



## HAS Meeting, Thursday, February 16, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

### 2023 TAS Field School in Nacogdoches: The Archeology of Mission Concepción at the “Capital of the Tejas” - Tom Middlebrook, MD (Texas Archeological Stewardship Network)



Greetings everyone! I hope you all are staying warm now that we have reached peak winter weather for the Houston area! Our second HAS meeting of the year will take place **IN PERSON** and via **ZOOM** (for members) and **YouTube** (for the general public) on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023**, starting at **6:00 p.m.** Due to changes in Harris County facilities operations, our host location, Trini Mendenhall Center, has new hours for 2023, which means that our meetings will now **START AT 6:00 p.m.** for the Business meeting, with our speakers/presentations beginning at **6:30 p.m.**

Our February meeting will feature **Dr. Tom Middlebrook**, an avocational archeologist in Nacogdoches, TX, and has been a Texas Archeological Steward for over thirty years. He will present on **2023 TAS Field School in Nacogdoches: The Archeology of Mission Concepción at the “Capital of the Tejas.”** After a dedicated search lasting five years by a team of professional and avocational archeologists, the original 1716 site of Mission Nuestra Señora de la Purísima Concepción de los Hainais was located in 2010 in the village of the Hainai *caddi* (tribal leader). After summarizing what is known about the Hasinai Caddo and

reviewing the early 18<sup>th</sup> Century historical background of the French and Spanish in East Texas, this paper will discuss the discovery and the archeological investigations at the mission complex over the past dozen years. A large number of native and European artifacts have been recovered at the mission proper and two mission-related sites. At least three Caddo houses, several pits, and two hearths have been identified. General plans for this summer’s Texas Archeological Society’s Field School under the direction of Dr. Tamra Walter will be discussed.

Tom Middlebrook, a retired Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, is a native and life-long resident of Nacogdoches (except for a decade away for education), and his family roots in the county go back to at least 1822. Tom holds degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University (B.S., 1974, Geology; M.A., Psychology, 1977), Regent College (D.C.S., Theology, 1977), and U.T. Southwestern Medical School (M.D., 1983; Psychiatry Residency, 1987; C&A Fellowship, 1988). He has been passionate about Caddo archeology since childhood and has developed a research interest in regional 18<sup>th</sup> Century Caddo-European interactions during the last twenty years. Tom has served as President of the Dallas Archeological Society (1987-1988) and the Texas Archeological Society (1997-1999). He was a co-founder of the East Texas Archeological Society, the East Texas Archeological Conference, and the East Texas Caddo Archeology Research Group. He is a Life Member and Fellow of the TAS and has been an Archeological Steward (TASN) for over 30 years. Tom was the recipient of the Crabtree Award from the Society for American Archeology in 2015 for his contributions to Texas archeology. Come join us on February 16 for this exciting talk!

This meeting will be in-person and multiformat (Zoom and YouTube stream). HAS meetings at Trini Mendenhall Community Center are open to the public and are free of charge. HAS members will receive the Zoom link to the meeting via email. The link to the YouTube stream can be found at [https://youtu.be/a\\_4WtbFLO\\_8](https://youtu.be/a_4WtbFLO_8). For more information about this program or about HAS, please contact [president@txhas.org](mailto:president@txhas.org).

## President's Message - Frank Kozar

### Screening with Louis



By now, no doubt, most of you know that long-time Houston Archeological Society member Louis Aulbach passed away on December 28, 2022, from complications following cancer surgery and treatment.

Louis was at our most recent meeting last month, a little thinner, but happy and engaging with everyone who came by as he distributed our HAS Journals. He talked of rejoining us in the field doing screening after the first of the year.

It was at the screen where I first met Louis in 2016, at our Frost Town project near Minute Maid Park. Past-president Linda Gorski assigned me, as a new HAS member, to Louis so that I could learn the ropes (a nautical term, and I'm ex-Navy so we talked about that once!). Screening with Louis was never an exercise in boredom;

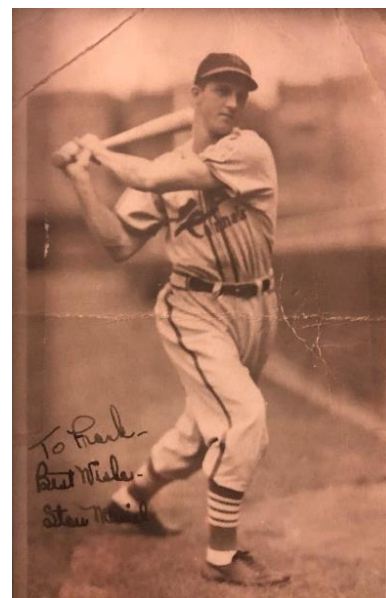
there was always a new subject to discuss, usually historical, often sports-related or Texan, but never political and always friendly.

