



HAS Meeting, Thursday, October 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Please note that this meeting will be entirely virtual,
and it has been moved a week sooner due to the TAS Annual Meeting.

**Oktoberfest in La Grange! Untapping the Past:
The History and Archeology of the Kreische Brewery**



Celebrate Texas Archeology Month AND Oktoberfest with the Houston Archeological Society on Thursday, October 13, as we learn about the History and Archeology of the Kreische Brewery in La Grange, Texas. Please note that this meeting is being held a week earlier than our normal third Thursday due to conflicts with the annual Texas Archeological Society the following week. Gavin Miculka and Jenny Townzen, staff members at the Kreische Brewery, will present this program virtually via Zoom and YouTube Livestream. The Zoom meeting will begin for members at 6:00 p.m., with time for socializing before the business meeting kicks off at 6:30. The

program and the YouTube Livestream feed will begin at 6:45, and the link can be found here: [Texas Archeology Month Program - Kreische Brewery - YouTube.](#)

Kreische Brewery is one of the preeminent archeological sites managed by the Texas Historical Commission. Constructed by German immigrant Heinrich Kreische in the late 1860s, the brewery grew to become the third largest in Texas before it ceased operations shortly after Kreische's death in 1882. Although the building was abandoned, much of the brewery ruins were still intact by the time assessments were performed a century later. These investigations in the 1970s and 1980s uncovered a wide array of material culture that speaks to the entrepreneurial spirit and ingenuity of Kreische, as well as the emphasis placed on building family and community by German immigrants on the Bluff and beyond. Gavin and Jenny will discuss the findings and stabilization of the Kreische Brewery complex and how this archeology informs current public programs and site improvements. They will also share plans for future public archeology initiatives at Kreische Brewery and Monument Hill State Historic Sites.

Gavin Miculka, assistant sites manager, has more than a decade of experience in historic site operations, museum management, and informal education programs across the country. Gavin is particularly interested in how communities connect with and express their heritage at historic sites like Kreische Brewery. Gavin earned a BS from Texas A&M in Recreation, Park & Tourism Sciences and a master's degree from the University of Maryland in Anthropology.

Jenny Townzen, sites educator, studied Anthropology and History at the University of Texas at Austin and is a master's graduate in Conflict Archaeology & Heritage from the University of Glasgow in Scotland. Jenny has worked on various excavations in Europe and recently worked as a field technician in west Texas and New Mexico. She was also an educator at the Harry Ransom Center before joining the Texas Historical Commission, where she discovered her passion for utilizing archival research to help understand and contextualize archaeological investigations.

The virtual YouTube Livestream presentation is open to the public. Please join us! HAS members will receive the Zoom link to the meeting via email later this month. For more information about this program or about HAS, please contact president@txhas.org.

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Congratulations to our newly elected Board of Directors!

President – Frank Kozar

Vice President – Dr. Sarah Chesney

Secretary – Emma Baldwin

Treasurer – Bob Sewell

At Large – Mike Woods completing final year of previous member

At Large – Eleanor Stoddart – three-year Term

And continuing with her second year of a three-year term - At Large – Leonie Waithman

We thank you all for your time and commitment to HAS!

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President's Message – Frank Kozar



Hello HAS members,

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the last few years have been challenging for organizations like ours that have historically met in person. Not only have we followed Harris County Public Health's advice regarding when or if to hold large gatherings, we have also navigated restrictions at the county-owned facility that we use.

March of 2020 was the first time that many of us had ever heard of Zoom, Google Meet, or Skype, but they all are thriving on the meeting app landscape, resulting in a societal shift. Some meeting participants have come to prefer the convenience of these virtual platforms, while others look forward to the interaction of face-to-face meetings.

Therefore, the HAS Board is seeking a middle ground on this issue.

There are several factors to consider. How many members are even interested in battling Houston traffic when instead they can simply walk from their dinner table to a virtual meeting in their home office? The health risk of Covid is still out there, and a large portion of our membership is over sixty and still cautious about large gatherings. Finally, where are our speakers, and would it be more advantageous for them to stream their PowerPoint from home in Waco or Austin rather than miss half a day of work and spend the night in Houston in order to address us?

The current thinking is that we will plan to hold in-person meetings every other month at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center on the third Thursday, as we do now. These programs will also be broadcast on YouTube/Zoom. The alternate months will be virtual only. We will be contacting our upcoming speakers to learn their preferences regarding lecturing to a live audience or presenting virtually from home, and we will update you accordingly.

Furthermore, the operational hours at Trini are changing, effective January 1, 2023, with the center closing at 8 p.m. instead of the previous 9 p.m. Accordingly, we will now open to members at 6 p.m. for socializing, business meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m., and our featured speakers will take the floor at 6:45 p.m. Because of this new closing time, we will have to leave the room by 7:45 p.m. Virtual meetings will adhere to the same time frame.

The sixties song by Bob Dylan, "The Times They Are a-Changin'," still seems pertinent today, and HAS will adapt to the new landscape.

Frank Kozar, President

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Getting to Know Our New President and Vice President

We asked Frank and Sarah to tell us a bit about themselves.



