

Annual Meeting & Reunion a Success!



The 2009 Barton Historical Society Reunion was held for the first time in Texas. Of course everything in Texas is much larger and this includes the turnout [ed.: in modern times] we had. We had 70 participants on Saturday at the meeting kickoff. Gift bags were waiting for all registrants. Our meeting began at 9:30AM in the Legislative Room at the State Capitol by our President, Terry Barton. All during the day we had various presentations given on our DNA project by Terry Barton, Genealogy talks given by Evelyn Banda and guest speaker, Texas Representative Hon. Bob Barton. Bob talked about William "Uncle Billy" Barton of Austin's Barton Springs fame, (although he is not kin). Bob is from Linage II, and this was the first time a lineage other than Linage I has presented at one of our reunions.

An exhibit of old Barton family photographs was a special treat.

All during the day we had the Austin American Statesman taking pictures (go to <http://tinyurl.com/nespdx> to visit the gallery), ate special treats, had door prize drawings throughout the day, a great lunch brought in, then ended with our Business Meeting. During the meeting Mary Barton and Shirley Keith were recognized for their 8 year tenure as Treasurer and Secretary. The usual announcements were given, memorials honored, minutes read from the last reunion,

new Bylaws presented, DNA Sponsorships talked about and Nominations and Election for 2009-2010. The nominations were Terry Barton, President, Peggy Barton Nouri, Vice President, James "Lee" Weaver, Secretary and Carl Lee, Treasurer. They were presented, voted on and approved. The meeting ended at 5:00PM.

Saturday evening we departed the hotel for Kyle, Texas for the dance and BBQ. Texas Old Town is where we danced the night away to a live Country and Western Band called "Go 4 Broke" that entertained us all evening.

Prior to our meeting, on Friday, we loaded up and headed to Salado. Karla Cox Smith, Great Granddaughter of Columbus Barton, youngest son of Col. Wilson and Mildah McKinney Barton gave a presentation at the old Stage Coach Inn Restaurant. After having lunch we visited the Barton-Bryson House and the Shady Grove and South San Gabriel Cemeteries. Then in the evening everyone went to check out the bat flight that Austin is known for.

Sunday, we attended Church Services and enjoyed a meal prepared by Peggy's Sunday School Class. It was then to the airport and a farewell until next year when we meet again in South Carolina.