At one of our early screenings, we started talking about the ballpark two blocks away which segued into a two-hour discussion of the Houston Buffaloes (Buffs) minor league baseball team that preceded the Astros from the 1920s to 1961. The Buffs were a St. Louis Cardinals AAA minor league franchise, so many of their players ended up playing for St. Louis, which was adopted as Houston's major league team. My dad grew up with Cardinal great Stan "The Man" Musial as a neighbor and lifelong friend, which totally animated Louis for that day's screening session as he was a fan of Stan also.

Louis told me tales of how he and his brother, Charlie, went to ball games as kids at Buff Park off Cullen Blvd and I-45 in Houston's East End (after the Astrodome was built and Buff Park was torn down, it became a Finger Furniture showroom built around a home plate plaque in the floor, he said). He told me the Cardinals almost moved to Houston in the early 1950s when their owner was convicted of tax evasion and had to sell the team, but the Houston move was thwarted at the last minute by a bid from Anheuser-Busch to keep them in St. Louis. Baseball history would have been quite different with a Houston Cardinals team!

There were discussions of West Texas (a happy place for him), Rome and the Ostia Antica archeological area (which he and Linda Gorski covered in a series of guide books), and Hadrian's Wall and Vindolanda in northern England (which was to be a future book perhaps). He enlightened this native Ohioan ignorant of local history with story after story of Buffalo Bayou and its hub of commercial activity as Houston grew in the nineteenth century.

Louis was a colleague, a historian sought out by other historians, a knowledgeable workmate, a friend, and a good guy. He will be missed by all of us at HAS who came to know him so well over the years. Our screening sessions will be not quite so entertaining as we move forward. Adios, Louis.



*Frank Kozar, HAS President*

## Houston Archeological Society Monthly Meeting Minutes - January 19, 2022

**WELCOME to our HAS Monthly Meeting.** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Frank Kozar, HAS President.

Treasurer's report - Bob Sewell: The HAS accounts are looking healthy. If you would like further information, please contact Bob at treasurer@txhas.org.

Bob thanked the fifty-six members who voted for the proposed 2023 budget. The vote was unanimously in favor of adopting the budget.

Membership - Bob Sewell: Eighty-five members have signed up so far, which is about normal for this time of year. We ended 2022 with 201 members.

Newsletter - Betsy Wittenmyer: Please send articles to Betsy for publication in the newsletter. Everyone is encouraged to submit photos of HAS activities, brief write-ups of archeological or historical topics, and news items. Members have been submitting interesting and varied articles, which result in a great newsletter. Please consider contributing – items are due the fifteenth of each month and are very appreciated!

Journals – Bob Sewell: Bob paid tribute to Louis Aulbach for his publishing role in the society. Louis's daughter, Rachel, has expressed an interest in helping HAS with future publications.

Website - Frank Kozar and Bob Sewell: Frank requested website back up for Bob. Please consider this role if you are tech savvy.

Formal meeting drawn to a close at 6:35 p.m. by Frank Kozar.

Introduction of Tonight's speaker – Frank Kozar: Frank introduced Heather Para, tonight's guest speaker, who will talk about Viking raids and recent archaeology at Lindisfarne.

Future Dig Opportunity – Bob Sewell: Following the success of an exploratory dig last February, HAS has been asked to assist with further excavations at the Kirbee Kiln site near Magnolia in Montgomery County. The preliminary dates for this are April 13-21, 2023. You will not need to commit to the whole week. Please watch for an email with further information. The aim of the excavations is to locate and identify buildings and artifacts associated with the kiln. Last year, finds included ceramic sherds, a wall, and a compacted floor. This is a very exciting opportunity relatively close to Houston. Come and experience archaeology in the field!

*Emma Baldwin, Secretary*

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### **HAS Memberships for 2023 Are Due**



We hope you will renew your membership in the Houston Archeological Society and maybe even give a membership as a gift to someone you know will enjoy digging up Texas history with us, one trowel-full at a time. You can either pay your dues online using a credit card at <http://www.txhas.org/membership.html>, or download a hardcopy of the membership form at:

<http://www.txhas.org/PDF/HAS%20Membership%20Form.pdf>

and mail it to us with your payment. Our memberships are the best deal in town: \$25 Individual, \$30 Family, \$15 Student, and \$35+ Contributing Membership. Remember that benefits of your membership include the unique opportunity to dig with us at archeological sites in the area, work with us at our labs where we process artifacts from those sites, and receive your free copies of our current academic publications including HAS Reports and Journals. Please join us!!!!



