



Sam Rayburn House State Historic Site Internship

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Sam Rayburn House Museum

- I interned at the Sam Rayburn House Museum in Bonham, Texas
- The Sam Rayburn House is the family home of Samuel Rayburn, former Speaker of the House for the United States
- For more information about the Sam Rayburn House Museum, you can visit

www.thc.texas.gov



Tours

- One of my tasks this summer was to aid in giving tours for large groups
- Primarily, I was charged with giving tours to people who had physical disabilities preventing them from completing the traditional walkthrough tour
- I gave mixed tours consisting of traditional-style walkthroughs of the ground floor of the house and grounds, and presentation-style photo tours for the second floor for guests who could not take the stairs
- I also gave complete presentation-style photo tours for those who were unable to tour the house and grounds



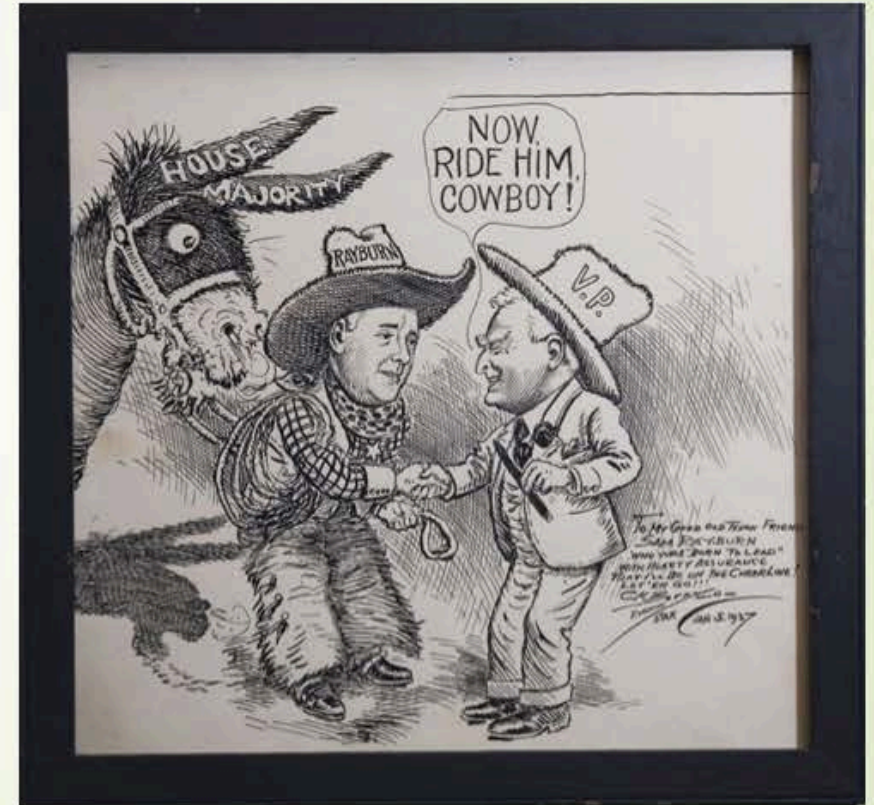
Specialty Scripts

- One of my biggest tasks the summer was to work on updating and creating specialty tour scripts
- These scripts would be used for national recognition months and local events occurring in Bonham
- During my time, I performed research through the records of artifacts and oral histories, as well as a library of reference texts to add relevant subject matter to the existing tour script