Hello, HAS Members, I'm Frank Kozar, the newly elected President of HAS. I live in Spring, but I'm originally a native of Ohio. After service in the Navy in the early seventies, I started my journey through the southern United States by working in Atlanta, Charleston, Miami, and finally Houston, for Eastern Airlines. Then I found my calling as an air traffic controller for the Federal Aviation Administration, my career for thirty years. Upon retiring from the FAA, I stayed on as a contract instructor teaching air traffic to a new generation of trainees. My interest in history has been lifelong, but my membership in the Houston Archeological Society came about after reading about the Dimond Knoll project during the construction of the Grand Parkway over Cypress Creek. Subsequently I've attended TAS field schools at Mission San Lorenzo, Palo Duro Canyon, and Kerrville, and I've participated in projects at Frost Town, San Jacinto Battleground, Lone Oak, San Felipe de Austin, and currently, Arroyo Dulce. I have two adult sons in Texas and I'm an avid baseball and football fan.

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Hello! My name is Sarah Chesney, and I am the newly elected Vice President of HAS! You may recognize me from the HAS August program where I gave an overview of my current project taking place at the San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site (owned and operated by the Texas Historical Commission), where I serve as the Site Archeologist. My focus is on historical archeology, and most of my training was done on eighteenth- and nineteenth-century archeological sites on the East Coast, including places such as Historic St. Mary's City (MD), George Washington's Mount Vernon (VA), Valley Forge National Park (PA), and Colonial Williamsburg (VA).



Although my archeological training took place on the East Coast, I am a native Texan – born and raised in Austin, Texas, in the shadow of the University of Texas, where I had my first archeological experience at a summer camp at the Texas Memorial Museum. Apparently, those lessons stuck – or I never grew up – as I continued to be interested in archeology as a teenager and pursued it as a college student. After receiving my BA in 2005 from the University of Pennsylvania, I entered the graduate program at the College of William and Mary where I earned my MA in 2009 and my PhD in 2014.

After spending over a decade on the East Coast, I came home to Texas and was delighted to find an archeology job for a historic archeologist at San Felipe de Austin. Since being hired in 2018, I have worked to promote archeology at San Felipe as a way to understand and explore the lives of past Texans through both research-focused projects and compliance archeology related to new construction. My current focus is on the clearance work that will precede the construction of a new complex at San Felipe including a state-of-the-art archeology building with lab, storage, and exhibit space that will continue to tell the story of early Texas for years to come. None of this could happen without the tireless work of volunteers, including many HAS members, and I look forward to continuing to collaborate closely with HAS, as both Site Archeologist and HAS Vice President.

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Houston Archeological Society Monthly Meeting Minutes - September 15, 2022

WELCOME to our HAS Monthly Meeting! Frank Kozar called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The meeting was held in person at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center and via Zoom/YouTube! We are so glad everyone has joined us tonight.

Tonight's Program: Kathleen Kelly, HAS member, author and landowner, will talk about the home site of Samuel May Williams and land office site of Stephen F. Austin. Samuel May Williams was the secretary for the Stephan F. Austin colony. Her research has uncovered many fascinating details of activity and historical characters that have crossed that land. Kathleen has written a book entitled "Indelible Footprints" and it is available on Amazon or by contacting Kathleen.

Treasurer's Report (Bob Sewell): Bob reported amounts in the HAS checking and savings accounts. If any member is interested in more information about HAS finances, please see Bob.

Membership (Bob Sewell): Our membership currently stands at 198 active members! If any people attending tonight would like to join, come up to the table or contact Bob.

Website/Newsletter/Hats (Bob Sewell): The website has nothing reported as being a problem. The Newsletter has two additional editors, Betsy Wittenmyer and Louis Aulbach, who are doing a fantastic job gathering articles and helping to put the articles together for publishing. All people that have ordered hats have been contacted. There are a few hats available if you would like to buy one, the cost is \$15.

NEW BUSINESS

Yearly Elections - The nominating committee presented a slate of candidates for the open board positions. The slate information was sent out to members by email and mail for voting. The slate for the upcoming 2022-2023 HAS board, approved by members is as follows: President, Frank Kozar; Vice President, Dr. Sarah Chesney; Secretary, Emma Baldwin; Treasurer, Bob Sewell; At Large, Mike Woods (completing final year of previous member); At Large, Eleanor Stoddart (three-year term); At Large, Leonie Waithman (continues to serve the second year of her three-year term).

There was a unanimous vote of yes for all that voted. The 10%-member quorum was exceeded to meet the constitutional requirements for the election. Voting ended at 6 p.m. on September 14. A grateful thank you to our members of the nominations committee: Sharon Menegaz, Geoff Mills and Dr. Liz Coon-Nguyen.

