

# THE JOURNAL

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### Women's History Month

*by Anthony Delgado*

When did the U.S. declare March as National History Month? 50 years ago? 75 years ago?

No. It was 1987 when Congress passed the law that declared March as Women's History Month. While women have been making history for time immortal, we, in the U.S., have only been celebrating women's history for thirty-seven years.


What woman in your personal history are you celebrating this month?

# Society Receives \$20,000 HEB Grant

On February 24th Society President, Gary Martin, and Walker-Edwards Cemetery Preservation Program Chair, Dr. Melina Creech, received a \$20,000 grant from Richard and Whitney from HEB. The grant will help fund much needed fencing and signage for the historic cemetery that was once a part of the Freedom Colony on which Floresville's HEB currently stands.



## MARCH'S MEETING PROGRAM



*Las Damas de Tejas*  
**NOTABLE WOMEN  
IN TEXAS**

Las Damas de Tejas: Notable Women in Texas is an educational project that seeks to honor women's experiences and achievements in Texas history. The women in this series were women who exercised influence in their communities and achieved success in business endeavors. Yet, while the women are not necessarily widely known, and their feats might surprise some, their success should not be unexpected. In celebration of Women's History Month, Dr. Erika Arredondo-Haskins will provide insight into the lives of these extraordinary women.

March 19, 6:00 PM  
Wilson County Courthouse

Dr. Arredondo-Haskins teaches Religious Studies at the University of the Incarnate Word and facilitates the UIW Young Women's Global Leadership Program.

Our March meeting, scheduled for 6:00 PM on March 19th at the Wilson County Courthouse, will have Dr. Erika Arredondo-Haskins speaking about “**Las Damas: Notable Women in Texas**”.

Dr. Haskins currently teaches Religion at University of the Incarnate Word. She is an eleventh-generation Texan whose advanced degrees span many disciplines. In addition to teaching, Dr. Haskins also leads UIW's Young Women's Global Leadership Program where she mentors young women from the U.S., Uganda, Kenya, and Kosovo.

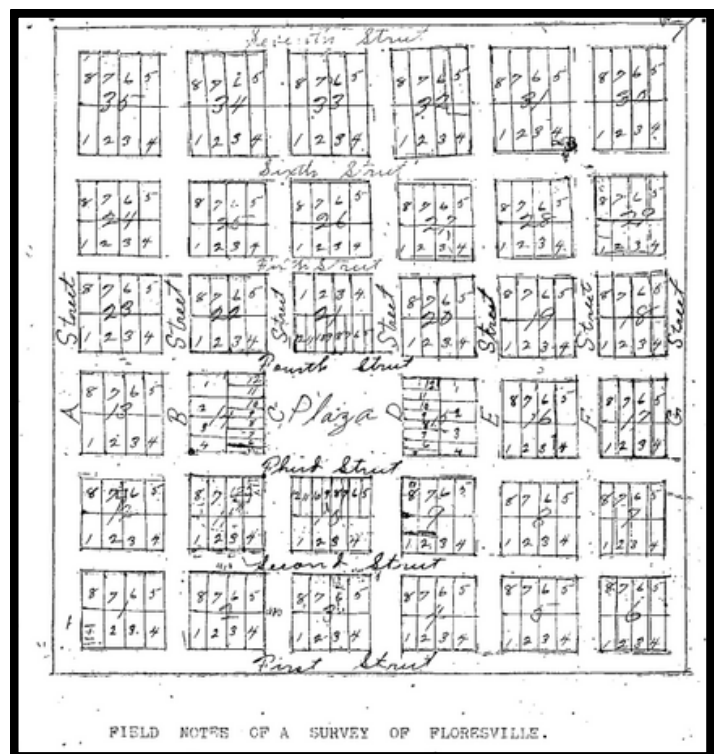
## Josefa Flores de Barker (1833-1872)

by Anthony Delgado

Josefa Flores' legacy continues on in 78114. One hundred and fifty-one years ago a deed was recorded that lays out Floresville town lots thanks to the gracious donation of Josefa Flores de Barker. Who was Josefa Flores?

Josefa Flores was born about 1833 to Jose Maria Flores and Leonidas Seguin. Her maternal uncle was Juan Nepomuceno Seguin who, along with her father and paternal uncles, played pivotal roles in the Texas Revolution of 1835-1836. She was likely raised on the Flores ranch whose lands were part of the Simon and Juan de Arocha land grant. A Texas historical marker recognizing her family's history stands out front of the County Courthouse.