## Museum Talk with Sharon Menegaz

Unfortunately, this conflicts with our February HAS monthly meeting, but in case you are in Tomball instead, Sharon Menegaz will be discussing the Dimond Knoll project at a public presentation on February 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Tomball Museum Center, 510 North Pine Street. The Dimond Knoll archeological site was excavated during the construction of the Grand Parkway over Cypress Creek, just minutes south of Highway 290. The site produced a wealth of important new data relating to the prehistoric diet, resource use, technological transitions, and patterns of group mobility and interaction. HAS assisted with screening, laboratory assessment, and identification of many of the artifacts. Sharon Menegaz is an Archeological Steward with the Texas Historical Commission and a longtime member of TAS and HAS, serving as our HAS Outreach Coordinator. For more information see: [tomballmuseumcenter.com](http://tomballmuseumcenter.com).

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Our friends at Fort Bend Archeological Society have moved to in-person meetings on a quarterly basis instead of monthly. Their 2023 meetings will be held on February 21, May 16, August 15, and November 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fort Bend Museum, 410 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Richmond. For more information about these new meeting plans, see the FBAS website: [bit.ly/3CSbYF8](http://bit.ly/3CSbYF8).

At the upcoming FBAS meeting on February 21, Ed Cotham will speak about how Texas shipwreck archeology has informed his thoughts regarding the Battle of Sabine Pass. Cotham is the award-winning author of many books and articles on Civil War history, particularly the battles and skirmishes in Texas. He is also very interested in nautical history and has served as project historian for several important Civil War shipwreck projects.





## Arboretum Archeology Day

Saturday, February 18, 2023  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Join the Houston Arboretum and the Houston Archeology Society for Arboretum Archeology Day! HAS will be assisting in this community outreach day led by Patti Bonnin, Senior Naturalist at the Arboretum and niece of Louis Aulbach. Suitable for all ages. Discover history's secrets as we take a glimpse into the past. Free activities include examining prehistoric and historic artifacts, and real bones and skulls from native animals. Put your archeology skills to the test with pottery shard measuring and ceramic reconstruction. For an additional fee of \$5, children are welcome to participate in the Soil Screening Lab. Learn more about the archeology process, including screening, artifact recovery, bagging, and tagging. Parents must accompany children at all times.

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### A Note of Thanks

Received over the holidays from Lea Zimmerman, Fourth Grade Teacher at Memorial Lutheran School:

I wanted to thank you so much for giving me the pinch pot kits. We study Native Americans in fourth grade, and they were a perfect addition to the curriculum. The children thoroughly enjoyed working with the clay to make them. The pots are all sitting in my room drying. The children can't wait until they're dry and ready to take home!

*Thank you, Houston Archeological Society!*

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### ***Austin American-Statesman* Features Lanny Ottosen, TASN, and his Research on Stephen F. Austin**

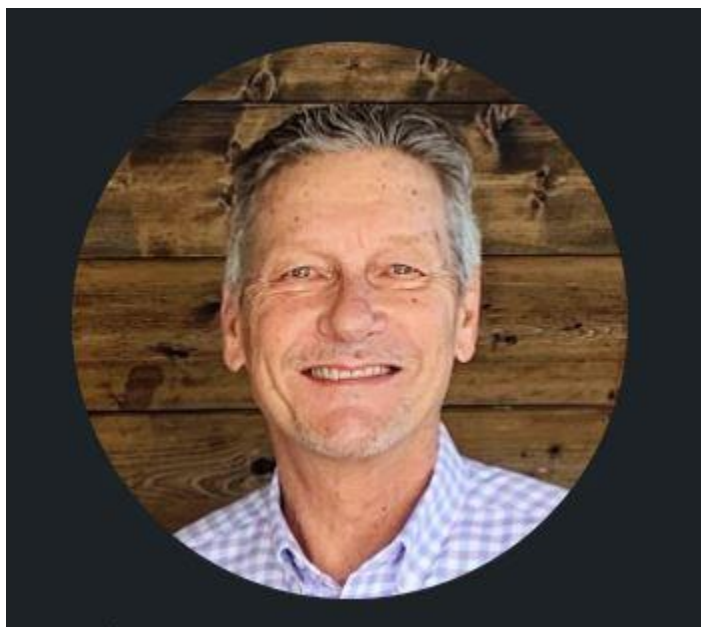


Rebecca Shelton, Texas Archeological Stewardship Network (TASN) Coordinator for the Texas Historical Commission, reached out to the Stewards with this news, “for those of you who were able to attend the TAS annual meeting, you may have gotten a glimpse of Lanny Ottosen’s meticulous cemetery research in the TASN program presentation.” Shelton advised that the *Austin American-Statesman* recently published an article regarding another of Ottosen’s research projects, his identification of important documents revealing Stephen F. Austin’s retirement plans:

<https://www.statesman.com/story/news/history/2022/12/29/laguna-gloria-texas-stephen-f-austin-cypress-springs-lake-clara-driscoll-sevier/69740909007/>

Stephen F. Austin, 1833 (UTSA Special Collections Library). Source: [Texas Travel \(oncell.com\)](https://www.oncell.com)