October Meeting: Due to the TAS Annual meeting which will be held on weekend of October 21 and 22 in Tyler, Texas, the October HAS meeting will take place on October 13 instead of October 20. Unfortunately, the meeting room is not available, so the meeting will be Virtual only. Please join the meeting starting with Social Hour at 6 p.m., and the business meeting at 6:30 p.m., and the speaker at 6:45 p.m. The featured topic for the October meeting will be the history and archeology of the Kreische Brewery in La Grange, Texas. Kreische Brewery is one of the preeminent archeological sites managed by the Texas Historical Commission. Constructed by German immigrant Heinrich Kreische in the late 1860s, the brewery grew to become the third largest in Texas before it ceased operations shortly after Kreische's death in 1882. Our speakers are Gavin Miculka and Jenny Townzen. Gavin serves as assistant sites manager and has more than a decade of experience in historic site operations, museum management, and informal education programs across the country. He is particularly interested in how communities connect with and express their heritage at historic sites like Kreische Brewery. Gavin earned a BS from Texas A&M in Recreation, Park & Tourism Sciences and a master's degree from the University of Maryland in

Anthropology. Jenny Townzen, sites educator, studied Anthropology and History at the University of Texas at Austin and is a master's graduate in Conflict Archaeology & Heritage from the University of Glasgow in Scotland. Jenny has worked on various excavations in Europe and recently worked as a field technician in west Texas and New Mexico. She was also an educator at the Harry Ransom Center before joining the Texas Historical Commission, where she discovered her passion for utilizing archival research to help understand and contextualize archaeological investigations.

October is Archeology Month: The Texas Historical Commission has asked us to make pinch pot kits. These kits include eight ounces of clay and molding sticks, allowing students to form pottery using this ancient method. We have given kits to schools, scout troops, and others. Kits are available for you to take tonight if you have children or groups that may enjoy them.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Diana Cooper, Secretary

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Looking Back to Move Forward: 2022 Archeology Month Workshops at the Levi Jordan Plantation State Historic Site

The Levi Jordan Plantation State Historic Site is hosting a series of four workshops over the last four weekends of October 2022. These workshops will be free and open to the public with prior registration.

Each weekend, a workshop for children grades 4-8 will be held on Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m., and a workshop for grades 9-12 and adults will be held on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. Each workshop includes a short presentation and a hands-on activity. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.



We encourage attending all workshops because each workshop builds off what was learned the previous week! If you complete all four workshops, you will receive a certification and a special Texas Archeology Month activity kit! Adult supervision is required for children attending the Saturday workshops, so plan accordingly! A general overview of each workshop:

Workshop 1 will introduce the field of archeology and its impacts at the Levi Jordan Plantation: October 8th (grades 4-8) and October 9th (grades 9-12 and adults).

Workshop 2 will expand on the methods used by archeologists: October 15th (grades 4-8) and 16th (grades 9-12 and adults).

Workshop 3 will discuss laboratory processes and conservation: October 22nd (grades 4-8) and 23rd (grades 9-12 and adults).

Workshop 4 will elaborate on analysis and interpretation before concluding with the importance of stewardship and preservation: October 29th (grades 4-8) and 30th (grades 9-12 and adults).



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To register, scan this QR code or
email reece.black@thc.texas.gov.

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HAS Archeology Education and Outreach with Sharon Menegaz

San Felipe de Austin, August 20 –BSA Scouts earned their Archaeology Merit Badges with the help of Dr. Sarah Chesney and HAS volunteers.



****Call for Help: Please contact Sharon if you can assist on Saturday, November 5th with Diggin' Old Stuff Day at Kleb Woods, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Precinct Four is advertising this more and we are expecting a larger crowd than in the past! Thank you, HAS, and remember that we can always use more volunteers for this and all our programs! One perk: Sharon always rewards volunteers with home-baked brownies and cakes! We will be very busy in the fall with events related to Texas Archeology Month in October. Here are some of the events where you can help us:**

- Assembling pinch pot kits in advance to then give out during Texas Archeology Month - THC is heading this volunteer effort and has provided supplies and instructions. Watch your email for times and places to assist. Our own Dr. Liz, as current TAS President, is pushing us to beat every other local society in Texas, a worthy effort for bragging rights at the October TAS annual meeting! If you have a group, such as a scout troop, that can help us assemble kits - or a group that would enjoy receiving and learning about making pinch pots using these kits during Texas Archeology Month, let Sharon know!

- Saturday, October 15th - Archeology Day at Washington-on-the-Brazos, 10-3 p.m. HAS assists with discussions about the archeological record of the former Capitol of the Texas Republic, manning show-and-tell tables, and more! We will need about six volunteers.

- Saturday, October 15th - You are invited to join member Kaity Ulewicz at The Heritage Society Museum, 1100 Bagby Street, 1-3 p.m. There will be opportunities for the public to interact with historic artifacts, ask archeologists questions, and participate in the hands-on pinch pot activity provided by the THC. Contact Kaity Ulewicz; kaityulewicz@gmail.com.

- Saturday, November 5th - Diggin' Old Stuff Day at Kleb Woods in northwest Harris County, 9-3 p.m. HAS joins professional archeologist Ashley Jones to allow kids real digging and screening experience. Volunteers also assist with show and tell tables, and activities such as artifact sorting and ceramic reconstruction.

