



James H. Broussard

May 6, 1941 - August 10, 2020

James H. Broussard, professor of history at Lebanon Valley College, died peacefully at home from Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, on August 10, 2020. He was born in Houston on May 6, 1941, to Charles Hugh and Ethel Rollins Broussard. In 1959, he graduated from Bellaire High School, where he participated in R.O.T.C., debate, and student government. He majored in history at Harvard College, receiving an A.B. degree in 1963. While there, he was a member of R.O.T.C., the debate team, and the Young Republicans. He attended graduate school in history at Duke University and received his doctoral degree in 1968.

From 1968 to 1970, Dr. Broussard performed his active-duty military service in the Army Adjutant General's Corps at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis, reaching the rank of captain. Subsequently, he served as a reserve officer in the Office of the Chief of Military History. He taught American history at Clarkson College of Technology, Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State), served as the historian of the Indiana state legislature, and returned to teaching at Ball State University and the University of Delaware. In 1983, he was appointed chairman of the history and political science department at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, PA. His publications include *The Southern Federalists, 1800-1816*, and *Ronald Reagan, Champion of Conservatism*, as well as scholarly articles and book reviews.

In the late 1970's, Dr. Broussard began working to start an historical society focused on the early national period of American history, which he thought a neglected field. He founded the Society for the History of the Early American Republic (SHEAR), which is now a thriving and respected part of the historical profession. In recent years, he came to view political history also as a neglected field, and at the time of his death was engaged in establishing the Center for Political History, based at Lebanon Valley College.

In 1989, Pennsylvania Governor Robert Casey proposed a tax plan which required a constitutional amendment permitting different categories of people to be taxed at different rates. Dr. Broussard believed this would not only raise taxes but would do it in an unfair manner. He formed the group Citizens Against Higher Taxes (CAHT) and campaigned against the amendment across Pennsylvania. It was defeated by a margin of three to one, the biggest defeat of an amendment in the history of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Broussard was a member of the Lebanon Country Club, the Steitz Club, Phi Beta Kappa, and numerous historical societies. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; their son, David Broussard, and David's wife, Sophie, and their children Elsa Rose and Samuel, of Atlanta; his brother, Thomas R. Broussard, of New York City; his sister, Nancy Leonard, of Kentucky; his sister, Dorothy Bell, of New Mexico; one niece and three nephews. Arrangements for services will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Center for American Political History at Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA, 17003.

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“ Here's an e-mail letter I sent to Jim recounting one of our misadventures, a trip to the Texas State Legislature House of Representatives. It was a joyful trip.

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to stoneleigh10

Jim, I am sheltering at home and at my office. I have very little contact with people, just at the grocery store and most patrons wear masks. Everyone keeps the 2 meters distance. I live in Burleson, Texas, with some 25K population. San Marcos/Hays County has had a Corona hit but light compared to the urban centers. Fort Worth and Dallas have heavier strikes.

I have not heard much of our old friends in San Marcos as time marches on without hesitation. I do recall our trip to the Texas Legislature in '73 with Celestino Mendez, Pete Rodriguez, Jesse Saucedo. I do not recall how many in the Caballeros' group. In the car, you read aloud the group's statement which I had written. You read it even with the elocution of the parentheses. It was a successful excursion as the target legislation was amended as we desired and thus avoiding removal of the bill from the "consent" calendar which provided for a quick passage. Removal meant death to the legislation. I am sure we celebrated with libations and a bite to eat at the Pic-A-Taco. It is unfortunate that the Pica has not existed for a number of decades(?).

For a number of years as I traveled IH-35 to San Antonio and to points beyond, e.g., South Padre Island, I thought to stop and explore the old spots but never did. Seems I had a time table which would not allow it and the children were cranky. I think you have kept up with our ole chums in San Marcos. If you can let me know about it.

I have not recounted my slight ailments. I do use a rather stylish wood cane with bits of decorative brass.

For now, Hasta Luego,

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