

## **OUR HISTORY**

The French Legation Museum began in 1841 as a private home built for the French chargé d'affaires to the Republic of Texas, Alphonse Dubois, after the French monarch officially recognized the Republic of Texas as a sovereign nation. Dubois was promoted to “chargé d'affaires” and established an official Legation in Texas. When Dubois was unable to find a suitable house, he hired builders to construct the historic Legation house. By December 1841, the capital moved from Austin back to Houston. Dr. Joseph W. Robertson bought the property in 1848, and Dr. Robertson, his wife, their eleven children, and nine enslaved workers lived at the site. The Robertson’s daughter, Lillie Robertson, lived in the home her entire life, and in her later years opened the house to the public, offering tours of what she called the “Old French Embassy.” Following her death, the house was sold to the state of Texas. Following the sale of the Legation to the state, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) were appointed the property’s custodian organization. The DRT opened the French Legation Museum to the public in 1956.

## **OUR MISSION**

The French Legation Museum promotes understanding and appreciation of Texas history and culture through preservation of the legacy, structure, and collections of the French Legation of the Republic of Texas.

## **ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS**

The French Legation Museum offers educational tours and programs throughout the year. Seasonal and community events are scheduled regularly. We also offer various outreach programs including a bi-weekly story time, archaeological talks, and concerts. These programs and events are listed on our web site [www.frenchlegationmuseum.org](http://www.frenchlegationmuseum.org).

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Please come and visit the Museum Tuesday through Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Tours are given at 1:15, 2:00, 2:45, and 3:30.

- guided tours last approximately 45 minutes
- \$5 admission
- payment accepted by cash, check, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover Card
- up to twelve people may tour the house at one time

For groups larger than twelve people, please call (512) 472-8180 for reservations.