On April 20, 1854, Josefa married Samuel William Barker and their union is recorded in San Fernando's marriage register. Father Dubuis, a french priest who became the second bishop of Galveston, performed the ceremony and signed the register. Serving as a witness to this union was then serving Mayor of San Antonio, John Carolan and Maria Callaghan.



Floresville Plat map in Deed Volume C, page 74, recorded Sep 8, 1873

It looks like Samuel and Josefa made up for not having any children as it appears they opened their home to others. Samuel was the first Sheriff of Wilson County and in 1860, when the County was formed, he and Josefa lived in Lodi along with eight others in their home. At some point before 1870, Josefa and Samuel relocated to San Antonio where they again opened their home to others including her younger sister Concepcion and Concepcion's son, her nephew, Miguel. Josefa died around 1872 and, according to her will, she left all of her property to her sister and nephew.



## April Floresville Opry

Once again, Viola and her Opry crew have sold out another show! You'll have to be quick to get your tickets for upcoming shows if you have not already bought a table.

**Floresville Opry**

*Come listen and dance to some Live Classic Country Music! First Thursday of every month!*

**BILLY MATA**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024**

**Wilson County Fair and Community Center**  
435 N. 27th St. Floresville | 6 - 9:15 pm - Doors open @ 5 pm

**Floresville Opry House Band**  
Roger Edgington, Fred Michalczak, Larry Horwedel, John Schottenberg, Sally Carlson, Terrell O'Neal, Alan Kolby, Gary Trial-Manager, Nell Baeten-Emcee, Mark Odom-Sound, and Viola Henke-Producer

**General Admission \$15**

**Reserved Table (Seats 8) \$100**

**SWEETS SILENT AUCTION**

*Concessions! Bring your own adult beverages! Set-ups & soft drinks available.*

**BEEF TIPS OVER RICE DINNER AVAILABLE — \$12**  
*by Outlaw Catering*

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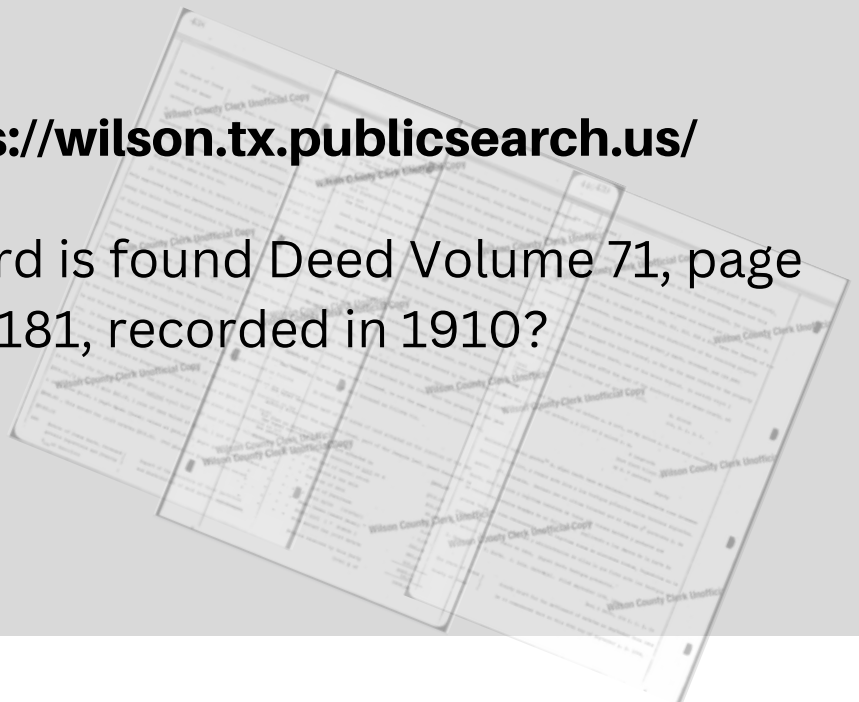


