The RTHC paver fundraising project has been a big success - raising $402,000 (gross) towards the purchase of the 810 ½ San Marcos Street property and building funds for our new DRT home – the Republic of Texas History Center.

- A total of 1024 pavers were sold between September 2012 and May 2017. 527 were DRT-Ancestor pavers and 497 were member and non-member pavers.
- The small (4x8) paver selling at $250 was the most popular – comprising 56% of the all sales.
- (80) large (8x16) pavers selling at $1,250 were purchased by 60 members/groups; 19 were awarded to Chapters and one donated by RTHC team for the Presidents of the Republic of Texas.
- Six (8x8) free pavers were awarded to Chapters whose members had purchased pavers of any size equaling 25% of their membership.
- The members of William B. Travis Chapter / Austin purchased the most pavers – a whopping 142 ! Great Job, WBT.

THANKS TO ALL DAUGHTERS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION

CURRENT STATUS OF PAVERS

- Paver sales concluded May 1, 2017.
- 88% of the pavers have been inscribed and are stored in a secure public storage unit near DRT Headquarters.
- The paver company will finish the remaining 118 pavers over the next few months and they will be stored until installation on the walkways/patios at the RTHC property.

INSTALLATION PROCESS

- Professional installers under the direction of a landscape architect will install the pavers on a concrete base as guided by RTHC team for the various groups of pavers.
- The DRT-Ancestor pavers will be highlighted near the Texas Family Research Center.
- Member pavers will be organized around their Chapter paver.
- An analysis of footage needed for the pavers concludes there is sufficient non-driveway space for paver installation.
- The (3) Chapters winning the Flagpole Contest May 2017 (Picketville/Breckenridge, John Berry/Georgetown and W. B. Travis/Austin) will have their Chapter & member pavers installed around the flagpoles.

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**ANCESTORS’ PAVER STORIES**

**Trail of Ancestors**

Dr. Betty Edwards, Past President General and member of Texas Star Chapter, bought the first paver for her ancestor, Jesse Beesom, a Republic of Texas Army Soldier.

Carolyn Reed, Ferdinand Lindheimer Chapter, purchased a paver for John Bailey Spear – her GGGrandfather who received a Land Certificate, settled in Atascosa Co., served as a Texas Ranger and was wounded by arrow in an Indian attack.

There are many fascinating family stories associated with the Paver Project. The RTHC team enjoyed reviewing these and hearing from members over the years. We will be inviting members to send us stories about their ancestors for the DRT Ancestor Paver Index to accompany the Paver Identification Directory once installation is fully designed. /RTHC Team

**Below are some inscriptions from our DRT Ancestor Pavers.**

Albert Tandy / Patriot & Soldier for / San Jacinto, Mexican / War and Civil War.
Antoine Golly / A Founder of / Castroville / 12 Sept 1844.
Benjamin C. Franklin / Veteran of San Jacinto / Soldier Attorney / Judge Legislator.
CAPT William Mosby Eastland / San Jacinto & Mier Expedition / Drew 1 of the 17 Black Beans / Killed March 25 1843 Age 35.

Income on Hand to Construct RTHC: $2,511,383. Does not include the Sale of DRT Headquarters