



**HAS November Meeting, November 16, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
The Crying Woman Ranch Site, Presented by Mike McBride**



Hello, HAS members – Our November meeting of the Houston Archeological Society will feature a great speaker and subject matter expert. Mike McBride of the Hill Country Archeological Association will discuss the ongoing excavations at 41KR754, also known as the Crying Woman Ranch archeological site in western Kerr County on the north branch of the Guadalupe River.

HCAA began work on this site in 2018, finding numerous artifacts, not locally sourced, in an archaic-to-prehistoric assemblage. The items discovered include obsidian sourced from Idaho, crystal quartz, vein quartz, hematite spheres, ochre, and ceramic sherds. Projectile points from the archaic site span the middle archaic to late prehistoric Toyah phase. There is a Paleo-Indian component to the site also that Mike will discuss (See *Journal of the Hill Country Archeological Association*, Volume 9, 2022; vol-9-2022-hcarcheology.org).

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Mike is the current President and Board Chairman for the Hill Country Archeological Association in Kerrville, Texas, having previously served as the President and Board Chairman of the Dallas Archeological Society from 2000 - 2005 (now merged into the North Texas Archeological Society). Mike is also on the Board of Directors for the Gault School for Archeological Research.

Mike is a lifelong Texan who has dedicated over forty-five years to pharmacy practice and management including hospital, retail, home infusion, and specialty pharmacy companies, having retired in 2018. He was the founder of Rx Partners Pharmacy LLC, and Partner in Avita Specialty Pharmacy LLC, a multi-state specialty pharmacy company specializing in partnerships with large hospitals and specialty clinics providing HIV/AIDS care and post-organ transplant services.

Throughout this time, Mike has accumulated extensive archeological experience, including as the Principal Investigator for field projects in Dallas, Kerr, and Gillespie Counties. Currently, he is Principal Investigator for HCAA's Crying Woman Ranch Project in Kerr County, focusing on Paleoindian Period occupations at the site. Since 1984, he has conducted ongoing independent research in Maya and Mesoamerican studies focusing on lithic technologies and has published on the ethnopharmacology of psychoactive agents in ancient Mesoamerican cultures. He has collaborated in field projects in the Yucatan Peninsula, Central Mexico, Guatemala, and Belize with research focusing on lithic technology, and documentation and analysis of chert and obsidian sources in Belize, the Yucatan Peninsula, and Central Mexico.

Currently, he is co-developer with Jon Lohse of the Pine Ridge Preceramic Project in Northern Belize. PRPP research goals include recovery, documentation, analysis, and curation of Paleoindian and Preceramic period artifacts, which will greatly add to evidence of the earliest human migrations in this region as well as throughout the Americas.

Mike lives near the beautiful Pedernales River in Fredericksburg, Texas, with his wife, Connie.

Be sure to join us for this fantastic presentation on November 16th. For more information about this program or about the Houston Archeological Society, please contact president@txhas.org.

Frank Kozar, HAS Vice President

President's Message – Bob Sewell



As we approach the end of 2023 and the holiday season is almost upon us, I want to thank every HAS member for their support of the Society - from those serving on the HAS Board to those assisting with our Outreach Activities, and of course, those who work out in the field on our excavation projects.

As you know, October was Archeology Month and HAS members participated in several outreach activities, including events at the San Jacinto Battleground Historic Site, and the BIG event at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. We have one more event associated with Archeology Month: “Diggin’ Old Stuff Day” at the Klebs Woods Nature Preserve in Tomball this coming Saturday, November 4, 2023. This is usually an incredibly popular day for the public,

when young and old can actually participate in the excavation. We have a terrific number of our folks who have signed up to help out, but we still invite all members to come on over to Kleb Woods and join us in waving the flag for HAS.

I am looking forward to getting back in the field in November with hopefully cooler temps. The Lone Oak Project near Frelsburg is still active and there is a lot of work still to do at the Santa Rosa Site on the Katy Prairie near Waller. A possible exciting new project is being reviewed by the HAS Board.

As you know, HAS memberships for 2023 expire at the end of this year, so make sure that you sign up for 2024. However, if you joined HAS after September 1st, then your membership is already good for 2024. The best way to re-up is go to the HAS membership page at <http://www.txhas.org/membership.html> and use your credit card.



Finally – from the HAS family to yours, have a wonderful Thanksgiving – *Bob Sewell, HAS President*



Archeology in the Classroom



The Texas History class at Rosehill Christian School sorted photos of *La Belle* artifacts to complete their study of La Salle and his colony. The artifact photos are available on the Bob Bullock Museum website. They watched the full-length documentary entitled *Excavation of La Belle* available on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/OIuHy2TDmWU>). A lesson plan from Texas Beyond History allowed the students to document the various injuries to the skeleton found in the shipwreck while also learning the major bones of the human body ([TBH Lesson Plan: Death on Board *La Belle*: Finding Clues from Old Bones](#)). Why teach archeology? Because concurrently, history, science, and even math and art can be taught in one lesson! See more on the *La Belle* at: [La Salle Archeology Projects | THC.Texas.gov - Texas Historical Commission](#).

Sharon Menegaz, M.S.



Houston Archeological Society Monthly Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. – Bob Sewell (President)

New Board Members - Bob Sewell - Please welcome our new and returning board members for the upcoming year. We appreciate these members' time, commitment, and service to our society.

President	Bob Sewell
Vice-President	Frank Kozar
Secretary	Emma Baldwin
Treasurer	Louis Hebert
Director-at-Large	Geoff Mills (3 years)
Directors-at-Large (Unexpired Terms)	Leonie Waithman (1 year) Eleanor Stoddart (2 years)

Treasurer's Report – Louis Hebert (Treasurer) - The HAS account is still healthy. If you would like further information, please contact Louis treasurer@txhas.org.

Membership – Louis Hebert (Treasurer) - Membership is currently 181 members, and we welcome our new members. For members who joined in September or later, your membership is good through 2024.

Reports - Bob Sewell (President) - Our current Publications Editor had to step down, and we are looking for a new one. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Bob Sewell (president@txhas.org).