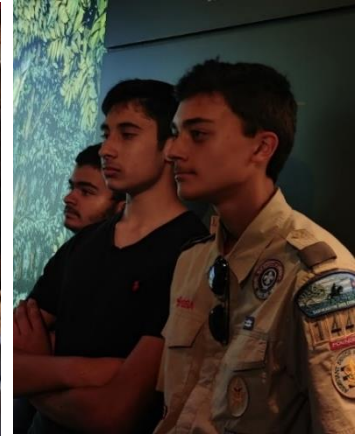
- Saturday, November 12th--Father of Texas celebration at San Felipe de Austin. Details to be announced, but Dr. Sarah Chesney and the staff at the museum count on help from HAS, and it is always a fun weekend to talk to people about archeology.

Our outreach volunteers also give school presentations in the fall, as History teachers in 4th and 7th grades ask for enrichment for their Texas History studies. Watch for announcements of outreach opportunities to places like the Awty International School and some of the private schools and homeschool groups in Harris County. Please consider helping - contact Sharon Menegaz; smenegaz@rcseaglesonline.org.



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San Felipe de Austin, August 20 – Thank you, HAS volunteers, for your help with the Scouts!



Notes on Munitions: The Trigger Guard

By Tom Nuckols

Introduction

A trigger guard is a protective semicircular metal ring that surrounds the trigger of a firearm. A trigger guard's purpose is twofold: it protects the delicate trigger, and it prevents unwanted contact with the trigger (a finger, for example), until the person wielding the firearm is ready to fire it (Fig. 1).

Before the last quarter of the nineteenth century, trigger guards on both civilian and martial firearms, with few exceptions, were brass.



Figure 1. The brass trigger guard on a flintlock fowler made by gunsmith Peter Neihart (1743-1813) of Whitehall Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. The red arrow points to the trigger guard's trifid, a front tang finial decoration. In Latin, trifid means split into three parts, or threefold. The green arrow indicates the end of a transverse pin. Transverse pins held the trigger guard to the stock via lugs on the trigger guard's underside. Source: LotSearch, <https://www.lotsearch.net/lot/a-early-flintlock-fowler-attributed-to-peter-neihart-47900146>.

A Trigger Guard From 41BO125

Recently, Sue Gross of the Brazosport Archaeological Society (BAS) emailed me photographs of a trigger guard and inquired if I could identify and tell her more about it (Figures 2 and 3). In January 1998, the BAS recovered this trigger guard, Catalog Item 3434, during archaeological excavations at 41BO125, the townsite of Old Velasco (c. 1820s-1875). The modern city of Surfside Beach now occupies this location at the mouth of the Brazos River.



Figures 2 and 3. Trigger Guard, Catalog Item 3434 from 41BO125. Source: Sue Gross.

I was able to advise the BAS the following:

This is a recurve brass trigger guard. It was probably once attached to a fowler, although I'm not ruling out the possibility that it might have been part of an Indian trade gun. However, I'm leaning more toward a fowler. The tip of the lug on the underside of the guard's front tang (also known as the upper tang) just forward of the bow is broken off. The hole at the tip of the broken lug was for the metal transverse pin that held the guard to the fowler's wooden stock. The rear tang (also known as the lower tang) is broken off. The broken off portion of the rear tang might have had either a countersunk screw hole, a lug, or possibly both. The engraving on the bow and the front tang's floral shaped finial is typical of a fowler (Figure 4).

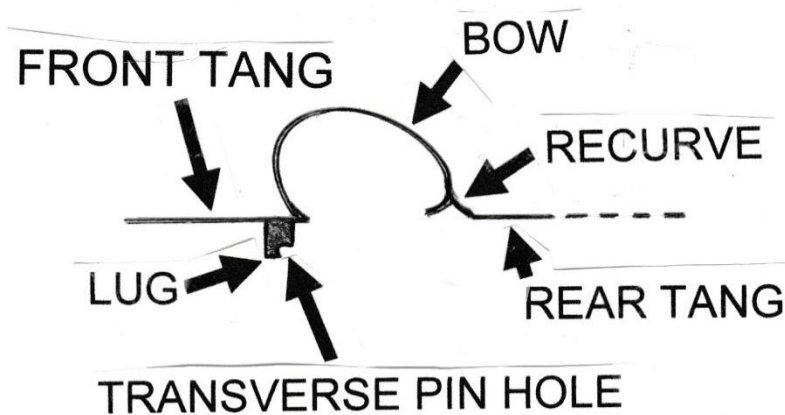


Figure 4. Parts of the Velasco trigger guard. Illustration by Author.

The Broken Off Rear Tang

A similar trigger guard depicted in Hamilton (1987:85) illustrates how the complete Velasco trigger guard may have appeared (Fig. 5).

