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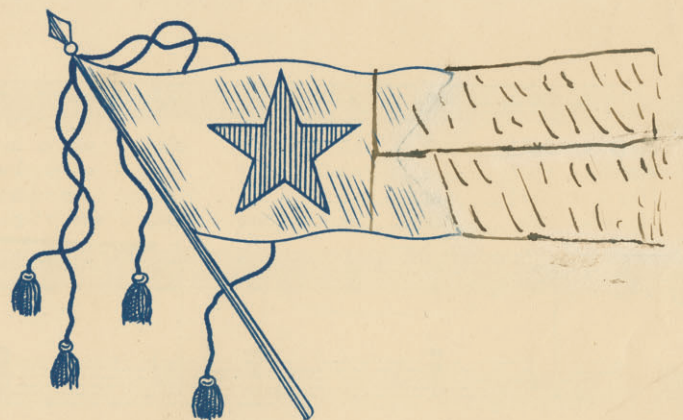
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TEXAS AND HER FLAG



Composed
by

VIRGINIA PICKETT BONNER

Price 45 cents

Published by
MRS R. K. BONNER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS.

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"TEXAS AND HER FLAG" TURNS 100

2025 marks the 100th anniversary of the publication of "Texas and Her Flag," and this issue features historical material on the song. As noted in No. 25 (Fall-Winter 2023), this may prompt reconsideration of the extent of state patriotism between 1865-1936.

“TEXAS AND HER FLAG”: LYRICS

Words by Virginia Pickett Bonner
Music by Harry Jay Lincoln

Hurrah! Hurrah for Texas, hurrah,
Hurrah for the grand old state,
No other state is half so grand emblematic
of the state,
It proudly bears the one lonely star
And it's known both near and far,
With lofty ideals it's the one that appeals,
It's next to the morning star.

CHORUS

[Repeats after each stanza]

Hurrah! Hurrah for Texas,
Its star is shining bright,
With patriotism glowing and loyal hearts
unite,
All honor we give to Texas and adore the
lone, lone star,
Hurrah, hurrah for Texas: hurrah, hurrah
for the flag it bears.

Hurrah! Hurrah for Texas, hurrah,
The era had been but brief,
Since first we gained old Texas state we
have never come to grief,
But now in common wealth it excels and
it's towering to the sky,
For bravely they fought the mighty raging
battle to gain Texas or to die.

Hurrah! Hurrah for heroes, hurrah,
The heroes of Texas kin,
They fought with pride and proudly died
that Texas they should win,
And win it with pride and fame like every
hero in his day,
But here is to all our great heroes of
Texas, let's shout a loud hurrah.

Hurrah for our forefathers, hurrah,
All homage we give to them,
They gave us grand old Texas state which
no man can e'er condemn,
As symbols of their honor and fame that
their names may live for aye,
Let's give a hurrah for the one of their
day, forever and e'er hurrah.

(We are glad here to include Mrs. Bonner's
“Texas and Her Flag,” a lovely state song,
charmingly adapted to marching and
school use.)
—“From the Pens of Our Texas Poets,”
Houston Chronicle 34 (Mar. 21, 1926)

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Entries: Musical Compositions for the Year 1925, New Series vol. 20, pt. 3* (1925). (Square brackets in original;
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“TEXAS AND HER FLAG” ORIGINS

“Texas and Her Flag” was apparently a state song contest entry by Virginia Pickett (Mrs. Robert King) Bonner. A native of Liberty, Bonner wrote the lyrics. Harry Jay Lincoln, of Williamsport, Penna., wrote the music; he wrote many marches and rags in the first half of the 20th century.

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT

Song—Subject: “Texas and Her Flag,” Tempo di March; also orchestration. Words by Virginia Pickett Bonner; full of pep and patriotism. For sale at J.R. Reed’s Music Store, Austin, Texas.
—*Sunday American-Statesman* 3 (Jan. 17, 1926).

AUSTIN SHORT STORIES

“Texas and Her Flag,” a song for which Mrs. Virginia Pickett Bonner, 105 East 19th Street, wrote the words, will be broadcast by the U.S. marine band [sic] from Washington at 2:30 p.m. (Austin time) today, a letter from Sen. Earle B. Mayfield informed Mrs. Bonner.
—*Austin Statesman* 5 (Feb. 3, 1928).

FOLKS, FACTS—BIG AND LITTLE

Mrs. Virginia Pickett Bonner is very proud of a letter from Sen. Morris Sheppard containing a clipping from a Washington newspaper stating that her composition, “Texas and Her Flags,” [sic] was played by the U.S. Marine band orchestra [sic], heading a program given by the musicians on Feb. 3. Mrs. Bonner’s composition was written [for] the state song contest inaugurated by former Gov. Pat M. Neff several years ago.
—*Austin Statesman* 13 (Feb. 9, 1928).