Web Site – Bob Sewell (President) - There was a brief problem with the website earlier in October, when it had been hacked, but that has been fixed.

Newsletter – Betsy Wittenmyer, Bob Sewell - Once again, a big thank you was given to Betsy for her dedication to producing a wonderful newsletter. We hope all members will consider sending articles, news, or photographs to include in the newsletter.

Projects – Bob Sewell (President) - After a long summer, fieldwork resumed at Santa Rosa on September 23. Plans are to work from 8:00 a.m. until about 1 p.m. Please contact Bob Sewell at fielddirector@txhas.org if interested. Work also continues at the Lone Oak Site in Frelsburg. There are possibilities of a new project near Brookshire on a site where HAS members helped with excavations twenty years ago. A recent site visit resulted in the discovery of a range of artifacts on the ground surface. Stay tuned for more info!

Outreach and Education – Bob Sewell (President) - October is Texas Archeology Month, and there are plenty of opportunities to get involved in outreach activities. These include the Museum of Natural Sciences on Saturday October 21. Coming up in November is the Kleb Woods Nature Preserve, "Digging up Old Stuff Archeology Festival." This takes place November 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. HAS is planning to lay out two units for kids to excavate and we will have our show-and-tell tables, plus giveaways. We typically have 150 kids show up with parents, so at least a dozen volunteers are needed to assist! Email info@txhas.org for more information or to volunteer.

Our next monthly HAS meeting takes place November 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will take place via ZOOM ONLY for HAS members. Our monthly speaker will be Mike McBride of Hill Country Archeology Association.

Business meeting concluded at 6:58 p.m.

Introduction of tonight's presentation – Bob Sewell – We welcome Michael Quennoz, an archeologist with HR Gray and Pape Heritage Resource Management in Houston, Texas. He will present on the intensive archeological investigations at Memorial Park by Gray and Pape that have been ongoing since 2016 as part of the Memorial Park Master Plan developed by the Memorial Park Conservancy, Houston Parks and Recreation Department, and the Uptown Development Authority.

Eleanor Stoddart, Director-at-Large



Reports from the Texas Archeological Society 94th Annual Meeting October 6-8, 2023 – San Marcos, Texas

The TAS annual meeting in San Marcos was wonderful this year, and as usual, there were so many good presentations and posters, you just couldn't see it all. My Friday afternoon began with the THC Archeological Stewards meeting. We caught up on all the news for Texas Archeology month, and were able to welcome our amazing Bob Turner, 101 years young!

The symposium on the Nighthawk Bison Jump at Caprock Canyons caught my attention next. The discovery of the site by science teachers, the artifact recovery by Dr. Tamra Walter and her intrepid students (in hellish panhandle weather), and Dr. Gus Costa's preliminary summary of the archeology was topped off with a talk by Doug Boyd, giving us the context of these buffalo hunters, using archeology seen in the youth dig area at the Little Sunday site when TAS was at Palo Duro a few years ago.

There was a panel on safety in the field in which I was privileged to participate, also on Friday. Stay tuned as we instigate some of the ideas shared that will help us all to keep our volunteers safer in HAS and TAS field work.

TAS members Pam Wheat-Stranahan, Linda Lang, and I participated in the poster session on Saturday morning to advertise a Teacher Workshop we will be hosting in Nacogdoches next February. The registration cost for this workshop is only \$25, so please tell any teachers you know about this opportunity. We are hoping to entice them to really "dig up Texas history one trowel-full at the time" and to attend Field School next summer. Speaking of Field School, the Saturday afternoon session on Summer 2023 Field School in Nacogdoches was great. I was more than a little proud that Aaron Norment (our TAS president-to-be) had so many artifacts to show from the youth site (imagine cow bell, here). From our different sites to Leslie Bush's description of a survey at Pine Plantation, there was lots of excitement generated for next year. Hope to see you all in Victoria for the next Annual Meeting!

Sharon Menegaz, M.S.

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San Marcos River. Photograph by Geoff Mills.

The 94th Annual Meeting of the Texas Archeological Society was held from October 6-8 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton San Marcos. I did not stay at the headquarters hotel, instead I was at the nearby Best Western located close to the San Marcos River.

My focus while there was attending the papers, of which there were many interesting presentations. I was particularly interested in hearing Amy Goldstein's discussion of the work we did at Kirbee Kiln, where I met up again with landowners Meredith Dreiss and David Brown. They mentioned a possible return to the site for HAS in 2024. There was a full session on the TAS Field School that I had attended in Nacogdoches, including information about lots of Caddo pottery and other noteworthy artifacts, but no definitive location for the mission. There were interesting papers on methods of hunting bison, such as Bison jumps at Caprock Canyon and entrapment of bison in canyons and closed creek patterns.

Frank Kozar and I spent time with Dr. Heather Para (Exhibits & Collections Manager for the Museum of the Coastal Bend in Victoria) and her cohorts from COBALT (Coastal Bend Archaeological Logistics Team). Para and the MCB will host next year's annual meeting. We also spoke with Mike McBride, president of Hill Country Archeological Association. Mike gave a paper on the excavations at Crying Woman Ranch—HAS had been invited to participate in the dig, but this unfortunately had been canceled due weather-related issues.

The key-note speaker, Ashley Lemke, gave an excellent talk on submerged landscape archaeology. At the end of the last ice age about nine thousand years ago, several archeological sites were exposed when the water level was much lower. One of these was the Alpena-Amberly Ridge in Lake Huron. Discovering paleo artifacts (including organic material) on the surface, albeit in one hundred feet of water, was fascinating. This year's annual meeting was well attended and well organized.

Geoff Mills, Director-at-Large

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Oh my gosh, what a fantastic 94th Annual Meeting of the Texas Archeological Society just occurred in San Marcos! There were millennials, generations X and Z, baby boomers, and even a good number of greatest generation representatives. In all, 402 people registered, and due to the efforts of the silent auction committee and the generous donations of attendees, over \$5,000 was raised. We had to ask for more tables three times! The amazing hotel staff kept everything on track with AV advisors checking in at the beginning of every session, and the complimentary happy hour was every evening, not just Friday like I thought (oops – happy mistake). As



Left: Grant Hall, Neil Stilley, and presenter Doug Boyd. Photograph courtesy of Nick Morgan. Right: HAS members Rita Tait, Frank Kozar, and Geoff Mills surround Dr. Heather Para, Exhibitions and Collections Manager at the Museum of the Coastal Bend in Victoria, the location of next year's Annual Meeting.

expected, Doug Boyd and Ashely Lemke both gave amazing presentations, and having the posters hanging on the “air wall” worked out great. All in all, you couldn't have asked for better.