## Lanny Ottosen and the Texas Historical Commission History Stewards Pilot Program



In related news, Lanny Ottosen, TASN, is one of the four volunteers appointed to the new History Stewards Pilot Program. Founded to assist the Texas Historical Commission staff in meeting the diverse inquiries and requests the THC receives, the Archeology Division has collaborated with the History Programs Division to create a History Steward Pilot Program. The program was initiated by Bob Brinkman (Marker Program), Jenny McWilliams (Cemetery Program), Dan K. Utley (former THC Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB) Historian), and Bob Ward (TASN member, Historian on the THC AAB, and Travis County Historical Commission Chair). Together, they recruited four volunteers who are skilled in historical research, archives, and genealogy.

Ottosen has worked in the petrochemical engineering and construction industry in the Houston area for over forty years. He has applied this experience, along with organization and research skills, into his life-long passions of history, geology, and naturalist studies. Lanny grew up in Brazoria County but spent much of his youth exploring the natural world and historical sites in the Frio Canyon. Out of these experiences and his work on his family's genealogy, he honed his research and archival skills for other historical research projects in Texas. Currently he supports the Travis County Historical Commission (TCHC) and has participated in numerous research projects both privately and with the TCHC, including leading the Historical Marker designation for the original Montopolis townsite.

In his capacity as a History Steward, in 2022 Lanny assisted the THC Cemetery Preservation Program by providing deed research and field surveys to complete a Historic Texas Cemetery Designation application for a cemetery in Wharton County, and he is currently preparing deed research educational material. While Lanny has numerous ongoing projects, some highlights include a history of nineteenth and twentieth century Pest Camps and their forgotten burial sites in Travis County, a history of a nineteenth century family of Pennsylvania gunsmiths, and revising the history of a notable African American family in Travis County. Lanny notes that Pest Camps existed in Harris County also! Lanny and his wife, Carla, are residents of Montgomery County and have five children and six grandchildren.



## Beginning Next Month! Excerpts from the Tait Family Letters

Sharon Menegaz



If you were not a TAS or HAS member in the years from 2014-2016, you may have missed hearing about our adventures at the Tait Town House in Columbus, Texas. While the adults excavated prehistoric and historic sites on Tait family land south of Columbus, the Youth Group excavated thirty-eight units in the yard of this lovely home, which was constructed from 1856 to 1865.

While the artifacts that were uncovered excited the kids and educated us all about the material possessions of its occupants, the true “buried treasure” of the family may lie in the letters of Dr. Charles William Tait ([TSHA | Tait, Charles William \(tshaonline.org\)](#)) and his ancestors and descendants.

Dr. Tait was born in Georgia in 1815, moved with his family to Dry Fork plantation in Alabama as a young man, then came to Texas in the 1840s. He held at least three college degrees, and previously had served as a naval surgeon on the ships *Falmouth*, *Wave*, and *Flirt*. Tait built a log house on his land on the Colorado River in 1847, and married Louisa Williams from the Winchester area in 1848. They were parents to nine children.

Thanks to many generations of the Tait family and their stewardship of family letters and documents, we can read about the contributions of Charles William Tait’s grandfather, who was a Georgia senator and federal judge in the early 1800s (Charles Tait, [encyclopediaofalabama.org/article/h-2338](http://encyclopediaofalabama.org/article/h-2338)), thoughtful musings of his mother, Elizabeth Caroline Tait, and brotherly advice from Charles to brothers Felix, Robert, and James Goode Tait. Charles W. Tait’s daughter Caroline attended Rutgersville College during the Civil War era and wrote to her parents describing life in nearby La Grange. These letters tell us not only about the everyday life of the family, but of the attitudes and changes that Texas and the United States would experience in this time period. The Tait letters and documents have been conserved in many places and institutions over the years, and my husband Steve and I have explored Rita Tait Jackson’s copies, while helping create a database for her. We hope to share some of the interesting excerpts we have found in the next months of the Profile.

Just a taste.....a letter from March 6, 1850, from Charles W. Tait to his father, James A. Tait in Alabama (maybe you have the same sentiments!):

*...a great many persons have immigrated to Texas the past winter and consequently land has risen in price a good deal and is still rising. If we should get the raft (the logjam) cleared out of the river, land will probably double in six months or less....*

*Your Affectionate Son,  
C. Wm. Tait*

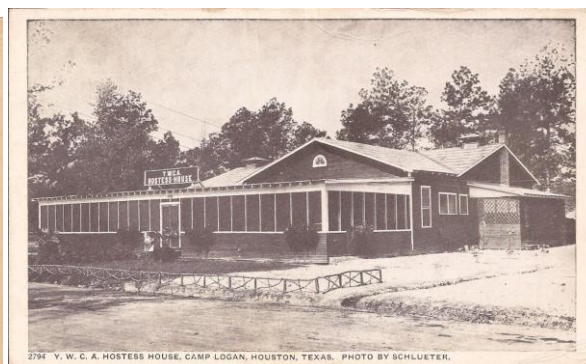
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## Picturing Camp Logan - From the Robert Morin Collection