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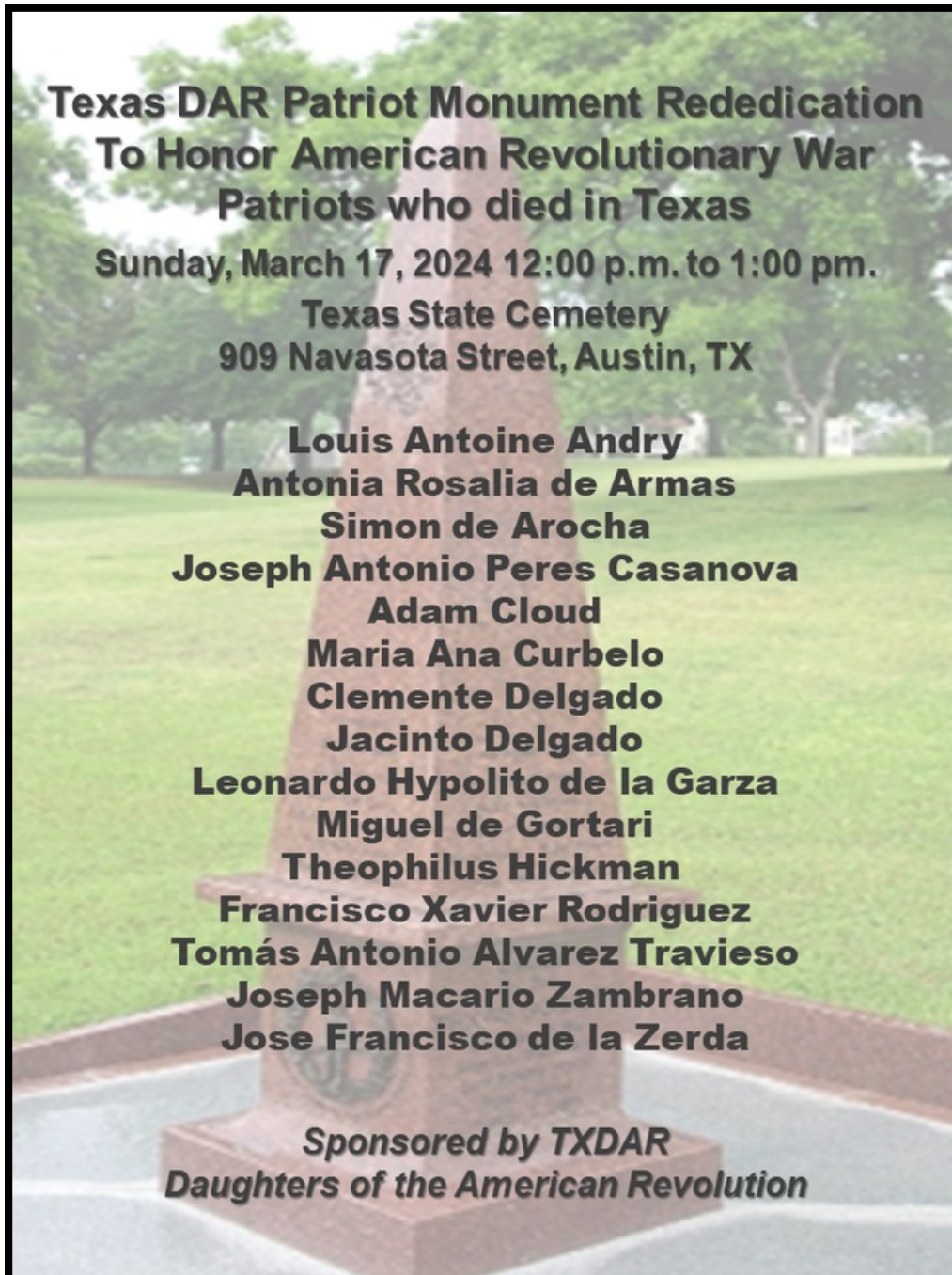
Have you visited the Wilson County Clerk's Official Records Site?

<https://wilson.tx.publicsearch.us/>

What record is found Deed Volume 71, page 181, recorded in 1910?



Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution will honor fifteen new patriots whose names are being engraved on their Patriot monument. Many of the Spanish patriots had their ranches in what is now Wilson County.



**Texas DAR Patriot Monument Rededication  
To Honor American Revolutionary War  
Patriots who died in Texas**

**Sunday, March 17, 2024 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 pm.**  
**Texas State Cemetery**  
**909 Navasota Street, Austin, TX**

**Louis Antoine Andry**  
**Antonia Rosalia de Armas**  
**Simon de Arocha**  
**Joseph Antonio Peres Casanova**  
**Adam Cloud**  
**Maria Ana Curbelo**  
**Clemente Delgado**  
**Jacinto Delgado**  
**Leonardo Hypolito de la Garza**  
**Miguel de Gortari**  
**Theophilus Hickman**  
**Francisco Xavier Rodriguez**  
**Tomás Antonio Alvarez Travieso**  
**Joseph Macario Zambrano**  
**Jose Francisco de la Zerda**

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