So, thank you Houston Archeological Society, for your support! I also must thank the local arrangements committee for their dedication and effort: Carolyn Spock, Becky Shelton, Christine Gauger, Cristin Embree, Vicky Roberts, Pat Mercado-Allinger, Marybeth Tomka, and Jean Hughes. And a huge thank you to Texas State University for the tours they arranged, to Humanities Texas and the City of San Marcos for financial support, to Chris Meis and Gen Friex, and to Jenny McWilliams and Jim Schmidt for helping out in the bookroom. And let's not forget the student volunteers who really came in handy. Next year, we'll be in Victoria. So, let's all start planning to be there. Heather Para and the Museum of Coastal Bend already have things started. It'll surely be another good'un.

Nick Morgan, TASN, Travis County Archeological Society



Texas Archeology Month Outreach

Archeology Day at the San Jacinto Battleground Historic Site

On Saturday, October 7, 2023, HAS members Jessica Calderon, Larry Golden, Beth Kennedy, Tom Nuckols, Bob Sewell, and Tom Williams participated in an archeology outreach program at the San Jacinto Battleground Historic Site. Our display was set up in the entrance to the museum in the Monument. Larry brought examples of historic artifacts found at the townsite of San Jacinto, while Tom Nuckols displayed some of his munitions collection. Also in the HAS display were examples of prehistoric projectile points and pottery found in and around Galveston and Trinity Bays.



Tom Nuckols and Bob Sewell at the San Jacinto Battleground SHS. Photographs courtesy of Larry Golden.

International Archeology Day at the Houston Museum of Natural Science

On Saturday, October 21, 2023, a dozen HAS members helped manage the HAS tables at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. This had been a big event on the HAS calendar for several years before Covid arrived and curtailed it. However, it's now back and HAS members were ready to roll again. We had a position right in the middle of the main entrance gallery, surrounded by representatives from other archeological entities including the Texas Archeological Society, SWCA Environmental Consultants, TxDOT, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and Stantec. There was a constant stream of visitors the whole time that we were there, and we are looking forward to participating again next year!

Bob Sewell, HAS President



Left: A bird's eye view of the HAS display. Photograph by Dirk Van Tuerenhout. Center: Frank Kozar, Geoff Mills, and Tom Williams check the display. Right: Larry Golden, Beth Kennedy, and Lynda Werner setting up the display. Photographs by Bob Sewell.



Father of Texas Day

Commemorating San Felipe de Austin's 200th Anniversary

**November 11, 2023 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site**

Come celebrate the founding of Stephen F. Austin's colony, San Felipe de Austin! Experience the historic townsite exhibit and take part in demonstrations around the grounds. Interact with living historians who will be demonstrating several activities, including cooking, woodworking, printing the newspaper on the printing press, drills with the militia leader, early Texas Rangers and their equipment, cannon firing, and clothes-making. More information at: [Father of Texas: San Felipe de Austin's 200th Anniversary](https://www.thc.texas.gov/father-of-texas-san-felipe-de-austin-200th-anniversary) | [THC.Texas.gov](https://www.thc.texas.gov).

TWO SESSIONS
FEBRUARY 9TH AND
10TH, 2024



ARCHEOLOGY WORKSHOP FOR EDUCATORS

Nacogdoches County Annex
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your lessons and
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DIGGIN' OLD STUFF

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Fun & Free!

Saturday, Nov. 4
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Kleb Woods

20303 Draper Road, Tomball 77377

Join us for a fun day of activities at Kleb Woods Nature Center. Participate in an archeological dig, forge your own keepsake, and tour the 1896 Kleb house! All are welcome to attend this 12th annual free, family-friendly festival. (Children must be 7 or older to participate in the archeology dig.)

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Texas Archeological Society's Zooarcheology & Osteology Academy

February 10-11, 2024 - Houston

Learn basic identification, analysis, and interpretation of archeological animal and human skeletal remains. Zooarcheology & Osteology Academy will be held in the Archeology Laboratory at Rice University in Houston.

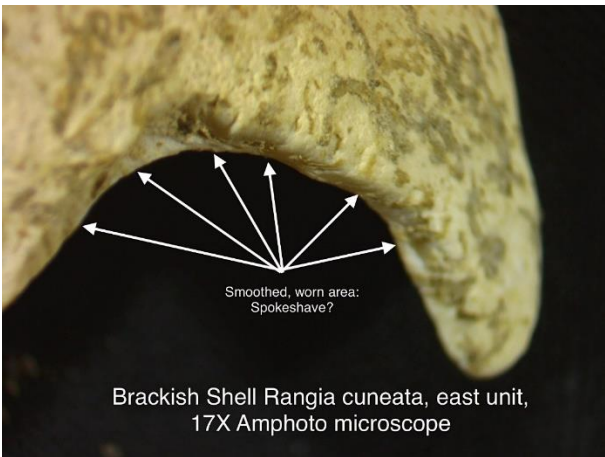
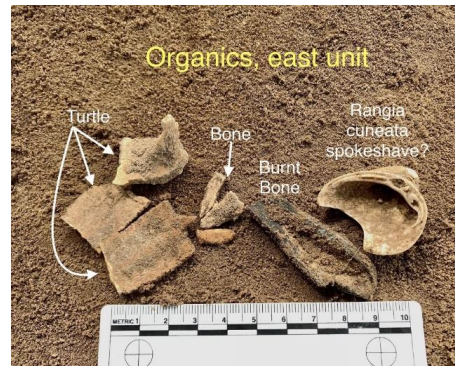


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Registration Fee: \$125 plus TAA membership. CPE credits available.

