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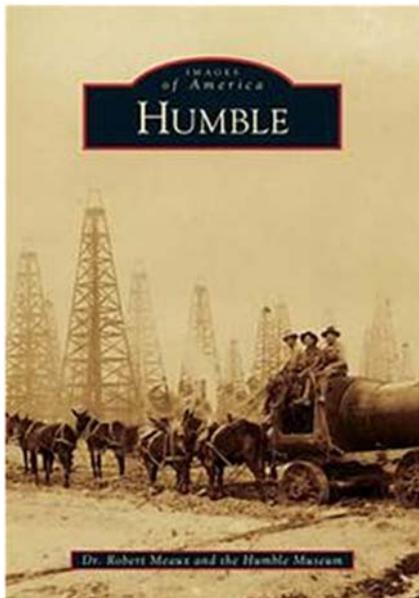
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Fall Newsletter

Mini- Reunion Meeting

September 2018



Date: Saturday, October 20,
2018 Registration begins at 9:30
10:00 Short business meeting

Place: Humble Event
Center (next to Humble Flower
Shop)
311 Main Street
Humble, Texas

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Reservation: There is no charge for our mini
reunion. Please register online so we can plan
for attendance.

Lunch : Humble City Cafe
200 E. Main
Street Humble,
Texas (Dutch Treat)

GUEST SPEAKER: *Dr. Robert Meaux*, a native of Houston, Texas, a local genealogist and historian, works for the Humble Independent School District. He has strong family ties to the area, as both of his parents were raised in Humble. Dr. Meaux has worked with the staff of the Humble Museum in researching land records, newspapers, personal stories, and other resources stored in various archives across Texas to publish, *Images of America: Humble*, and tell the history of Humble through photos.

You don't want to miss this special speaker.

More about the city of Humble: Humble was originally established as a sawmill town along the Houston East & West Texas Railway in 1886. It was named for Pleasant Smith Humble, the town's first US postmaster. Humble became a boomtown overnight when oil was discovered in 1904. Humble and neighboring Moonshine Hill became places where million-dollar fortunes were made and lost. In 1911, the Humble Oil Company was founded by Ross Sterling and other men from the Humble Oil Fields. Sterling went on to become governor of Texas in 1931. The Humble Oil Company became one of the dominant oil companies in the world, eventually becoming Exxon in 1972.

Places to stay in Humble: We do not make reservations for our mini-reunions but these are some suggestions for those wishing to come and stay on Friday, October 19.

Holiday Inn Express 7014 Will Clayton Pkwy, Humble, Texas 281-446-9997

Holiday Inn Houston NE 18555 Kenswick Dr, Humble, Texas 281-540-3600

Hampton Inn 20515 Highway 59 North, Humble, Texas, 281-446-4800

Places to visit in Humble:

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g56010-Activities-Humble_Texas.html

Save the date

The site and date of the annual reunion June 23 or 30, 2019 has yet to be determined.

from your Old 300 President...

I am very proud to be a part of the Old 300 Board. Many thanks go to outgoing board members, Dorothy Wilbeck, Traci Chojecki, Judy Menasco, and Tommie Shelton for the numerous years and hours served. Welcome new board members: Jennifer Myres-Corresponding Secretary, Bob Wheelless-Recording Secretary, Val Myer-Curator and Patrick Brady-Parliamentarian. The new board started with a retreat in July to get acquainted and talk about a vision for the future and ways to achieve it. Thank you all for volunteering your valuable time to serve.

After reading the *Texas Monthly* article 'Should Texas Children Be Taught That Alamo Defenders Were Heroic?' I was shocked and angry. It made me realize just

how important The Descendants of Austin's Old 300 organization is to the future of our Texas History. It is very crucial for each of us to keep teaching our children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and anyone that will listen, about the Old 300. Our Texas Heroes, and how they fought for the right to become The Republic of Texas.

It is now our time to fight for Texas, it's history, and our heritage. It is going to take online sales, fundraisers and group workdays at the Eidman House-SFA Headquarters, but we can and must work to open our museum and keep our Texas History alive.

There will be a need for Texas History manuscripts and books for the museum and articles about The Old 300. Please let us know if you have anything that you would like to donate to represent your ancestors in the museum or if you would like to serve on a committee or contribute in another way.

Some things that are in planning:

1. We will be starting an annual Texas Historical Ornament Sale. The Old 300 Flag or the new Headquarter building will be the first ornament. We would like members to provide their input on designs for future ornaments.
2. We need help designing a sterling silver medallion which could be carried as a key fob or a necklace for the ladies. The front side would resemble the design used on our brass medallion, but we are looking for ideas for the back. Once the final design is chosen by members, we will proceed and get costs from the engraver.
3. If you are planning a trip to view the new San Felipe de Austin Museum, Toni Franklin can arrange to have your Old 300 Ancestor's name on display in Austin's Register for a month, proceeds will benefit the SFA Old 300 Headquarters. (advance notice will be needed of course.)
4. Fundraising Event, mark your calendars, help us celebrate Stephen F. Austin's birthday, Saturday, Nov. 3 in San Felipe, with a live band, street dance, auction and other events TBA.
5. Christmas Gift Ideas start a Texas history ornament collection for your children and grandchildren.
6. A Junior Membership makes a wonderful idea for a special Christmas gift for your younger family members. A one-time application fee of \$75 which includes membership until they reach the age of 18. They cannot vote, but they can attend all meetings. It is easy to "piggy back" on their parent's membership.

I look forward to working with all of you the next two years, please feel free to call or email if you have any thoughts or ideas in ways we can help the next generations learn how "heroic" our ancestors were to leave everything and fight for their dream.

In the words of our Past President, Fred Strauss, "Don't forget that YOU are the first families of Texas. It was YOUR ancestors, the Old 300, that " Stephen F. Austin brought to start our grand and glorious state of Texas. Come to our mini-reunion in October and share your heritage with us.

Bobbie Wilson, President of the Descendants of Austin's Old 300