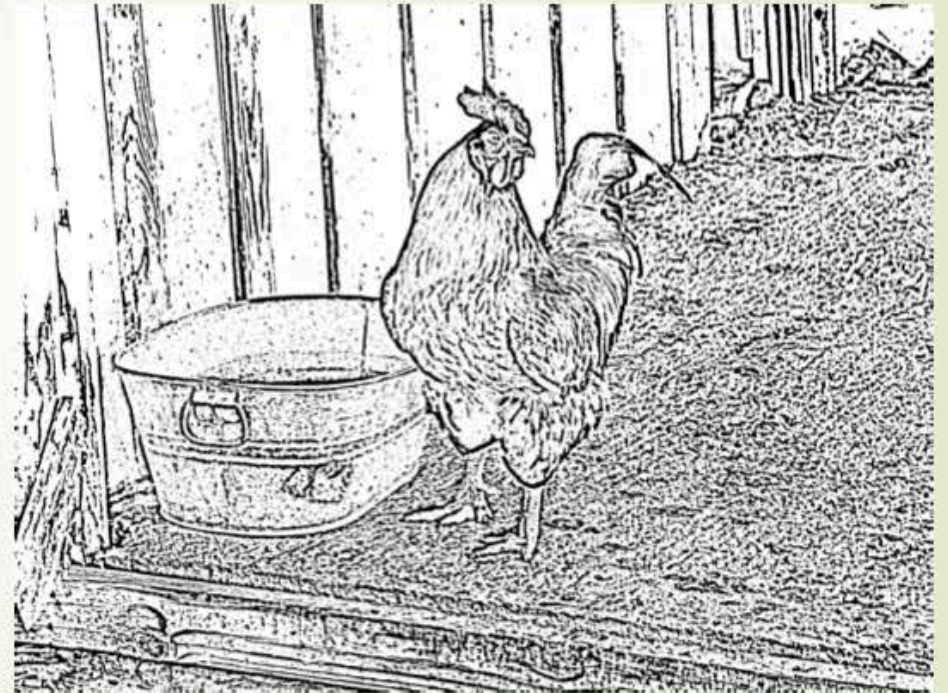
Politics Tour Script

- This script was the only one I researched and wrote from scratch
- The politics script focuses on Mr. Sam's political career, artifacts from his career, and his political friends and guests who visited the home.
- What initially got me interested in writing this script was the autographed Berryman cartoons, the only cartoons that hang in Mr. Sam's bedroom.



Farming Heritage Tour Script

- The Farming Heritage Day tour script was the first of the two revisions scripts I worked on
- While the earlier draft of the script had a great deal of information about the Rayburn farm and ranch, my research focused on the lifestyle aspects of rural living without electricity
- My favorite thing about this project was that most of the information I found was in the oral histories collection, which I found quite interesting to read



Women's History Month Tour Script

- The Women's History Month script was the last of my tour script projects while working at the House Museum
- While the original script focused primarily on Mr. Sam's sister and social hostess Lucinda, my revisions added additional information about the other women in Mr. Sam's life, including his other female relatives and female political friends
- My favorite part of this project was getting to read about all the political women who had visited the house, especially Lady Bird Johnson





Artifact of the Month

- Once a month, a particular artifact from the collection is selected to be put on display in the house, and is advertised through the Texas Historical Commission through an article on the object selected
- While I was at the Sam Rayburn House, I conducted research for two artifacts and wrote articles for the months of June and July
- Pan Am Exposition Cup Article: <http://www.thc.texas.gov/blog/sam-rayburn-house-artifact-month-greater-texas-and-pan-american-exposition-souvenir-cup>
- Trapunto Quilt Article: <http://www.thc.texas.gov/blog/sam-rayburn-house-artifact-month-prairie-rose-trapunto-quilt>

Pan-American Expo Souvenir Cup


- For the June Artifact of the Month, the Pan-American Expo Souvenir Cup was selected
- The cup is a souvenir from the Greater Texas and Pan-American Exposition held in 1937
- The expo was held a year after the Texas Centennial Exposition, and was the host of the first of the Pan-American Games



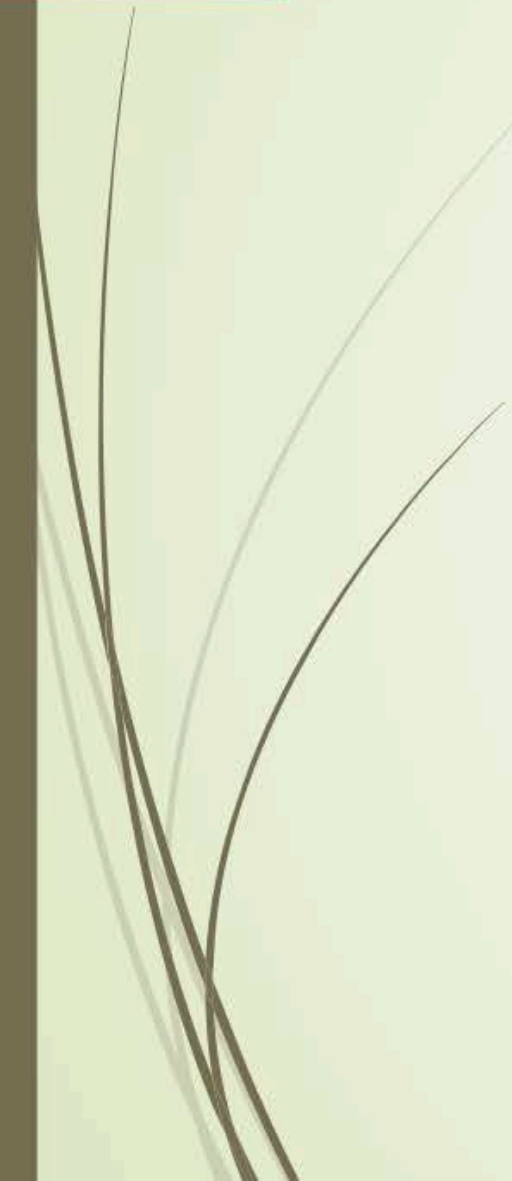
Trapunto Prairie Rose Quilt

- For the July Artifact of the Month, I was given the honor of selecting a quilt from the Rayburn House collection, and chose the trapunto-style Prairie Rose quilt
- The trapunto-style is an Italian method of stuffing a section of a quilt to make it 3-dimensional
- The quilt and its article was chosen to advertise the annual Bonham Quilt Hop, which was held at the end of July





Video Tour



- By far the most time consuming of my assigned projects, I was asked to create a video tour of the house and grounds to replace the current photo presentation in use
- I used photographs from the digital database, as well as my own original footage and audio recordings to put together a complete tour of the house and grounds
- The video was put together using the free downloadable program VideoPad