Upcoming Archeology Opportunities

**Update from Heather Para, Ph.D., Exhibits and Collections Manager
at the Museum of the Coastal Bend**

McNeill Ranch - The Coastal Bend Archaeological Logistics Team (CoBALT) is based in Victoria and working on the McNeill Ranch site (41VT141) in a cooperative agreement with the Museum of the Coastal Bend (MCB). 41VT141 was regularly occupied by prehistoric cultures for thousands of years. Recent finds in the north unit include a very nice bifacial Clear Fork with ground edges and a worn bit. This is the latest of a massive assemblage of Clear Fork Tools found at this site. The crew also found a sandstone abrading stone in the materials screen. They also found a lot of turtle, bone, and burnt bone organics and are excited about what lies in the next level down. Recent finds in the east unit were a lot of organics, some fired clay balls and burnt sandstone, plus two *Rangia cuneata* shells, which are brackish-water or marine shells that were probably transported to this site from another location. One of the shells had a worked, smoothed, and worn semi-circular section along one edge. We wonder if that part of the shell edge was used as a spokeshave?



Events - MCB's annual Atlatl Turkey Shoot is happening Saturday, November 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a skills competition (distance and accuracy). Participation is free, all supplies provided. Don't know how to use an atlatl? We'll teach you at our practice station! (No actual turkeys are harmed at this event!)

On Tuesday, November 21, at 2 p.m., join Dr. Heather Para, MCB Exhibits and Collections Manager, to celebrate Native American Heritage Month. Tour the museum exhibits, focusing on indigenous Texas inhabitants, and examine artifacts pulled from the vault especially for this tour. As always, our archaeology lab is open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Stop in at the museum's front desk and we will direct you to the lab.

All photographs courtesy of Heather Para, Ph.D.

Finally, the **Museum of the Coastal Bend and CoBALT will be the hosts for next year's TAS annual meeting, taking place October 25-27, 2024.** We need your help! If you are interested in volunteering, there are many jobs to be done before the event (many can be handled remotely). If you have the time and interest, please contact Heather Para at heather.para@victoriacollege.edu or 361-572-6468.



Notes on Munitions: A Percussion Hammer from Texas

Thomas L. Nuckols

Introduction

An archaeological site in Texas has yielded a metal percussion hammer (Figure 1).¹ The hammer was probably once attached to a small single shot handgun known as a screw barrel pistol, which used the boxlock action type of firing mechanism (Figure 2).²



Left: Figure 1. The hammer. The hole at the base of the hammer is for the pivot pin. A pivot pin holds the hammer onto the frame of the pistol and allows it to move in an arc for cocking and firing. Photograph by Thomas L. Nuckols.

Above: Figure 2. A screw barrel pistol, possibly made in Belgium. This pistol is shown as an example of the basic attributes of a screw barrel pistol. Its hammer is similar in shape to the hammer recovered in Texas. The red arrow points to the pivot pin. Image from The Firearms Forum, <https://www.thefirearmsforum.com/threads/liege-1811-1892.105119/>.

Screw Barrel Pistols

Screw barrel pistols were manufactured first in Europe and later in America, during the era of muzzle-loading firearms. However, they were not loaded at the muzzle like a traditional muzzle loader. Screw barrel pistols were loaded by unscrewing the barrel from the frame with a barrel wrench. The following is a description of the seven-step loading and firing process (the pistol had to be held in an upright position for steps 2, 3, and 4):

1. Remove the barrel from the pistol's frame by unscrewing it with a barrel wrench.
2. Fill the powder chamber with black gun powder.
3. Place a spherical lead bullet on top of the black gun powder.³
4. Screw the barrel back on the pistol over the bullet with the barrel wrench.
5. Place a percussion cap on the nipple.
6. Cock the hammer.
7. Aim the pistol and pull the trigger to fire it.

¹ Percussion cap ignition. See Nuckols, Thomas L., "Notes on Munitions: The Percussion Cap," <https://www.txhas.org/PDF/newsletters/2019/2019%20November%20Profile.pdf>, page 5.

² The boxlock action is a firing mechanism with an internally mounted hammer, as opposed to being mounted on the side of a firearm. Boxlock actions were common in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The action gets its name from the hammer typically being installed in a box of sort, usually in line behind the barrel. Boxlock hammers were sometimes referred to as center hammers.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boxlock_action#:~:text=The%20boxlock%20action%20is%20a,usually%20inline%20behind%20the%20barrel.

³ Screw barrel pistol calibers were usually large, ranging from .40 to .50 (Bates and Cumpston: 2005: 28).

For demonstrations on how to load and shoot a screw barrel pistol, watch these online videos (the two videos complement each other):

Mid-nineteenth century pocket pistol: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8DlqXC5syY&t=451s>.

Pedersoli Liegi black powder derringer (screw barrel): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zS-5TBn1muU>.

Discussion

If, in fact, the percussion hammer recovered in Texas was once attached to a screw barrel pistol, identifying the manufacturer of that pistol based solely on the shape of the hammer would be difficult in this author's opinion, if not impossible. The hammers on screw barrel pistols manufactured in both Europe and America were too generic, i.e., they all had basically the same shape (Figure 3).

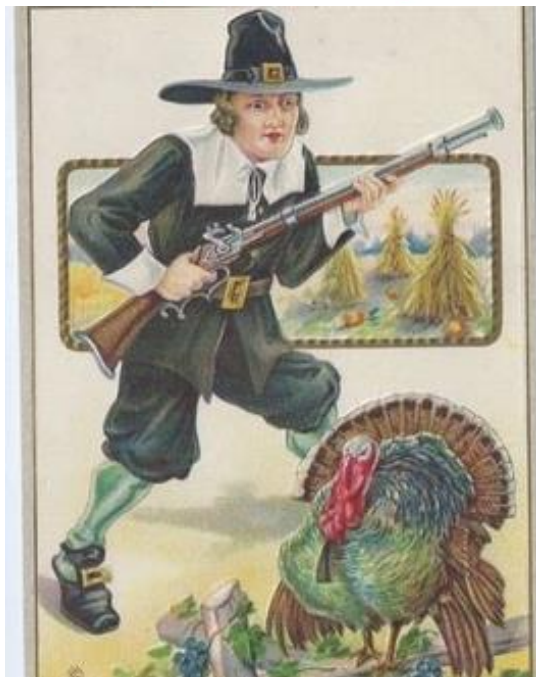


Figure 3. A close-up view of the hammer on a screw barrel pistol made in England. Note its similarities to the hammer recovered in Texas. Image from Aspire Auctions, <https://www.aspireauctions.com/#!/catalog/376/2220/lot/107748>