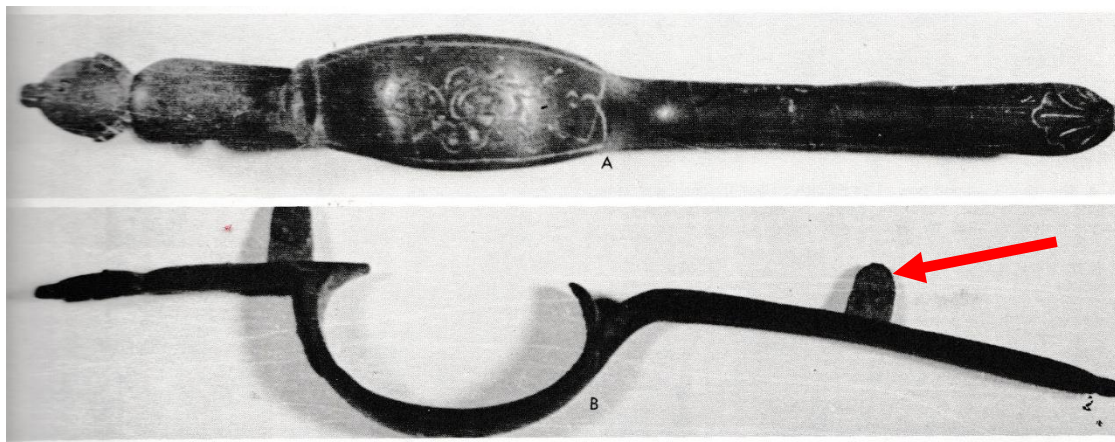


Figure 5. Bottom and side view of a brass trigger guard, 8.5 inches long, found near Montgomery, Alabama, by a relic hunter. The arrow indicates the lug on the rear tang. The lug's transverse pin hole is closed, probably due to corrosion. The top of the front tang's lug extends beyond the photograph. Source: Hamilton (1987:85).

The Fowler

This author could not locate a clear-cut definition of a fowler. Therefore, according to information gleaned from Ahearn (2005), Flayderman (1998), and Grinslade (2013), some characteristics and descriptions of a fowler include the following:

- a civilian smooth-bore longarm of the muzzle-loading flintlock era, the counterpart of today's shotgun (Fig. 6).



Figure 6. A fowler. Source: Cowan's, <https://www.cowanauctions.com/lot/colonial-fowler-by-jim-frost-and-powder-horn-by-mike-small-sold-to-benefit-the-contemporary-longrifle-foundation-4059847>.

- also called a fowling piece.
- designed to fire lead shot at small game, especially birds; hence the incorporation of the word “fowl” into its nomenclature (Fig. 7).
- when loaded with a single lead ball instead of shot, they could provide venison for the table. In times of defense, they were used martially, and saw service in early colonial wars, as well as the American revolution.
- barrel bore diameters of 0.59 to 0.82 inches.
- built in Europe and America by cottage industry gunsmiths.
- first identifiable style of American firearm ever produced. The evolved design of the American fowler shows the influence of several European cultures.
- shared a common appearance with the musket, and often called a musket. However, the musket, made for military use, had a sturdier stock and a heavier barrel fitted for a bayonet. Fowlers were often more highly decorated and exhibited more artistic craftsmanship than muskets.
- six different styles of fowlers were produced in America:

New England Fowlers – make up the largest group produced, exhibiting considerable French influence in their stock design and their hardware. Buttstocks have a rounded drop.

Club-Butt Fowlers – manufactured in Massachusetts, and possibly Rhode Island. They have a decidedly convex curve to the underside of the buttstock (Fig. 8).

Hudson Valley Fowlers – influenced by Dutch designed guns used for water fowling. Easily recognizable due to their five-to-seven-foot length¹.

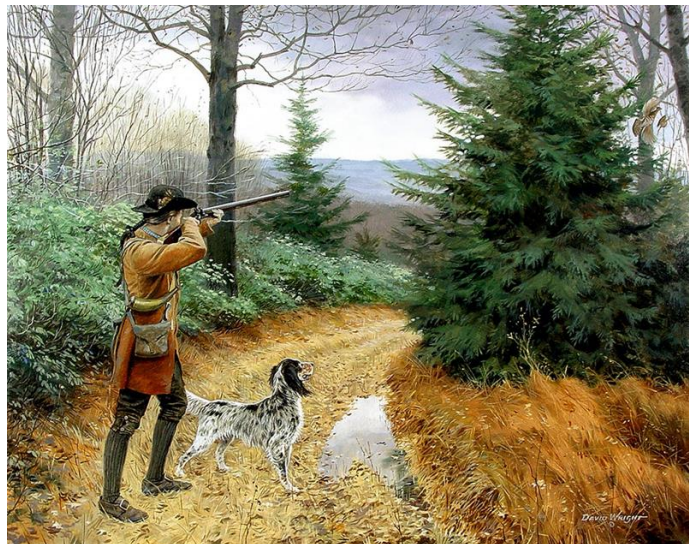


Figure 7. “A Good Day’s Hunt” by American artist David Wright. The hunter, shooting at a grouse, is possibly wielding a fowler. Slung over his left shoulder are two accoutrements commonly used with a muzzle-loading firearm, a powder horn and shot pouch. Source: David Wright, an American Artist, <https://davidwrightart.com/prints-giclees/>.

¹ A Hudson Valley fowler is the earliest known identified and dated example of the first American style of firearm. The butt plate engraving, “YACOPTNYCK 1713”, indicates that this fowler was the property of Jacob Ten Eyck, a noted Albany silversmith who died in 1793. The Ten Eyck family was heavily involved in the Albany area politics of eighteenth century New York. The New York State Archives show that on June 4, 1755, a Jacob Ten Eyck is listed as an Albany Justice and Alderman, but it is unknown whether this refers to the owner of the fowler or a relative. Thirty-four men with the surname Ten Eyck served with the New York troops during the American Revolution. Many were from the Albany area (Ahearn 2005: 102-103).

