

Brazoria County Historical Commission
Notice and Agenda
Wednesday, July 12, 2023
2:00 p.m.

Brazoria County Tax Office Conference Room in the West Annex
at 451 North Velasco, Angleton, Texas

<https://www.brazoriacountytexas.gov/departments/historical-commission>

Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports:

- **Medallion**
 - Presentation to Dr. Paul Wells, Owner of the DuMars-Sharpe House at 445 East Mulberry Street, Angleton
 - Friday, Aug. 4th at 2 p.m.
 - See Report from Jamie Murray on the following page
- **Architecturally Significant House Inventory Project**
- **THCGA Liaison**
 - **Snipe & Burrell Chapel Church Meeting**
 - Friday, September 8, 5:30pm, at the BCHM
 - BCHC, THCGA, and Rice University
- **Webpage**
- **Texas Treasures Business Award**
- **Markers**

Chair Report

Seaburn and Coveney House Update

Member Reports

Next Meeting: September 13, 2023, at 2pm

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Medallion Project Report to BCHM for July 2023 Jamie Murray

The Medallion Committee currently has 5 members: Jamie Murray, Ginger Tumlinson, Emma Jean Tanner, Max Royalty, and Bartlett Ramsey, plus Cynthia Ericson as an ex-officio member. (BCHC chairman fills vacancies by appointment as needed.)

Purpose: to recognize existing historical structures (residential, commercial, or public) in Brazoria County that are 75 years or older and encourage restoration efforts.

BCHC's Medallion Committee members will make a list of eligible Brazoria County historical properties for consideration and select two structures a year to receive a Medallion as an award (one in the spring and one in the fall) at no cost to the owner. Committee members will research the history of the structure with input from the owner and will create a file on the history of the structure, including photos, articles, stories, etc. that will be available to researchers. [Also, an owner may add a historical structure to the list for consideration.] More than 2 Medallions a year can be awarded if time permits.

Eligibility: structures must be at least 75 years of age, and...

-If the structure has been moved from its original location (examples: the Whistler Hotel, originally in Anchor, and the Seaburn and Coveney houses in Quintana)

or

-If the restoration project will benefit from recognition by Brazoria County Historical Commission by encouraging grants or donations (as the Alden Dow Office project and the Alvin Methodist Church)

or

-if the state THC has rejected an application for a structure to receive a state historical marker, or if it is apparent that the structure will not meet the requirements necessary to receive a state historical marker, and meeting the requirements is not practical for the property owner.

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-if the owner of a structure is deemed worthy of a state marker, but the owner does not wish to pursue applying for a state marker, BCHC could award a Medallion with the owner's approval.

Research has been conducted on the **DuMars-Sharpe house** which was built at 223 E. Mulberry for J.L. DuMars before 1900. It survived the 1900 storm with considerable damage, and merchant Harry Sharpe bought it from DuMars in 1920 for a rent house. Harry Sharpe's son, "Mike" Sharpe, and his wife, Gladys, made repairs on the house after the 1932 Storm and raised their family there. The current owner, Dr. Paul Wells, has consented to a Medallion presentation and photo-op on August 4th at 2:00 p.m. The building is located at 445 E. Mulberry St. in Angleton, and Mike and Gladys Sharpe's two daughters have been invited to attend. BCHC members are also invited to be present for the presentation. This building was moved from its original location at 223 E. Mulberry in 1981 and served as the office of the Angleton Chamber of Commerce until 2014. It is now the office of Dr. Paul Wells.

There is some indication that the DuMars-Sharpe house once housed the medical office of Dr. James Greenup Boyd and possibly that of Dr. S.B. Maxey, but more research is needed to determine dates.

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