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**Picturing Camp Logan - The Holiday Season
Part One: Thanksgiving**

Robert Morin and Betsy Wittenmyer

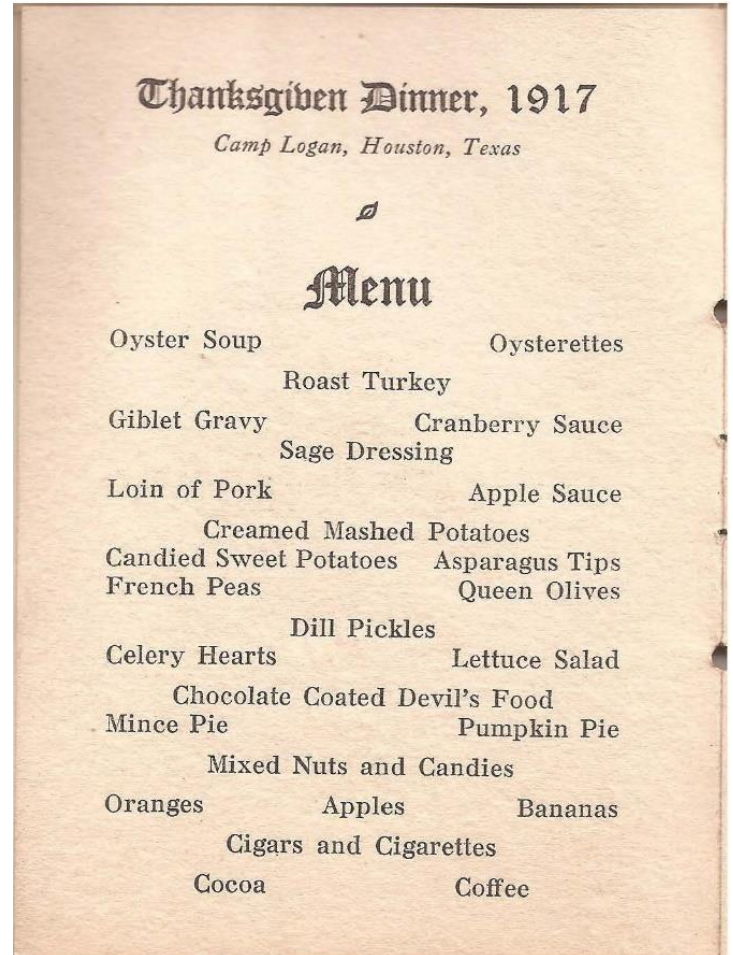
The end of year brought the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas, joyous times for the doughboys when the officers arranged for many soldiers to take a leave of absence to visit their families. Those men who couldn't get home were treated to special luxuries to boost their morale.

Various groups in Houston hosted festive meals and events for the Camp Logan soldiers. Additionally, the companies and community organizations with locations at the camp, particularly the Red Cross, planned celebrations, holiday dinners, and entertainment – some more dignified, and others rather jolly.



Above: Cover of the 1917 Thanksgiving brochure, which includes the names and ranks of the soldiers in Battery B, 79th Field Artillery of the 33rd Division.

Right: The 1917 Thanksgiving brochure menu page for Battery B, 79th Field Artillery of the 33rd Division. Robert Morin Collection.



The *Houston Chronicle* helped promote these merry occasions. The newspaper enthusiastically reported that Thanksgiving Day 1917 included an invitation to a morning service at the City Auditorium with music and a reading of the President's Thanksgiving Day Proclamation (Men 16). Additionally, the Camp Logan administration planned a day-long sporting festival, a "six ring circus of sporting events," including "freak stunts of strong men." A six-mile marathon with hundreds of soldiers ran from Rice Institute up Main Street, then out to the Camp Logan parade grounds. Competitive sprints and relays on the drill field gave way to humorous types of races: Roman chariot, "centipede," "comedy shoe," and three-legged. Squads competed in tent pitching, litter-bearing, wrestling, and wall-scaling. The afternoon brought equestrian events including racing, jumping, and trick riding. Medals and trophies were awarded throughout the matches, and the YMCA facilities stayed open into the evening for more basketball and sports fun. The goal clearly was to keep the men so busy, there would be "little time for the lads spending their first turkey day away from family to feel the pangs of homesickness." And last, but certainly not least, a select group from the 108th Engineers constructed a pontoon bridge, in the manner of their training for future front-line duties—then blew it up as a grand finale (Sport 8). Not to be forgotten, the soldiers who were ill and confined to the base hospital received floral arrangements donated from Houstonians throughout the city (Flowers 5). All dined well, enjoying a multi-course dinner.



Thanksgiving dinner at Camp Logan for the 57th Infantry, November 28, 1918. Robert Morin Collection.

Celebrations for the second Thanksgiving at Camp Logan, in 1918, also marked the momentous accord reached only weeks before on November 11, Armistice Day, when hostilities on the Western Front ceased. This welcome news meant that Camp Logan would be scaling down training and the men would soon be home again. The day's events focused on an eagerly-anticipated football game between the Camp Logan soldiers and the Ellington Field airmen, played on the Rice Institute field, perhaps "the last local battle . . . because demobilization plans are said to be not far distant." Prior to the event, army planes performed stunt flights over the stadium (Army 36).

The majority of soldiers who had already passed through the camp were now stationed across Europe awaiting their next assignments as peacekeeping occupation forces. Letters and diary entries from Corporal Paul Hendrickson, who trained at Camp Logan and was a member of the division band, expressed the jubilant emotions of November 1918 as he wrote from his post near St. Mihiel, France.

