



## **Association of the Soldiers of the Texas Revolution and the Mexican War, 1875**

Transcribed from the *Dallas Weekly Herald* issue of August 28, 1875:

The constitution of "The Association of the Soldiers of the Texas Revolution and Mexican War, of Dallas County, Texas."

Whereas, there are now living in the county of Dallas a small number of citizens, who were soldiers under the Republic of Texas, in her warfare against hostile Indians and the Government of Mexico, in the struggle which began in 1832, and only ceased with the annexation of Texas to the United States, on the 19th Day of February, A. D. 1846; and

Whereas, there are also living a small number of citizens, who were soldiers in the American army, in the war with Mexico, commencing on the 8th day of May, A. D. 1846, and ending with the evacuation of Vera Cruz in 1848, the one war having grown out of the other; and

Whereas, the instincts of patriotism bind the two classes together as old men, once engaged in the common cause in the defense of the rights of mankind to freedom and self government, and finding ourselves now, in the providence of God, citizens of the same country then an almost unknown wilderness,

Therefore, we, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do hereby form ourselves into an association to be known and styled: "The Association of the Soldiers of the Texas Revolution and Mexican War, of Dallas County, Texas."

The object of said association is to have annual re-unions for the purpose of social friendship, and to keep alive in our breasts the love of virtue, friendship, patriotism and country.

All persons shall be entitled to membership who served Texas against Indians and Mexicans, prior to annexation on the 19th day of February, 1846, and also who served the United States in the war with Mexico, between the 1st of May, 1846, and the evacuation of Vera Cruz by the American army, in the summer of 1848; also the wives of all those who are entitled to membership. Others may be entitled to honorary membership by a majority of the members present at any meeting of the association.

The officers of the association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer, to be elected at each annual meeting, at such

time and place as may be agreed upon, or, in the absence of an agreement, at such time or place as the President may appoint by due notice. In case of a vacancy in the office of President, then the Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer, in the order named, shall perform the duties until an election can be had. In all other respects, the association shall be governed by such rules as it may from meeting to meeting adopt.

In testimony whereof, invoking the blessing of Almighty God upon our union, we hereunto, subscribe our names, in the city and County of Dallas, on the 13th day of July, A. D., 1875.

1. James M. Cole, Texas revolution
2. Marah Cole, his wife
3. Christopher Searcy
4. George Gaskins
5. Esther Gaskins, his wife
6. William Alonso Milton, Texas revolution
7. Preston Witt, Captain Mexican war
8. Harriett Ann Witt, his wife
9. Calaway H. Patrick, Texas Indian war
10. Mrs. R. J. Patrick, his wife
11. B. F. Robinson, Mexican war
12. Helen J. Robinson, his wife
13. Alex. Webb, Texas Indian war
14. Lucinda Webb, his wife
15. Manuel W. Williams, Texas revolution
16. Pamela H. Williams, his wife
17. Otho P. Simms
18. Nancy J. Simms, his wife
19. Jefferson Peak, Captain Kentucky volunteers, Mexican war
20. Martha M. Peak, his wife
21. John H. Daniels, Mexican war
22. Rebecca Daniels, his wife
23. John Henry Brown, Texas revolution and Captain Texas Indian war
24. Mary M. Brown, his wife
25. Hardin Hart, Texas Indian war
26. Nancy J. Hart, his wife
27. Samuel Haught, Witt's company, Mexican war
28. Isabel Haught, his wife
29. Peter Haught, Witt's company, Mexican war
30. Susannah Haught, his wife
31. A. Sloan Jackson, Witt's company, Mexican war
32. Elizabeth Jackson, his wife
33. John McComas, Mexican war
34. Missouri McComas, his wife
35. Benjamin Prigmore
36. Mrs. \_\_\_\_ Prigmore, his wife
37. Alex. A. Thomas, Witt's company, Mexican war
38. Mary Thomas, his wife
39. William O. Preston
40. Sarah A. Preston, his wife
41. Solomon Brundage
42. Martha Jane Brundage, his wife
43. Stephen Atterbury, Illinois volunteers, Mexican war

44. Lily Atterbury, his wife
45. Anion Dawdy, Illinois volunteers, Mexican war
46. Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Dawdy, his wife
47. Richard Randy, Illinois volunteers, Mexican war
48. Amelia Ann Randy, his wife
49. John G. Walker, Mexican war, late Major General Confederate States Army
50. Sophie M. Walker, his wife
51. John H. Cox, Texas Indian war
52. Ellen A. Cox, his wife
53. William G. Burford, Tennessee volunteers, Mexican war
54. L. M. Martin, Mexican war
55. Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Martin, his wife
56. W. M. Moon, Mexican war
57. Nancy Jane Moon, his wife
58. George Wilson, Texas Indian war
59. Elizabeth Wilson, his wife
60. S. W. Caldwell
61. Martha Ann Caldwell, his wife
62. J. W. Wright, M. D.
63. Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Wright, his wife
64. Van W. Keen
65. Jonathan Petty, Arkansas volunteers, Mexican war
66. Mrs. R. M. Petty, his wife
67. Robert Gardner, Texas Navy
68. Julia Gardner, his wife
69. William P. Stone, M. D., Alabama volunteers, Mexican war
70. Samuel Sloan, Texas revolution
71. Nancy Ann Sloan, his wife
72. George W. Scott, Texas revolution

Upon the signing of the constitution the Association organized by electing Captain Jefferson Peak, President; Hon Hardin Hart, Vice-President; Captain Preston Witt, Treasurer; Major John Henry Brown, Secretary.

It was resolved that the first meeting of the Association, as a pic nic dinner, shall be at Browders' Spring, one and one-quarter miles southeast of Dallas, shall be at 10 o'clock on Saturday, November 6th, 1875.

Resolved further, That the President and Secretary are authorized to invite guests, especially General Walter P. Lane, of Marshall, and arrange for speakers on the occasion.

Resolved, also, That THE DALLAS HERALD, Commercial, Norton's Intelligencer, Religious Messenger and Lancaster Gazette, be respectfully requested to publish our constitution and proceedings.

On Motion, the Association adjourned to meet in pic nic at Browder's Spring, November 8th, 1875.

JEFFERSON PEAK, President

JOHN HENRY BROWN, Secretary

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