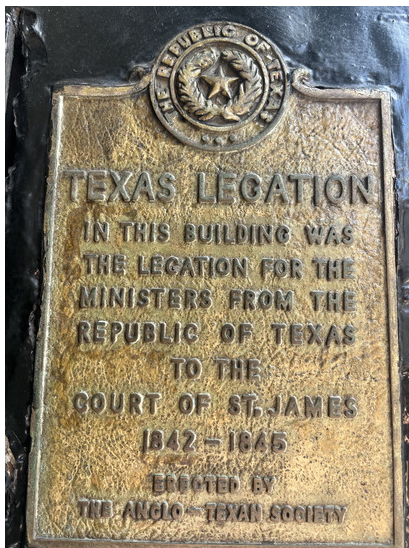




## The Surprising Story of the Republic of Texas Legation in London



*Texas Legation plaque in London,  
photo by Shannon Callewart*

My kids joke that I can find a connection to Texas history anywhere I go. During a recent trip to London, my wandering took me to No. 4 St. James Street just a few blocks from the more well-known St. James Palace. That is where I found the site of the former Legation of the Republic of Texas, which was located in a part of the building that is accessed through a narrow alley known as Pickering Place. In 1986 the Anglo-Texas Society erected a plaque at the entrance to the alley that reads “Texas Legation to the Court of St. James 1842-1845.”

The building is owned by Berry Brothers & Rudd, a prominent and historic London wine merchant that has provided wine, ports, and whiskeys to the Royal Family from this location since the reign of George III (1760-1820). The business served as landlord to an assortment of organizations that rented out the Georgian Rooms. Notably, former tenants included a brothel and gambling den, Napoleon when he was in exile, and the Embassy of the Republic of Texas from 1836-1845 at the directive of President Sam Houston.

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**Inaugural Duda Forum on Historic Preservation**



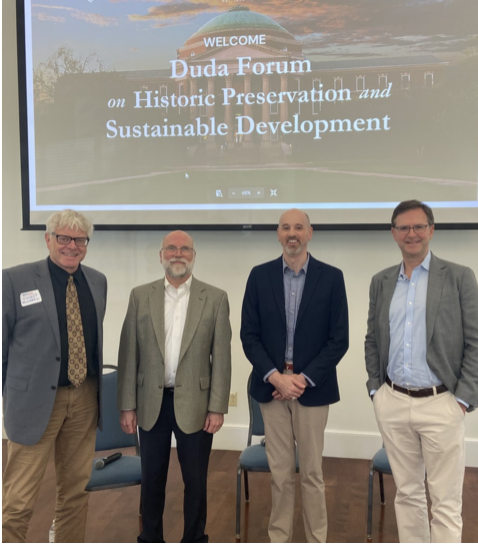
Earlier this month the Texas Historical Foundation, the Michael Christopher Duda Center for Preservation, Resilience, and Sustainability at the University of Notre Dame, and the Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University hosted the inaugural Duda Forum on Historic Preservation and Sustainability in Dallas. It was a successful event with professionals, academics,

developers, advocates, and government authorities that attended and explored how historic preservation can be an effective partner of development in Dallas and the surrounding region. Adaptations of existing buildings—of varying sizes and ages—to new uses, tools for conservation of historic neighborhoods, and ways of promoting housing for diverse populations were discussed during the Forum.

The Forum kicked off with a special presentation by Vincent Michael from The Conservation Society of San Antonio and Shanon Miller with the City of San Antonio. They discussed the efforts over the years to preserve one of the most historic cities in Texas. In addition, they showcased some of the innovative programs and efforts they have been used and have served as a model for other cities engaging in historic preservation efforts.

The second day of the Forum focused on panel sessions that featured people in Dallas involved in historic preservation. The first panel centered around neighborhood conservation with panelists from the City of Dallas and the Dallas Landmark Commission. The two additional panels included discussions on small- and large-scale adaptive reuse of historic buildings with local developers and architects on each panel. During lunch the Texas Historical Commission presented an update on projects across Texas that took advantage of the state and federal incentives for work to rehabilitate historic buildings. The day concluded with a group discussion about the panel topics and the state of historic preservation efforts in Dallas.