At the 11 hour of this 11 day of the 11 month our guns stopped shooting [...] add the 3 elevens & you have 33rd. Div. That's us. Our infantry was in a hard push this morning and guns were roaring up until exactly 11 oc. Band came out and played and everyone hurrahed. . . Everyone was yelling . . . Le Guerre finie. tuit de Suite . . . Church bells ringing all afternoon . . . went over and rang them for 10 minutes, we were all helping . . . rang it some more with the boys . . . It is late & still the bells are ringing (Diary entry, November 11, 1918).

Dear Father and Mother, This is a big day here. Everyone is celebrating. We played quite a while, and some of our boys grabbed a couple frenchmen and began dancing. Have been having a big time most all day. The bells in the big church started ringing [at] noon and it is now late and they are still ringing. I went up twice and helped pull the ropes (Letter of November 11, 1918).

Today I wrote to mother. Had salmon, potatoes, gravy, bread & coffee for our Thanksgiving dinner . . . a fellow came in with Beaucoup Champagne. white bread, we made toast & real butter yea gods it was good (Diary entries of November 28 and 29, 1918).



Source: [National WWI Museum and Memorial | Collections Database \(theworldwar.org\)](https://www.theworldwar.org/collections/database).

*The Camp Logan articles are written
in memory of Louis F. Aulbach ~
friend, local historian,
and past member of HAS.*

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Robert Morin Collection.

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November 11, 2023 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site

Come celebrate the founding of Stephen F. Austin's colony, San Felipe de Austin! Experience the historic townsite exhibit and take part in demonstrations around the grounds. Interact with living historians who will be demonstrating several activities, including cooking, woodworking, printing the newspaper on the printing press, drills with the militia leader, early Texas Rangers and their equipment, cannon firing, and clothes-making. More information at: [Father of Texas: San Felipe de Austin's 200th Anniversary | THC.Texas.gov](https://thc.texas.gov)



Upcoming Events

Be sure to reconfirm details before making plans to attend.

VIRTUAL:

American Institute of Archaeology

11/15 – Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Central. Archeology Hour, Cuisine and Crisis: An Edible History of the Moche of Ancient Peru, presented by Katherine L. Chiou, Ph.D., University of Alabama. Discussion of the rich culinary history of the Moche people, who thrived along the desertic northern Peruvian coast from AD 100-800. Register at [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#).

11/16 – Thursday, 8:30 p.m. Central/6:30 p.m. PT. Discoveries at Cooper's Ferry Increase our Knowledge of Early PNW Peoples, presented by Loren G. Davis, Ph.D. Department of Anthropology, Oregon State University. Archaeological excavations at the Cooper's Ferry site reveal a long record of repeated human occupation. This site, which is the location of an ancient village known to the Nez Perce Indian Tribe as Nipéhe, bears the earliest well-dated evidence of people in the Pacific Northwest and is one of the best lines of proof about early peoples in the Americas. More information at: [Cooper's Ferry \(archaeological.org\)](https://archaeological.org).

11/17 – Friday, 2:00 p.m. Central. Archaeology and Conservation: The Tombs at Rio Azul, a Treasure in Guatemala, presented by Liwy Grazioso, Director and Curator of Museo Miraflores in Guatemala City, and Professor of Maya Archaeology and iconography at San Carlos University, Guatemala. More information at: [The Tombs at Rio Azul, a Treasure in Guatemala](#).

11/18 – Saturday, 2:00 p.m. Art expressions of the intimate life in Pompeii, the Lupanare Grande, presented by Cyril Dumas, Curator at the Musee Yves Brayer Baux de Provence. More information at: [Art expressions of the intimate life in Pompeii](#). More information on AIA virtual lectures and resources at: [Events for November 2023 – Archaeological Institute of America](#) and [Educational & Virtual Tours Resources List - Archaeological Institute of America](#).

Engelhardt-Moore Lecture Series

11/2 – Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Dr. Neil Bockoven, geologist, presents [Paleo Cave Art Mysteries](#), discussing the stories and science behind the beautiful paintings. Free, learn more at <https://engelhardtmoore.wixsite.com/lecture-series>.

Shumla Archeological Research and Education Center

11/15 – Wednesday, Noon. 25 Years of Shumla: The Good, the Bad, and the Stunning. Shumla’s greatest achievements, most difficult moments and the discoveries that have changed everything. Presented by Jessica Hamlin, M.A., Shumla Executive Director. Free, register at [Shumla Lunch and Learn Virtual Series: November 15, 2023 - Shumla](#).

Smithsonian Institution

11/27 – Monday, 5:30 Central. Join author Ross King as he explores how in Plato’s time the South of Italy was known as “Greater Greece”—the beautiful land settled in the centuries after 800 B.C.E. by colonists from the Greek mainland. \$25, register at: [Magna Graecia: Early Greek Culture in Italy - Smithsonian Associates](#) . A current calendar of other Smithsonian virtual lectures presented for modest fees may be found at: [Online Events | Smithsonian](#).

Texas Historical Commission

11/15 – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. [The First Lady of World War II](#). Author Shannon McKenna Schmidt details the secret trip Eleanor Roosevelt took to the Pacific Theater in 1943. Free, register at: [streamyard.com](#).

11/30 – Thursday, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. [O Tannenbaum: German-Texan Holiday Traditions](#). Gavin Miculka and Jenny Townzen of the Kreische Brewery SHS will virtually present historic holiday traditions on display at the Kreische House including the preparation of kinderpunsch, a popular German warm spiced beverage.

ON-SITE:

Archaeology Now (AIA Houston Chapter)

11/12 – Sunday, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Open House at the Marsh Arabs mudhif structure on the campus of Rice University, which members of HAS helped construct. Enjoy hospitality and tours.

11/19 – Sunday, 1 - 4 p.m. Family Day, music and activities at the Marsh Arabs mudhif structure, Rice University.

Brazos County Historical Commission

11/4 and 11/18 – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Boonville Heritage Park, open the first and third weekends of the month, is the last preserved remnant of the town of Boonville, the original county seat of Brazos County. Includes the 1856 Turner-Peters log house, and the original Boonville cemetery. The park is located at 2421 Boonville Road in Bryan. For more information see [Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History | Exhibits](#).