British-Style Fowlers – exhibit characteristics of both British fowlers and muskets. Buttstocks have the appearance of a British military Brown Bess Musket, including the swell of the stock at the rear ramrod thimble.

Kentucky Fowlers – made by Kentucky rifle gunsmiths.

Unique Fowlers – one-of-a-kind specimens that defy classification; unique guns that do not fall into a specific category. Made of combinations of used parts and often cannot be specifically identified either as a musket or fowler.

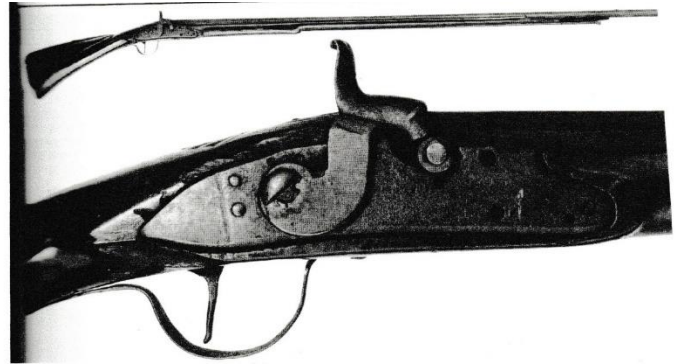


Figure 8. A club-butt fowler. Source: Frontier Partisans — The Adventurers, Rangers and Scouts that Fought the Battles of Empire, by Jim Cornelius, <https://frontierpartisans.com/23387/firearms-of-the-frontier-partisans-big-butts/>.

Figure 9. The trigger guard on Barnes 64.75-inch-long, nine-pound fowler is made of iron, not brass. The 49.125-inch-long barrel is octagonal 14 inches from the breech, then changes to round. The barrel bore diameter is .60 inches. The fact that this fowler was used long after the American Revolution is evidenced by its conversion to percussion ignition, circa the first half of the nineteenth century. Source: Grinslade (2013: 57).

A Fowler with A Remarkable History

Joseph Barnes from New Braintree, Massachusetts, enlisted on April 19, 1775, as a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War. He served for two weeks and three days in Captain John Granger's Company of Minutemen. With a heritage of early colonial settlers, the Barnes family traces their history back to Thomas Barnes, who immigrated from Essex to Marlborough, Massachusetts, on the *Speedwell* in 1656. Joseph Barnes' descendants still own his flintlock fowler, later converted to percussion ignition (Fig. 9). Accompanying the fowler, Joseph's powder horn features incised figures of birds, animals, ships, and the inscription, "Joseph Barnes [sic] – His Horn Concord" (Grinslade 2013: 57).

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**Corporal Paul Hendrickson, 120th Infantry, Thirty-third Division,
Trained at Camp Logan, Houston, Texas - Part 2**
By Betsy Wittenmyer

Most HAS members are aware of the extensive research about Camp Logan performed by Linda Gorski and Louis Aulbach. This temporary World War I training camp was located a short distance northwest of the growing city of Houston, generally the Memorial Park area today. Assisted by Robbie Morin with his Camp Logan collection, Linda and Louis wrote two fascinating books about Camp Logan, which every Houstonian should read: *Camp Logan: Houston, Texas, 1917-1919* and *Inside Camp Logan: The Daily Life of Soldiers at Houston's World War I Training Camp* (<https://www.amazon.com/Camp-Logan-Houston-Texas-1917-1919/dp/1497448646/>) and *Inside Camp Logan: The Daily Life of Soldiers at Houston's World War I Training Camp* (<https://www.amazon.com/Inside-Camp-Logan-Soldiers-Houstons/dp/B09GZFB7PX/>).

Corporal Paul Hendrickson trained at Camp Logan and wrote hundreds of letters and postcards home, which give us insight into his experiences and impressions. Hendrickson's descendants generously gifted Hendrickson's correspondence and wartime memorabilia to the Woodson Research Center at Rice University: Paul B. Hendrickson World War I collection, 1914-1950 (MS 694) (rice.edu).

When the United States declared war, Hendrickson determined that by enlisting, he held more control over his fate.² Recruitment officers from the Illinois National Guard visited his area and Hendrickson signed up, taking his oath at Danville's armory on April 12, 1917.³ The following morning, the new volunteers entrained for Quincy, Illinois. Upon arrival, the recruits quartered in the Fifth Infantry Armory and got their "eats" at the Newcomb Hotel.⁴ Later, they bivouacked in pup tents outside of town at Camp Parker (Fig. 1). Private Hendrickson marched, drilled, and practiced daily with the band (Fig. 2). Particularly concentrating on bugling, he began each morning playing reveille at 5:20 a.m. Hendrickson excelled in cartography, receiving commendation for a Quincy area road map he prepared.



Figure 1. Paul Hendrickson with his friend, Oral Longstreth, in front of their tents at Camp Parker, Quincy, Illinois, 1917. Source: James Gill, "WWI Pages, Chapter Three," http://www.jimgill.net/wwipages/notes/peoplepix/lo_pbh.html, accessed October 19, 2018.

