



# 2016 Save Texas History Essay Contest

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## Saving Twin Sisters

Texas is a very prideful state and the history of it is something that should be saved. There are many things about Texas that make us different from the rest. Dancing is one of them and the history of many dance halls, but not very many of the old ones still exist. There is a GoFundMe account trying to save the Twin Sisters Dance Hall. This dance hall is over 140 years old and was built around 1870. Recent rain has taken its toll on the very old roof and dripping water on to the dance floor.

Twin Sisters is a landmark hall for Texas as well as the historic amazing craftsmanship and the history of famous singers, singing, dancing, photographing and videoing in the hall. Like Jon Pardi filming his hit "Head Over Boots" in Twin Sisters. A lot of famous people started in dance halls.

Only half of the old dance halls built from late 1800s to the early 1900s are still around. One old dance hall sadly burned to the ground. Which makes it even more important to save Twin Sisters Dance Hall. Someone said, "They are such the heart and soul of Texas." Twin Sisters still acts like a community dance hall", the article said also.

Ray Benson, founder and lead singer of Asleep at the Wheel said, "There would be no Texas music without Texas dance halls. And these are breeding grounds for Texas music." He also appeared in the video for the GoFundMe to help save the hall.

In conclusion, I think we should donate what we can and do our best to save the Twin Sisters Dance Hall to help preserve Texas music and dancing.