The Forum is planned to be an annual event. Stay tuned for more information on where the Forum will be held next year.



# Grants Update

## Recent THF Grant Presentations



Doss Heritage & Culture Center

The Texas Energy Museum in Beaumont was awarded a grant from the Texas Historical Foundation in support of their effort to update collections and archive management for the East Texas museum. The Museum provides a comprehensive look at the way that energy has shaped culture, history, and science in the state and beyond. A presentation of the grant was hosted by THF Board Member Caira Franz and took place September 12 on site at the Texas Energy Museum. For more information, please visit the museum's [website](#).

Doss Heritage & Culture Center in Weatherford hosted a presentation of their Summer 2023 THF grant at their 2023 Pioneer Festival on October 6. The annual festival takes place on the grounds of

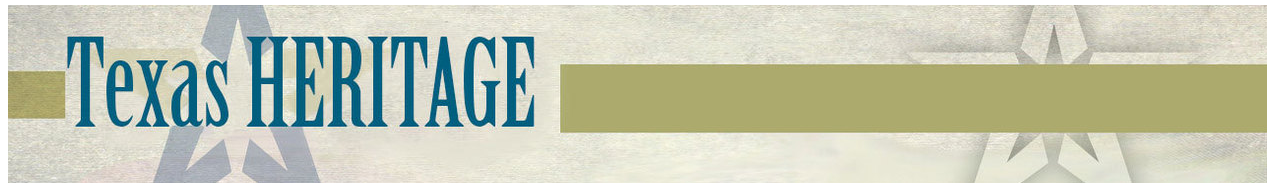
the Heritage & Culture Center, featuring live music and educational exhibits with access to Pioneer Cabin Park, a collection of historic log cabins that have been relocated for preservation on the Doss campus. The grant supported educational exhibits and demonstrations for festival attendees of this year's festival. [Click here](#) to see more events and exhibits hosted by the Doss Heritage & Culture Center.

Shumla Archaeological Research & Education Center hosted a presentation of their recent THF Grant at their facility in Comstock, Texas. Global leaders in rock art research and education,

Shumla received a grant for the purchase of equipment to continue their documentation of the cave-sites of Southwest Texas' Lower Pecos Valley.

Using their groundbreaking method for rock art documentation, Shumla is able to capture in incredible depth the region's cave paintings, recording them for future research through a combination of mapping, mural photography, sample analysis, and 3-D modeling. Their work contributed to the recent designation of the Lower Pecos Canyonlands as a recognized Archaeological District. To learn more about Shumla and the Lower Pecos Canyonlands Archaeological District, please visit their [website](#).

[Click here](#) for more Texas Historical Foundation grant news or for more information about our grants program.



## Next HERITAGE Magazine to Feature Change Makers

They might not get as much mention in Texas history books, but there were many individuals, who through their actions and advocacy, changed the state's past—and its present. People such as the African American lawyer John N. Johnson, Texas's first civil rights attorney; Emma Tenayuca, a labor leader from San Antonio, who in 1938 organized the Mexican pecan shellers strike; and Margie Neal, an East Texas journalist and education reformer, who became the state's first female senator. There were businesses, too, that made a difference, like the plucky Braniff Airlines, headquartered in Dallas, which changed aviation history with its unconventional business model.



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*The stories of these game changers will be featured in the fourth quarter 2023 issue of Texas HERITAGE magazine. [Join now](#) to find out how they made a difference.*



# Southeast Texas Regional Preservation Summit 2023

Preservation Texas' Southeast Texas Regional Preservation Summit will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at the McFaddin-Ward House Visitor Center (1906 Calder Avenue) from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. The Summit will focus on historic preservation issues in coastal Texas including disaster preparedness and recovery, case studies, best practices, and the presentation of two Southeast Texas Honor Awards. Registration includes a box lunch and an opportunity to tour the historic McFaddin-Ward House. Registration is limited to 50 attendees, and you must register by Friday, November 10th.



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