

## Education

DRT sponsors and promotes educational events, contests, and camps throughout the year.

- Texas History Essay Contest. Open to all 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders studying Texas History.
- Outstanding Texas History Teachers, 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades.
- Republic of Texas Museum Art Contest

Grades 1-5: Poster  
Grades 6-8: Original Artwork  
Grades 9-12 Original Artwork

More information is available on the website at: [www.drinfo.org](http://www.drinfo.org).

## Research

DRT encourages the study of Texas history and preserving its documents, as stated in the original charter. The DRT Library was established to advance the understanding of the unique history of Texas and of those who experienced it. The Library is located in the Bexar County Archival Building in San Antonio and houses a significant collection of books, manuscripts, archival collections dating from 1519, photography, fine art, periodicals, maps, and newspapers. The DRT Library is open to all researchers. For more information, visit the website at: [www.drinfo.org](http://www.drinfo.org)

## DRT Headquarters

Free ancestor research is offered every third Wednesday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m.

## Preservation

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas, as an organization and as individuals, is committed to the preservation of Texas heritage. It was that goal that brought the organization together in 1891. The efforts of our early Daughters preserved the Alamo, which has become the standard that the world uses to recognize "Texas." Their work did not stop there. Listed below are the museums and properties the DRT continues to preserve for today and future generations.

### Museum

The Museum is owned and operated by DRT to help preserve and promote our unique Texas History. DRT is preserving the physical structures of these historic places and artifacts from the Republic of Texas era.

- The Republic of Texas Museum

### Historic Buildings

DRT preservation efforts include historic buildings.

- [The Cradle, Galveston](#)
- [The J. B. Wells House, Gonzales](#)

Chapter Owned historic buildings are also preserved.

- [The Ezekiel Cullen House & Museum, San Augustine, owned by Ezekiel Cullen Chapter, San Augustine](#)
- [The Gaines-Oliphint Log House, Milam, owned by James Frederick Gomer Chapter, Hemphill](#)
- [The Pioneer Log House, Houston, owned by the San Jacinto Chapter, Houston](#)

## Membership Information

### Eligibility

Any woman having attained her sixteenth birthday is eligible for membership, provided she is a lineal descendant of a man or woman who rendered loyal service for Texas prior to the consummation of the Annexation Agreement of the Republic of Texas with the United States of America on February 19, 1846.

The classes of membership in The Daughters of the Republic of Texas are:

- chapter
- member-at-large
- emeritus
- posthumous

Within chapters, there may also be Associate and Affiliate members. For more information about membership, please visit the website [www.drinfo.org](http://www.drinfo.org) and under Contact, click on Help for Prospective Members.

### Children of the Republic of Texas

The Children of the Republic of Texas (CRT) was formed by DRT to bring young people into the organization. A CRT Convention is held annually, featuring the election of new state officers, chapter awards and the completion of business for the CRT organization.

Benefits of membership:

- automatic membership transfer into DRT
- leadership opportunities
- scholarship opportunities
- special projects
- lifetime friendships

For more Information about CRT, membership eligibility, and CRT projects, please visit [www.drinfo.org](http://www.drinfo.org) and under Become A Member, click on Children of the Republic of Texas.

## Your Texas Heritage

**Who** are your ancestors?

**When** did they come to Texas?

**How** do you find the answers?

DRT can help. The Texas Lineage Research Program at DRT Headquarters offers help finding lineal descendants and documents their Republic of Texas ancestors.

Free Research will be available at the Headquarters Office, 510 East Anderson Lane, in Austin every third Wednesday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information or assistance, please contact [research@drinfo.org](mailto:research@drinfo.org)

**What** can you do to help preserve your Texas heritage?

Become a member of The Daughters of The Republic of Texas. DRT offers a variety of ways to participate in keeping Texas history and heritage alive for present and future generations.

### Memorial Medallions

DRT Medallions serve to mark graves of those who lived and/or served in the Republic of Texas Era. Anyone may purchase a medallion to mark the grave of a loyal Texan, who served the Republic as either a Texas Revolution veteran or defender, or as a citizen of the Republic of Texas. We also have applications for DRT member medallions, as well as historic sites. For more information and how to apply please visit: [www.drinfo.org](http://www.drinfo.org)

## About DRT

### History

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) is the oldest women's patriotic organization in Texas, dating to 1891. The idea of forming an association of Republic of Texas descendants was conceived in Galveston by Miss Betty Ballinger and her cousin, Miss Hally Bryan.

Early meetings were held jointly with the Texas Veterans Association. At their meeting in 1907, only six veterans were able to attend. The men recognized their increasing frailties and bequeathed their memories and their deeds as a precious legacy to be held in trust forever by The Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

### Why become a DRT member?

- to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the independence of Texas
- to document your family's history
- to foster the preservation of historic sites and document
- to encourage the discovery and publication of the records of patriots
- to meet and make friends locally and statewide who share our purpose

### Today

The DRT organization has grown to more than 100 chapters with more than 7,000 members worldwide. For more than 120 years, members have given dedicated service to preserving the history and heritage of Texas.

### The Republic of Texas History Center

Coming Soon! The Republic of Texas History Center. The planned center will house the Republic of Texas Museum and the headquarters of *The Daughters of the Republic of Texas*. For more information, visit [www.drinfo.org](http://www.drinfo.org).



## The Daughters of the Republic of Texas



*"To Perpetuate the Memory  
& Spirit of Our Ancestors"*

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