

# **In Honor to Peter Sides and Benjamin Allen**

**Approximately 1,400 men who fought in the Battle of Medina are all possible qualifying ancestor for membership in the Sons of the Republic of Texas, but only Peter Sides, who also fought in the American Revolution and Benjamin Allen have been accepted as qualifying ancestors who are proven to have fought and died north of here on August 18, 1813. Benjamin Allen was born about 1752, probably in Wilkes County, Georgia. His second wife was Sarah Maddox, who was stepmother to Martin and Hiram Allen. Martin Allen was in Natchitoches, Louisiana recruiting more volunteers for the Republican Army of the North when his brother Hiram Allen was wounded in the Battle of Medina, escaped and later died at home in Louisiana. Their father Benjamin Allen and one of his unnamed grandsons died here in the Battle of Medina. We hope to add many of the other heroes who died here to this plaque as research continues.**

**Marker provided by Tom Green, Texas Society Vice President of the Sons of the American Revolution, and Hill Country District Representative of the Sons of the Republic of Texas.**