



Polley Mansion Project

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Objective

This is a TAMDC “Give Back Project” to Texas communities, individuals, Historical and Heritage Societies. We will search and recover artifacts for the Polley Mansion Association. This will be 1 of 2 events, and our first “Give Back Project” of 2018. We are currently working on an 1875 Plantation Home slated for Fall November/December.

I'm needing about 50 detectorists for this event to adequately cover the area. I want to ask TAMDC Member Clubs- SAAMDC (45 min. drive), CMDC (60 min. drive) and the AMDC (90 min. drive) to help promote this event in your local clubs and see if you couldn't make this your club event and bring as many detectorists as you can since you are much closer to Polley Mansion.

Prizes

There will be 3 or more prizes awarded (1 oz. silver rounds and/or coins). This is just for fun and categories will be announced at the start. (Donations accepted for more prizes to give away)

Raffle

There will be a raffle and all funds raised will be donated to the Polley Mansion Association. Anyone willing to donate a raffle prize?

Schedule

We will have event rain or shine (pray for good weather)

8:00 am	Welcome/Introductions/Guidelines
8:30 am	Detect & Recover
12:00 pm	BBQ Lunch w/sides/cookies/water/\$5 Cover Charge (donations accepted)
1:00 pm	Detect & Recover
3:00 pm	Prizes & Raffle Drawing
3:15 pm	Recognitions/Presentation of Plaque/Money to Polley Mansion Association
3:30 pm	Announcements
4:00 pm	Pack Up & Head Home

Location

GPS. 11432 FM 539, La Vernia, TX 78121. It will be 3 miles north of Sutherland Springs on

the East side of FM 539. **NOTE: The Polley Mansion no longer looks like the image on Google Earth/Maps-it has been cleaned up and renovated.**

Parking

As you pull into the front gate, parking will be off to the far right

Accommodations

Dress for January (avg. temp 50s-60's but you're in Texas)

Motels nearest are in East San Antonio & Floresville

Restrooms are available on location

Bring your lawn chairs

History

Built by Joseph Polley (1795-1869), one of "Old 300" settlers of Stephen F. Austin, and the first Austin colony sheriff. From Fort Bend and Austin counties, he at last settled here, where he had cattle herds called largest in Texas. In 1847-51 he built this stone mansion, with framing of Bandera Cypress, and cabinet work shipped by sea from New York. This was area social center. From here house guest Robert E. Lee wrote his last Texas letter. Recorded Texas Historic Landmark – 1962. (There were 5-6 slave quarters and privies as well)

More Information

<https://www.polleyassociation.org/polley-mansion-timeline>

Facebook: PolleyMansion

www.tamdc.com

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Official Participation List as of 1/3/2018

Name	Club
1. Michael Heim	TAMDC, RCTHA
2. Dana Logston	TAMDC, ETTHA
3. Margaret Logston	TAMDC, ETTHA
4. Byron Whitiker	HARC, MCARC
5. Jack Little	MCARC, HARC
6. SFC Dan Hatcher	Non-Member
7. Buster Toland	GITHC
8. Mark McCoy	
9. Eva McRae	SAAMDC
10. Ruben McRae	SAAMDC
11. Patrick Murray	

