" and preserve the legacy of Texas's rich history.

Basking in the glow of her family, friends and DRT officers, Allen told the assembled members, "God is so real."

— Texas historian Chuck Forshaw contributed to this report.