Cataloging



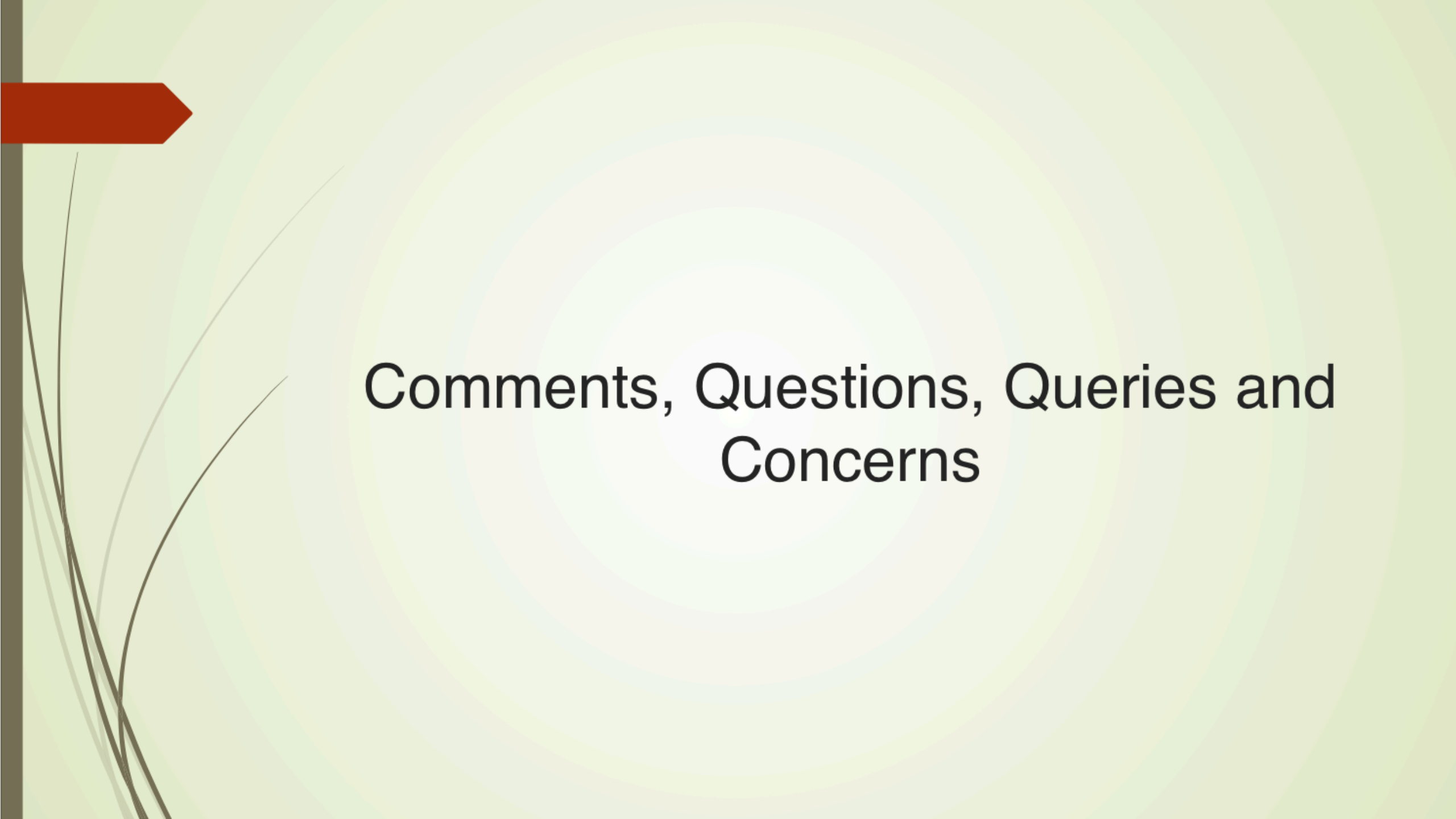
- One of my tasks this summer involved cataloging artifacts that were either donated or “FIC” (Found in Collection)
- This was my only paperwork-related task, since it required filling out a condition report, a registration report, and labelled photographs for the records
- This was probably my least favorite activity because each artifact took a great deal of time to complete all the work for, so since I wasn’t able to work as quickly as I’m used to I felt very challenged by it



Additional Activities



- My final project that I worked on through the entirety of my internship was coming up with miscellaneous activities for an activities book and sensory additions for the house tour.
- The Activities book has several themed crosswords and word search puzzles, as well as coloring book pages made from converted photos I took of the property.
- For the tour itself, I compiled a list of music – both on record and sheet music – in the collection and downloaded audio files for music the Rayburns listened to during their lifetimes.

The background features a series of concentric circles in shades of green, yellow, and blue, creating a ripple effect. In the top-left corner, there is a solid red arrow pointing to the right. On the left side, there are several thin, dark, curved lines that resemble stylized grass or reeds.

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