In part because of reports of heavy drinking and promiscuity during the Border Wars, as well as rampant venereal diseases on the Western Front, the Army surrounded the soldiers in WWI training camps and overseas with many choices of wholesome activities—planning not only robust military instruction for the mustered troops, but also opportunities to encourage their mental, physical, and moral well-being.<sup>1</sup> The Commission on Training Camp Act (CTCA) supported collaboration with civilian organizations to establish a plethora of facilities providing “recreation, education, and entertainment to insure the health, efficiency, and morality of the troops,” and the men were also encouraged to write home to their families often.<sup>2</sup> The Robert Morin Collection, housed in the Woodson Research Center at Rice University, includes many photos of these facilities and of the men composing their letters.

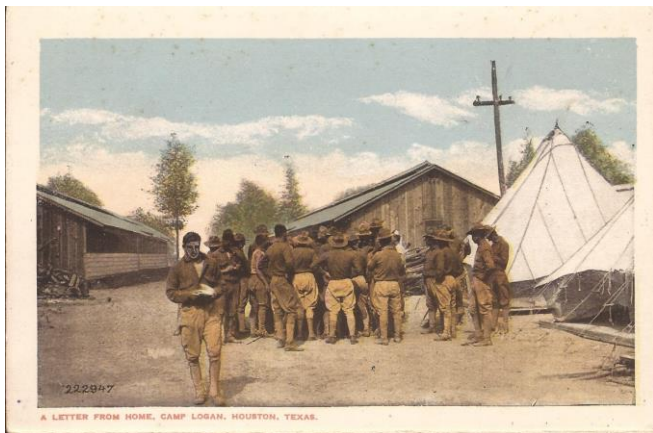
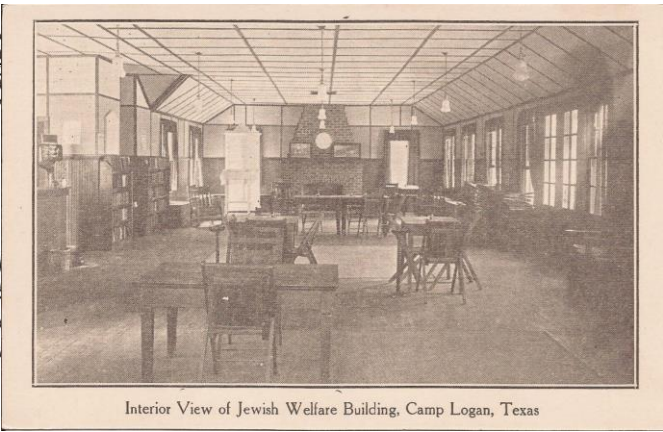
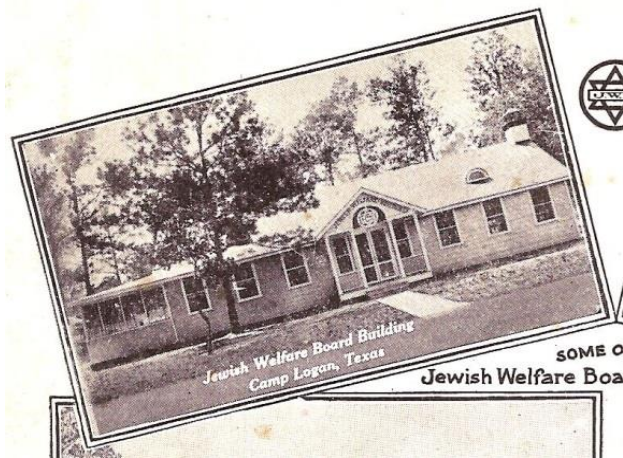
### Writing Home - Robert Morin

As soldiers trained for overseas warfare, most of them were miles away from family and friends. Local organizations offered buildings throughout the training camps where soldiers could enjoy social activities or meet with friends or visiting family. At Camp Logan, these included the Y.M.C.A., the Knights of Columbus, the Jewish Welfare, the Y.W.C.A., and the Red Cross. Camp Logan boasted a well-stocked library with thousands of books of all types. But one of the main uses of these facilities was to take advantage of the complimentary stationery to write home, informing their loved ones of their daily activities. Picture post cards featured photos of the camp so their family and friends could see what camp life looked like. The camp post office delivered the mail daily throughout Camp Logan to each company.



<sup>1</sup> Christina E. Chang, “The Singing Program of World War I: The Crusade for a Singing Army,” *Journal of Historical Research in Music Education* 23, no. 1 (Oct. 2001): 19–20, doi:10.1177/153660060102300103.

