

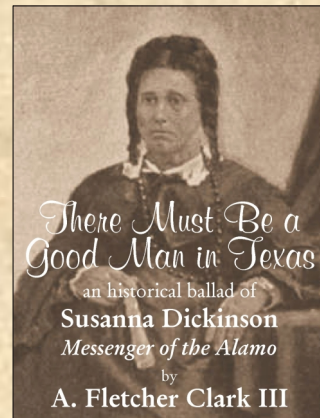


SONGS OF *Susanna*

Susanna Dickinson
Messenger of the Alamo

In song, verse and lecture, author/historian **Donaly Brice** and songwriter **Fletcher Clark** bring to life this great Texas heroine. Fletcher's epic ballad, ***There Must Be a Good Man in Texas***, provides a panoramic tale of Susanna Dickinson - in itself a microcosm of the emergence of Texas.

We follow Susanna (*nee* Wilkerson) in her travels from Tennessee to Gonzales, Texas, with her first husband Almeron Dickinson, who would become a fallen hero at the Alamo. As *Messenger of the Alamo*, she carried Santa Anna's demand for capitulation to General Sam Houston, who then prepared his Texian army to join in the 'Runaway Scrape'. After victory at San Jacinto, she found herself widowed and penniless with her infant daughter Angelina, *Babe of the Alamo*. Unskilled and illiterate, she would marry three more men in Houston, seeking in vain that husband who would keep her and her daughter happy and secure. Moving to Lockhart, she would marry her *fifth* husband Joseph Hannig, a young German immigrant half her age. Moving to Austin, ultimately Susanna Wilkerson Dickinson Williams Herring Bellows Hannig would become prosperous and respected.



Donaly E. Brice
author/historian

I asked Donaly and Fletcher to present their program at our 2014 Annual Meeting celebrating Susanna's 200th Birthday, and couldn't have been more pleased. The combination of Donaly's historic genius and Fletcher's musical magic brought Susanna Dickinson to life that evening.

Terri Schexnayder, Former President
Friends of the Susanna Dickinson Hannig Museum (Austin, Texas)

Mr. Clark and Mr. Brice present a riveting portrayal of the life of Susannah Dickinson. Their knowledge of the family and details bring Susanna to life. One can simply close their eye's and see Texas so many years ago. The stories, poems, and music truly bring history to life!

Krissy Sralla
Jane Wells Woods Chapter/DRT (Burnet, Texas)



What an entertaining way to tell the story of Susanna Dickinson! Our luncheon was a huge success thanks to your memorable program. Many thanks!

Nancy Evridge
Heart of Texas Chapter/DRT (Brady, Texas)



Fletcher Clark
songwriter



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