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Albert Sidney Johnston Camp 67 – Houston, Texas
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Join us for a presentation by Audrey Cook on
“Obedience Smith, Pioneer of Three American Frontiers”

The Briar Club (Westheimer at Timmons Lane)
5:30 pm Executive Board meeting
(all camp members in good standing are invited to attend)
6:30 pm Happy Hour — Cash Bar
7:00 pm Dinner and Camp Meeting

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“Let us not, then, despond, my countrymen; but, relying on the never-failing mercies and protecting care of our God, let us meet the foe with fresh defiance, with unconquered and unconquerable hearts.”

Jefferson Davis
4 April 1865

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About our Speaker & Presentation

Audrey Cook is a member of the Houston History Association's "Neighborhood Histories Committee" and is a member of the Texas State Historical Association, San Jacinto Museum of History, Clayton Library Friends, Greater Houston Preservation Alliance, Friends of the Texas Room. She was born in the original Jeff Davis Hospital on Girard and attended Sam Houston State University in Huntsville and the U of H on scholarship and has been involved in various business enterprises over the years here in Houston.

OBEDIENCE SMITH (1771-1847), PIONEER OF THREE AMERICAN FRONTIERS, Her Ancestors and Descendants - about a courageous pioneer, her ancestors and her descendants from the 1600s to the 1900s -- their accomplishments and defeats, their loves and their losses, as well as several murders and a disappearance!

Obedience (Fort) Smith was born in Edgecomb County, North Carolina in 1771 when her grandfather was a member of the House of Burgesses before the American Revolution. She was the wife of Maj. David Smith who fought in the American Revolution and, at the behest of close friend Gen. Andrew Jackson, in several campaigns against the Creeks and the British in the War of 1812. She bore 11 children entirely in the frontier territory of Kentucky, so wild few would venture into it.

Her second American frontier was near muddy and untamed Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi in 1822, within weeks after the Choctaw Indians ceded the area and the county was organized. Here, at their "Soldier's Rest", she finished raising her children and a granddaughter, while her husband bought and sold large tracts of land and was greatly revered by all.

Newly widowed, she bravely ventured into the Mexican province of Coahuila y Texas in February 1836, *even* before the Declaration of Independence was declared on March 2, and the Battle of San Jacinto brought victory on April 21. She resided in Harris County for 11 years and died in 1847 in the second year of Texas statehood, on a parcel now included in Tranquility Park in downtown Houston.

The dauntless Mrs. Obedience Smith had 32 grandchildren, many eventually inheriting much of her Republic of Texas land grant of 3,368 acres in the inner City of Houston.

Important Dates

15 April 2009 – Speaker: Mark Vogl

20 May 2009 – Speaker: Anne Bailey

Welcome 2009 New Members

Steven Ray Cannon, a descendant of Pvt. Solomon Mason, 33rd Mississippi Infantry, Co.A
Jason David Shepherd, a descendant of Pvt. Andrew Jackson Shepherd, 4th Virginia Cavalry, Co.H
Mr. Henry Branard Bowman, a descendant of Sgt. George Albert Branard, 1st Texas Infantry, Co.L

Welcome Back – Member Reinstatements

Mr. Harrison G. Moore IV

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