Caddo Mounds State Historic Site

12/2 – 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Caddo Culture Day, celebrate Caddo culture and history with artisans, vendors, and other activities.

Center for Big Bend Studies

11/11 – Saturday. Annual Conference, Espino Conference Center, Alpine. Bringing together historians, archeologists, and researchers; [cbbs.sulross.edu/conference](#).

Houston Heritage Society

Now through December 31 – Houston Livestock and Rodeo, Charles Goodnight Collection, and the General Duncan Store Exhibits, \$5 admission.

Houston Museum of Natural Science

King Tut’s Tomb Discovery exhibit. Ticketed. Related podcast: [Tut Tut, Now What? How Carter discovered King Tutankhamun](#). Dinosaur Discoveries, Wortham Theater.

Kleb Woods Nature Preserve

11/4 – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Diggin’ Old Stuff Archeology Festival, [Diggin' Old Stuff \(hcp4.net\)](#).

Kreische Brewery and Monument Hill State Historic Sites

11/4 – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Experience nineteenth century food traditions of Fayette County on the wood-burning stove in the Kreische kitchen! For this program we will bake a dish from historic German recipes from local cookbooks. The Kreische smokehouse will also be fired up with locally made sausage.

Lake Jackson Historical Museum

11/4 – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Visit the historic archeological site of the Abner Jackson Plantation, Lake Jackson.

11/11 – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Alden B. Dow Office Museum, open every second Saturday for a self-guided tour.

Levi Jordan Plantation

11/25 – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Historic Foodways: Black Walnuts and Pecans. Found on the Jordan Plantation property, nuts were a valuable resource to Native Americans and European settlers, serving as a ready food source, stored for future use, and their shells and husks were used for dyeing fabric.

Museum of the Coastal Bend, Victoria College

11/18 – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Atlatl Turkey Shoot. Learn to use an atlatl and win prizes!

11/21 – Tuesday, 2 p.m. Native American Heritage Tour. Tour the museum with a focus on indigenous Texas inhabitants.

11/22 – Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. – Noon. Hands-on History: Happy Birthday LaSalle!

Paleontological Society of Austin

11/4 and 11/5 – Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Annual Fossil Fest. Old Settler's Heritage Association, Round Rock, Texas, Fossil Fest Show Page (austinpaleo.org).

Preservation Houston

11/12 – Sunday, 2 – 3:30 p.m. Guided walking tour of the historic neighborhoods on Lovett Boulevard and Audubon Place. \$10, reservations required. Preservation Houston | Lovett and Audubon Place.

11/25 – Saturday, 10 a.m. – Noon. Guided walking tour of historic Glenwood Cemetery. \$15, reservations required. Preservation Houston | Glenwood.

San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site

11/11 – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Father of Texas: San Felipe de Austin's 200th Anniversary.

San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site

11/4 – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. San Jacinto Family Day: Feeding an Army. Soldiers in the Texas Army were usually supplied with the basic ingredients to prepare their own meals. Try making your own campfire bread.

11/18 – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Life on the Frontier. Demonstrations of traditional spinning and weaving.

11/18 – Saturday, 5 - 7 p.m. History Under the Star: The Road to San Jacinto – Retracing the Route of Sam Houston's Army. Author Dave Dyer discusses how the Texas Army reached the fields at San Jacinto, Houston's true skill as a military leader, and Houston's route east, as based on extensive primary and secondary research. \$5 fee: Purchase tickets online.

Shumla Archeological Research and Education Center

11/4 – Saturday. Eagle Cave, Skiles Shelter, and Kelley Cave. \$120, Full Day Trek.

11/5 – Sunday. Vinegarroon Historic Railroad Camp. \$60, Half Day Trek.

11/18 – Saturday. Meyers Springs Shelter and Historic Site. \$120, Full Day Trek. Register at Shumla Treks - Shumla.

Washington-on-the-Brazos

11/4 and 11/5 – Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Changing Seasons: Field & Home. Take a turn with your hand at the plow behind the oxen, pull weeds in the garden, and help prepare for winter.

11/18 – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Washington townsite, Living History Saturday: A Day in Court.

11/18 and 11/19 – Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Barrington Plantation cooking demonstrations of traditional foods and preparations using historic recipes.



Houston Archeological Society - Monthly Meeting Program Schedule

Please note that meetings will vary between in-person, hybrid, or virtual (via Zoom). Some presentations will be uploaded to our YouTube site where they will be archived and available for viewing. The meeting format may change; be sure to doublecheck the HAS website and your emails prior to each meeting for updates.

November 1 – HAS Quarterly Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

November 16 – HAS Monthly Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Featuring Mike McBride, Hill Country Archeology Association. As our speaker cannot attend in person, this meeting will take place virtually, via Zoom only. The Zoom link will be emailed to HAS members.

December 21 – HAS Meeting and annual Holiday Party at 6:00 p.m.

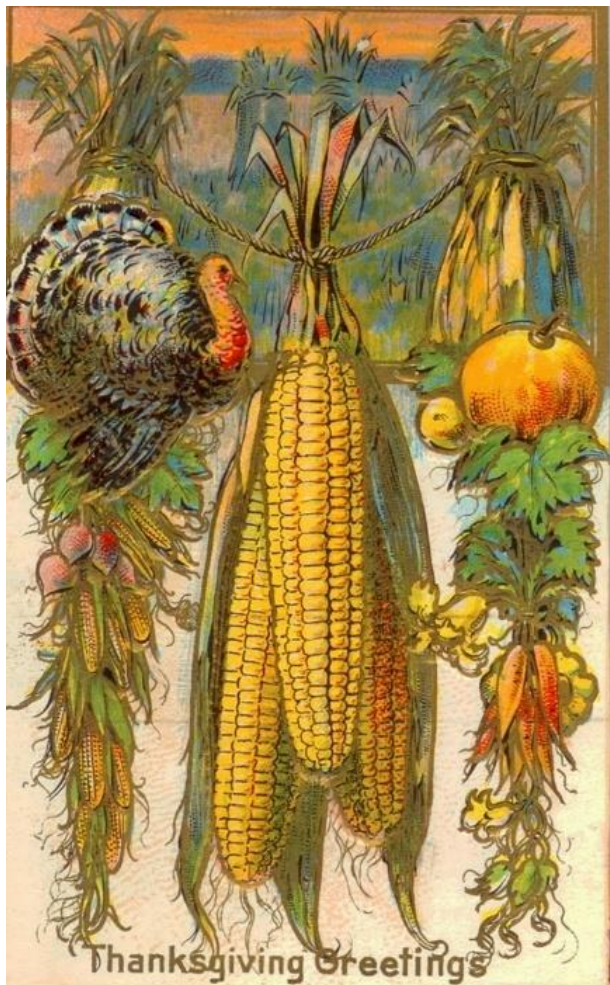
January 18 – HAS Monthly Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Featuring Alan Slade discussing the Folsom Fluted Point Survey.