<sup>2</sup> Chang, “Singing,” 20.



All photographs from the Robert Morin Collection, Woodson Research Center, Rice University.

# Notes on Munitions – Part 1

## A .32 Short Rimfire Cartridge Case from South Texas

Thomas L. Nuckols

### Introduction

A rimfire cartridge is a complete round of ammunition fired in a gun, whether a rifle or a handgun. A rimfire cartridge consists of a metallic case, a bullet, gun powder, a primer, and a headstamp. The headstamp is the trademark impressed into the base of the rimfire cartridge case by the ammunition manufacturer.

A rimfire cartridge has its primer sealed internally around the rim of its base. When a gun's firing pin strikes any part of the rimfire cartridge's base, the crushing action will ignite the primer. The primer ignition subsequently ignites the gunpowder. The detonation of the gunpowder creates pressure, which forces the bullet out of the gun barrel (Figure 1).

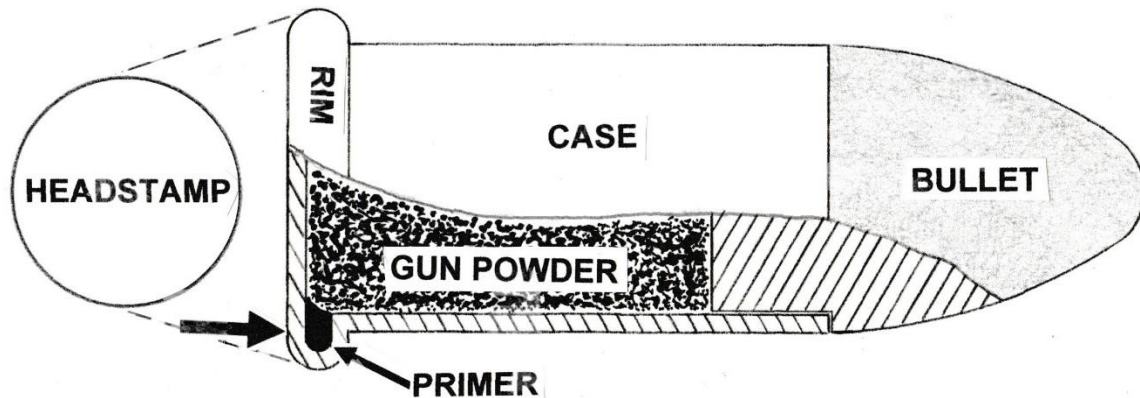


Figure 1. A typical rimfire cartridge in partial cross section. The arrow at the base of the rim indicates the area where a gun's firing pin strikes the cartridge to fire it. Illustration by Thomas L. Nuckols.

Unlike the reloadable center-fire cartridge case, the rimfire cartridge case cannot be reloaded after discharge, and it is considered a single use form of ammunition. The rimfire cartridge is designed to be used once, and then the case is thrown away. The disposal of the case usually occurs at the spot where a person extracts the cartridge case from the recently-used firearm.

### Hiking in South Texas

Many years ago, I was hiking on one of the many dirt roads that crisscross the Henrichson Ranch in Valley Wells, Texas. Where the road began to descend into the shallow bed of the intermittent Sauz Mocho Creek, I looked down and spotted a .32 (caliber) Short rimfire cartridge case lying in the dirt (Figure 2). As I picked up the case, I noticed that the case mouth was crushed flat. Its base displayed an impressed diamond headstamp and a circular firing pin imprint (Figures 3 and 4). The impressed diamond headstamp was a trademark of the Western Cartridge Company, an American manufacturer of small arms and ammunition. The circular firing pin imprint indicated that the cartridge was fired in a rifle. Conversely, when a rimfire cartridge is discharged in a handgun, the firing pin imprint is rectangular-shaped. A firing pin imprint is sometimes referred to as a firearms signature.