Figure 2. Fifth Regimental Band, Camp Parker, Quincy, Illinois, June 1917. Paul Hendrickson is fourth from the left on the back row. Source: James Gill, "WWI Pages, Chapter Three," <http://www.jimgill.net/wwipages/notes/people/5thband.html>, accessed October 18, 2018.

² Hendrickson collection, Letter of April 20, 1917.

³ Gill, "WWI," <http://www.jimgill.net/wwipages/notes/n170329a.html>, accessed October 18, 2018.

⁴ Hendrickson, Letter of March 2, 1918.

In addition to practicing musical numbers, the band also learned to administer first aid and carry stretchers. One soldier played the role of a patient whom the others treated and transported. Hendrickson imagined that “in real war our job will be one of taking care of wounded instead of being the ones to do the wounding. This is some satisfaction. It looks rather [ridiculous] seeing fellows drilling with guns and right on the same field our band drilling with [litters].”⁵

In the evenings, the men had time for horse races, the county fair, and picture shows. While socializing around town, Hendrickson met Stella Dodd, a nurse who later died after contracting Spanish Flu from a patient. A great correspondent, Hendrickson regularly wrote his family as well as several female friends, including Stella Dodd, Maude Anderson, and Cecil Frances Rife, the neighborhood girl who would eventually become his wife (Figs. 3-5).



Figures 3-5. Three young ladies with whom Hendrickson corresponded during the war: Stella Dodd, Maude Anderson, and Cecil Frances Rife. Sources: James Gill, “WWI Pages,” <http://www.jimgill.net/wwipages/notes/people/sdodd.html>, accessed October 18, 2018; Courtesy of James and Betty Hendrickson Gill, https://www.dropbox.com/home/young%20Paul%20B?preview=Anderson_maude.tif, https://www.dropbox.com/home/young%20Paul%20B?preview=hendrickson_paul+and+cecil+ca+1923.tif.

The men had little warning as to when they might be mobilized, and on September 16, 1917, Hendrickson dashed off a postcard to his parents updating them about being “Some where in Texas” on his way to Camp Logan, the new facility near Houston. Upon arrival, he described the unpaved camp streets, noting that “the dust [was] terrible,” and speculating the camp would be a muddy mess after rainstorms. Hendrickson used his time off to sightsee, admiring Houston as “some city” full of big stores with attractive display windows. He observed that the Southern “dialect [was] funny” and it seemed locals still hadn’t forgotten the Civil War.⁶ With his Eastman folding camera in hand, the young man photographed camp scenes as well as landmarks around the city such as Rice Institute.⁷ Hendrickson frequently visited Alvin, where he had relatives, and Galveston, where he swam in salty ocean water for the first time, gleefully reporting that it was “swell to [lie] on the beach and let the waves wash up over you.”⁸

In addition to his jobs as a reveille bugler and band member, the young recruit also trained in semaphore signaling, cipher disc encrypting, radio operation, Morse Code, horsemanship, drilling, long range marching, trench warfare,

⁵ Hendrickson, Letter of July 22, 1917.

⁶ Hendrickson, Letter of October 1, 1917.

⁷ Hendrickson, Letter of November 23, 1917.

⁸ Hendrickson, Letter of October 1, 1917.

calisthenics, open formation maneuvers, and the French language (Fig. 6). Hendrickson mastered electrical circuitry, which he found fascinating, and which later became his profession in civilian life. At the American Library Association camp library, he checked out books on electricity, physics, chemistry, and mathematics, as well as Ralph Waldo Emerson's essay, "Self-Reliance."⁹ Hendrickson proved to be an excellent marksman, scoring bullseyes on forty-four out of fifty shots at the 200-yard range.¹⁰ And he discovered himself to be "first rate" at signaling, consequently transferring to the Signal Corps.¹¹ In this squadron, the American Expeditionary Forces employed traditional signal flags and flares, as well as the new technologies of electric telegraphs, field telephones, signal lamps, and radiotelegraph sets, to facilitate ground communication.¹²

Hendrickson continued his sketching and map-making. On his own time, he executed a finely rendered, labeled drawing of Camp Logan (Fig. 7). In November 1917, Hendrickson received a promotion to corporal, which he believed resulted from the admiration his map garnered from his superiors. He never knew that later his map would be referenced by researchers as an historical resource. Today, the original map is part of the Paul Hendrickson Collection in the Woodson Research Center at Rice University, where it has been digitally scanned: ([Map of Camp Logan, Houston, Texas · Paul B. Hendrickson WWI collection \(rice.edu\)](http://www.rice.edu/paul_hendrickson_collection)).

Unfortunately, bayonet fighting did not go as well, because Hendrickson's sparring partner stabbed him in the hand: "The fellow I was instructing . . . did not do as I told him, so I was the one who caught it" (Figure 8).¹³

While stationed in Houston, Hendrickson joined the Freemasons; he attended meetings and progressed in his degrees under the auspices of Holland Lodge in downtown Houston (Fig. 9). His membership in the Masonic Brotherhood remained important to him throughout his life. He later served as the lodge master at the Danville Masonic Center, Illinois.