AUSTIN COMPOSER HONORED

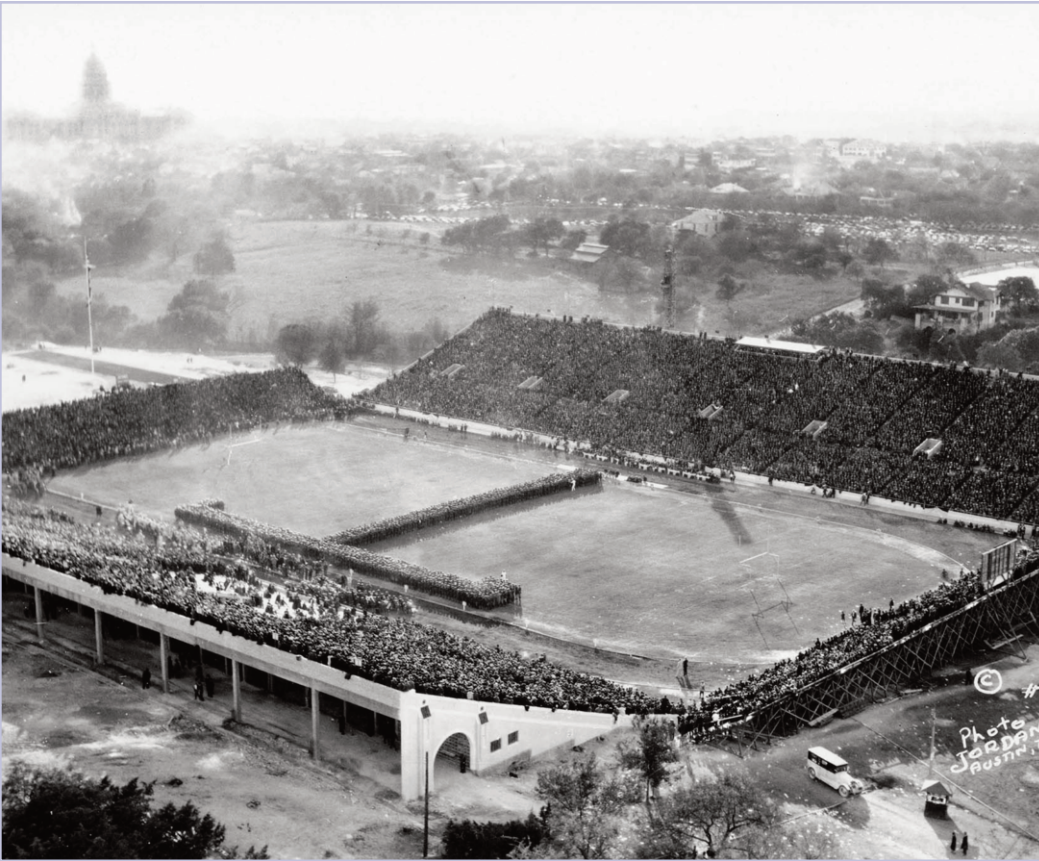
Few folk hearing the United States Marine band [sic] in its two concerts in Austin Monday were aware that one of the selections which it played was the composition of an Austin woman. “Texas and Her Flags,” [sic] composed by Mrs. R.K. Bonner, while it did not appear on the program, was played as an encore at both the afternoon and evening concerts.
—*Austin American* 4 (Oct. 30, 1929)

TEXAS COMPOSERS’ PROGRAM

Mrs. R.L. White was leader for a program on Texas composers at the meeting of the Wednesday Morning Music club Wednesday at the Driskill hotel. Mrs. G.F. Zimmerman read a paper, “Texas Composers” and the following musical numbers were given:
Voice, “Washington,” (Words Virginia Pickett Bonner, music by Harry Jay,[]) Mrs. E.K. Watson, Annette Lewis, accompanist. Mrs. Bonner lives in Austin. . . .
—*Austin American* 6 (Apr. 14, 1932).

OBITUARY

Mrs. Virginia Bonner, 82, died suddenly at her home, 105 E. 19th street, early Monday morning.
She was born in Liberty, Texas, May 7, 1857, and was the only surviving child of E.B. Pickett, who was president of the last constitutional convention in 1876.
She is survived by her husband, R.K. Bonner; one son, O.P. Bonner; two grandchildren, Bob and Josephine Bonner, all of Austin.
Funeral services will be held from the Cook funeral home Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. with the Rev. C.M. Raby of the First Methodist church officiating.
Pallbearers will be Judge George Calhoun, Judge David J. Pickle, Buford Brown, F.A. Griffith, Tom Christol, and Chief Raymond D. Thorp. Burial will be in Austin Memorial park.
—*Austin American* 11 (May 9, 1939).



Constructed on the campus of The University of Texas as a memorial to those Texans who died in World War I, Texas Memorial Stadium was dedicated Nov. 27, 1924, during the annual Texas-Texas A. & M. game.

In this photograph, the A. & M. Corps of Cadets assemble in their traditional halftime formation to honor the opening of The University's new stadium. *Dolph Briscoe Center for American History.*

“WE WILL BOOST YOU TEXAS”

Words by Virginia Pickett Bonner
Tune: “The Eyes of Texas”

The Eyes of the U.S.A. are on you
Dare not lag a day
Your cannot boost our great state Texas
If you act that way
Onward, onward, Texas, onward
Onward every day
We'll boost you, Texas, we'll boost you
We'll boost you on your way
Onward, onward, Texas, onward
You cannot lag a day
As you travel onward, Texas
You'll reach progressive ways
Onward, onward, Texas, onward
Onward every day
We'll boost you, Texas, we'll boost you
We'll boost you on your way

—Advertisement by Virginia Pickett Bonner, “Author of ‘Texas and Her Flag.—March,” *Sunday American-Statesman* 7 (July 15, 1928).