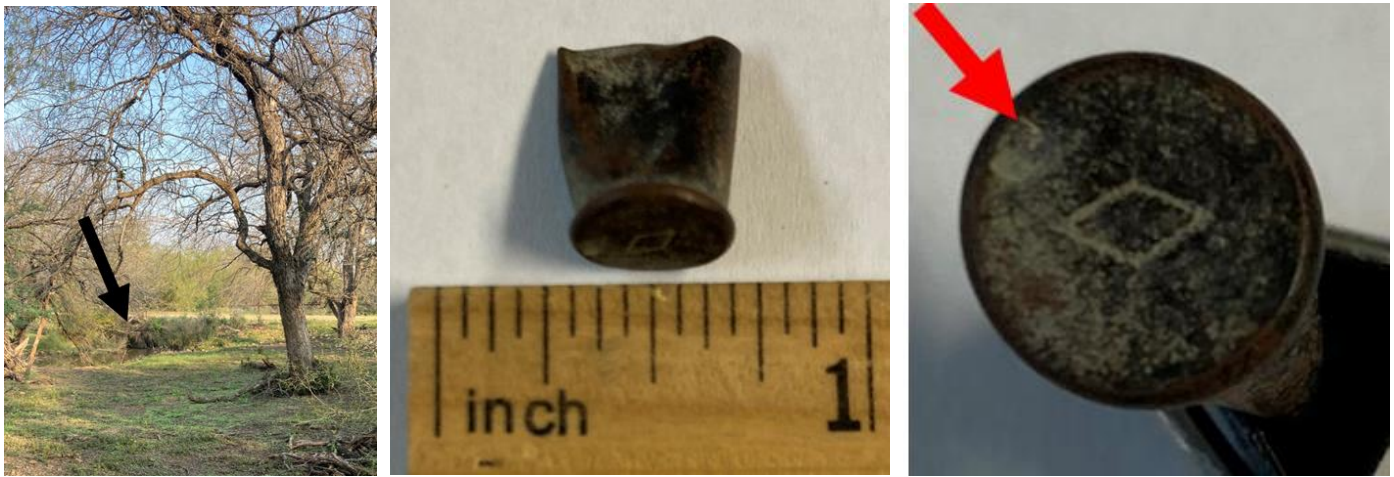


Figure 2. Sauz Mocho Creek looking southeast, December 2022. A limestone gravel oil field road with a metal culvert (black arrow) now covers the original dirt road, the approximate spot where the author found the .32 Short rimfire cartridge case years ago. The Nueces River is a little over a mile away to the right. Figure 3. The .32 Short rimfire cartridge case of undetermined metal; Western Cartridge Company used both brass and copper as a case material. Figure 4. The diamond-shaped headstamp. The arrow points to the circular firing pin imprint. Photographs by Thomas L. Nuckols.

### Headstamps From 1905 to 1930-1931

In 1892, Franklin W. Olin (1860-1951) and several investors established the Equitable Powder Company in East Alton, Illinois. In 1893, the company began producing blasting powder for use in coal mines and limestone quarries. Due to the seasonable nature of these industries, in 1898 Olin and his associates formed a second venture, the Western Cartridge Company (Western) to pursue a market for their blasting powder in the off-season. Western's principal product became shotgun shells filled with rifle powder supplied by Equitable. The shotgun shells manufactured by Western used center-fire cartridge primers that were manufactured by other ammunition firms. In 1900, to counter the rising price these firms charged for primers, Olin formed the Union Cap and Chemical Company (UCC), which produced priming mixture and primers. Beginning in 1905, and continuing to 1909, UCC manufactured rimfire cartridges headstamped with an impressed Maltese Cross, the company's trademark (Figure 5-A). In 1907, UCC and Western merged, and the Maltese cross trademark was

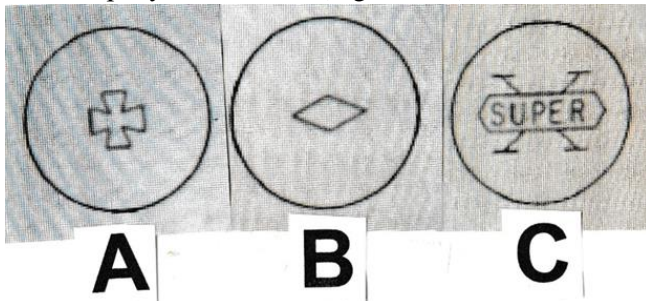


Figure 5. Types of headstamps produced by Western Cartridge Company and Union Cap and Chemical Company: A) Maltese cross, 1905 to 1909; B) Diamond, 1908 to 1930s; C) Super X, 1930-1931 to 1969. Illustration by Thomas L. Nuckols.

changed to a diamond. The first use of the impressed diamond headstamp on rimfire cartridges occurred on January 8, 1908, and carried into the early 1930s (Figure 5-B). During 1930-1931, Western began using a SUPER-X headstamp (Figure 5-C). The X referenced the center ring on a paper target (Barber 1987: 68, 71, 86, Wikipedia 2022). Next month: Part 2 - History, Attributes and Specifications of the .32 Short rimfire cartridge.

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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! Last month we heard from Geoff Mills about neolithic sites in Wales, including Dinas Dinlle, Trefignath. and Barclodiad y Gawres. Check out these links about more interesting ancient Welsh sites: Caerleon Roman Fortress, Baths, and Amphitheater, [Caerleon Roman Fortress and Baths | Cadw \(gov.wales\)](#); Harold's Stones, Stones of Wales - [Harold's Stones standing stones \(stonepages.com\)](#); [Pentre Ifan Burial Chamber | Cadw \(gov.wales\)](#); Din Lligwy ancient village, [Din Lligwy Hut Group | Cadw \(gov.wales\)](#); Great Orme Neolithic Copper Mines, [www.greatormemines.info](#).