Houston Archeological Society Monthly Meetings are ordinarily free and open to the public. Many previous HAS presentations are archived on our YouTube site at www.youtube.com/channel. For more information about HAS, visit www.txhas.org, email us at president@txhas.org, or join our Facebook page at: Houston Archeological Society | Facebook.



HAS Reference Desk

What research on archeology, anthropology, paleontology, or history have you been reading lately? The HAS Reference desk seeks your suggestions about interesting archeology and history links. In the spirit of the Thanksgiving holiday, perhaps you will enjoy these links:



Speaking of buttered ears of corn: [The History of Corn's Domestication | Real Archaeology \(vassar.edu\)](#); [Bronze Age Irish 'Bog Butter' Is Actually Made From Dairy, Study Finds | Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine](#).

Speaking of football and beer, here's an article about ginger beer bottles found on the Jordan Plantation; [Artifact Spotlight: Ginger Beer | THC.Texas.gov](#); historic bottles resource: [Historic Bottle Website \(sha.org\)](#).

First published in 1747, this popular English cookbook included an early recipe for mashed potatoes: [Art Of Cookery: Hannah Glasse](#). Historical Thanksgiving: [What Was on the Menu at the First Thanksgiving? | History | Smithsonian Magazine](#); [Berkeley Plantation | First Thanksgiving; Who Were the Pilgrims Who Celebrated the First Thanksgiving?\(neh.gov\)](#); [How to Tell the Thanksgiving Story on Its 400th Anniversary | Smithsonian Magazine](#).

Was the first Thanksgiving celebration actually held in Texas? And when? [El Paso Missions \(texasbeyondhistory.net\)](#); [Did Texas host the first Thanksgiving? | KUT Radio, Austin's NPR Station](#); [The First Thanksgiving? | TX Almanac \(texasalmanac.com\)](#); [Texas Wasn't Very Good At Planning Thanksgiving Back In The Day | KUT Radio, Austin's NPR Station](#).

Speaking of turkey, additional cultural sites have been discovered in Turkey around ancient Gobekli Tepe: [Turkey discovers new sites near famed Göbeklitepe \(hurriyetdailynews.com\)](#).

Source: [Thanksgiving Postcards](#).



Calling All HAS Members – Please send photographs and articles for *The Profile*!

We would like **all HAS members** to consider submitting content for *The Profile* newsletter. Please send submissions to newsletter@txhas.org. Report on an interesting on-site experience, academy, field school, historic location, or community outreach event! Send photos of yourself on an HAS or TAS adventure! What archeological artifact or historical event have you been researching? Your contributions can be brief, such as a couple of paragraphs or about 250 words. Please submit information for upcoming issues no later than the fifteenth of each month.



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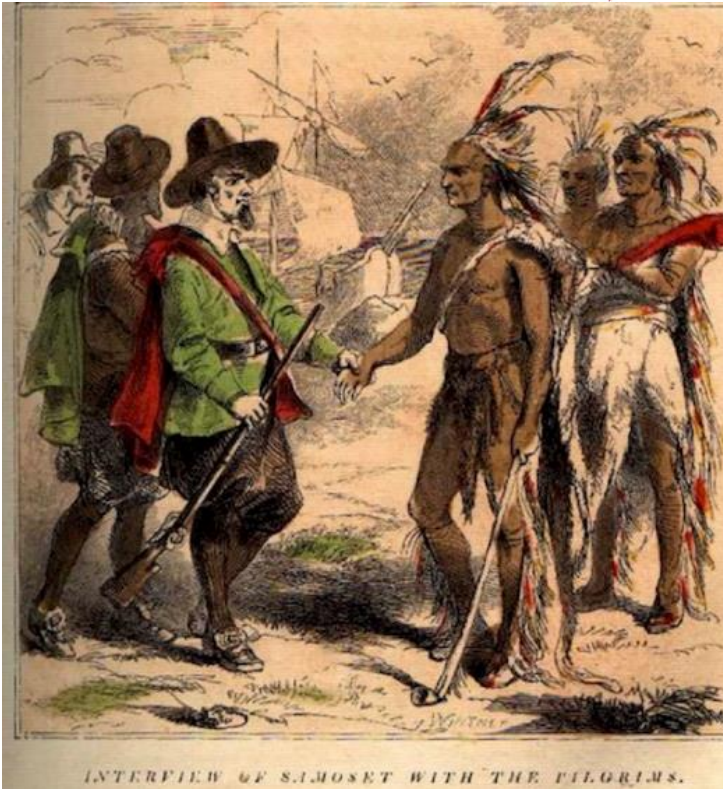
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INTERVIEW OF SAMOSET WITH THE PILGRIMS.



Left: Charles De Wolf Brownell, illustration of Samoset meeting the English, in *The Indian Races of North and South America*, 1822. Source: [c3teachers.org](https://www.c3teachers.org).
Right: As described by the Texas Historical Commission, "In an act of thanksgiving for their safe passage across the Chihuahuan desert, the Oñate entrada arranged for a feast to be held and asked the Mansos to be their guests. This thanksgiving was the first to be celebrated in what is now the United States, a full 23 years before that of the Pilgrims at the Plymouth Colony." Painting by Jose Cisneros, University of Texas at El Paso Library. Source: [El Paso Missions-tbh](https://www.el-paso-missions-tbh.com)