Figure 6. World War I cipher disc, front and back, Source: Ebay, http://www.jproc.ca/crypto/ww1_code_disk.html, accessed October 29, 2018.

Figure 7. Paul Hendrickson. Map of Camp Logan, 1917-1918. Paul B. Hendrickson World War I collection, 1914-1950, MS 694, Woodson Research Center, Fondren Library, Rice University.

⁹ Hendrickson, Letter of October 26, 1918.

¹⁰ Hendrickson, Letter of November 23, 1917.

¹¹ Hendrickson, Letter of November 9, 1917.

¹² "War Communication during WWI," National Museum of the Marine Corps, https://www.usmcmuseum.com/uploads/6/0/3/6/60364049/nmmc_wwi_military_communication_resource_packet.pdf, 4-7.

¹³ Hendrickson, Letter of March 22, 1918.



Figure 7. Hendrickson with his bayonet and gas mask in front of his tent at Camp Logan, Houston, Texas, c. 1917. Courtesy of James and Betty Hendrickson Gill. Figure 8. Holland Lodge at Main and McKinney, Houston, Texas, c. 1917. Source: Walter Chatham, *History of the Masonic Building Association of Houston* (Houston: Chatham Printers, 1972), 45. Figure 9. Hendrickson as a member of the lodge band, c. 1940. Courtesy Danville Masonic Center.

Next Month: Corporal Hendrickson leaves Camp Logan, deployed to France.

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Houston Archeological Society - Monthly Meeting Programs for 2022 - Third Thursday of Every Month

Please note that meetings will vary between entirely virtual, or dual format (in-person and virtual).

Check the HAS website and your emails each month for details.

Thursday, October 13, 2022. Please note that this monthly meeting has been moved a week sooner due to the TAS Annual Meeting and it will take place **virtually only, on the second Thursday of October.**

Gavin Miculka - Octoberfest in La Grange – an archeological history of the Kreische Brewery. YouTube Stream, https://youtu.be/izcHXO__3NY

November 17 - Eleanor Stoddart - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Cultural Resources Coordinator for Region 4 – A report on Archeological activities at 15 local TPWD sites. YouTube Stream, <https://youtu.be/t126FbZUniU>

December 15 - HAS President – Christmas Party and wrap up of 2021 Activities, YouTube Stream, <https://youtu.be/8w6Cl53PeRQ>

All **Houston Archeological Society** meetings are normally free and open to the public. For more information about HAS then visit our website at www.txhas.org or email president@txhas.org. You can also join our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/123659814324626/>.

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Mark Your Calendar:
93rd Texas Archeological Society Annual Meeting
October 21 – 23, 2022, at the University of Texas, Tyler
Limited Scholarships Available for Students! More information at:
[Texas Archeological Society - TAS Scholarships Overview \(txarch.org\)](https://txarch.org)

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More Upcoming Events

Texas Historical Commission

Online:

- Oct. 6: [Settlement and Survival Along the Lower Rio Grande](#), presented by the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission
- Oct. 20: [Evolution of Overnight Accommodations](#), presented by the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission

In Person:

- Oct. 1: [Archeology Day](#), Mission Dolores, San Augustine
- Oct. 1: [Hogg-tober Fest](#), Varner-Hogg Plantation
- Oct. 1: [35th Anniversary Celebration](#), Fanthorp Inn, Anderson
- Oct. 7: [Historical marker dedication](#), Marshall, Harrison County
- Oct. 8: [Texas Archeology Day](#), Sam Bell Maxey House, Paris
- Oct. 15: [Archeology Day](#), Washington-on-the-Brazos, Washington
- Oct. 15: [Piecing Together an Impression: A Living History Workshop](#), San Felipe de Austin, San Felipe
- Oct. 21-22: [Tombstone Trail](#), Washington-on-the-Brazos, Washington

Dallas Paleontology Society

- Oct. 28-30: Fossilmania, [Dallas Paleontological Society - FOSSILMANIA 2022](#), Somervell Expo Center, Glen Rose

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HAS Reference Desk

What research on archeology, anthropology, or history have you been reading lately? The HAS Reference desk seeks your suggestions of interesting archeology and history links! Check out these links about Texas Archeology Month activities and archeological sites in our great state:

[Texas Archeology Month | THC.Texas.gov - Texas Historical Commission](#)

[Archaeology Magazine - Interactive Map Texas - Courtesy of Texas Tourism](#)

[Texas Historic Sites Atlas | THC.Texas.gov - Texas Historical Commission](#)

[Archaeological Excavation Sites In Texas - Texas Capital Forum & Coalition](#)

[TxDOT Archeology Roadside Chat: Top Archaeological Sites to Visit in Texas on Apple Podcasts](#)

[Index of Texas Archaeology | Center for Regional Heritage Research | Stephen F. Austin State University \(sfasu.edu\)](#)

[Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site Events | THC.Texas.gov - Texas Historical Commission](#)

And of course, you can find information about the annual TAS meeting, coming up October 21-23 in Tyler, at [Texas Archeological Society - Home \(txarch.org\)](https://txarch.org)

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