And keep exploring on this website: [World-wide Ancient Site Database, Photos and Prehistoric Archaeology News with geolocation : The Megalithic Portal and Megalith Map](#).

*Darllen Hapus (Welsh for Happy Reading)!*

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## Houston Archeological Society - Monthly Meeting Programs for 2023 - Third Thursday of Every Month

**Please note that meetings will vary between entirely virtual, or multiformat (in-person, Zoom, and streamed to YouTube). Check the HAS website and your emails each month for details.**

**February 16** – HAS Monthly Meeting at 6:00 p.m. This in-person and multiformat presentation will feature Tom Middlebrook, M.D., speaking about TAS Field School. YouTube Stream, [https://youtu.be/a\\_4WtbFLO\\_8](https://youtu.be/a_4WtbFLO_8).

**March 16** – HAS Monthly Meeting at 6:00 p.m. This in-person and multiformat presentation will feature Leslie Bush, Ph.D., speaking on Caddo houses. YouTube Stream, <https://youtu.be/IstEieByIMk>.

**April 6** – HAS Quarterly Board Meeting. The next quarterly HAS Board Meeting will take place on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

**April 20** – HAS Monthly Meeting at 6:00 p.m. This in-person and multiformat presentation will feature Gregg Dimmick, M.D., speaking on San Jacinto archeology. YouTube Stream, <https://youtu.be/MJpMtFQ-ohU>.

All Houston Archeological Society Monthly Meetings are ordinarily free and open to the public.

For more information about HAS, visit [www.txhas.org](http://www.txhas.org), email us at [president@txhas.org](mailto:president@txhas.org), or join our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/123659814324626/>.

Previous HAS presentations are archived at [www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5-5YXMO2CwgO811GMFQow](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5-5YXMO2CwgO811GMFQow).

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## Upcoming Events

### Engelhardt-Moore Lecture Series

**2/2** - 7:30 p.m. Featuring Sanaa El-Sayed, co-founder of Mansoura University Vertebrate Paleontology Center (MUVP) in Egypt and Ph.D. student, Department of Earth and Environmental Science at the University of Michigan. El-Sayed will present a Zoom lecture entitled *Before the Pharaohs: Breaking New Ground in Egypt's Ancient Prehistory*. Her lecture will focus on the creation of the MUVP in 2010, the home of the first dedicated vertebrate paleontology program in the Middle East. El-Sayed will talk about her role in the amazing history of the MUVP and her personal journey as one of the first women in the Middle East to become a vertebrate paleontologist. Join the Zoom Meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85983106263?pwd=bGxsL0RKcXpIMFNiQkN3MTdhVVdCdz09>,

Meeting ID: 859 8310 6263, Passcode: 632183. If you missed any of the previous E-MLS lectures, they are all available for your viewing at: <https://engelhardtmoores.wixsite.com/lecture-series>.

### Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site

**2/18** - Living History Saturday: Quill Pen Writing and William F. Gray's Diary - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - On the third Saturday of each month, staff and volunteers dressed in period clothing bring to life the people and events of Old Washington, supplying a unique opportunity to discover various aspects of life surrounding the birth of the Republic of Texas. The program features activities for the entire family.

**2/25 and 2/26** - Texas Independence Celebration – 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. – The Texas Independence Day Celebration is an annual two-day living history celebration on Saturday, February 25 and Sunday, February 26, 2023.

## San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site

**2/4** - Bird Watching at the Battleground - The San Jacinto Battleground is home to more than 200 species of birds, and the best time to see them is first thing in the morning. Opening early every first Saturday of the month so birders and photographers can enjoy early morning at the site.

**2/4** - San Jacinto Family Day: Surviving the Runaway Scrape - When they learned that Santa Anna was marching an army towards them, many Texian settlers left their homes and fled east in terror. Thousands of civilians, mostly led by women, made the difficult, dangerous journey known as the Runaway Scrape.

**2/11** - Battleground Bike Tour - Stretch your legs and honor the memory of the Texas Revolution with a bike ride at the battleground. Join us every second Saturday for guided bike tours of the Birthplace of Texas.

**2/12 and 2/18** - Battleground Van Tours - Do you know where General Santa Anna set up his camp during the Battle of San Jacinto or where General Houston was shot? How about where the Surrender Tree was located? Discover the San Jacinto Battleground like you've never seen it before on a staff-led van tour of the battlefield.

**2/18** - Boom: Cannon Demonstration - Have you ever wondered how to load a cannon or seen one fired? This weekend, visitors to the San Jacinto Monument can learn how to load a cannon and watch regular cannon demonstrations.

## Texas State Historical Association

**3/2 through 3/5** – Annual Meeting in El Paso, [TSHA Annual Meeting](#).

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