

*Linking the Present to the Past:  
Preserving a Great Texas Battlefield*



*"The Charge of San Jacinto" by E. M. (Buck) Schiwetz, 1959.  
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**Saturday, April 14, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**The Houston Club  
Texas Room, 10th floor**

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In 1998, the Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission adopted the goal of restoring San Jacinto Battleground to its 1836 appearance. Why is that goal important and relevant? What progress has been made? Why should we preserve historic battlefields such as San Jacinto? What have archeologists dug up over the past 15 years? What challenges do we face?

8:00 a.m.

## **CHECK IN**

On-site registration

Visit exhibits

9:00 a.m.

## **WELCOME**

Jan DeVault

President

San Jacinto Battleground Conservancy

9:15 a.m.

## **INTRODUCTION**

James E. Crisp, Ph.D.

Symposium Moderator

Professor of History

North Carolina State University

9:30 a.m.

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION AT THE ALAMO AND SAN JACINTO**

Paul Andrew Hutton, Ph.D.

Professor of History

University of New Mexico

10:30 a.m.

## **“SACRED GROUND”: A HISTORY OF SAN JACINTO BATTLEGROUND**

Jeffrey D. Dunn

Attorney

11:30 a.m.

## **INTERMISSION**

11:40 a.m.

## **MODERN PRESERVATION PRINCIPLES FOR BATTLEFIELDS OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE**

Kristen L. McMasters, M.A.

Archeologist and Grants Manager

American Battlefield Protection Program

National Park Service

12:40 p.m.

## **LUNCH**

Bush Room, 9th floor

Special lunch speaker:

## **PRESERVATION AT TPWD: OUR PARKS, CHALLENGES AND PROJECTS**

Michael Strutt

Cultural Resources Program Director

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

2:00 p.m.

## **SAN JACINTO ARCHEOLOGY: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**

Douglas Mangum, M.A.

GIS Manager

Moore Archeological Consulting, Inc.

3:00 p.m.

## **PANEL DISCUSSION**

The speakers and

Jan DeVault

C. David Pomeroy, Jr.

Gregg Dimmick, M.D.

San Jacinto Battleground Conservancy board members

4:00 p.m.

## **QUESTIONS/ ANSWERS**

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**Paul Andrew Hutton, Ph.D.**, is professor of history at the University of New Mexico, former executive director of the Western History Association, and former president of the Western Writers of America. Dr. Hutton is a prolific author of award-winning books and articles on Texas and the American West. He has written, appeared in, or narrated more than 150 television documentaries on CBS, NBC, PBS, Discovery, Disney Channel, TBS, TNN, A&E, and the History Channel.

**Jeffrey D. Dunn** is a practicing attorney and shareholder with the Dallas firm of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr in the field of commercial and consumer finance and banking law. He was chair of the San Jacinto Historical Advisory Board (2000-2007) and the Dallas County Historical Commission (1999-2003) and is currently a board member of the Texas State Historical Association. He is a founder of the San Jacinto Battleground Conservancy (currently a director and vice president) and the annual San Jacinto Symposium. He has published several articles on San Jacinto topics, including "Mapping San Jacinto Battleground, 1836-1855," *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (April 2011); and "To the Devil with your Glorious History! Women at the Battle of San Jacinto," to be published in *Women of the Texas Revolution* (University of North Texas Press, 2012).

**Kristen L. McMasters, M.A.**, is archeologist and grants manager for the National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program. Ms. McMasters manages the Civil War Land and Water Conservation Fund and assists organizations in preserving battlefield landscapes, view sheds, structures, historic interpretation, planning, historic studies, grants and compliance with all Federal mandates.

**Michael Strutt, M.A.**, director of cultural resources for Texas Parks & Wildlife for the past ten years, is responsible for historic preservation and archeological issues on all TPWD lands. His prior archeological work centered on sites in Tennessee and Virginia from American Revolution and Civil War eras. He also has written several works on San Jacinto, including: "Finding Archeological Evidence of the Battle of San Jacinto: A Case of Just Taking a Look", to be published in *Archeology of Engagement*, Texas A&M Press, 2012, and "Master Planning the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site", which appeared in *Houston History Magazine*, Vol. 4 No. 2, University of Houston Center for Public History, Spring 2007. Strutt is a doctoral candidate in historic preservation at Middle Tennessee State University.

**Douglas Mangum, M.A.**, is a principal investigator, historian, and the GIS manager at Moore Archeological Consulting in Houston. Mr. Mangum co-manages all archeological investigations the firm conducts in and around the San Jacinto Battleground. He created and maintains the computer mapping database for these projects and has written extensively about them. His study of artifacts and historical evidence on how artillery was used at San Jacinto will be a chapter in the upcoming *The Archeology of Engagement in North America*, Texas A&M Press, late 2012.

**C. David Pomeroy, Jr.**, a fourth generation Pasadenan, is an attorney who manages the family oil business begun in 1895 by his great grandfather as a water well drilling company. Pomeroy is a leader in many Pasadena historical groups, author of *Pasadena, The Early Years*, and recently had his research on the location of Vince's Bridge published in the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (April 2009). Through his efforts, the family home has been donated to Pasadena as an historical museum. He is a member of several living history groups and is a colonel in the Texas Army. He is a founding member of the San Jacinto Battleground Conservancy.

**Gregg J. Dimmick, M.D.**, who practices pediatric medicine in Wharton, is an avocational archeologist who has participated in digs at the Fannin battle site, the San Jacinto Battleground and Bernardo/Pleasant Hill plantations. He is the award-winning author of *Sea of Mud: The Retreat of the Mexican Army After San Jacinto, An Archeological Investigation* (Texas State Historical Association, 2004), and *General Vicente Filisola's Analysis of Jose Urrea's Military Diary: A Forgotten 1838 Publication by an Eyewitness to the Texas Revolution* (Texas State Historical Association, 2007). Currently, he is working on a study of Santa Anna's army in Texas. Dimmick was named a national honorary member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas in 2010.

**James E. Crisp, Ph.D.** is professor of history at North Carolina State University. His book, *Sleuthing the Alamo: Davy Crockett's Last Stand and Other Mysteries of the Texas Revolution* (Oxford University Press, 2005), won the T. R. Fehrenbach Award from the Texas Historical Commission. Texas A&M University Press published *How Did Davy Die? And Why Do We Care So Much?* in 2010, the same year in which he was inducted as a Fellow of the Texas State Historical Association. He and co-author Louis Brister of Texas State University are currently working on an annotated translation of Herman Ehrenberg's memoir of his military service in the Texas Revolution.

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